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Tropics of Teaching François Victor Tochon 2002-01-01 Based on the premise that deconstruction and demystification are a necessary counterforce to 'shared myths', Tochon offers a provocative assessment of mass educational concepts and teacher education, proposing a rethinking of pedagogy in general.

Miniature Messages Jack Child 2009-01-01 In *Miniature Messages*, Jack Child analyzes Latin American postage stamps, revealing the messages about history, culture, and politics encoded in their design and disseminated throughout the world. While postage stamps are a sanctioned product of official government agencies, Child argues that they accumulate popular cultural value and take on new meanings as they circulate in the public sphere. As he demonstrates in this richly illustrated study, the postage stamp conveys many of the contestations and triumphs of Latin American history. Child combines history and political science with philatelic research of nearly forty thousand Latin American stamps. He focuses on Argentina and

the Southern Cone, highlighting stamps representing the consolidation of the Argentine republic and those produced under its Peronist regime. He compares Chilean stamps issued by the leftist government of Salvador Allende and by Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship. Considering postage stamps produced under other dictatorial regimes, he examines stamps from the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Paraguay. Child studies how international conflicts have been depicted on the stamps of Argentina, Chile, and Peru, and he pays particular attention to the role of South American and British stamps in establishing claims to the Malvinas/Falkland Islands and to Antarctica. He also covers the cultural and political history of stamps in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Grenada, Mexico, Uruguay, Venezuela and elsewhere. In *Miniature Messages*, Child finds the political history of modern Latin America in its "tiny posters."

Pythagoras' Legacy Marcel Danesi 2020-02-03 As the famous Pythagorean statement reads, 'Number rules the universe', and its veracity is proven in the many mathematical discoveries

that have accelerated the development of science, engineering, and even philosophy. A so called ", mathematics has guided and stimulated many aspects of human innovation down through the centuries. In this book, Marcel Danesi presents a historical overview of the ten greatest achievements in mathematics, and dynamically explores their importance and effects on our daily lives. Considered as a chain of events rather than isolated incidents, Danesi takes us from the beginnings of modern day mathematics with Pythagoras, through the concept of zero, right the way up to modern computational algorithms. Loaded with thought-provoking practical exercises and puzzles, Pythagoras' Legacy allows the reader to apply their knowledge and discover the significance of mathematics in their everyday lives.

Advances in Affective and Pleasurable Design Yong Gu Ji 2012-07-17 This volume discusses pleasurable design – a part of the traditional usability design and evaluation methodologies. The book emphasizes the importance of designing products and services to maximize user satisfaction. By combining this with traditional usability methods it increases the appeal of products and use of services.

The English Academy Review 2000

The Puzzle Instinct Marcel Danesi 2004-02 Publisher Fact Sheet Recalling Stephen Pinker's The Language Instinct, the author argues that humans are born with an "instinct for puzzles" that betrays a larger search for the meaning of life. This "instinct" has led to discoveries in mathematics and science, as well as revolutions in philosophical thought.

The History of the Kiss Marcel Danesi 2013-12-05 What's more romantic than two people embracing, looking into

each other's eyes, and kissing each other? But how should we make sense of this iconic act? How and when did it become a vital sign of romance and love? When the kiss first started to appear in narratives, poetry, and the songs of the medieval period, it was as something desirable, yet forbidden. Since then it has evolved into a symbol of love-making in the popular imagination. In this provocative book, pop culture expert Marcel Danesi explores how the kiss emerged as an act of betrayal and raw sensuality, in defiance of its spiritual and religious functions, and from there evolved into the amorous cultural gesture we know today. He takes the reader on a fascinating journey through the history of the kiss, from early poems and paintings to current movies and popular songs, and argues that its romantic incarnation signaled the birth of popular culture.

