

## The Gratification Engine An Anda Barrows And Allis Obby Story An Intimate History Of The Greater Kingdom

Allis and Issak Obby, the twin children of a prostitute, have lived in the House of Polls all their short lives. When their mother dies and leaves behind a large debt, the madam decides to use them to pay it. But a mysterious figure with ties to the Gods known as the Lovers has other ideas and will stop at nothing to rescue and avenge them. Books in This Series: Lovers and Beloveds (Book One) Son in Sorrow (Book Two) "Accounts: An Allis and Issak Obby Story" (prequel short story) "The Gratification Engine: An Allis Obby and Anda Barrows Story" (prequel erotic short story)

In the late 1970s, Richard convinced his wife, Sandra, they should leave their promising professional careers and comfortable suburban lifestyle to start an azalea nursery in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. With no horticultural training or business experience, few mechanical skills, and absolutely no idea what they were getting themselves into, numerous adventures followed. In the third book in the planned four-book series, Richard continues the couple's colorful story, a story of triumph and despair, of high expectations and harsh reality, and of the people who touched their lives along the way. In the tradition of Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House" series, Mountain of My Dreams shares the true story of one family's memorable, often remarkable 30-year journey. Much more than just another "back to the land" chronicle, this is a heartwarming tale of a man, a woman, and their belief in each other. If you've ever wondered why the less-traveled road is less traveled, you need to read their story.

Most accounts of the Spanish transition to democracy have been celebratory exercises at the service of a stabilizing rather than a critical project of far-reaching reform. As one of the essays in this volume puts it, the "pact of oblivion," which characterized the Spanish transition to democracy, curtailed any serious attempt to address the legacies of authoritarianism that the new democracy inherited from the Franco era. As a result, those legacies pervaded public discourse even in newly created organs of opinion. As another contributor argues, the Transition was based on the erasure of memory and the invention of a new political tradition. On the other hand, memory and its etiolation have been an object of reflection for a number of film directors and fiction writers, who have probed the return of the repressed under spectral conditions. Above all, this book strives to present memory as a performative exercise of democratic agents and an open field for encounters with different, possibly divergent, and necessarily fragmented recollections. The pact of the Transition could not entirely disguise the naturalization of a society made of winners and losers, nor could it ensure the consolidation of amnesia by political agents and by the tools that create hegemony by shaping opinion. Spanish society is haunted by the specters of a

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past it has tried to surmount by denying it. It seems unlikely that it can rid itself of its ghosts without in the process undermining the democracy it sought to legitimate through the erasure of memories and the drowning of witnesses' voices in the cacaphony of triumphant modernization.

This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Health Literacy in Context—Settings, Media, and Populations" that was published in IJERPH. Join Timmy, Cheri, and friends on the adventure of a lifetime to save the world's colors in this fanciful mystery adventure thriller. Someone (or something) has stolen the Secret Sacred Magic Marbles that control the world's colors. If the marbles are not found and returned to the keeper by sunset today, all the world's colors will change to black and white forever and ever. The story begins in a dream where Lola, the Angel of Marbles, and Lolo, the Angel of Grapes, have tasked Cheri with the search for the missing marbles. The angels have given Cheri the gift of language allowing her to talk with and understand all life on Earth, to aid her in the search. Cheri, her brother Timmy, and her cousin Caleb, known as the "Force of Cousins," team up with a colorful array of pets and wildlife to find the marbles. As they search throughout the day, Earth's colors gradually begin to change to black and white, causing great confusion around the world. Can the Force of Cousins and friends find the marbles in time to save the world's colors? This unique, fast-paced mystery adventure thriller will keep you guessing all the way to sunset. Join Timmy, Cheri, and friends in the quest to find the marbles before the world's colors are lost forever. Book II Adventures of Timmy and Cheri: Book 2: Losing Their Seeds

