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Overcoming Destructive Anger

In a world without wood, we might not be here at all. Without wood, we wouldn't have had the fire, heat, and shelter that allowed us to expand into the colder regions of the planet. If civilization somehow did develop, our daily lives still would be vastly different: there would be no violins, baseball bats, chopsticks, or wine corks. The book you are now holding wouldn't exist. At the same time, many of us are removed from the world where wood is shaped and celebrated every day. That world is inhabited by a unique assortment of eccentric craftsmen and passionate enthusiasts who have created some of the world's most beloved musical instruments, feared weapons, dazzling architecture, sacred relics, and bizarre forms of transportation. In *A Splintered History of Wood*, Spike Carlsen has uncovered the most outlandish characters and examples, from world-champion chainsaw carvers to blind woodworkers, the Miraculous Staircase to the Lindbergh kidnapping case, and many more, in a passionate and personal exploration of nature's greatest gift.

The Writer's Book of Hope

As Carolyn See says, writing guides are like preachers on Sunday—there may be a lot of them, but you can't have too many, and there's always an audience of the faithful. And while *Making a Literary Life* is ostensibly a book that teaches you how to write, it really teaches you how to make your interior life into your exterior life, how to find and join that community of like-minded souls you're sure is out there somewhere. Carolyn See distills a lifetime of experience as novelist, memoirist, critic, and creative-writing professor into this marvelously engaging how-to book. Partly the nuts and bolts of writing (plot, point of view, character, voice) and partly an inspirational guide to living the life you dream of, *Making a Literary Life* takes you from the decision to "become" a writer to three months after the publication of your first book. A combination of writing and life strategies (do not tell everyone around you how you yearn to be a writer; send a "charming note" to someone you admire in the industry five days a week, every week, for the rest of your life; find the perfect characters right in front of you), *Making a Literary Life* is for people not usually considered part of the literary loop: the non-East Coasters, the secret

scribblers. With sagacity, a magical sense of humor, and an abiding belief in the possibilities offered to “ordinary” people living “ordinary” lives, Carolyn See has summed up her life’s work in a book so beguiling, irreverent, and giddily inspiring that you won’t even realize it’s changing your life until it already has. From the Hardcover edition.

A Writer's Time

An exploration of the psychological dynamics of risk-taking profiles a variety of risk-takers, analyzes the risk-taking personality and discusses the elements--fear, danger, and desire--common to risk-taking situations

The Successful Writer's Guide to Publishing Magazine Articles

After years of watching her best friends Ben and Claire try for a baby, Romily has offered to give them the one thing that they want most. Romily expects it will be easy to be a surrogate. She's already a single mother, and she has no desire for any more children. But Romily isn't prepared for the overwhelming feelings that have taken hold of her and which threaten to ruin her friendship with Ben and Claire--and even destroy their marriage. Now there are three friends, two mothers and only one baby, and an impossible decision to make Thought-provoking, heart-rending but ultimately uplifting, Julie Cohen's Dear Thing is a book you won't be able to put down, until you pass it on to your best friends.

The Quote Verifier

How did die become kick the bucket, underwear become unmentionables, and having an affair become hiking the Appalachian trail? Originally used to avoid blasphemy, honor taboos, and make nice, euphemisms have become embedded in the fabric of our language. Euphemania traces the origins of euphemisms from a tool of the church to a form of gentility to today's instrument of commercial, political, and postmodern doublespeak. As much social commentary as a book for word lovers, Euphemania is a lively and thought-provoking look at the power of words and our power over them.

Around the Writer's Block

In My Message is C.L.E.A.R., join Gabe Murfitt as he shares his story of learning to live in a uniquely formed body. Through Gabe’s C.L.E.A.R. formula, you will discover how you can have: • Courage to face life’s challenges. • Leadership that is encouraging and compassionate. • Endurance in hard times. • Attitude that enables you to achieve your goals. • Respect for others and yourself. Gabe’s message of hope shows how you can live a purposeful, successful life, even when facing great adversities.

