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Maccus Fury, a fallen angel, is trying hard to keep his sanity. Seems being an assassin might be catching up with him. Now, Heaven, or Hell, has sent a beautiful assassin to kill him. Lovely. She's pretending to seduce him, and he's okay with that. She's smart and snarky—but she has no idea what she's walked into. And he's more than peeved that they only sent one person. They're going to need an army if they want him dead. Morrigan Quill is one of Hell's bounty hunters. She sold her soul to keep her sister safe, and now she's working off her contract by catching bad guys and dragging them back to hell. When Lucifer makes her a new offer—that's definitely too good to be true—she can't say no. All she has to do is kill a powerful and crazy-hot fallen angel, who will totally kick her ass in battle. Good thing he won't see what's coming next. Each book in the Forgotten Brotherhood series is STANDALONE: * Fury Unleashed * Arctic Bite * Burning Ash * Bjorn Cursed * Ancient Desire * Hunter Avenged Animation is a powerful tool for communication. This book reveals key principles, useful for both professional and beginner animators, which will help them harness the full power of this exciting and ever expanding medium. Jonathan Trefoil's boss is unhinged, his relationship baffling and his apartment just the wrong side of legal. His girlfriend wants to marry someone just like him - only richer and more organised with a different sense of humour. At least his two flatmates understand him - but they only speak dog. Poor Jonathan. The world wasn't this confusing back in the good old days before everyone expected him to act like a person. But one thing's for sure: if he can make it in New York City, he can make it anywhere. Will he get out of advertising, meet the girl of his dreams and figure out the meaning of life? Dominant, crop-wielding men are all Kate dreams about, but how far is she willing to go? Kate wants a man who will take charge—she just needs to find the right guy. Fortunately, her friend is throwing a kinky Halloween party with a guest list loaded with sexy, available men. That's where she meets Banner. Dark and intense, Banner's not just a Dominant, he's a Master looking for a slave. Kate isn't interested in something that extreme, but when he offers to help her find the perfect Dom, while training her to be a flawless submissive, she's glad to have a matchmaker and protector. Banner knows they're not compatible, yet something about Kate is impossible to resist. Once he finds her the right Dom, will he be able to let her go? From USA Today Bestselling Author Aileen Erin Tessa McCaide has had it up to here with supernaturals. Luciana may have failed to steal Tessa's magic, but she's just getting started on her crusade for magical domination. If her demonic summoning isn't stopped, it could mean the end of everything. Tessa's pack, including her mate Dastien, are ready to fight, but the ragtag group of shifters and witches are no match for Luciana's power. A little help (and ancient Inca mojo) from Tessa's bruja cousin, Claudia, may give the side of good a chance if she can make it home in time, but stopping the war is no longer an option. When witches and werewolves fight, no one wins. Only time will tell who will still be standing after the last spell is cast. "This book was amazing! I have loved this series since the first book and each book in the series as I got to know the characters a little more in each story just made me love them more." — Eve, Functioning Insanity "Tessa is such a fantastic, strong heroine who displays so much bravery and loyalty its a complete pleasure to read. Aileen Erin is a wonderful author who has managed to capture every characters idiosyncrasies with ease with not a single boring moment in the series." - Lunaland hr It's time to binge the complete Alpha Girls series! Book 1: Becoming Alpha, which hit #1 at all major eBook retailers Book 2: Avoiding Alpha Book 3: Alpha Divided, an USA Today Bestseller Book 4: Bruja Book 5: Alpha Unleashed, an USA Today Bestseller Book 6: Shattered Pack Book 7: Being Alpha Book 8: Lunar Court Book 9: Alpha Erased hr Get ready for Off Planet, the biggest and boldest adventure yet from the mind of Aileen Erin. It's perfect for fans of Suzanne Collins' The Hunger Games, Claudia Gray's Defy the Stars, and Maura Milan's Ignite the Stars! The author of Finding Master Right returns to the Master Unleashed series with a new erotic romance with an unexpected surprise. When Juliet Callahan's company lands a contract to renovate Catacombs, a mysterious private BDSM club, she's intrigued. The club's owner, William Ellis, is a bossy, dominant man who drives her up the wall. To find out what Catacombs needs, Juliet agrees to visit the club, never guessing she'll end up having a torrid night of submitting to Will's dominance. Will doesn't want a needy submissive he has to treat with kid gloves, but naïve and proper Juliet is too hard to resist. She responds to him beautifully, but after one scorching night, she runs scared. Before he can figure out what makes the interesting girl tick, an unexpected shock shows up on his doorstep. His ex's baby. A guide to developing professional information systems on the World Wide Web assumes basic programming competence, covers a full range of tools--HTML, CGI, Perl, C--and shows programmers how to use them to create commercial-level Web applications. Original. (Advanced). A secret project Has run its course And its primary subject Must now be terminated New from USA Today bestselling author L.T. Ryan & Former Detective Gregory Scott, Blake Brier returns in the thrilling sequel to Unmasked. "Blake Brier is well-developed and complex. Fans of Baldacci's Will Robie and Vince Flynn's Mitch Rapp are sure to love him." When Blake Brier crosses paths with Haeli Becher while on a relaxing weekend in Las Vegas, he finds himself in the middle of a life-and-death struggle as the mysterious woman confronts the secret organization who built her up...and now plans on tearing her down. Her attackers will stop at nothing to terminate her. Brier and his team will risk everything to save her. Even if it costs them their lives. Unleashed is an epic struggle of good vs evil with all the non-stop action, suspense and thrills of an L.T. Ryan and Gregory Scott collaboration. Fans of Tom Clancy, Vince Flynn, Robert Ludlum, David Baldacci, and Lee Child will love the Blake Brier Thriller series. Buy the print C# 5.0 Unleashed and get the eBook version for free! See inside the book for access code and details. C# 5.0 Unleashed is for anyone who wants to learn the C# programming language in depth, understanding how language features truly work. While giving you those insights, you learn where and how to use the features to design various kinds of software. This book not only teaches the language's capabilities, it also looks behind the scenes to build a solid foundation to aid you in understanding the .NET platform as a whole. ĩ Bart De Smet offers exceptional insight into the features of both the language and Microsoft's broader framework. He doesn't just cover the "what" and "how" of effective C# programming: He explains the "why," so you can consistently choose the right language and platform features, maximizing your efficiency and effectiveness. ĩ The early chapters introduce the .NET platform, the tooling ecosystem, and the C# programming language, followed by in-depth coverage of the C# programming language itself, with immediate application of language features. The last chapters give an overview of the .NET Framework libraries about which every good developer on the platform should know. Understand the .NET platform: its language support, libraries, tools, and more Learn where C# fits, how it has evolved, and where it's headed Master essential language features including expressions, operators, types, objects, and methods Efficiently manage exceptions and resources Write more effective C# object-oriented code Make the most of generics, collections, delegates, reflection, and other advanced language features Use LINQ to express queries for any form of data Master dynamic programming techniques built on .NET's Dynamic Language Runtime (DLR) Work with namespaces, assemblies, and application domains Write more efficient code using threading, synchronization, and advanced parallel programming techniques Leverage the Base Class Library (BCL) to quickly perform many common tasks Instrument, diagnose, test, and troubleshoot your C# code Understand how to use the new C# 5.0 asynchronous programming features Leverage interoperability with Windows Runtime to build Windows 8 applications Presents guidance on how to inspire others through effective communication, including advice on helping people find clarity, a unique voice, and creativity. Bahadur has awoken. His touch will enslave everyone. Only Sierra can stop him. Bahadur's ascension shakes the world. Able to kill with one touch,