Forged by Fire Sharon M. Draper 2011-04-05 The flame of love burns bright in the second book of Sharon M. Draper's award-winning Hazelwood High trilogy. When Gerald was a child he was fascinated by fire. But fire is dangerous and powerful, and tragedy strikes. His substance-addicted mother is taken from him. Then he loses the loving generosity of a favorite aunt, and a brutal stepfather with a flaming temper and an evil secret makes his life miserable. The one bright light in Gerald's life is his little half sister, Angel, whom he struggles to protect from her father, who is abusing her. Somehow Gerald manages to find success as a member of the Hazelwood Tigers basketball team, and Angel develops her talents as a dancer, despite the trouble that still haunts them. And Gerald learns, painfully, that young friends can die and old enemies must be faced. In the end he must stand up to his

stepfather alone in a blazing confrontation. In this second book of the Hazelwood High trilogy, Sharon M. Draper has woven characters and events from Tears of a Tiger in an unflinchingly realistic portrayal of poverty and child abuse. It is an inspiring story of a young man who rises above the tragic circumstances of his life by drawing on the love and strength of family and friends.

Language George Melville Bolling 2008 Proceedings of the annual meeting of the Society in v. 1-11, 1925-34. After 1934 they appear in Its Bulletin.

Popular Culture Marcel Danesi 2012 Popular Culture: Introductory Perspectives seeks to define pop culture by exploring the ways that it fulfills our human desire for meaning. The second edition investigates current contexts for popular culture, including the rise of the digital global village through new technology and offers up-to-date examples that connect with today's students.

The Total Brain Workout Marcel Danesi 2009-03-01 BOOST YOUR BRAIN POWER! Did you know that different parts of your brain control different functions, and that with exercise, you can make each part of your brain stronger? In The Total Brain Workout you'll find 450 fun, challenging and absorbing puzzles designed to specifically target the core parts of your brain that control language, logic, memory, reasoning and visual perception. Each set of puzzles ranges from easy to challenging, and is presented with information on the area of your brain being targeted and the functions it controls, so you can customize your own workout to the specific areas you want to improve. FLEX YOUR MENTAL MUSCLE WITH: BRAINTEASERS ¥ WORD SEARCHES CRYPTOGRAMS ¥ OPTICAL ILLUSIONS SUDOKU ¥ FRAMEWORKS LOGIC PUZZLES ¥

TRIVIA PUZZLES AND MUCH MORE!

Global Encounters Iris Guske 2011-05-25 Scholars throughout the world have come together again in a second book to share their most successful teaching practices and concerns in the areas of cross-cultural studies and international education. Many disciplines are represented and diverse subjects are discussed: science literacy and worldview perspective; second-language acquisition, student mobility, and international universities; teacher professional development and government programs for disadvantaged children; zoos, industrial paintings, and dress designs as cultural artifacts. Presentations on these topics are the result of papers given at the annual meeting of the Worldwide Forum on Education and Culture, founded 10 years ago in Rome, Italy. The organization regularly attracts some 100 scholars and practitioners in the fields of education, literacy, language learning, communication and (inter-)cultural studies from all five continents to its annual congress in Rome. These conferences, as well as this up-to-date compilation of multi-disciplinary academic papers, are meant to highlight the growing need for culturally sensitive education that draws on the strengths of both traditional teaching methods and technology-rich forms of instruction, as well as a host of national and international programs designed to empower teachers and students alike. Engaged educators, whose research and/or critical discourse in classrooms all over the world has given rise to the present volume, thus hope to share with a wider audience how they impart knowledge, foster skills, and nurture qualities in the next generation of global citizens that will enable them to

negotiate their personal and professional lives in our modern world. Even though communities may no longer be characterized by physical distances as barriers to communicative interchanges, perceived and real rifts between different cultures are nevertheless coming alarmingly close to preventing meaningful communication from bringing about true understanding at the individual and societal levels. The ontogenesis of the Worldwide Forum on Education and Culture is seen here clearly in the perspectives and presentations of diverse academics who are dedicated to teaching and learning toward the greater goal, as Matthew Arnold said in *Literature and Science*, of "knowing ourselves and the world."