How to Get Happily Published

The pieces of a satisfying novel or story seem to fit together so effortlessly, so seamlessly, that it's easy to find yourself wondering, "How on earth did the author

do this?" The answer is simple: He sat alone at his desk, considered an array of options, and made smart, careful choices. In *On Writing Fiction*, award-winning author and respected creative writing professor David Jauss offers practical information and advice that will help you make smart creative and technical decisions about such topics as:

- Writing prose with syntax and rhythm to create a "soundtrack" for the narrative
- Choosing the right point of view to create the appropriate degree of "distance" between your characters and the reader
- Harnessing the power of contradiction in the creative process

In one thought-provoking essay after another, Jauss sorts through unique fiction-writing conundrums, including how to create those exquisite intersections between truth and fabrication that make all great works of fiction so much more resonant than fiction that follows the "write what you know" approach that's so often used.

Zompoc Survivor

Dave Stewart has survived the inferno of Kansas City and come out the other side. To the rest of the world his fate is uncertain, and by now even Agent Keyes knows better than to assume he's dead. As Keyes and his rogue DHS agents continue their search for him, Dave knows that Plan A, as usual, won't work. His only chance is to keep moving until he can find a safe way to make contact with Nate Reid and figure out his next move. As Dave's odyssey across a zombie infested America continues, he encounters the best and the worst in his fellow survivors. He will find new allies, learn more about the true nature of the Asura virus, and his role in even bigger designs than he ever imagined. But, in a land filled with enemies both living and dead, is all the skill, wit and courage in the world enough to help him survive? Or will this be Dave Stewart's last journey?

Old Masters and Young Geniuses

Louise appeared to have had it all; a job with prospects in the city, a good marriage, and a loving relationship with her stepdaughter. Struggling to come to terms with her inability to conceive a child and lack of purposeful direction, she demanded in a final desperate bid that God, the one from Sunday school, reveal His plan for her life. *I met my Soul in a Coffee Shop* is an unforgettable and extraordinary story of an ordinary woman. For those of you who seek answers, prepare to never see yourself or your life in the same way again. Are you a spiritual life coach or serving others by assisting in the realisation of life's true purpose? In this ground-breaking book, Louise takes the reader on a journey of self-discovery going deep within her own soul and returning with a spiritual framework for the discovery of life purpose. An experiential reference guide and life coaching toolkit that should be on the bookshelf of every spiritual practitioner.

Chancing it

Applebaum's popular book, now in its third edition considers the ways of getting a publisher interested, the contract and relationship and how to self-publish. A good annotated bibliography of related works. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

On Writing Fiction

Two neuroscience experts explain how their 4-Step Method can help break destructive thoughts and actions and change bad habits for good. A leading neuroplasticity researcher and the coauthor of the groundbreaking books *Brain Lock* and *The Mind and the Brain*, Jeffrey M. Schwartz has spent his career studying the structure and neuronal firing patterns of the human brain. He pioneered the first mindfulness-based treatment program for people suffering from OCD, teaching patients how to achieve long-term relief from their compulsions. For the past six years, Schwartz has worked with psychiatrist Rebecca Gladding to refine a program that successfully explains how the brain works and why we often feel besieged by bad brain wiring. Just like with the compulsions of OCD patients, they discovered that bad habits, social anxieties, self-deprecating thoughts, and compulsive overindulgence are all rooted in overactive brain circuits. The key to making life changes that you want to make your brain work for you is to consciously choose to "starve" these circuits of focused attention, thereby decreasing their influence and strength. As evidenced by the huge success of Schwartz's previous books, as well as Daniel Amen's *Change Your Brain, Change Your Life*, and Norman Doidge's *The Brain That Changes Itself*, there is a large audience interested in harnessing the brain's untapped potential, yearning for a step-by-step, scientifically grounded and clinically proven approach. In fact, readers of *Brain Lock* wrote to the authors in record numbers asking for such a book. In *You Are Not Your Brain*, Schwartz and Gladding carefully outline their program, showing readers how to identify negative brain impulses, channel them through the power of focused attention, and ultimately lead more fulfilling and empowered lives.