steal supernatural auras, and turn humans into bloodthirsty henchmen, he's invincible. The only person who stands a chance to stop his tyranny is Sierra. Prepared to do whatever it takes to defeat him, she throws herself into danger. Unfortunately, her impulsiveness backfires and puts her in a worse position. Desperate to undo her mistake, Sierra travels across the world to find the one magical object that might give her a fighting chance against Bahadur. However, Bahadur is two steps ahead of her and makes a move no one expected. Will Sierra find a way to triumph over him or will Bahadur succeed and drag the whole world into darkness? Read it now to unlock the conclusion to the Dark Legacy series! Praise for the Dark Legacy series: "I absolutely fell in love with this book. The world created is complex and engaging, the plot is dark and twisted. I loved the style of the author and read the book in one sitting. Fantastic start to the series." -- Goodreads reviewer [REDACTED] "Fantastic story! I absolutely loved it. The plot is dark and twisted, fast-paced and entertaining. I connected immediately with the believable, likable, infuriating & enthralling characters." -- Goodreads reviewer [REDACTED] "This book was exciting and very addictive." -- Goodreads reviewer [REDACTED] "With a unique concept and characters that you'll get totally invested in, Dark Legacy is an awesome read." -- Goodreads reviewer [REDACTED] "I can't wait to read the rest in this series." -- Goodreads reviewer [REDACTED] "This book blew me away. It was everything I was hoping for and everything that I never expected!" -- Goodreads reviewer [REDACTED] "The adventure continues, the drama becomes more intense and the emotional rollercoaster has so many twists and turns it will leave you dizzy! I cannot wait to see what happens next!!" -- Goodreads reviewer [REDACTED]