A Synopsis of Materials and Teaching Process: Values-based stories, grades 5–22, three stories each level, address interest categories of adventure, biography, children/family, church history/religion, cross-cultural stories, history, problems/challenges, human relations, and missions. The first class session offers an inventory of each student's reading experience, interests, and felt needs. Students indicate story preferences within the categorized stories. A graded story list aids teacher planning. In daily free class discussion, students use questions generated while reading and the thought questions provided with each story. "Appendix C: The Daily Class Discussion Assignment" helps thinking flow. The teacher assigns the Final Written Reflection for that day's story and begins process on the subsequent story. "Dr. Nance did not see a 'truck driver' who could not read or write well—she saw potential. I cannot really comment on the technical side of what she did, and I cannot tell you how or what she did—but whatever it was—it obviously worked. She transformed a truck driver who had done little reading into someone who finished his bachelor's, master's, and has now completed a doctoral degree! What I do know is that her kind spirit and gentle encouragement spurred me onwards toward a thirst for reading and learning all I can. The simple reality is this: the work Dr. Mary Nance has done ... works! I am living proof!" —Dr. Ashley Olinger, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Williston, North Dakota

No Easy Answers is the first comprehensive study of US sex offender registration, community notification and residency restriction laws, their public safety impact, and the

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effect they have on former offenders and their families. It concludes the laws are poorly crafted and misguided, failing to protect children from sex crimes but making it nearly impossible for former offenders to rebuild their lives. In many states, everyone convicted of a sex crime must register and the requirement can last for life. The requirements are overbroad in scope and overlong in duration. As a result, there are more than 600,000 registered sex offenders, including individuals convicted of sexual sex between teenagers, prostitution, and public urination, as well as those who committed their only offenses decades ago. Unfettered public access to online sex offender registries exposes registrants to harassment, ostracism, and even violence, with little evidence that this form of community notification protects anyone from sexual violence. Residency restrictions prohibit former offenders from living within a designated distance (anywhere from 500 to 2,500 feet) from places where children gather. The restrictions have the effect of banishing former offenders from entire towns, forcing them to live far from home, families, jobs, and treatment, and hindering law-enforcement supervision. The restrictions may have no impact on the likelihood of recidivism. Sex offender laws reflect public concern that children are at grave risk of sexual abuse by strangers who are repeat offenders. The real risks children face are quite different: statistics demonstrate that most sexual abuse of children is committed by family members or persons known and often trusted by the victim, and by someone who has not previously been convicted of a sex offense. The laws also reflect the widely shared but erroneous belief that sex offenders continually repeat their offenses. Authoritative studies, however, indicate that three out of four adult offenders do not reoffend.

It often happens that people compromise their faith to suit their lifestyle. Their black and white sense of right and wrong gets trapped in a gray area. In NO COMPROMISE, founder and president of Family Policy Institute (FPI), Errol Naidoo, maintains that the major reason for the moral decline in the world today is the lack of conviction and commitment of Christians to be salt and light in society. Even though prayer is the foundation of everything a Christian does, NO COMPROMISE states that Christians shouldn't "just pray" and not engage in politics and social issues. Naidoo spurs readers on not only to be people of prayer, but also people of action. They should adjust their lifestyle according to their faith, no compromise!

'I've been summoned, Thursday, ten sharp.' So begins one day in the life of a young clothing-factory worker during Ceausescu's totalitarian regime. She has been questioned before, but this time she knows it will be worse. Her crime? Sewing notes into the linings of men's suits bound for Italy. 'Marry me', the notes say, with her name and address. Anything to get out of the country. As she rides the tram to her interrogation, her thoughts stray to her friend Lilli, shot while trying to flee to Hungary; to her grandparents, deported after her first husband informed on them; to Major Albu, her interrogator, who begins each session with a wet kiss on her fingers; and to Paul, her lover and the one person she can trust. In her distraction, she misses her stop and finds herself on an unfamiliar street. And what she discovers there suddenly puts her fear of the appointment into chilling perspective. Bone-spare and intense, *The Appointment* is a pitiless rendering of the terrors of a crushing regime.

A study of how Air Force enlisted personnel helped shape the future Air Force and foster professionalism among noncommissioned officers in the 1950s.

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The rich and diverse contributions to this volume span a wide variety of disciplines, from psychology and philosophy to neuroscience, by some of the most influential scholars in the emerging science of personal wisdom. As such, it is a collection of essential readings and the first publication to integrate both the spiritual and pragmatic dimensions of personal wisdom. The content of the book goes beyond speculative theory to present a wealth of scientific research currently under way in this expanding field. It also describes numerous promising methods now being deployed in the quest for scientific knowledge of the elusive, yet critical, phenomenon of personal wisdom. The book is an excellent introduction to the field for novice researchers as well as a stimulating and enlightening resource for established experts. Its broad appeal makes it a vital addition to the libraries of academics and practitioners in many disciplines, from developmental psychology to gerontology and from philosophy to contemplative religious traditions such as Buddhism.