A Splintered History of Wood

You Are Not Your Brain

The Post-Truth Era

Designed to mentor writers at all levels, from beginning to quite advanced, *The Writer's Portable Mentor* offers a wealth of insight and crafting models from the author's twenty-plus years of teaching and creative thought. The book provides tools for structuring a book, story, or essay. It trains writers in observation and in developing a poet's ear for sound in prose. It scrutinizes the sentence strategies of the masters and offers advice on how to publish. This second edition is updated to account for changes in the publishing industry and provides hundreds of new craft models to inspire, guide, and develop every writer's work.

Making a Literary Life

I Love It When You Talk Retro

A comprehensive how-to book for both the aspiring author and experienced professional, this title will lead the reader through the mysteries of the world of magazine publishing to discover a satisfying part-time hobby or a lucrative career in writing.

Write.

An entertaining and informative book about the fashion and fads of language Today's 18-year-olds may not know who Mrs. Robinson is, where the term "stuck in a groove" comes from, why 1984 was a year unlike any other, how big a bread box is, how to get to Peyton Place, or what the term Watergate refers to. I Love It When You Talk Retro discusses these verbal fossils that remain embedded in our national conversation long after the topic they refer to has galloped off into the sunset. That could be a person (Mrs. Robinson), product (Edsel), past bestseller (Catch-22), radio or TV show (Gangbusters), comic strip (Alphonse and Gaston), or advertisement (Where's the beef?) long forgotten. Such retroterms are words or phrases in current use whose origins lie in our past. Ralph Keyes takes us on an illuminating and engaging tour through the phenomenon that is Retrotalk—a journey, oftentimes along the timelines of American history and the faultlines of culture, that will add to the word-lover's store of trivia and obscure references. "The phrase "drinking the Kool-Aid" is a mystery to young people today, as is "45rpm." Even older folks don't know the origins of "raked over the coals" and "cut to the chase." Keyes (The Quote Verifier) uses his skill as a sleuth of sources to track what he calls "retrotalk": "a slippery slope of puzzling allusions to past phenomena." He surveys the origins of "verbal fossils" from commercials (Kodak moment), jurisprudence (Twinkie defense), movies (pod people), cartoons (Caspar Milquetoast) and literature (brave new world). Some pop permutations percolated over decades: Radio's Take It or Leave It spawned a catch phrase so popular the program was retitled The \$64 Question and later returned as TV's The \$64,000 Question. Keyes's own book Is There Life After High School? became both a Broadway musical and a catch phrase. Some entries are self-evident or have speculative origins, but Keyes's nonacademic style and probing research make this both an entertaining read and a valuable reference work." --Publishers Weekly

Deep Writing

In this collection of anecdotes, lessons, quotes, and prompts, author and writing teacher Barbara Abercrombie provides a delightfully varied cornucopia of inspiration —nuts-and-bolts solutions, hand-holding commiseration, and epiphany-fueling insights from fellow writers, including Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners and Abercrombie's students who have gone from paralyzed to published.

We, the Lonely People

A guide to reclaiming control of time shows readers how to use time to their advantage, make creative uses of unavoidable delays, regularly retreat into hassle-free zones, and more. Reprint.

Dear Thing

When Felicity steps off the train on the way to meet her husband, she is so sure of everything in her life. Where she is headed, what she will order at the restaurant, the first words her husband will say to her when she arrives, their happy future together. But then she catches a scent of perfume in the air, and suddenly she is overcome by forgotten emotions-passionate memories of another man she loved many years ago. As the feelings continue to surface again and again, Felicity begins to question the life she thought she knew so well. She doesn't doubt that she loves her husband, but does she owe it to herself to explore these overwhelming emotions that have taken hold of her? Or is her mind simply playing tricks on her heart? How can she know where love truly lies? And when she finds out, will it be too late? Julie Cohen's *Where Love Lies* is a novel that will capture both your heart and mind.