Never in the 4000 year history of research into Pi have results been so prolific as at present. In their book Jörg Arndt and Christoph Haenel describe the latest and most fascinating findings of mathematicians and computer scientists in the field of Pi. Attention is focussed on new methods of computation whose speed outstrips that of predecessor methods by orders of magnitude. The book comes with a CD-ROM containing not only the source code of all programme described, but also related texts and even complete libraries. Printed entirely in color, with helpful figures and syntax coloring to make code samples appear as they do in Visual Studio.

Windows Presentation Foundation (WPF) is a key component of the .NET Framework 3.0, giving you the power to create richer and more compelling applications than you dreamed possible. Whether you want to develop traditional user interfaces or integrate 3D graphics, audio/video, animation, dynamic skinning, rich document support, speech recognition, or more, WPF enables you to do so in a seamless, resolution-independent manner. Windows Presentation Foundation Unleashed is the authoritative book that covers it all, in a practical and approachable fashion, authored by .NET guru and Microsoft developer Adam Nathan. · Covers everything you need to know about Extensible Application Markup Language (XAML) · Examines the WPF feature areas in incredible depth: controls, layout, resources, data binding, styling, graphics, animation, and more · Features a chapter on 3D graphics by Daniel Lehenbauer, lead developer responsible for WPF 3D · Delves into non-mainstream topics: speech, audio/video, documents, bitmap effects, and more · Shows how to create popular UI elements, such as features introduced in the 2007 Microsoft Office System: Galleries, ScreenTips, custom control layouts, and more · Demonstrates how to create sophisticated UI mechanisms, such as Visual Studio-like collapsible/dockable panes · Explains how to develop and deploy all types of applications, including navigation-based applications, applications hosted in a Web browser, and applications with great-looking non-rectangular windows · Explains how to create first-class custom controls for WPF · Demonstrates how to create hybrid WPF software that leverages Windows Forms, ActiveX, or other non-WPF technologies · Explains how to exploit new Windows Vista features in WPF applications

Collects Monsters Unleashed #1-5. It's all hands on deck with the AVENGERS, CHAMPIONS, GUARDIANS, X-MEN and the INHUMANS as they clash with monstrous hazards that threaten to destroy every corner of the Marvel Universe. Who are the LEVIATHONS? Who controls them? How can they be stopped before Earth becomes another tragic barren world in their wake? The most comprehensive book on Microsoft's ASP.NET 4.5 platform, ASP.NET 4.5 Unleashed covers all facets of ASP.NET development and has been fully updated for Visual Studio 2013. It offers both an outstanding tutorial on core features and a "deep dive" for long-term reference. Former Microsoft ASP.NET program manager Stephen Walther and leading enterprise developer Nate Dudek begin by introducing ASP.NET Framework's essential controls, and show how to create common site-wide layouts and styles. Next, they cover all aspects of accessing, presenting, organizing, and editing data. You'll find thorough and practical sections on providing effective site navigation, securing sites and applications, and much more. This edition's extensive new coverage includes: Building ASP.NET Web API applications Building ASP.NET applications for mobile devices Making the most of new asynchronous programming techniques Building real-time multi-user applications with SignalR Protecting sites from hacks and attacks Using strongly-typed data controls and model binding Leveraging JavaScript frameworks and modern techniques to build world-class AJAX solutions

Following the same approach that has made previous editions of this book a best-seller, Walther and Dudek present hundreds of realistic, up-to-date, downloadable code examples that reflect their unsurpassed experience with the entire ASP.NET platform.

