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This teaching guide covers the identification, deterioration, and conservation of artifacts made from plant materials. Detailed information on plant anatomy, morphology, and development, focusing on information useful to the conservator in identifying plant fibers are described, as well as the processing, construction, and decorative techniques commonly used in such artifacts. A final chapter provides a thorough discussion of conservation, preservation, storage, and restoration methods. This is a valuable resource to conservators and students alike.

This open access book describes the serious threat of invasive species to native ecosystems. Invasive species have caused and will continue to cause enormous ecological and economic damage with ever increasing world trade. This multi-disciplinary book, written by over 100 national experts, presents the latest research on a wide range of natural science and social science fields that explore the ecology, impacts, and practical tools for management of invasive species. It covers species of all taxonomic groups from insects and pathogens, to plants, vertebrates, and aquatic organisms that impact a diversity of habitats in forests, rangelands and grasslands of the United States. It is well-illustrated, provides summaries of the most important invasive species and issues impacting all regions of the country, and includes a comprehensive primary reference list for each topic. This scientific synthesis provides the cultural, economic, scientific and social context for addressing environmental challenges posed by invasive species and will be a valuable resource for scholars, policy makers, natural resource managers and practitioners.

Provides clinical information in a simple format with multiple charts, tables and illustrations. It will be extremely useful as a guide to the MBBS students and postgraduate students and students appearing in diploma/masters examinations. The book entitled "Prospects in Bioscience: Addressing the issues" is a collection of selected research papers presented at the International Conference on Advances in Biological Sciences (ICABS) organized by the Department of Biotechnology and Microbiology and the Inter University Centre for Bioscience, Kannur University, Kerala, India. ICABS witnessed a unique spectrum of Scientific Programmes on the most recent and exciting developments in modern biology. The conference displayed the numerous breakthroughs and significant developments in the important areas of modern biology and their relevance to the welfare of global society. The Book contains 50 well written chapters, each one discussing scientifically organized findings of original research work done in reputed laboratories. Needless to say, they deal with advances in various disciplines of modern biology including Cell and Molecular Biology, Structural Biology, Industrial and Environmental Biotechnology, Food and Agricultural Biotechnology and Medical Biotechnology. As the title rightly indicates, the chapters project the prospects in the respective areas and the issues in them. Specific issues discussed in the book includes development of transgenic plants, bioremediation of toxic industrial effluents, biotransformation for novel antibiotics, biofertilizer development, molecular drug designing and structure elucidation, molecular identification of pathogens, production of anti microbials, biocontrol agents and bioactive molecules, cancer biology, plant breeding and hybrid seed production etc. The book with its contents spreading across the vast arena of modern biology is

expected to cater to the need of researchers, technologists and students.

The fifth edition of Modern Database Management has been updated to reflect the most current database content available. It provides sound, clear, and current coverage of the concepts, skills, and issues needed to cope with an expanding organisational resource. While sufficient technical detail is provided, the emphasis remains on management and implementation issues pertinent in a business information systems curriculum.

Although haiku is well known throughout the world, few outside Japan are familiar with its precursor, haikai (comic linked verse). Fewer still are aware of the role played by the Chinese Daoist classics in turning haikai into a respected literary art form. Bashō and the Dao examines the haikai poets' adaptation of Daoist classics, particularly the Zhuangzi, in the seventeenth century and the eventual transformation of haikai from frivolous verse to high poetry. The author analyzes haikai's encounter with the Zhuangzi through its intertextual relations with the works of Bashō and other major haikai poets, and also the nature and characteristics of haikai that sustained the Zhuangzi's relevance to haikai poetic construction. She demonstrates how the haikai poets' interest in this Daoist work was rooted in the intersection of deconstructing and reconstructing the classical Japanese poetic tradition. Well versed in both Chinese and Japanese scholarship, Qiu explores the significance of Daoist ideas in Bashō's and others' conceptions of haikai. Her method involves an extensive hermeneutic reading of haikai texts, an in-depth analysis of the connection between Chinese and Japanese poetic terminology, and a comparison of Daoist traits in both traditions. The result is a penetrating study of key ideas that have been instrumental in defining and rediscovering the poetic essence of haikai verse. Bashō and the Dao adds to an increasingly vibrant area of academic inquiry—the complex literary and cultural relations between Japan and China in the early modern era. Researchers and students of East Asian literature, philosophy, and cultural criticism will find this book a valuable contribution to cross-cultural literary studies and comparative aesthetics.

