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Invaluable tutorials and insightful tips make *Beginner's Guide to Fantasy Drawing* a perfect start to a fantasy art journey. Based on their extensive experience with teaching R and statistics to applied scientists, the authors provide a beginner's guide to R. To avoid the difficulty of teaching R and statistics at the same time, statistical methods are kept to a minimum. The text covers how to download and install R, import and manage data, elementary plotting, an introduction to functions, advanced plotting, and common beginner mistakes. This book contains everything you need to know to get started with R. In a true story of a quarter-life crisis, the author shares his experiences living on the remote Pacific island of Yap, covering such topics as loincloth-tying, monkey-diapering, and the effects of global capitalism. World acclaimed scientist Vaclav Smil reveals everything there is to know about nature's most sought-after resource Oil is the lifeblood of the modern world. Without it, there would be no planes, no plastic, no exotic produce, and a global political landscape few would recognise. Humanity's dependence upon oil looks set to continue for decades to come, but what is it? Fully updated and packed with fascinating facts to fuel dinner party debate, Professor Vaclav Smil's *Oil: A Beginner's Guide* explains all matters related to the 'black stuff', from its discovery in the earth right through to the controversy that surrounds it today. A pocket-size, brilliantly colorful, simple-to-use guide to bats, containing dozens of full-color photographs that enable readers of all ages to identify the most common species; range maps; tips on attracting and observing creatures in the wild; information on habitat needs, life cycle, food preferences; and much more. All the techniques, clear step-by-step artworks, and patterns you need to make 24 wonderful skirts

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**INCLUDES THREE FULL SIZE PATTERN SHEETS FOR US DRESS SIZES 4 TO 22** Follow Wendy Ward's tutorials to make a wide range of stylish skirts. From 8 basic shapes—circle, A-line, stretch pencil, wrap, bubble, tailored pencil, front-opening, and culottes—you will learn the skills to make variations that have pockets, color blocking, gathers, ruching, darts, and much more. All the basic techniques you will need are also explained, so you'll feel confident with essentials like inserting zippers, attaching waistbands, gathering, pleats, making buttonholes, and

adding linings. There are also handy hints and tips on how to take measurements and on choosing the right fabric. Skirts are the perfect first garment for beginner dressmakers, and there are some really simple designs here—the jersey pencil skirt is just two pieces of fabric with an elasticated waistband! So arm yourself with this book, some fabric, and Wendy’s sewing wisdom, and you’ll be on your way to updating your wardrobe with unique skirts that are a perfect fit. So You Too Can: - Move to a South Pacific Island - Wear a Loincloth - Read a Hundred Books - Diaper a Baby Monkey - Build a Bungalow And Maybe, Just Maybe, Fall in Love! \* \* Individual results may vary. The true story of how a quarter-life crisis led to adventure, freedom, and love on a tiny island in the Pacific. From the author of a lot of emails and several Facebook posts comes A Beginner’s Guide to Paradise, a laugh-out-loud, true story that will answer your most pressing escape-from-it-all questions, including: 1. How much, per pound, should you expect to pay a priest to fly you to the outer islands of Yap? 2. Classic slumber party stumper: If you could have just one movie on a remote Pacific island, what would it definitely not be? 3. How do you blend fruity drinks without a blender? 4. Is a free, one-hour class from Home Depot on “Flowerbox Construction” sufficient training to build a house? From Robinson Crusoe to Survivor, Gilligan’s Island to The Beach, people have fantasized about living on a remote tropical island. But when facing a quarter-life crisis, plucky desk slave Alex Sheshunoff actually did it. While out in Paradise, he learned a lot. About how to make big choices and big changes. About the less-than-idyllic parts of paradise. About tying a loincloth without exposing the tender bits. Now, Alex shares his incredible story and pretty-hard-won wisdom in a book that will surprise you, make you laugh, take you to such unforgettable islands as Yap and Pig, and perhaps inspire your own move to an island with only two letters in its name. Answers: 1) \$1.14 2) Gas Attack Training Made Simple 3) Crimp a fork in half and insert middle into power drill 4) No. Being a human is a lot of work! Thankfully, humans experience many of the same feelings, situations, and challenges, so we don’t have to figure it all out on our own--we can help each other navigate the ups and downs. Full of humor and heart, this engaging guide inspires kids to be humans who are kind, empathetic, and thoughtful. No matter what our