One Town. One Bully. One girl's fight to stop the torment. Seventeen-year-old Aleasha's family is dead, and she blames herself. She copes by withdrawing from teen-aged life and punishes herself with activities that isolate her from the rest of the world. After being attacked during an early-morning run, she discovers her father had secretly trained her to be a spy. Now Drew, an employee from the AGENCY has come to collect her. Hoping to learn more about her father's covert life, Aleasha joins the AGENCY and goes to a small town in Washington state where she's tasked with attending a high school with an unusually high rate of suicides and ties to organized crime. But on her first day at school, she screws up her objective and lands herself squarely in the crosshairs of the person she was trying to implicate. Aleasha is thrust into a world of danger, deceit, and destruction. When her entire team disappears, she must dig down deep, unleash her inner spy, and risk everything to rescue them. Provides a complete, practical guide for both the experienced programmer who is considering PHP for the first time and the current PHP user looking to fully exploit its new capabilities, starting with a detailed summary of the basics and moving quickly on to more advanced topics.

Original. (Intermediate) Super Spy Dog Lara is faced with her biggest challenge yet. Her nemesis, the evil Mr Big, has escaped from prison. Not only does he want to frame Lara and land her in big trouble, he's got his evil eye on the Millennium Diamond. It's the world's most precious jewel – and it's about to go walkies . . . Spy Dog to the rescue! Gripping, funny, adventure fiction with brilliant illustrations throughout – boys and girls aged 7+ won't be able to put it down! & A comprehensive book that covers everything from Tomcat installation to advanced topics relating to deploying Tomcat at the enterprise level. & & Shows the reader how to exploit new Tomcat 5.x capabilities to optimize performance and enhance scalability and reliability. & & Author has deployed over one hundred complex Web applications on Tomcat. The #1 WPF Book--Now Updated for WPF 4.5! Thorough, authoritative coverage, practical examples, clear writing, and full-color presentation make this one of the most widely acclaimed programming books of the last decade.

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The Inspector General of the Air Force (SAF/IG) is leading an Air Force-wide effort to reduce the burden of Air Force inspection activities while also improving the quality of oversight the inspection system provides. In 2010, SAF/IG asked RAND Project AIR FORCE to join in this effort. This report presents primary data RAND collected on the Air Force inspection system and identifies effective inspection and information collection practices that the Air Force might emulate. Britain is at a cross-roads; from the economy, to the education system, to social mobility, Britain must learn the rules of the 21st century, or face a slide into mediocrity. Brittania Unchained travels around the world, exploring the nations that are triumphing in this new age, seeking lessons Britain must implement to carve out a bright future. Glyn Macey's irrepressible energy and imagination shows through in every part of his work; and in this book he shares his painting techniques and methods with you. Learn to use your acrylic paints in unusual, creative and surprising ways to