Designed for trainees at all levels, ENT and Head and Neck Procedures: An Operative Guide provides concise, step-by-step instructions to the core otolaryngology, head and neck, and facial plastics procedures that surgeons are likely to encounter in daily practice. Convenient and portable, this guide provides enough information to allow trainees to perform the operations themselves under appropriate supervision. Concise surgical steps for each procedure are followed by detailed explanations. Clear diagrams and photographs demonstrate the important stages of each operation. Surgeons' tips bridge the gap between the theory and what actually works on the operating table. The book also includes an easy reference table of complications that should be discussed with the patient when obtaining consent. The authors have used their wealth of experience to write a practical guide that that will give trainees the skills as well as the confidence they will need in the surgical arena.

The sounds produced by geophonic, biophonic and technophonic sources are relevant to the function of natural and human modified ecosystems. Passive recording is one of the most non-invasive technologies as its use avoids human intrusion during acoustic surveys and facilitates the accumulation of huge amounts of acoustical data. For the first time, this book collates and reviews the science behind ecoacoustics; illustrating the principles, methods and applications of this exciting new field. Topics covered in

this comprehensive volume include; the assessment of biodiversity based on sounds emanating from a variety of environments the best technologies and methods necessary to investigate environmental sounds implications for climate change and urban systems the relationship between landscape ecology and ecoacoustics the conservation of soundscapes and the social value of ecoacoustics areas of potential future research. An invaluable resource for scholars, researchers and students, *Ecoacoustics: The Ecological Role of Sounds* provides an unrivalled set of ideas, tools and references based on the current state of the field.

This title is part of UC Press's Voices Revived program, which commemorates University of California Press's mission to seek out and cultivate the brightest minds and give them voice, reach, and impact. Drawing on a backlist dating to 1893, Voices Revived makes high-quality, peer-reviewed scholarship accessible once again using print-on-demand technology. This title was originally published in 1989.

For centuries, scholars have wondered what daily life was like for the common people of Japan, especially for long bygone eras such as the ancient age (700–1150). Using the discipline of historical demography, William Wayne Farris shows that for most of this era, Japan's overall population hardly grew at all, hovering around six million for almost five hundred years. The reasons for the stable population were complex. Most importantly, Japan was caught up in an East Asian pandemic that killed both aristocrat and commoner in countless numbers every generation. These epidemics of smallpox, measles, mumps, and dysentery decimated the adult population, resulting in wide-ranging social and economic turmoil. Famine recurred about once every three years, leaving large proportions of the populace malnourished or dead. Ecological degradation of central Japan led to an increased incidence of drought and soil erosion. And war led soldiers to murder innocent bystanders in droves. Under these harsh conditions, agriculture suffered from high rates of field abandonment and poor technological development. Both farming and industry shifted increasingly to labor-saving technologies. With workers at a premium, wages rose. Traders shifted from the use of money to barter. Cities disappeared. The family was an amorphous entity, with women holding high status in a labor-short economy. Broken families and an appallingly high rate of infant mortality were also part of kinship patterns. The average family lived in a cold, drafty dwelling susceptible to fire, wore clothing made of scratchy hemp, consumed meals just barely adequate in the best of times, and suffered from a lack of sanitary conditions that increased the likelihood of disease outbreak. While life was harsh for almost all people from 700 to 1150, these experiences represented investments in human capital that would bear fruit during the medieval epoch (1150–1600).