When the Pentagon releases the biggest computer contract in history for bids, it gets everyone in Washington's attention, from the myriad computer services companies to the President of the United States. The multi-billion dollar NMS (Navy Material System) could sway political fortunes, make or break careers, and will serve to energize the FBI in its quest to uncover industry corruption. The political maneuvering, business posturing and personal vendettas surrounding NMS create a complex mosaic of intrigue, boardroom struggles and political chicanery at the highest levels of government. Not to mention the sex, drugs and industrial espionage that are intertwined as the proposals move from initial submittal to BAFO (Best And Final Offer) to award and protest.

The research literature on the impact of alcohol on the brain has seen a rapid expansion in recent years. Alcohol and the Adult Brain presents an up-to-date overview of some of the issues relevant to understanding and working with people with cognitive impairment as a result of chronic alcohol use. One issue causing barriers to effective treatment and care is the stigma associated with alcohol dependence, resulting in the belief that difficulties associated with alcohol related brain damage (ARBD) are 'self-inflicted'. Cognitive changes resulting from alcohol excess and poor nutrition can directly affect an individual's ability to motivate themselves, make decisions, and make the informed choices that underlie behaviour change. Attitudes held by professionals, reinforced by societal norms, that a person is 'choosing to drink' and 'not motivated to engage with treatment', in combination with the often subtle cognitive deficits associated with ARBD, can result in a lack of timely intervention, with enormous personal, social and economic cost. The chapters in this book set ARBD in a social and cultural context, provide discussion of the difficulties in definition and diagnosis, and outline the structural brain changes and neuropsychological deficits associated with chronic alcohol use. The book provides an overview of recent research on ARBD, including impairments associated with Wernicke-Korsakoff Syndrome, and discusses up to date recommendations for managing and working with this complex and varied disorder. Alcohol and the Adult Brain will be essential for students and researchers working with ARBD and for practitioners in a range of health, social care and voluntary settings.

The Jungle is a 1906 novel written by the American journalist and novelist Upton Sinclair (1878–1968). Sinclair wrote the novel to portray the lives of immigrants in the United States in Chicago and similar industrialized cities. Many readers were most concerned with his exposure of health violations and unsanitary practices in the American meatpacking industry during the early 20th century, based on an investigation he did for a socialist newspaper. The book depicts working class poverty, the lack of social supports, harsh and unpleasant living and working conditions, and a hopelessness among many workers. These elements are contrasted with the deeply rooted corruption of people in power. A review by the writer Jack London called it, "the Uncle Tom's Cabin of wage slavery." Sinclair was considered a muckraker, or journalist who exposed corruption in government and business. He first published the novel in serial form

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in 1905 in the Socialist newspaper, Appeal to Reason, between February 25, 1905, and November 4, 1905. In 1904, Sinclair had spent seven weeks gathering information while working incognito in the meatpacking plants of the Chicago stockyards for the newspaper. It was published as a book on February 26, 1906 by Doubleday and in a subscribers' edition. This book explores the racial rules that are often hidden but perpetuate vast racial inequities in the United States.