create open, inviting landscapes, breathtaking seascapes and urban scenes packed with life. Django is an amazingly powerful system for creating modern, dynamic websites. But programming Django hasn't always been easy—until now. Django Unleashed is your step-by-step, beginner-friendly guide to leveraging Django's core capabilities and its powerful contributed library. You'll learn in the most effective way possible: hands on, by building a fully functional Django website from scratch. You'll even deploy the website to the cloud. As you build your website, expert Django consultant and trainer Andrew Pinkham reveals how websites operate; how Django makes building websites easy; how to write Python code that leverages its immense capabilities; and how to build solutions that are robust, reliable, and secure. You'll start simply and learn to solve increasingly challenging problems: mastering new features and understanding how Django's architecture shapes their behavior, and gaining essential knowledge for working with any web framework, not just Django. Looks at the features and functions of Windows Presentation Foundation, covering such topics as XAML, creating an application object, content controls, pages and navigation, commands, data binding, and data templates. Howl with laughter with Dog Man, the internationally bestselling series from Dav Pilkey, the creator of Captain Underpants! Dog Man is still learning a few tricks of the trade. Petey the cat is out of the bag, and his criminal curiosity is taking the city by storm. Something fishy is going on! Can Dog Man unleash justice on this ruffian in time to save the city, or will Petey get away with the purr-fect crime? Dav Pilkey's wildly popular Dog Man series appeals to readers of all ages and explores universally positive themes, including empathy, kindness, persistence, and the importance of being true to one's self. Lisa is sick to death of the dead, they all want something from her. But on a trip to London it's the living who suddenly need her help. Lisa knows she must do something even if it means walking a fine line between life and death. When top federal prosecutor Kate Spencer loses a case against a supervillain—setting him free to kill again—she breaks the laws she's long upheld to become Los Angeles' newest crimefighting vigilante. In this book, world-renowned ASP.NET expert and member of the Microsoft ASP.NET team Stephen Walther shows experienced developers how to use Microsoft's new ASP.NET MVC Framework to build web applications that are more powerful, flexible, testable, manageable, scalable, and extensible. Writing for professional programmers, Walther explains the crucial concepts that make the Model-View-Controller (MVC) development paradigm work so well and shows exactly how to apply them with the ASP.NET MVC Framework. From controllers and actions to views and models, Walther demonstrates how to apply each ASP.NET MVC Framework feature in real-world projects. In Part II, you'll walk step-by-step through building a full-fledged ASP.NET MVC blog application that implements capabilities ranging from data access to validation. Through this case study, you'll learn how to build ASP.NET MVC applications using test-driven development processes that enable rapid feedback, greater productivity, and better quality. Throughout, Walther presents extensive code examples, reflecting his unsurpassed experience as an ASP.NET instructor, a leading commercial developer, and now as a member of Microsoft's ASP.NET development team. Understand how to: Build enterprise-scale web applications far more rapidly and effectively Develop web applications that are easier to maintain and extend over time Gain unprecedented control over the appearance of your website or application Expose intuitive URLs that are friendlier to search engines and users alike Create ASP.NET MVC models that contain all your application's business, validation, and data access logic Make the most of HTML helpers, model binders, action filters, routing, and authentication Efficiently deploy your ASP.NET MVC applications Use the lightweight JQuery JavaScript library to easily find and manipulate HTML elements Create ASP.NET MVC applications using unit test and mock object framework Do you sell as many books as you want to? Most authors will say no. They want more. But no matter what they do, those sales remain elusive. Worse, the publishing environment is getting harder every year, crushing their dreams day by day. But somehow, some authors succeed. How do they do it? Is there a secret? Is it blind luck? Do they all have teams of ghostwriters behind them churning out novels while one person claims the glory? It's none of those things. It's a combination of hard work and correct knowledge. This book gives you that knowledge. You'll learn things like: How professional marketers write blurbs How to decode Amazon webpages for clues to buyer behavior Why great books sink into oblivion and ordinary books sell How to go beyond accepted practice and find best practice This book gives you the knowledge to sell, and to sell at a high scale. Much of it will surprise you, even if you're a veteran of indie publishing. You'll never look at publishing the same way again. Are you ready to unleash your author career? You can start now. 