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Should feminists clone? What do neurons think about? How can we learn from bacterial writing? These provocative questions have haunted neuroscientist and molecular biologist Deboleena Roy since her early days of research when she was conducting experiments on an in vitro cell line using molecular biology techniques. An expert natural scientist as well as an intrepid feminist theorist, Roy takes seriously the expressive capabilities of biological objects such as bacteria and other human, nonhuman, organic, and inorganic actants in order to better understand processes of becoming. She also suggests that renewed interest in matter and materiality in feminist theory must be accompanied by new feminist approaches that work with the everyday, nitty-gritty research methods and techniques in the natural sciences. By practicing science as feminism at the lab bench, Roy creates an interdisciplinary conversation between molecular biology, Deleuzian philosophies, science and technology studies, feminist theory, posthumanism, and postcolonial and decolonial studies. In *Molecular Feminisms* she brings insights from feminist and cultural theory together with lessons learned from the capabilities and techniques of bacteria, subcloning, and synthetic biology to offer tools for how we might approach nature anew. In the process she demonstrates that learning how to see the world around us is also always about learning how to encounter that world.

What was the most influential mass medium in China before the internet reaching both literate and illiterate audiences? The answer may surprise you...it's Jingju (Peking opera). This book traces the tradition's increasing textualization and the changes in authorship, copyright, performance rights, and textual fixation that accompanied those changes.

This book is concerned with human factors and ergonomics research and developments in the design and use of systems and devices for effective and safe healthcare delivery. It reports on approaches for improving healthcare devices so that they better fit to people, including special population needs. It also covers assistive devices aimed at reducing occupational risks of health professionals as well as innovative strategies for error reduction, and more effective training and education methods for healthcare workers and professionals. Equal emphasis is given to digital technologies and to physical, cognitive and organizational aspects, which are considered in an integrated manner, so as to facilitate a systemic approach for improving the quality and safety of healthcare service. The book also includes a special section dedicated to innovative strategies for assisting caregivers' patients' and people's needs during pandemic. Based on papers presented at the AHFE 2021 Conference on Human Factors and Ergonomics in Healthcare and Medical Devices, held virtually on 25-29 July, 2021, from USA, the book offers a timely reference guide to both researchers and healthcare professionals involved in the design of medical systems and managing healthcare settings, as well as to healthcare counselors and global health organizations.

Over the years, startling evidence has been unearthed, challenging established notions of the origins of Earth and life on it, and suggesting the existence of a superior race of beings who once inhabited our world. The product of thirty years of intensive research, *The 12th Planet* is the first book in Zecharia Sitchin's prophetic Earth Chronicles series--a revolutionary body of work that offers indisputable documentary proof of humanity's extraterrestrial forefathers. Travelers from the stars, they arrived eons ago, and planted the genetic seed that would ultimately blossom into a remarkable species...called Man. *The 12th Planet* brings to life the Sumerian civilization, presenting millennia-old evidence of the existence of Nibiru, the home planet of the Anunnaki, and of the landings of the Anunnaki on Earth every 3,600 years, and reveals a complete history of the solar system as told by these early visitors from another planet. Zecharia Sitchin's Earth Chronicles series, with millions of copies sold worldwide, deal with the history and prehistory of Earth and humankind. Each book in the series is based upon information written on clay tablets by the ancient civilizations of the Near East. The series is offered here, for the first time, in highly readable, hardbound collector's editions with enhanced maps and diagrams.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 10th Asia-Pacific Computer Systems Architecture Conference, ACSAC 2005, held in Singapore in October 2005. The 65 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 173 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on energy efficient and power aware techniques, methodologies and architectures for application-specific systems, processor architectures and microarchitectures, high-reliability and fault-tolerant architectures, compiler and OS for emerging architectures, data value predictions, reconfigurable computing systems and polymorphic architectures, interconnect networks and network interfaces, parallel architectures and computation models, hardware-software partitioning, verification, and testing of complex architectures, architectures for secured computing, simulation and performance evaluation, architectures for emerging technologies and applications, and memory systems hierarchy and management.