Warning Signs Marcel Danesi
2022-01-13 Warning signs are all around us. In ancient Egypt, tombs were lavishly adorned with signs and symbols warning of the dire consequences that would befall any robbers and thieves. And yet these signs were often read as provocations and challenges. Why was this? And how could we more effectively communicate dangers from our world, such as toxic waste, to future civilizations? This book examines and evaluates the kinds of signs, symbols, narratives and other semiotic strategies humans have used across time to communicate the sense of danger. From paleolithic cave art and ancient monuments to the dangers of nuclear waste, carbon emissions and other pollution, Marcel Danesi explores how danger has been encoded in language, discourse, and symbolism. At the same time, the book puts forward a plan for a more effective 'semiotising' of risk and peril, calling on linguists, semioticians and agencies to face up our collective responsibilities, and work together to more clearly communicate vitally important

warnings about the dangers we've left behind to civilizations beyond the semiotic gap.

Fahrenheit 451 Ray Bradbury 1951 A totalitarian regime has ordered all books to be destroyed, but one of the book burners suddenly realizes their merit.

Brands Marcel Danesi 2006 Danesi discusses brands such as Coca-Cola, McDonald's, Absolut Vodka, Apple, Gucci and Chanel. He explores the rise of the anti-brand movement and its challenges to the dominance of global brands such as Gap and Nike.

Encyclopedia of Media and Communication Marcel Danesi
2013-06-17 The first comprehensive encyclopedia for the growing fields of media and communication studies, the *Encyclopedia of Media and Communication* is an essential resource for beginners and seasoned academics alike. Contributions from over fifty experts and practitioners provide an accessible introduction to these disciplines' most important concepts, figures, and schools of thought – from Jean Baudrillard to Tim Berners Lee, and podcasting to Peircean semiotics. Detailed and up-to-date, the *Encyclopedia of Media and Communication* synthesizes a wide array of works and perspectives on the making of meaning. The appendix includes timelines covering the whole historical record for each medium, from either antiquity or their inception to the present day. Each entry also features a bibliography linking readers to relevant resources for further reading. The most coherent treatment yet of these fields, the *Encyclopedia of Media and Communication* promises to be the standard reference text for the next generation of media and communication students and scholars.

Strange Beasts of China Yan Ge
2021-07-13 A New York Times Editors' Choice and Notable Book of 2021 "Best

Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror of 2021"—The Washington Post From one of the most exciting voices in contemporary Chinese literature, an uncanny and playful novel that blurs the line between human and beast... In the fictional Chinese city of Yong'an, an amateur cryptozoologist is commissioned to uncover the stories of its fabled beasts. These creatures live alongside humans in near-inconspicuousness—save their greenish skin, serrated earlobes, and strange birthmarks. Aided by her elusive former professor and his enigmatic assistant, our narrator sets off to document each beast, and is slowly drawn deeper into a mystery that threatens her very sense of self. Part detective story, part metaphysical enquiry, *Strange Beasts of China* engages existential questions of identity, humanity, love and morality with whimsy and stylistic verve.

The Semiotics of Love Marcel Danesi 2019-08-12 *The Semiotics of Love* brings together work on early symbolism, literary practices, and contemporary communication on the theme of romance and the idea of love to forge an understanding of the semiotic-cultural side of romance. Moving beyond psychological and neuroscientific scholarly analyses of love, Marcel Danesi works to interrogate the cultural constructions of love across societies. This book analyzes romantic love from the general perspective of semiotics—that is, from its more generic interpretive angle, rather than its more technical one. The specific analytical lens used is based on the notion that we convert our feeling structures into sign structures (words, symbols) and sign-based constructions (texts, rituals, etc.), which then allow us to reflect upon something cognitively, rather than just

experience it physically and emotionally.

Italian Verb Conjugation Card Marcel Danesi 2004-08-06 The most-often-used Italian regular and irregular verbs are presented with English translations in this quick-reference format. The six-panel card is laminated for long life and punched to fit either a two-ring or a three-ring notebook. The verb tenses are listed and explained in both active and passive voices, with information on how to use them in sentences, which makes this title a fine supplement for language students and travelers to Italy. Italian is the latest in Barron's new series of Foreign Language Verb Conjugation Cards. Others are available in French, German, and Spanish. All are printed in full color on laminated card stock.