day brings, we can choose to practice self-control, compassion, and forgiveness. Don't worry, young human, it's okay to make some mistakes along the way--just remember that it's love that keeps us all afloat at the end of the day. This concise yet comprehensive guide provides an introduction to the scientific method of inquiry. You will not only learn about the proper conduct of science but also how to recognize and question factors such as pseudoscience, untestable explanations and fallacies. Compact enough to be used as a supplementary book, yet comprehensive enough in its coverage to be used as a core book, this book assists users in using the scientific method to design and assess experiments. From the world's bestselling programming author Using the practical pedagogy that has made his other Beginner's Guides so successful, Herb Schildt provides new Swing programmers with a completely integrated learning package. Perfect for the classroom or self-study, Swing: A Beginner's Guide delivers the appropriate mix of theory and practical coding. You will be programming as early as Chapter 1. The brand-new book from a powerful literary voice, author of *The Stranger She Knew*, shortlisted for the Paul Torday Prize. This textbook is aimed at readers who have little or no knowledge of computer programming but want to learn to program in Python. It starts from the very basics including how to install your Python environment, how to write a very simple program and run it, what a variable is, what an if statement is, how iteration works using for and while loops as well as important key concepts such as functions, classes and modules. Each subject area is prefaced with an introductory chapter, before continuing with how these ideas work in Python. The second edition has been completely updated for the latest versions of Python including Python 3.11 and Python 3.12. New chapters have been added such as those that consider where and how Python is used, the use of Frozensets, how data can be sorted, enumerated types in Python, structural pattern matching and how (and why) Python Virtual Environments are configured. A new chapter 'The Python Bites back' is introduced to present the fourteen most common / biggest gotchas for someone new to Python. Other sections have been updated with new features such as Exception Groups, string operations and dictionary operations. A Beginners Guide to Python 3 Programming second Edition provides all you need to know

about Python, with numerous examples provided throughout including several larger worked case studies illustrating the ideas presented in the previous chapters. This popular book by Ruth Chamberlin now returns as a Search Press Classic, with an updated design and preface on the author by the illustrious embroiderer Mary Corbet. A needle art that dates back over a thousand years, goldwork embroidery involves sewing with lavish metal threads. It has been prized and often used by religious orders and royal households for its opulence and the way the light glimmers and plays on the beautiful metallic designs. Those in love with this brilliant style of embroidery can now create their own with easy-to-follow, step-by-step guide. Through calm and deliberate instruction, Chamberlin's book aims to teach the reader how to create a personal sampler - a piece of embroidery containing a mixture of designs and stitches, which shall provide a basis for future projects and enable readers to continue on their goldwork journey. With multiple stitch techniques - from simple laid stitch to the more complex basket stitch, several design motifs with corresponding templates that can be used, and a luminous gallery of finished work interspersed throughout, Chamberlin's work gently introduces beginners to the exquisite needle art of goldwork embroidery.

**Essential Programming Skills--Made Easy!** Learn programming fundamentals quickly with help from this hands-on tutorial. No previous experience required! **Programming: A Beginner's Guide** gets you started right away writing a simple but useful program in Visual Basic Express Edition, and then moves on to more advanced projects, including a quiz program and a protected personal diary. You'll develop real-world programming skills, like designing user interfaces and working with variables, arrays, loops, and procedures. By the end of this clear and entertaining book, you'll be able to create, debug, and customize your own practical Windows-based programs with ease.

**Designed for Easy Learning Key Skills & Concepts--Chapter-opening lists of specific skills covered in the chapter Ask the Expert--Q & A sections filled with bonus information and helpful tips Try This--Hands-on exercises that show you how to apply your skills Notes--Extra information related to the topic being covered Tips--Helpful reminders or alternate ways of doing things Annotated programming--Example code with commentary that describes the programming techniques being**