'Meticulous research and strong storytelling' Woman & Home The heart-pounding end to The Wild Hunt series: stunning historical detail, beguiling characters and superb storytelling. Renard, heir to Ravenstow, is a crusader far from the cold Welsh Marches of his birth. Summoned home to his ailing father, Renard brings Olwen with him, an exotic dancing girl. Yet, in a political match made by their families, Renard is already betrothed to the innocent Elene and he knows he is returning to the duty of marriage. Torn between Olwen and Elene, Renard's personal struggle is set against a background of increasing civil strife as Ranulf of Chester, his greedy neighbour, strives to snatch his lands. When Renard is taken prisoner at the Battle of Lincoln, his fate is placed in the hands of the two women - his former mistress, now in the bed of his deadliest enemy, and his determined yet inexperienced wife, protecting his lands against terrible odds . . . * Praise for Elizabeth Chadwick 'An author who makes history come gloriously alive' The Times 'Picking up an Elizabeth Chadwick novel you know you are in for a sumptuous ride' Daily Telegraph Microsoft® Windows 7 Unleashed gives IT professionals, serious power users, and true geeks the powerhouse Windows 7 tweaks, hacks, techniques, and insights they need: knowledge that simply can't be found anywhere else. Top Windows expert Paul McFedries dives deep into Windows 7, returning with the most powerful ways to handle everything from networking to administration, security to scripting. McFedries begins with advanced customization, covering everything from startup/shutdown to the file system. He introduces new ways to tune Windows 7 performance, police Windows via Group Policies, tweak the Registry, make the most of Windows 7s management tools, and control Windows 7 from the command line. You'll find thorough coverage of securing Windows 7, including detailed guidance on web and email security and hardening both wireless and wired networks. You'll also discover better ways to troubleshoot devices, networks, and startup; add Macs to Windows networks; and automate Windows administration with state-of-the-art scripting techniques. This book is packed with expert tips, tricks, and troubleshooting techniques drawn from McFedries' unsurpassed Windows experience. If you want maximum value and performance from your Windows 7 PCs, you won't find a more valuable resource. Customize everything about Windows 7: IE8, startup/shutdown, file systems, the Start menu, Taskbar, and more Systematically monitor, tune, and optimize Windows performance—including practical techniques for accelerating startup Set up an easy, automated 9-Step maintenance schedule for any Windows 7 PC Unleash Windows 7s power user tools, including Group Policies, the Registry, MMC, and the command line Secure Windows 7 with security settings: auto-lock, Windows Firewall, Windows Defender, parental controls, BitLocker encryption, and more Protect your web privacy with Windows 7s new InPrivate Browsing Solve problems with Windows 7, startup, networking, and hardware Set up reliable Windows 7 networks, and manage them efficiently Safely provide remote access and VPN connectivity Use Windows 7 as a Web server Program the Windows Scripting Host and Windows PowerShell ON THE WEB: Free Online Edition! When Microsoft releases the final product, you can get an updated edition of this book absolutely free! All examples and source code presented in this book The book that inspired the Disney Channel movie Zapped, starring Zendaya! When Annabelle returns from summer camp, her life is totally different. She's moving to a new house with her mom's new boyfriend, and that means starting sixth grade at a brand-new school. Birchwood Middle School is very different from her old all-girls elementary—the boys practically run wild in the hallways. And at home, Annabelle's new puppy is taking over the house and chewing on her clothes. But the puppy came with a training manual, so Annabelle might be able to get one thing under control. Unless . . . can you train a boy the way you train a dog? Look for the other books in this series, Girls Acting Catty, and Everybody Bugs Out! Full Color Code samples appear as they do in Visual Studio and Expression Blend! Printed entirely in color, with helpful figures and syntax coloring to make code samples appear as they do in Visual Studio and Expression Blend! Silverlight is a lightweight but powerful plug-in for multiple web browsers on multiple operating systems that makes it easier than ever to create rich web-based content, applications, and controls. With support for vector graphics, animations, full-screen high-definition video, and more, Silverlight gives you the ability to create more compelling content than you dreamed possible for Windows, Mac OS X, and Linux. Silverlight provides much of the power of Windows Presentation Foundation, but with less overhead and easy integration with HTML and AJAX-style applications. Silverlight 1.0 Unleashed is the authoritative book that covers the technology in a practical and approachable fashion, authored by Silverlight guru and Microsoft developer Adam Nathan. 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common tasks (such as drag-and-drop) using basic building blocks Explains how to download assets asynchronously to maximize your user experience Demonstrates how to create hybrid applications that mix Silverlight content with HTML or Flash content Highlights features scheduled for future versions of Silverlight while showing how to achieve your desired results with the current version Introduction 1 Part I Fundamentals 1 Getting Started 9 2 XAML 39 Part II Creating Static Content 3 Shapes, Lines, and Curves 61 4 Text 83 5 Brushes and Images 99 6 Positioning and Transforming Elements 117 Part III Making Your Content Come to Life 7 Responding to Input Events 143 8 Downloading Content on Demand 179 9 Animation 191 10 Audio and Video 219