Persuasive Signs Ron Beasley 2002-01-01 Using both verbal and nonverbal techniques to make its messages as persuasive as possible, advertising has become an integral component of modern-day social discourse designed to influence attitudes and lifestyle behaviors by covertly suggesting how we can best satisfy our innermost urges and aspirations through consumption. This book looks at the categories of this form of discourse from the standpoint of semiotic analysis. It deals with the signifying processes that underlie advertising messages in print, electronic, and digital form. *Analysing Media Discourses* John E. Richardson 2014-02-25 The continual growth in the significance of mass-mediated communication makes it essential that we are able to reflect upon and critically appreciate the semiotic processes that are involved in their impact upon social and cultural life. This edited collection showcases a range of diverse approaches to the analysis of various

forms of mediated communications, including varying degrees of attention to their associated textual, discursive and social practices. Individual contributions are devoted to exploring, in analytical depth, multiple dimensions of each of the following media: newspaper articles, magazines (both historical advertising and contemporary editorial discourse), television (both situation comedy and "reality" TV programmes), books (covers and content in two genres), political leaflets, and a flight simulation computer game. The collection will be an important resource for scholars and students within disciplines including communication studies, sociology, media studies, cultural studies, discourse studies, and journalism studies. This book was published as a special issue of *Social Semiotics*. *Italian Vocabulary* Marcel Danesi 2003 The newly revised and expanded edition of this language helper presents nearly 6,000 English words and phrases categorized by practical subject themes and translated into their Italian equivalents. Subject theme groupings include numbers and measurements, as well as words and phrases related to greeting, travel situations, shopping, using the telephone, and many others. New sections in this edition deal with computer and electronics terminology, pop culture, and finance. Type is set in two colors as an extra quick reference aid.

The Curious History of the Riddle Marcel Danesi 2020-05-26 Part history book, part puzzle book, *The Curious History of the Riddle* is fully illustrated with over 250 riddles interspersed throughout the text for solving, so get ready to put on your thinking cap! *The Curious History of the Riddle* investigates the fascinating origin and history of the

riddle, from the very first riddle (the Riddle of the Sphinx) to the twenty-first century, with riddles found in pop culture, including movies, books, and video games. Riddles are ageless, timeless, and so common that we hardly ever reflect upon what they are and how they originated. Riddles come in all languages and from all eras of human history, making them a truly "curious" history. In *The Curious History of the Riddle*, puzzle expert Marcel Danesi delves deep into the riddle's origin and offers a concise snapshot of riddles throughout time—from the Riddle of the Sphinx, to the riddles in Benjamin Franklin's *Poor Richard's Almanack* and Lewis Carroll's *Alice* books, to those found in the *Harry Potter* and *Lord of the Rings* book series, and much more—covering these fascinating topics: Ancient riddles Medieval riddles Riddles in the Renaissance Riddles as part of leisure culture Riddles in literature Riddles in popular culture Rebuses as visual riddles *The Puzzlecraft* series from Wellfleet Press tackles some of the greatest conundrums of our time. Learn how to navigate the world's trickiest mazes, solve the most complex crosswords, and finally get the answer to "Why is a raven like a writing desk?" Follow literature's most famous detective, Sherlock Holmes, as he guides you through hundreds of challenging cross-fitness brain exercises inspired by his most popular cases and adventures. You can also train your memory to perform better and learn the meanings behind your own personality traits or the traits of others. These handy and portable paperbacks are sized perfectly to travel, whether on vacation or just for your daily commute. The intricately designed covers and bold colors will capture your attention as much as the

engaging content inside. Other titles in the series include: The Curious History of Mazes; The Curious History of the Crossword; Escape from Sherlock Holmes; Sherlock Holmes Puzzles: Code Breakers; Sherlock Holmes Puzzles: Math & Logic Games; Sherlock Holmes Puzzles: Visual Puzzles; Sherlock Holmes Puzzles: Lateral Brain Teasers; Solving Sherlock Homes; Solving Sherlock Holmes Volume II; Maximize Your Memory; and The Book of Personality Tests.