A trapped immortal planning escape... A prince who is the key... And a magic book that may lead the key to open the lock... Just turned 18, Prince Temmin Antremont has finally joined his father's court, only to walk straight into a power struggle between the secular and the sacred. The twin gods of love and sex call Temmin to serve in the Lovers' Temple for two years, a call made even more tempting by the seductive twins who embody the gods. Prophecy suggests that Temmin's entrance into the Temple spells the kingdom's end, and the King will stop at nothing to prevent it. But the king's own advisor, a strange immortal called Teacher, comes to Temmin's aid. Why? And does the kingdom's fate really hinge on one young man's decision? Lovers and Beloveds is the first book in the acclaimed Victorianesque fantasy series An Intimate History of the Greater Kingdom, which continues with Son in Sorrow. Raves and a 4-star average at Goodreads! "Everything I adore in high fantasy--lush worldbuilding, political intrigue, and compelling characters--combined with something I rarely find in high fantasy--intelligent, well-written, relevant sex. MeiLin Miranda's a damn fine writer and definitely one I'll be keeping my eye on in the future!" -- M.K. Hobson, author of The Native Star "If George R. R. Martin's Song of Ice and Fire series captures the gritty realism of medieval history, Lovers and Beloveds reveals the intimate and personal dynamics of power in aristocracies. It weaves together a rich multi-layered story that explores how sex and power shape history and individual destiny--sharing a perspective that's beyond the 'men, swords, and thrones' (capital H) history that's often seen in fantasy." -- book blogger Frida Fantastic "[C]aptivating - almost like an anthropological study of sex, identity, gender, relationships, power, fetish, etc. Unlike your normal smut novel or porn piece, the sex is heart-breakingly realistic, full of warts and rough edges. ... Overall Rating: 4.5 stars. Thought-provoking, well-written, emotionally powerful." -- Maria T. Violante, Write, Read, Review blog Books in This Series: Lovers and Beloveds (Book One) Son in Sorrow (Book Two) "Accounts: An Allis and Issak Obby Story" (prequel short story) "The Gratification Engine: An Allis Obby and Anda Barrows Story" (prequel erotic short story) Keywords: epic fantasy, fantasy series, family saga, fantasy family saga, immortal, gods, goddesses, pantheon, Victorian, Victorianesque, 19th century, empire, colonialism, redemption, free, free ebook, free fantasy book, freebie, sexual politics, intrigue, political intrigue, fantasy history, hidden, secrets, battles, sexuality, bisexuality, sexual exploration, coming of age, literary fantasy, large cast of characters, politics, sacred sexuality, sprawling cast, plots, counter plots, history, mystery, deception, betrayal, family drama, magic, hidden magic, suppressed history, destiny, prophecy, nobility, large cast, story in story, lost magic, no DRM, DRM-free, free first in series, royalty, power exchange Estranged from his father, Prince Temmin Antremont struggles within the Lovers' Temple for peace of mind. A murder rips away his greatest support. His forbidden love of Allis Obby, the human host of a goddess, may get them both killed. All the while, enemies inside and outside the kingdom are plotting against the monarchy, and the gods prove once again they are no one's friends. 4.6 Star Average at Goodreads Books in This Series: Lovers and Beloveds (Book One) Son in Sorrow (Book Two) "Accounts: An Allis and Issak Obby Story" (prequel short story) "The Gratification Engine: An Allis Obby and Anda Barrows Story" (prequel erotic short story) Interests: epic fantasy, fantasy series, family saga, fantasy family saga, immortal, gods, goddesses, pantheon, Victorian, Victorianesque, 19th century, empire, colonialism, redemption, grief, death, murder, sexual politics, intrigue, political intrigue, fantasy history, hidden, hidden history, forbidden love, secrets, battles, sexuality, bisexuality, sexual

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exploration, coming of age, literary fantasy, large cast of characters, politics, sacred sexuality, sprawling cast, plots, counter plots, history, mystery, deception, betrayal, family drama, magic, hidden magic, suppressed history, destiny, prophecy, nobility, large cast, story in story, lost magic, no DRM, DRM-free, royalty, royal family, freedom, vengeance, legitimacy, power, adventure, fantasy adventure

This book proposes new technologies and discusses future solutions for ICT design infrastructures, as reflected in high-quality papers presented at the 5th International Conference on ICT for Sustainable Development (ICT4SD 2020), held in Goa, India, on 23-24 July 2020. The conference provided a valuable forum for cutting-edge research discussions among pioneering researchers, scientists, industrial engineers, and students from all around the world. Bringing together experts from different countries, the book explores a range of central issues from an international perspective.

Revised and Updated, Featuring a New Case Study How do successful companies create products people can't put down? Why do some products capture widespread attention while others flop? What makes us engage with certain products out of sheer habit? Is there a pattern underlying how technologies hook us? Nir Eyal answers these questions (and many more) by explaining the Hook Model—a four-step process embedded into the products of many successful companies to subtly encourage customer behavior. Through consecutive “hook cycles,” these products reach their ultimate goal of bringing users back again and again without depending on costly advertising or aggressive messaging. Hooked is based on Eyal's years of research, consulting, and practical experience. He wrote the book he wished had been available to him as a start-up founder—not abstract theory, but a how-to guide for building better products. Hooked is written for product managers, designers, marketers, start-up founders, and anyone who seeks to understand how products influence our behavior. Eyal provides readers with:

- Practical insights to create user habits that stick.
- Actionable steps for building products people love.
- Fascinating examples from the iPhone to Twitter, Pinterest to the Bible App, and many other habit-forming products.