illustrated What kid hasn't wanted to make their parents feel sorry for treating him badly? And how better to accomplish this than to run away? Here's a guide showing how, from what to pack (gum--then you won't have to brush your teeth) to how to survive (don't think about your cozy bed). Ultimately, though, readers will see that there really is no place like home. Like Judith Viorst's *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, here's a spot-on portrait of a kid who's had it. And like Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*, it's also a journey inside a creative kid's imagination: that special place where parents aren't allowed without permission. *Open Access Data* is emerging as a source for cutting edge scholarship. This concise book provides guidance from generating a research idea to publishing results. Both young researchers and well-established scholars can use this book to upgrade their skills with respect to emerging data sources, analysis, and even post-publishing promotion. At the end of each chapter, a tutorial simulates a real example, allowing readers to apply what they learned about accessing open data, and analyzing this data to reach the results. This book can be of use by established researchers analyzing data, publishing, and actively promoting ongoing and research. Key selling features: Describes the steps, from A-Z, for doing open data research Includes interactive tutorials following each chapter Provides guidelines for readers so that they can use their own accessed open data Reviews recent software and websites promoting and enabling open data research Supplements websites which update recent open data sources Contributors discuss early printed books and manuscripts between the 14th and 16th centuries under the section headings of: 'Imagined compilers and editors', 'Imagined patrons and collectors', 'Imagined readings and readers' and 'Beyond the book: verbal and visual cultures'. *Beginner's Guide to SOLIDWORKS 2022 – Level II* starts where *Beginner's Guide – Level I* ends, following the same easy to read style and companion video instruction, but this time covering advanced topics and techniques. The purpose of this book is to teach advanced techniques including sheet metal, surfacing, how to create components in the context of an assembly and reference other components (Top-down design), propagate design changes with SOLIDWORKS' parametric capabilities, mold design, welded structures and more while

explaining the basic concepts of each trade to allow you to understand the how and why of each operation. The author uses simple examples to allow you to better understand each command and environment, as well as to make it easier to explain the purpose of each step, maximizing the learning time by focusing on one task at a time. This book is focused on the processes to complete the modeling of a part, instead of focusing on individual software commands or operations, which are generally simple enough to learn. At the end of this book, you will have acquired enough skills to be highly competitive when it comes to designing with SOLIDWORKS, and while there are many less frequently used commands and options available that will not be covered in this book, rest assured that those covered are most of the commands used every day by SOLIDWORKS designers. The author strived hard to include many of the commands required in the Certified SOLIDWORKS Professional Advanced and Expert exams as listed on the SOLIDWORKS website. Includes Video Instruction Each copy of this book includes access to video instruction. In these videos the author provides a clear presentation of tutorials found in the book. The videos reinforce the steps described in the book by allowing you to watch the exact steps the author uses to complete the exercises while he provides additional details along the way. Captioned versions of these videos are also available for customers who want or need video captions. A practical introduction to Java programming—fully revised for long-term support release Java SE 11 Thoroughly updated for Java Platform Standard Edition 11, this hands-on resource shows, step by step, how to get started programming in Java from the very first chapter. Written by Java guru Herbert Schildt, the book starts with the basics, such as how to create, compile, and run a Java program. From there, you will learn essential Java keywords, syntax, and commands. Java: A Beginner's Guide, Eighth Edition covers the basics and touches on advanced features, including multithreaded programming, generics, Lambda expressions, and Swing. Enumeration, modules, and interface methods are also clearly explained. This Oracle Press guide delivers the appropriate mix of theory and practical coding necessary to get you up and running developing Java applications in no time. •Clearly explains all of the new Java SE 11 features•Features self-tests, exercises, and downloadable code samples•Written by bestselling

author and leading Java authority Herbert Schildt Vanity Fair columnist Michael Kinsley escorts his fellow Boomers through the door marked "Exit." The notorious baby boomers—the largest age cohort in history—are approaching the end and starting to plan their final moves in the game of life. Now they are asking: What was that all about? Was it about acquiring things or changing the world? Was it about keeping all your marbles? Or is the only thing that counts after you're gone the reputation you leave behind? In this series of essays, Michael Kinsley uses his own battle with Parkinson's disease to unearth answers to questions we are all at some time forced to confront. "Sometimes," he writes, "I feel like a scout from my generation, sent out ahead to experience in my fifties what even the healthiest Boomers are going to experience in their sixties, seventies, or eighties." This surprisingly cheerful book is at once a fresh assessment of a generation and a frequently funny account of one man's journey toward the finish line. "The least misfortune can do to make up for itself is to be interesting," he writes. "Parkinson's disease has fulfilled that obligation." Learn to make money in the stock market, even if you've never traded before. The stock market is the greatest opportunity machine ever created. Are you ready to get your piece of it? This book will teach you everything that you need to know to start making money in the stock market today. Don't gamble with your hard-earned money. If you are going to make a lot of money, you need to know how the stock market really works. You need to avoid the pitfalls and costly mistakes that beginners make. And you need time-tested trading and investing strategies that actually work. This book gives you everything that you will need. It's a simple road map that anyone can follow. In this book, you will learn: How to grow your money the smart and easy way The best place to open up a brokerage account How to buy your first stock How to generate passive income in the stock market How to spot a stock that is about to explode higher How to trade momentum stocks Insider tricks used by professional traders The one thing you should never do when buying value stocks (don't start investing until you read this) How to pick stocks like Warren Buffett How to create a secure financial future for you and your family And much, much more Even if you know nothing about the stock market, this book will get you started investing and trading the right