X-Rated! Marcel Danesi 2016-04-29 Many attack pop culture as a crude 'sexual' and 'celebrity-based' culture that is purportedly bringing about the end of moral values. Renowned semiotician Marcel Danesi adds his signature insight to the debate by delving deep into pop culture through a consideration of symbols. Danesi's treatment of letters, such as the X in 'X-Rated,' the 'i' in 'iPod,' and other such symbols, reveals an ancient mythic structure that blends the sacred and profane dimensions of human psychic life. Danesi takes the reader on a remarkable exploration of the radical turns in American society, a society in which the search for pleasure and sexual expression often reign supreme. X-Rated! is a fascinating trip through what gives pop culture its secret appeal.

Of Cigarettes, High Heels, and Other Interesting Things Marcel Danesi 1999 This is an excellent and useful introduction to basic semiotic ideas and analytical techniques. It shows how semiotics increases the ability to know oneself.

The Science of Footwear Ravindra S. Goonetilleke 2012-11-06 Although we now have sophisticated algorithms and techniques for determining the shapes and sizes and for matching the fit between shoes and feet, few, if any, of the books currently available

cover these new technologies until now. Bringing together high-quality and state-of-the-art contributions from designers, biomechanists, ergonomists, engineer

The Cigarette Sarah Milov 2019-10-02 The story of tobacco's fortunes seems simple: science triumphed over addiction and profit. Yet the reality is more complicated—and more political. Historically it was not just bad habits but also the state that lifted the tobacco industry. What brought about change was not medical advice but organized pressure: a movement for nonsmoker's rights.

Italian the Easy Way Marcel Danesi 1996 This imaginatively presented course is useful to those outside a classroom environment who want to begin learning Italian, as well as those students of Italian who wish to supplement their studies to better their grades and increase language proficiency.

Of Cigarettes, High Heels, and Other Interesting Things Marcel Danesi 2008 **Italian Now! Level 1: L'italiano d'oggi!** Marcel Danesi 2012-09-19 This

updated worktext for high school and college introductory courses emphasizes functional use of conversational and written Italian with extensive use of fill-in exercises, matching columns, word puzzles, dialogues, and more. Students will also get a review of basic grammar, vocabulary, verb forms, idioms, and sentence structure. Additional features include lists of irregular verbs and Italian-English and English-Italian glossaries. Answers for all exercises, quizzes, and puzzles are presented at the back of the book. Line illustrations throughout.

Messages, Signs, and Meanings Marcel Danesi 2004 Messages, Signs, and Meanings can be used directly in introductory courses in semiotics,

communications, media, or culture studies. Additionally, it can be used as a complementary or supplementary text in courses dealing with cognate areas of investigation (psychology, mythology, education, literary studies, anthropology, linguistics). The text builds upon what readers already know intuitively about signs, and then leads them to think critically about the world in which they live - a world saturated with images of all kinds that a basic knowledge of semiotics can help filter and deconstruct. The text also provides opportunities for readers to do "hands-on" semiotics through the exercises and questions for discussion that accompany each chapter. Biographical sketches of the major figures in the field are also included, as is a convenient glossary of technical terms. The overall plan of the book is to illustrate how message-making and meaning-making can be studied from the specific vantage point of the discipline of semiotics. This third edition also includes updated discussions of information technology throughout, focusing especially on how meanings are now negotiated through such channels as websites, chat rooms, and instant messages.

Maggie by the Book 2004-05-01 Coerced by Alexandre Drake--one of her fictional characters who has become all too real--to attend a writer's conference, author Maggie Kelly is faced with murderous fanatics, backstabbing colleagues, and NYPD Lieutenant Steve Wendell. Reprint.

The Texture of Culture A. Semenenko 2012-08-06 In this introduction to the semiotic theory of one of the most innovative theorists of the twentieth century, the Russian literary scholar and semiotician Yuri Lotman, offers a new look at Lotman's profound legacy by conceptualizing his ideas in modern context and

presenting them as a useful tool of cultural analysis.

Changing Signs of Truth Crystal L. Downing 2012-05-15 Crystal Downing brings the postmodern theory of semiotics within reach for today's evangelists. Following the idea of the sign through Scripture, church history and the academy, Downing shows you how signs work and how sensitivity to their dynamics can make or break an attempt to communicate truth.