The Power of Empowering Others Leadership isn't easy. It takes grit, courage, and vision, among other things, that can be hard to come by on your toughest days. When leaders and aspiring leaders seek out advice, they're often told to try harder. Dig deeper. Look in the mirror and own your natural-born strengths and fix any real or perceived career-limiting deficiencies. Frances Frei and Anne Morriss offer a different worldview. They argue that this popular leadership advice glosses over the most important thing you do as a leader: build others up. Leadership isn't about you. It's about how effective you are at empowering other people—and making sure this impact endures even in your absence. As Frei and Morriss show through inspiring stories from ancient Rome to present-day Silicon Valley, the origins of great leadership are found, paradoxically, not in worrying about your own status and advancement, but in the unrelenting focus on other people's potential. *Unleashed* provides radical advice for the practice of leadership today. Showing how the boldest, most effective leaders use a special combination of trust, love, and belonging to create an environment in which other people can excel, Frei and Morriss offer practical, battle-tested tools—based on their work with companies such as Uber, Riot Games, WeWork, and others—along with interviews and stories from their own personal experience, to make these ideas come alive. This book is your indispensable guide for unleashing greatness in other people . . . and, ultimately, in yourself. To learn more, please visit theleadersguide.com.

WPF Control Development Unleashed: Building Advanced User Experiences In this book, two leading Windows Presentation Foundation experts give developers everything they need to build next-generation WPF applications—software that is more robust, usable, and compelling. Drawing on their close ties with Microsoft's WPF development team, Pavan Podila and Kevin Hoffman give you a clear, robust, and practical understanding of WPF, its underpinnings, its overall architecture, and its design philosophy. Podila and Hoffman introduce never-before-published WPF design patterns and support them with robust, real-world code examples—all presented in full color, just as they appear in Visual Studio. The authors begin by explaining how to “think in WPF,” and then introduce powerful new techniques for everything from handling 3D layouts to creating game-like physics effects. Along the way, they offer in-depth coverage of data binding, building interactivity, and control development: three of WPF's most challenging concepts. You'll learn how to choose the right WPF features for every programming challenge, and use those features far more creatively and effectively. If you want to build truly outstanding WPF applications, this is the book that will get you there.

Master the patterns and techniques you need to build state-of-the-art WPF applications Write more powerful and effective applications that reflect a deep understanding of WPF's design philosophy Learn how WPF has evolved, and take full advantage of its growing sophistication Make the most of advanced declarative programming techniques Leverage IScrollInfo, virtualization, control theming, and other complex features Build more powerful interactivity into your WPF applications Create more visual software with 3D elements, custom animations, and shader effects Optimize WPF application performance in real-world environments Master design patterns for organizing your controls more effectively

Category: .NET Programming / WPF Covers: Windows Presentation Foundation User Level: Intermediate—Advanced Following *Playing Hard to Master* and *Finding Master Right*, Sparrow Beckett delivers a seductive tale of surrendered innocence with this third novel in the *Masters Unleashed* series. Konstantin, a powerful Dominant, is used to fast living and wanton submissives. But after years of his grandmother haranguing him to marry, he agrees to meet a girl from her rural Russian village. Naturally submissive, Varushka turns out to be everything Konstantin wants in a woman. At first her innocence is disturbing, but her enthusiasm for life captivates him. When their relationship becomes a mutual seduction, Konstantin introduces Varushka to wicked pleasures she never imagined. His attentive care wins her absolute devotion. However, when Varushka's father finds out about Konstantin's past, he whisks her back home to Russia. Will Konstantin fight to reclaim her, or will his guilt convince him to relinquish the only woman he's ever loved? 'A little bit Golden Compass, a little bit Hunger Games, and all adventure' - Amie Kaufman, NYT bestselling author, on *Jinxed* The thrilling follow-up to *JINXED*, from the author of the magical *POTION DIARIES* adventures! When Lacey Chu wakes up in a hospital room with no recollection of how she got there, she knows something is up. But with her customizable smart pet, Jinx, missing in action and Moncha, the company behind the invention of the robot pet, up to something seriously sinister, she's got a lot of figuring out to do. Lacey must use all her engineering skills if she has a chance of stopping Moncha from carrying out their plans. But can she take on the biggest tech company in North America armed with only a level 1 robot beetle ... ? 'THE MOST COMPELLING READ OF THE YEAR ... TERRIFYINGLY OF THE MOMENT' Evening Standard on *JINXED* Full Color: Figures and code appear as they do in Visual Studio. If you want to write Windows apps with XAML, one person can help you more than anyone else: Adam Nathan. He has built a well-deserved reputation as the world's #1 expert on putting it to work. Now, he's written the definitive, practical XAML tutorial and reference: *XAML Unleashed*. Nathan answers the questions you're most likely to ask, walks through the tasks you're sure to perform, and helps you avoid problems as you use XAML. You'll learn how to create effective user interfaces for line-of-business apps, consumer apps, reusable controls, or anything else. These techniques will be invaluable whether you're creating universal Windows apps or working with Silverlight or WPF. *XAML Unleashed* is packed with C# and XAML code examples that are fully color-coded to match their appearance in Visual Studio—the same approach that has made Nathan's previous *Unleashed* books so popular. Detailed information on how to... Understand and apply XAML's syntax, namespaces, and keywords Organize controls and other elements in a smooth and intuitive user interface Make the most of XAML's rich controls for content, items, images, text, and media Build exceptionally powerful user and custom controls Master reliable and efficient ways to mix XAML with procedural code Extend XAML with type converters, markup extensions, and other third-party desktop classes Use data binding to link and synchronize controls with in-memory representations of data Leverage XAML's support for binary and logical resources Use styles, templates, and visual states to radically redesign controls without sacrificing their built-in functionality Access the Windows animation library to create stunning theme transitions and animations Build custom panels to enforce consistency in unusual user interfaces Understand subtle changes in XAML's behavior across different Microsoft UI frameworks