The Smartphone Paradox is a critical examination of our everyday mobile technologies and the effects that they have on our thoughts and behaviors. Alan J. Reid presents a comprehensive view of smartphones: the research behind the uses and gratifications of smartphones, the obstacles they present, the opportunities they afford, and how everyone can achieve a healthy, technological balance. It includes interviews with smartphone users from a variety of backgrounds, and translates scholarly research into a conversational tone, making it easy to understand a synthesis of key findings and conclusions from a heavily-researched domain. All in all, through the lens of smartphone dependency, the book makes the argument for digital mindfulness in a device age that threatens our privacy, sociability, attention, and cognitive abilities.

This report is part of WHO's response to the 49th World Health Assembly held in 1996 which adopted a resolution declaring violence a major and growing public health problem across the world. It is aimed largely at researchers and practitioners including health care workers, social workers, educators and law enforcement officials.

This highly practical resource integrates the powerful dynamics of family into residential treatment and outdoors-based therapy for young people. Recognizing both the family as the systemic base for promoting change in adolescents and the therapeutic potential of the residential/wilderness setting, experts show how aligning the two can enhance the healing value of the program while promoting higher standards for care. Chapters describe innovative, science-based

interventions and techniques for treating common behavioral and emotional problems along a continuum of family involvement and separation, to address issues affecting the family as well as the identified patient. With its accessible ideas and compelling case studies, the book ably demonstrates the critical role of family in adolescent patients' successful transition to post-treatment life. Among the topics covered:

- A parallel process: home therapy while the adolescent or young adult is in residential care.
- Intentional separation of families: increasing differentiation through wilderness therapy.
- Emerging family therapy models utilized in residential settings.
- Engaging families in Outdoor Behavioral Healthcare.
- Research on coping skills used by youth with emotional and behavioral disorders.
- Expanding our understanding of the place of family therapy in residential treatment.

Family Therapy with Adolescents in Residential Treatment offers novel, exciting, and effective strategies and techniques for practitioners and mental health professionals particularly interested in family therapy with adolescents, and in related interventions and research.

An interdisciplinary framework for managing sustainable agrifood supply chains

Supply Chain Management for Sustainable Food Networks provides an up-to-date and interdisciplinary framework for designing and operating sustainable supply chains for agri-food products. Focus is given to decision-making procedures and methodologies enabling policy-makers, managers and practitioners to design and manage effectively sustainable agrifood supply chain networks. Authored by high profile researchers with global expertise in designing and operating sustainable supply chains in the agri-food industry, this book:

- Features the entire hierarchical decision-making process for managing sustainable agrifood supply chains.
- Covers knowledge-based farming, management of agricultural wastes, sustainability, green supply chain network design, safety, security and traceability, IT in agrifood supply chains, carbon footprint management, quality management, risk management and policy-making.
- Explores green supply chain management, sustainable knowledge-based farming, corporate social responsibility, environmental management and emerging trends in agri-food retail supply chain operations.
- Examines sustainable practices that are unique for agriculture as well as practices that already have been implemented in other industrial sectors such as green logistics and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Supply Chain Management for Sustainable Food Networks provides a useful resource for researchers, practitioners, policy-makers, regulators and C-level executives that deal with strategic decision-making. Post-graduate students in the field of agriculture sciences, engineering, operations management, logistics and supply chain management will also benefit from this book.

Folklore Professor Oladel Adewole has lost tenure, and the beloved, much-younger sister he's raised has died; with no reason to stay, he leaves his homeland for the University of Eisenstadt. One thing makes his new life bearable: the mysterious island floating a mile above the city, his all-consuming interest for

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years. When a brilliant engineer makes it to the island in her new invention, the government sends Adewole up with its first survey team. The expedition finds civilization, and Adewole finds a powerful, forbidden fusion of magic and metal: the Machine God. The government wants it. So does a sociopath bent on ruling Eisenstadt. But when Adewole discovers who the mechanical creature is--and what it can do--he risks his heart and his life to protect the Machine God from the world, and the world from the Machine God. Interests: African hero, lost civilization, betrayal, adventure, fantasy adventure, science fiction adventure, science fantasy, magic, folklore, Victorian, Victorianaesque, 19th century, first contact, fantasy first contact, survival, exile, academia, academic politics, academic hero, child, talking birds, owls, German-based culture, African-based culture, mythology, steampunk fantasy, black lead character

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