The Liar Paradox and the Towers of Hanoi Marcel Danesi 2004-08 A walk through history's most mind-boggling puzzles Ever since the Sphinx asked his legendary riddle of Oedipus, riddles, conundrums, and puzzles of all sizes have kept humankind perplexed and amused. The Liar Paradox and the Towers of Hanoi takes die-hard puzzle mavens on a tour of the world's most enduringly intriguing braintwisters, from Königsberg's Bridges and the Hanoi Towers to Fibonacci's Rabbits, the Four Color Problem, and the Magic Square. Each chapter introduces the basic puzzle, discusses the mathematics behind it, and includes exercises and answers plus additional puzzles similar to the one under discussion. Here is a veritable kaleidoscope of puzzling labyrinths, maps, bridges, and optical illusions that will keep aficionados entertained for hours. Marcel Danesi (Etobicoke, ON, Canada) is the author of Increase Your Puzzle IQ *The History of the Kiss!* M. Danesi 2013-12-05 How and when did the kiss become a vital sign of romance and love? In this wide-ranging book, pop culture expert Marcel Danesi takes the reader on a fascinating journey through the history of the kiss, from poetry and painting to movies and popular songs, and argues that its romantic incarnation signaled the birth of popular culture.

Of Cigarettes, High Heels, and Other Interesting Things

Marcel Danesi
2018-04-27 This book deals with one of the most interesting aspects of human life—the search for meaning. It discusses how the science of semiotics is equipped to provide insight on what meaning is and how we produce it. Why is it that certain people routinely put their survival at risk by smoking? Why is it that some women make locomotion difficult for themselves by donning high-heel footwear? Are there unconscious forces at work behind such strange behaviors? This book will attempt to answer such questions by claiming that these behaviors are meaningful in culture-specific ways. The discipline that studies such behaviors and their relation to meanings is called semiotics. Semiotics probes the human condition in its own peculiar way, by unraveling the meanings of signs, which motivate not only the wearing of high heel shoes, but also the construction of words and art forms. Now in its third edition, this landmark introduction to semiotics has been updated with a wealth of new content, focusing on the many developments in digital culture since the previous edition. With the addition of topics such as memes, Selfies, social media profiles, and even Mafia discourse, the new edition comprehensively covers new trends in culture while streamlining treatments of basic semiotics contents.

Saving Rome

Megan Williams 2006-01-01
In her debut collection, Rome-based writer and correspondent Megan K. Williams serves up the Eternal City as you've never seen it before, turning an insider's eye on the love, mystery and unholy chaos of Rome. In nine funny and insightful stories, Williams delves into the lives of women searching for meaning (and survival) in an ancient metropolis

awhirl in honking Fiats, smouldering cigarettes and teetering high heels. Piercing, quirky, hilarious and heartbreaking, *Saving Rome's* women are trapped in a new-millennium Roman circus sideshow. One follows her husband to Italy only to become obsessed with an eccentric pet-shop owner. Another, a rattled mother, gives a carabinieri officer the finger over a parking dispute, and is horrified when he trails her home. Not to mention the jilted innamorata who pushes her tour-guide host to the thin edge of sanity.

Introducing Cultural and Media

Studies Tony Thwaites 2018-08-18 This core textbook offers a concise, direct and easy-to-use introduction to how semiotics can be employed to understand culture. It adopts a practical and versatile approach to cultural analysis, beginning not with an abstract body of theory but with a number of examples of social sign use which are examined critically using basic semiotic terms and concepts to build up the reader's analytic vocabulary in a practical way. This book is designed to be read in several ways. First of all, it offers a structured approach to its subject with successive chapters reconsidering and building upon issues raised in earlier chapters. The layout of the text supports alternative pathways through the material, however. Written principally with the undergraduate student reader in mind, this is the essential research tool for students and lecturers. It is the ideal international starting-point for a very wide range of courses both in cultural and media studies and related subjects such as film studies, literature and sociology. [The Quest for Meaning](#) Marcel Danesi 2007 "The Quest for Meaning" is designed as a guide to basic semiotic theory and practice, discussing and

illustrating the main trends, ideas, and figures of semiotics.