way. Join the thousands of smart traders and investors who have profited from this ultimate guide to the stock market. Amazon best-selling author and retired hedge fund manager, Matthew Kratter will teach you the secrets that he has used to trade and invest profitably for the last 20 years. Even if you are a complete beginner, this book will have you trading stocks in no time. Are you ready to get started creating real wealth in the stock market? Then scroll up and click BUY NOW to get started today. 'Chances are, if you are reading this, your heart is broken. This book is designed to help those in pain - and specifically those who have lost someone through death - to imagine the path before them. It is a path of suffering. But it is also a path that may lead to unexpected discoveries - and to peace.' There is no sure route through grieving. Jerusha Hull McCormack provides instead a series of signposts by which we may find our own path to a new life. 'We are all amateurs at grief' she writes, 'it comes to us all; we must all go through it. To treat grief as a problem to be fixed, or (worse still) to medicalize it, is to rob us of the extraordinary privilege of encountering this experience on our terms: for each of us has our own way of grieving, and each of us has something special to learn from the process.' Who knew how simple using JavaScript could be? Make the most of JavaScript—even if you've never programmed anything before. JavaScript Absolute Beginner's Guide is the fastest way to learn JavaScript and use it together with CSS3 and HTML5 to create powerful web and mobile experiences. Learn how to do what you want, the way you want, one incredibly easy step at a time. JavaScript has never been this simple! Here's a small sample of what you'll learn:

- Organize your code with variables
- Understand how functions make your code reusable
- Use the popular if/else statement to help make a decision in code
- Learn about switch statements and when to use them
- Work with for, while, and do...while loops
- Learn how to use global and local scope
- Understand what closures are
- Learn about the various places your code can live
- Understand how to write comments and use good commenting practices
- Learn about the basic types of objects you'll run into in JavaScript
- Find out that pizza has an educational value beyond just being deliciously awesome
- Learn how to perform common string operations
- Use arrays to handle lists of data
- Learn to create custom objects
- Get up to speed on some of the big ES6

changes Bring characters to life on your iPad® with creativity and ease, using Procreate™ to conceptualize, sketch, and paint directly onto the screen. Master the basics, from setting up your first canvas to using a selection of tools such as Brushes, Layers, and Adjustments to add depth and energy to your creations. To achieve details such as hair, skin, and garments, you are guided through tools and techniques for character-specific results. Whether you draw characters from reality, or dream up new, fantastical beings, this book unlocks your design potential with Procreate for next level-results. Explaining what art is and what's not art. What is art? Why do we find some things beautiful but not others? Is it wrong to share MP3s? These are just some of the questions explored by aesthetics, the philosophy of art. In this sweeping introduction, Charles Taliaferro skilfully guides us through different theories of art and beauty, tackling issues such as who owns art and what happens when art and morality collide. From Plato on poetry to Ringo Starr on the drums, this is a perfect introductory text for anyone interested in the fascinating questions art can raise. A hands-on, step-by-step tutorial, this comprehensive resource teaches new programmers and those new to JavaScript. Vaclav Smil describes the concept of energy, while exploring a range of topics including everything from the inner workings of the human body to the race for more efficient and environmentally friendly fossil fuels. With one famous equation,  $E=mc^2$ , Einstein proved all matter can be described as energy. It is everywhere and it is everything. In this newly updated and engaging introduction, renowned scientist Vaclav Smil explores energy in all its facets – from the inner workings of the human body to what we eat, the car we drive and the race for more efficient and eco-friendly fuels. Energy: A Beginner's Guide highlights the importance of energy in both past and present societies, by shedding light on the science behind global warming and efforts to prevent it, and by revealing how our daily decisions affect energy consumption. Whether you're looking for dinner table conversation or to further your own understanding, this book will amaze and inform, uncovering the truths and exposing the myths behind one of the most important concepts in our universe. “Arguably the greatest living travel writer” (Outside magazine), Pico Iyer has called Japan home for more than three decades. But, as he is the first to admit, the