If You Want to Write

A nationally recognized psychotherapist and creativity consultant shows writers how to overcome psychological blocks in order to create with passion, power, and ease.

Where Love Lies

Success in today's business economy demands nonstop innovation. But fancy buzzwords, facile lip service, and simplistic formulas are not the answer. Only an entirely new mindset -- a new attitude toward success and failure -- can transform managers' thinking, according to Richard Farson, author of the bestseller *Management of the Absurd*, and Ralph Keyes, author of the pathbreaking *Chancing It: Why We Take Risks*, in this provocative new work. According to Farson and Keyes, the key to this new attitude lies in taking risks. In a rapidly changing economy, managers will confront at least as much failure as success. Does that mean they'll have failed? Only by their grandfathers' definition of failure. Both success and failure are steps toward achievement, say the authors. After all, Coca-Cola's renaissance grew directly out of its New Coke debacle, and severe financial distress forced IBM to completely reinvent itself. Wise leaders accept their setbacks as necessary footsteps on the path toward success. They also know that the best way to fall behind in a shifting economy is to rely on what's worked in the past -- as when once-innovative companies like Xerox and Polaroid relied too heavily on formulas that had grown obsolete. By contrast, companies such as GE and 3M have remained vibrant by encouraging innovators, even when they suffered setbacks. In their stunning new book, Farson and Keyes call this enlightened approach "productive mistake-making." Rather than reward success and penalize failure, they propose that managers focus on what can be learned from both. Paradoxically, the authors argue, the less we chase success and flee from failure, the more likely we are to genuinely succeed. Best of all, they have written a little jewel of a book, packed with fresh insights, blessedly brief, and to the point.

Jump Start Your Business Brain

Our language is full of hundreds of quotations that are often cited but seldom

confirmed. Ralph Keyes's *The Quote Verifier* considers not only classic misquotes such as "Nice guys finish last," and "Play it again, Sam," but more surprising ones such as "Ain't I a woman?" and "Golf is a good walk spoiled," as well as the origins of popular sayings such as "The opera ain't over till the fat lady sings," "No one washes a rented car," and "Make my day." Keyes's in-depth research routinely confounds widespread assumptions about who said what, where, and when. Organized in easy-to-access dictionary form, *The Quote Verifier* also contains special sections highlighting commonly misquoted people and genres, such as Yogi Berra and Oscar Wilde, famous last words, and misremembered movie lines. An invaluable resource for not just those with a professional need to quote accurately, but anyone at all who is interested in the roots of words and phrases, *The Quote Verifier* is not only a fascinating piece of literary sleuthing, but also a great read.

Double Whammy

"Follow the adventures of a news-photographer-turned-private-eye as he seeks truth, justice, and an affair with his ex-wife" (*The New York Times*) in this hilarious caper from bestselling author Carl Hiaasen. R.J. Decker, star tenant of the local trailer park and neophyte private eye is fishing for a killer. Thanks to a sportsman's scam that's anything but sportsmanlike, there's a body floating in Coon Bog, Florida—and a lot that's rotten in the murky waters of big-stakes, large-mouth bass tournaments. Here Decker will team up with a half-blind, half-mad hermit with an appetite for road kill; dare to kiss his ex-wife while she's in bed with her new husband; and face deadly TV evangelists, dangerously seductive women, and a pistol-toting redneck with a pit bull on his arm. And here his own life becomes part of the stakes. For while the "double whammy" is the lure, first prize is for the most ingenious murder.

Whoever Makes the Most Mistakes Wins

This paperback gift edition of the renowned poet and playwright's epigrams and witticisms features hundreds of quips from Wilde's personal letters and conversations as well as his fiction, essays, lectures, and plays.