Agroforestry -- the practice of integrating trees and other large woody perennials on farms and throughout the agricultural landscape -- is increasingly recognized as a useful and promising strategy that diversifies production for greater social, economic, and environmental benefits. *Agroforestry and Biodiversity Conservation in Tropical Landscapes* brings together 46 scientists and practitioners from 13 countries with decades of field experience in tropical regions to explore how agroforestry practices can help promote biodiversity conservation in human-dominated landscapes, to synthesize the current state of knowledge in the field, and to identify areas where further research is needed. *Agroforestry and Biodiversity Conservation in Tropical Landscapes* is the first comprehensive synthesis of the role of agroforestry systems in conserving biodiversity in tropical landscapes, and contains in-depth review chapters of most agroforestry systems, with examples from many different countries. It is a valuable source of information for scientists, researchers, professors, and students in the fields of conservation biology, resource management, tropical ecology, rural development, agroforestry, and agroecology.

Starting in the early 1970s, a type of programmed cell death called apoptosis began to receive attention. Over the next three decades, research in this area continued at an accelerated rate. In the early 1990s, a second type of programmed cell death, autophagy, came into focus. Autophagy has been studied in mammalian cells for many years. The recent

The new edition of this book is a complete guide to the diagnosis and management of head and neck cancers. Divided into seven sections, the text covers thyroid, salivary glands and parapharyngeal tumours, neck, paranasal sinuses, oral cavity and oropharynx, larynx, hypopharynx and nasopharynx, with a final section on general topics. Each topic includes discussion on pathology, imaging, and medical and surgical management. The second edition has been fully revised to provide the latest advances in the field, and includes new chapters on parathyroid tumours, infratemporal fossa, temporal bone tumours, facial nerve tumours, tracheostomy, and skin cancers. Recent changes in the American Joint Cancer Committee (AJCC) 8th Edition staging system have been incorporated. More than 300 photographs, illustrations and tables further enhance the comprehensive text. Key points Comprehensive guide to diagnosis and management of head and neck cancers Fully revised, second edition with many new topics included Covers recent changes in the American Joint Cancer Committee (AJCC) 8th Edition staging system Previous edition (9789351527916) published in 2015

As records of the link between a manuscript and the texts it contains, paratexts document many aspects of a manuscript's life: production, transmission, usage, and reception. Comprehensive studies of paratexts are still rare in the field of manuscript studies, and the universal categories of time and space are used to create a common frame for research and comparisons. Contributions in this volume span over three continents and one millennium.

Tree based production systems abound especially in the tropics. Despite the pervasiveness of such multipurpose "trees-outside-forest" resources, they have not attracted adequate attention in the development paradigms of many nation states. These multispecies production systems impact the ecosystem processes favourably. Yet, our understanding of the diversity attributes and carbon dynamics under agroforestry is not adequate. This book focuses on the role of multispecies production systems involving tree and crop species as a means for carbon sequestration and thereby reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide levels. Sixteen chapters organized into three broad sections titled: Measurement and Estimation, Agrobiodiversity and Tree Management, and Policy and Socioeconomic Aspects represent a cross section of the opportunities and challenges in current research and emerging issues in harnessing carbon sequestration potential of agroforestry systems.

Completely revised, this fifth edition of Bailey's Head and Neck Surgery – Otolaryngology offers the most current and useful evidence-based information available for the practicing otolaryngologist and otolaryngology resident. Written to increase the reader's understanding, retention, and ability to successfully apply the information learned, this easy-to-read text contains concise, practical content on all areas of head and neck surgery in Otolaryngology. With 207 concise chapters, over 3,000 four-color illustrations, helpful summary tables, and supplemental video segments everything about this two-volume reference is designed to enhance the learning experience. There's even a Study Guide included to help the reader benchmark progress. This is the tablet version which does not include access to the supplemental content mentioned in the text.

This important overview explores the connections between Singapore's past with historical developments worldwide until present day. The contributors analyse Singapore as a city-state seeking to provide an interdisciplinary perspective to the study of the global dimensions contributing to Singapore's growth. The book's global perspective demonstrates that many of the discussions of Singapore as a city-state have relevance and implications beyond Singapore to include Southeast Asia and the world. This vital volume should not be missed by economists, as well as those interested in imperial histor.