country remains an enigma even to its long-term residents. In *A Beginner's Guide to Japan*, Iyer draws on his years of experience—his travels, conversations, readings, and reflections—to craft a playful and profound book of surprising, brief, incisive glimpses into Japanese culture. He recounts his adventures and observations as he travels from a meditation hall to a love hotel, from West Point to Kyoto Station, and from dinner with Meryl Streep to an ill-fated call to the Apple service center in a series of provocations guaranteed to pique the interest and curiosity of those who don't know Japan—and to remind those who do of its myriad fascinations. This book gives you everything that you will need. It's a simple Bitcoin road map that anyone can follow. In this book, you will learn:

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- How mining works
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**Build These 9 Simple Circuits!**

- Steady-Hand Game:** Test your nerves using a wire and a buzzer to create an Operation-style game!
- Touch-Enabled Light:** Turn on a light with your finger!
- Cookie Jar Alarm:** Catch cookie thieves red-handed with this contraption.
- Night-Light:** Automatically turn on a light when it gets

dark. Blinking LED: This classic circuit blinks an LED. Railroad Crossing Light: Danger! Don't cross the tracks if this circuit's pair of lights is flashing. Party Lights: Throw a party with these charming string lights. Digital Piano: Play a tune with this simple synthesizer and learn how speakers work. LED Marquee: Put on a light show and impress your friends with this flashy finale. Ever wondered how to make a computer follow instructions? If so, then it is time to get coding! A Beginner's Guide to Coding is an easy-to-follow guide to the basics of coding, using the free programming languages of Scratch and Python. These step-by-step projects will have young coders talking to their own chatbots or making their own computer games in no time. Accessible, engaging, and fun, this book is bursting with eye-catching illustrations and fantastic projects to introduce aspiring young programmers to the world of coding. This book is intended to help new users learn the basic concepts of SOLIDWORKS and good solid modeling techniques in an easy to follow guide that includes video instruction. It is a great starting point for those new to SOLIDWORKS or as a teaching aid in classroom training to become familiar with the software's interface, basic commands and strategies as users complete a series of models while learning different ways to accomplish a particular task. At the end of this book, you will have a fairly good understanding of the SOLIDWORKS interface and the most commonly used commands for part modeling, assembly and detailing after completing a series of components and their 2D drawings complete with Bill of Materials. The book focuses on the processes to complete the modeling of a part, instead of focusing on individual software commands or operations, which are generally simple enough to learn. Throughout this book the author introduces you to new commands that are required to pass the Certified SOLIDWORKS Associate exam, as listed on the SOLIDWORKS website. A dedicated chapter provides you with details about the exam, as well as a practice test to help you prepare for the actual exam. SOLIDWORKS is an easy to use CAD software that includes many time saving tools that will enable new and experienced users to complete design tasks faster than before. Most commands covered in this book have advanced options, which may not be covered in this book. This is meant to be a starting point to help new users to learn the basic and most frequently used

commands. Includes Video Instruction Each copy of this book includes access to video instruction. In these videos the author provides a clear presentation of tutorials found in the book. The videos reinforce the steps described in the book by allowing you to watch the exact steps the author uses to complete the exercises while he provides additional details along the way. Captioned versions of these videos are also available for customers who want or need video captions.