A Student's Writing Guide

"Dishonesty inspires more euphemisms than copulation or defecation. This helps desensitize us to its implications. In the post-truth era we don't just have truth and lies but a third category of ambiguous statements that are not exactly the truth but fall just short of a lie. Enhanced truth it might be called. Neo-truth. Soft truth. Faux truth. Truth lite." Deception has become the modern way of life. Where once the boundary line between truth and lies was clear and distinct, it is no longer so. In the post-truth era, deceiving others has become a challenge, a game, a habit. High-profile dissemblers compete for news coverage, from journalists like Jayson Blair and professors like Joseph Ellis to politicians (of all stripes), executives, and "creative" accountants. Research suggests that the average American tells multiple lies on a daily basis, often for no good reason. Not a finger-wagging scolding, *The Post-Truth Era* is a combination of Ralph Keyes's investigative journalism and solid science. The result is a spirited exploration of why we lie about

practically everything and the consequences such casual dishonesty has on society. American society has become permeated from top to bottom by deception. Its consequences for the nature of public discourse, media, business, literature, academia, and politics are profound. With dry humor, passionate fervor, and deep understanding, Ralph Keyes takes us on a tour of a world where truth and honesty are no longer absolutes but mutable, fluid concepts.

The Courage to Write

To Keyes, such words voice observations we want made. Freud may never have said, "Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar," for example, but we certainly wish he had. For a misquote to become familiar it must come from a well-known mouth. Take "You can't trust anyone over thirty." Abbie Hoffman, right? Or was it Jerry Rubin? Mario Salvo? Mark Rudd? All have been given credit for this sixties catchphrase. Keyes discovered that its real originator was a student named Jack.

I Met My Soul in a Coffee Shop

In *Advice to Writers*, Jon Winokur, author of the bestselling *The Portable Curmudgeon*, gathers the counsel of more than four hundred celebrated authors in a treasury on the world of writing. Here are literary lions on everything from the passive voice to promotion and publicity: James Baldwin on the practiced illusion of effortless prose, Isaac Asimov on the despotic tendencies of editors, John Cheever on the perils of drink, Ivan Turgenev on matrimony and the Muse. Here, too, are the secrets behind the sleight-of-hand practiced by artists from Aristotle to Rita Mae Brown. Sagacious, inspiring, and entertaining, *Advice to Writers* is an essential volume for the writer in every reader. From the Trade Paperback edition.

The Wit and Wisdom of Oscar Wilde

Debut story collection by John Matthew Fox.

A Year of Writing Dangerously

The Courage to Write is an invaluable book and essential reading for anyone who wishes to learn how to write well. Katherine Anne Porter called courage "the first essential" for a writer. "I have to talk myself into bravery with every sentence," agreed Cynthia Ozick, "sometimes every syllable." E. B. White said he admired anyone who "has the guts to write anything at all." An author who has taught writing for more than thirty years, In *The Courage to Write*, Ralph Keyes, an author who has taught writing for more than thirty years, assures us that anxiety is felt by writers at every level, especially when they dare to do their best. He describes the sequence of "courage points" through which all writers must pass, from the challenge of identifying a worthwhile project to the mixture of pride and panic they feel when examining a newly published book or article. Keyes also offers specifics on how to root out dread of public "performance" and of the judgment of family and friends, make the best use of writers' workshops and conferences, and handle criticism of works in progress. Throughout, he includes the comments of many accomplished writers -- Pat Conroy, Amy Tan, Rita Dove, Isabel Allende, and others

-- on how they transcended their own fears to produce great works.

Writing from the Inside Out

"Dennis Palumbo has great insight into a writer's psyche. Every writer should have a shrink or this book. The book is cheaper." —Gary Shandling, actor, comic, and writer
"wise, compassionate, and funny" —Aram Saroyan, poet and novelist
"Dennis Palumbo provides a sense of community in the isolation of writing, of knowing that we are not alone on this uncharted and privileged journey. He shows us that our shared struggles, fears, and triumphs are the very soul of the art and craft of writing." —Bruce Joel Rubin, screenwriter, Ghost and Deep Impact
Writer's block. Procrastination. Loneliness. Doubt. Fear of failure. Fear of rejection. Just plain fear. What does it mean if you struggle with these feelings on a daily basis? It means you're a writer. Written with a unique empathy and deep insight by someone who is both a fellow writer and a noted psychotherapist, *Writing from the Inside Out* sheds light on the inner life of the writer and shows you positive new ways of thinking about your art and yourself. Palumbo touches on subjects ranging from writer's envy to rejection, from the loneliness of solitude to the joy of craft. Most of all, he leads you to the most empowering revelation of all that you are enough. Everything you need to navigate the often tumultuous terrain of the writer's path and create your best work is right there inside you.