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In this book, globally renowned orthopedic, plastic, and hand surgeons provide the knowledge required in order to understand and resolve the full range of problems associated with diseases, anomalies, deformities, and trauma of the thumb. The opening section describes the history of "making a thumb" and covers the fundamentals of anatomy, embryology, and functional dynamics. After careful presentation of the surgical procedures for various developmental anomalies of the thumb, subsequent sections focus on the treatment of bone and joint, tendon, and nerve problems encountered in patients with different diseases and injuries. All aspects of the surgical management of benign and malignant tumors of the thumb are then described. The final section is devoted to current and emerging treatments for trauma, including amputation and microsurgical and non-microsurgical reconstruction. The text is supported by superb clinical photographs as well as high-quality schematic drawings and video clips. The book will be of value not only to practicing surgeons but also to residents and medical students.

This book gathers research contributions on recent advances in intelligent and distributed computing. A major focus is placed on new techniques and applications for several highly demanded research directions: Internet of Things, Cloud Computing and Big Data, Data Mining and Machine Learning, Multi-agent and Service-Based Distributed Systems, Distributed Algorithms and Optimization, Modeling Operational Processes, Social Network Analysis and Inappropriate Content Counteraction, Cyber-Physical Security and Safety, Intelligent Distributed Decision Support Systems, Intelligent Human-Machine Interfaces, Visual Analytics and others. The book represents the peer-reviewed proceedings of the 13th International Symposium on Intelligent Distributed Computing (IDC 2019), which was held in St. Petersburg, Russia, from October 7 to 9, 2019.

This atlas and text is a practical guide to otolaryngology for medical trainees. Divided into seven sections, each part is dedicated to a different area in the head and neck – nose, paranasal sinuses, pharynx, larynx, ear and neck, with a final section on endoscopy. Each chapter begins with the anatomy, physiology and pathology of the region, followed by detailed discussion on the investigation, diagnosis and treatment of associated diseases and disorders. The interactive DVD ROM includes four Powerpoint presentations, as well as videos of surgical procedures. 400 full colour images and illustrations enhance learning. Key points
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In this timely work, Liu Kang argues that globalization in China is both a historical condition in which the country's gaige kaifang (reform and opening up) has unfolded and a set of values or ideologies by which it and the rest of the globe are judged. Moreover, globalization signals a significant ascendancy of culture. Liu examines China's current ideological struggles in political discourse, intellectual debate, popular culture, avant-garde literature, the news media, and the internet. With careful textual analysis and observation informed by critical theories and cultural studies, he offers a forceful critique of the Chinese version of globalism that privileges economic development at the expense of social justice and equality.

Constituting over ninety percent of China's population, Han is not only the largest ethnonational group in that country but also one of the largest categories of human identity in world history. In this pathbreaking volume, a multidisciplinary group of scholars examine this ambiguous identity, one that shares features with, but cannot be subsumed under, existing notions of ethnicity, culture, race, nationality, and civilization.

International development programs strive not only to alleviate poverty but to transform people, aid workers and recipients alike. *Becoming One* grapples with this process by exploring the work of OISCA*, a prominent Japanese NGO in central Myanmar. OISCA's postwar origins at the intersection of Shinto, secularism, and rightwing politics, and its vision of inter-Asian solidarity and a sustainable future helped shape the organization's ideology and activities. By delving into the world of its aid workers—their everyday practices, discourses, and aspirations—author Chika Watanabe seeks to understand the NGO's political, social, and ethical effects. At OISCA training centers, Japanese and local staff teach sustainable agricultural skills and organic farming methods to rural youth. Much of the teaching involves laboring in the fields, harvesting produce, and caring for livestock: what they can't use themselves is sold at nearby markets. Watanabe's detailed and multi-sited ethnography shows how Japanese and Burmese actors mobilize around the idea of "becoming one" with Mother Earth and their human counterparts within a shared communal lifestyle. By exploring the tension between intentions and political effects—spanning environmentalism, cultural-nationalist ideologies of "Japaneseness," and aspirations to make the world a better place—Watanabe highlights fascinating questions and both positive and negative outcomes. *Becoming One* weaves together vivid descriptions of the intensive, intimate, and "muddy labor" of "making persons" (hitozukuri) with the wider historical resonances of these efforts, decentering common understandings of development, NGOs, and their moral and political promises. This engaging and thought-provoking book combines insights from anthropology, development studies, and religious studies to add to our understanding of modern Japan.

*Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement

This new edition has been fully revised to provide undergraduate medical

students with the latest information in the field of ENT. Beginning with an introduction to the importance of thorough history taking, the following chapters explain examination techniques for different sections of the head – oral cavity, nose, ear, salivary glands, tonsils and pharynx, larynx, neck, thyroid gland, and cranial nerves. The book then discusses X-Ray interpretation, operative procedures and instruments, audiology, calorimetry, and applied anatomy of bones. The final sections of this practical guide provide FAQs for quick revision and case presentations to assist learning. The book is further enhanced by clinical photographs, diagrams and tables. Key points Fully revised, third edition providing undergraduates with practical guide to ENT Covers history taking, examination techniques for all sections of the head, X-Rays, operative procedures, applied anatomy, and more Features FAQs and case presentations for quick revision Previous edition published in 2013

Philology—the discipline of making sense of texts—is enjoying a renaissance within academia. *World Philology* charts the evolution of philology across the many cultures and time periods in which it has been practiced and demonstrates how this branch of knowledge, like philosophy and mathematics, is essential to human understanding.

Using both epidemiological and model organism approaches, we have gained new insights into the physiological and molecular aspects of aging, which has led to significant advancements in potential anti-aging strategies. *Reviews on Biomarker Studies in Aging and Anti-Aging Research* presents a series of reviews in various aspects of aging and age-related disease research along with several methods which have shown progress as potential anti-aging approaches. The book is aimed at researchers in the areas of aging and chronic disease, as well as to clinical scientists, physicians and major drug companies. It provides important information on disease mechanisms, and each chapter is presented in the context of the aging process, specific chronic diseases or different therapeutic areas.

Naithy Cherozil is a rich and successful business woman from Mumbai who marries the young and handsome model Tony D'Souza after the death of her spouse. Little does she know that the ideal sex slave of her husband is the sleeper cell of a terror outfit. Events in her life take unforeseen turns as the male Mata Hari is activated. Prem Rollands is a 'Kalari' exponent and a brilliant student whose world revolves around his brother Arun. Things go awry when the police kill Arun under mysterious circumstances. Prem kills the inspector in retribution and is on the run. He is on the lookout to find the dark secrets leading to Arun's death. Prem must avenge those who have plotted to kill his brother. Eighteen year old Alice Cherozil knows more about computers and mystery games than a girl of her age. Her life falls apart when her mother is hospitalised and in a coma. She is playing the ultimate mystery game of her life as the web of secrets surrounding two precious diamonds and her stepfather threaten to destroy her family. She overcomes the moral dilemma to kill her stepfather. Alice must outwit the underworld and stay ahead of all to save her mother's life or the guilt of her failure will haunt her forever. As the lives of Naithy, Prem and Alice cross each other they must retain their faith and protect their beloved ones, even at the cost of their own lives. A riveting saga of love, lust, betrayal, intrigue and revenge.

Oni, ubiquitous supernatural figures in Japanese literature, lore, art, and religion, usually appear as demons or ogres. Characteristically threatening, monstrous creatures with ugly features and fearful habits, including cannibalism, they also can be harbingers of prosperity, beautiful and sexual, and especially in modern contexts, even cute and lovable. There has been much ambiguity in their character and identity over their long history. Usually male, their female manifestations convey distinctively gendered social and cultural meanings. Oni appear frequently in various arts and media, from Noh theater and picture scrolls to modern fiction and political propaganda. They remain common figures in popular Japanese anime, manga, and film and are becoming embedded in American and international popular culture through such media. Noriko Reider's book is the first in English devoted to oni. Reider fully examines their cultural history, multifaceted roles, and complex significance as "others" to the Japanese. Since the middle of the nineteenth century, imperial reformers, early Republicans, Guomindang party cadres, and Chinese Communists have all prioritized science and technology. In this book, Elman gives a nuanced account of the ways in which native Chinese science evolved over four centuries, under the influence of both Jesuit and Protestant missionaries. In the end, he argues, the Chinese produced modern science on their own terms.

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