**Essential Skills--Made Easy!** Create dynamic Web pages complete with special effects using today's leading Web development language. **JavaScript: A Beginner's Guide, Third Edition** gives you step-by-step coverage of the fundamentals, including variables, functions, operators, event handlers, objects, arrays, strings, forms, and frames. You'll also learn about more advanced techniques, including debugging and security. This hands-on guide explains how JavaScript works with XHTML Transitional and covers the new features available in JavaScript. Get started using JavaScript right away with help from this fast-paced tutorial. Designed for Easy Learning: Key Skills & Concepts--Chapter-opening lists of specific skills covered in the chapter Ask the Expert--Q & A sections filled with bonus information and helpful tips Try This--Hands-on exercises that show you how to apply your skills Notes--Extra information related to the topic being covered Tips--Helpful reminders or alternate ways of doing things Self Tests--End-of-chapter reviews to test your knowledge Annotated syntax--Example code with commentary that describes the programming techniques being illustrated Ten graphic stories about artists, educators and activists across the United States. Go from Watercolor Beginner to Painting Pro with this Incredible, Comprehensive Guide Taking up watercolor painting can feel overwhelming or intimidating, but with Jovy Merryll's expert advice, easy-to-follow tutorials and beginner- friendly projects, it doesn't have to be! Jovy walks you through all the foundational knowledge you need to succeed as a water colorist, from choosing the right materials to understanding color harmony and mastering basic brushstrokes. Easy-to-follow projects provide an effortless way to practice your skills and reinforce essential techniques. Hone your brushmarking with projects like Melody of Roses and Bouquet of Sunshine, and gain confidence in wet-on-wet and wet-on-dry techniques with beautiful paintings like

Atmospheric Landscape and Sunny Day. Once you've mastered the basics, you'll continue to polish your newfound skills while learning other techniques that refine and add depth to your paintings. Learn the value of white space with Backlit Forest, add texture and special effects with Sun Glitter and become a pro at layering and glazing with Dreamy Phuket. Packed to the brim with helpful tips and tricks, this collection of stunning projects is the only resource you'll need to unleash your creativity, find your artistic style and begin your watercolor painting journey.

Human wizard Zeki broke werewolf Theo's heart when he left Wolf's Paw. Now wooing and winning his mate back will take magic. A stirring, witty, and poignant glimpse into the bewildering American immigrant experience from someone who has lived it. Hakakian's "love letter to the nation that took her in [is also] a timely reminder of what millions of human beings endure when they uproot their lives to become Americans by choice" (The Boston Globe). Into the maelstrom of unprecedented contemporary debates about immigrants in the United States, this perfectly timed book gives us a portrait of what the new immigrant experience in America is really like. Written as a "guide" for the newly arrived, and providing "practical information and advice," Roya Hakakian, an immigrant herself, reveals what those who settle here love about the country, what they miss about their homes, the cruelty of some Americans, and the unceasing generosity of others. She captures the texture of life in a new place in all its complexity, laying bare both its beauty and its darkness as she discusses race, sex, love, death, consumerism, and what it is like to be from a country that is in America's crosshairs. Her tenderly perceptive and surprisingly humorous account invites us to see ourselves as we appear to others, making it possible for us to rediscover our many American gifts through the perspective of the outsider. In shattering myths and embracing painful contradictions that are unique to this place, *A Beginner's Guide to America* is Hakakian's candid love letter to America.

Dante's *Divine Comedy* is widely considered to be one of the most significant works of literature ever written. It is renowned not only for its ability to make truths known but also for its power to make them loved. It captures centuries of thought on sin, love, community, moral living, God's work in history, and God's ineffable beauty. Like a Gothic cathedral, the

beauty of this great poem can be appreciated at first glance, but only with a guide can its complexity and layers of meaning be fully comprehended. This accessible introduction to Dante, which also serves as a primer to the Divine Comedy, helps readers better appreciate and understand Dante's spiritual masterpiece. Jason Baxter, an expert on Dante, covers all the basic themes of the Divine Comedy, such as sin, redemption, virtue, and vice. The book contains a general introduction to Dante and a specific introduction to each canticle (Inferno, Purgatorio, and Paradiso), making it especially well suited for classroom and homeschool use. Everything you need to know about the fruit of the vine--From A to Zinfandel. If you enjoy wine--but can't articulate why--you're not alone! From terroir to global varieties, *Wine: A Beginner's Guide* breaks down the complex bouquets of winemaking and tasting into ways that are fun and easy to understand. Learn what really makes a cabernet sauvignon red. Taste how it's possible to detect a hint of leather, chocolate, or even rubber in a single sip. Confidently discuss the subtleties of different types of grapes with the guide that has everything you need to know to grow your love of wine. *Wine: A Beginner's Guide* includes: Taste right--The 4-Step process to tasting wine means you'll get the most flavor from every swish and swirl. Pour with poise--Handle a bottle of vino just right, with tips on proper serving temperature, glass style, and long-term storage. Perfect match--An entire chapter on pairing with food means you'll select a bottle that complements every meal. Uncork your inner sommelier and sip confidently with *Wine: A Beginner's Guide*.

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