Contrary Notions

Jump Start Your Business Brain details data-proven methods that can make your sales, marketing and business development measurably more effective. What makes this book unique is that the methods detailed are backed up with hard data. They're grounded in statistical analysis of the success and failures of more than 4,000 new products and services, and more than 6,000 innovation teams. The research quantifies the impact of a back-to-basic, customer-focused approach to sales, marketing and business development. The research also uncovers news regarding how you can measurably increase effectiveness in today's super-competitive, time-compressed and overstressed marketplace. It's the perfect book for today's up-and-coming executive.

I Will Shout Your Name

When in their lives do great artists produce their greatest art? Do they strive for creative perfection throughout decades of painstaking and frustrating experimentation, or do they achieve it confidently and decisively, through meticulous planning that yields masterpieces early in their lives? By examining the careers not only of great painters but also of important sculptors, poets, novelists, and movie directors, *Old Masters and Young Geniuses* offers a profound new understanding of artistic creativity. Using a wide range of evidence, David Galenson demonstrates that there are two fundamentally different approaches to innovation, and that each is associated with a distinct pattern of discovery over a lifetime. Experimental innovators work by trial and error, and arrive at their major contributions gradually, late in life. In contrast, conceptual innovators make sudden breakthroughs by formulating new ideas, usually at an early age. Galenson

shows why such artists as Michelangelo, Rembrandt, Cézanne, Jackson Pollock, Virginia Woolf, Robert Frost, and Alfred Hitchcock were experimental old masters, and why Vermeer, van Gogh, Picasso, Herman Melville, James Joyce, Sylvia Plath, and Orson Welles were conceptual young geniuses. He also explains how this changes our understanding of art and its past. Experimental innovators seek, and conceptual innovators find. By illuminating the differences between them, this pioneering book provides vivid new insights into the mysterious processes of human creativity.

Timelock

The renowned author and journalist offers his best advice and encouragement, helping writers find the courage and dedication they need to continue to write despite the obstacles to success. Original. 15,000 first printing.

Advice to Writers

"Readers will be drawn to this book because their lives have been affected, even devastated, by anger. Job loss, divorce, family estrangement, substance abuse, and imprisonment are just some of the potential fallouts from uncontrolled anger. Many people do not know how to start making changes to turn destructive anger into healthy anger. This book offers understanding and tools for making those changes. In helping readers understand anger, psychologist Bernie Golden explains that while anger serves a purpose, it can easily become destructive. In this book he offers strategies to overcome anger that

The Writer's Portable Mentor

Boost your confidence and grades with this step-by-step guide to tackling university writing assignments.

"Nice Guys Finish Seventh"

Brenda Ueland was a journalist, editor, freelance writer, and teacher of writing. In *If You Want to Write: A Book about Art, Independence and Spirit* she shares her philosophies on writing and life in general. Ueland firmly believed that anyone can write, that everyone is talented, original, and has something important to say. In this book she explains how find that spark that will make you a great writer. Carl Sandburg called this book the best book ever written about how to write. Join the millions of others who've found inspiration and unlocked their own talent.

My Message is C.L.E.A.R.

A practical guide for aspiring writers who are struggling with common obstacles shares insights into the neurological processes that lead to writer's block, outlining a three-part plan for developing new and regular habits to overcome stress and render writing a source of creativity and growth. Original. 10,000 first printing.

The Height of Your Life

Presents a personal program for overcoming the problems of writer's block, offering a series of techniques, exercises, and checklists designed to inspire creativity and the writing process.

Euphemia

Michael Parenti's most lucid and penetrating writings on power, history, politics and culture.

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