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### Guns of Ava

Anyone can master the fundamentals of game design - no technological expertise is necessary. The Art of Game Design: A Book of Lenses shows that the same basic principles of psychology that work for board games, card games and athletic games also are the keys to making top-quality videogames. Good game design

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happens when you view your game from many different perspectives, or lenses. While touring through the unusual territory that is game design, this book gives the reader one hundred of these lenses - one hundred sets of insightful questions to ask yourself that will help make your game better. These lenses are gathered from fields as diverse as psychology, architecture, music, visual design, film, software engineering, theme park design, mathematics, writing, puzzle design, and anthropology. Anyone who reads this book will be inspired to become a better game designer - and will understand how to do it.

## Exploring the Crack in the Cosmic Egg

This book presents some information regarding adhesives which have applications in industry, medicine and dentistry. The book is divided into two parts: "Adhesives Applications in Medicine and Dentistry" and "Properties of Adhesive." The aim of such a presentation is to present the usage in very different aspects of application of the adhesives and present specific properties of adhesives. Adhesives' advantageous properties and relatively uncomplicated processing methods contribute to their increasing application and their growing popularity in the industry, medicine and other branches. Some adhesives represent properties superior to those of most adhesive materials, due to their excellent adhesion and chemical resistance. A wide variety of adhesives' considerable flexibility in modification of properties of adhesives allows adjusting the composition to particular applications.

## Damage and Failure of Composite Materials

Presenting original results from both theoretical and numerical viewpoints, this text offers a detailed discussion of the variational approach to brittle fracture. This approach views crack growth as

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the result of a competition between bulk and surface energy, treating crack evolution from its initiation all the way to the failure of a sample. The authors model crack initiation, crack path, and crack extension for arbitrary geometries and loads.

## Matrix 4 the Evolution

The field of lamination has developed significantly over the past 5000 years. Nowadays, we have a humongous array of structures and technological systems where composite laminates are applied. From the viewpoint of structural mechanics, an interface slip motion between two laminated structures, such as beam plate and plate in the presence of dry friction, can be utilized for slip damping systems. By scientific definition, slip damping is a mechanism exploited for dissipating noise and vibration energy in machine structures and systems. Researchers have developed several mathematical models for noise dissipation, minimization and complete vibration isolation laminated mechanisms. The purpose of this book is to describe new concepts of producing laminated structures and possible modern engineering applications.

## June & Justin

Stochastic Crack Propagation: Essential Practical Aspects describes a feature important to the analysis of stochastic crack propagation, starting with essential background theory. Processes, or phenomena, which are of practical importance in the work of design engineers or R&D teams are described chapter by chapter. Many examples are described and supported by listed references, and files of data that can be used with specialist software to practice design situations are included. Advice on how to use various computer programs to design and predict for stochastic crack growth is also provided, giving professionals a complete guide. Presents instructions and

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exercises in the ideal format for professionals, focusing on applications Explains a methodology on how to optimize the engineering design process by including stochastic crack growth behavior Provides computational files to help readers get up-to-speed with design using programs like ANSYS and NASTRAN for stochastic crack growth

### Cracked Mystery Stories

Boost sales results by zeroing in on the metrics that matter most  
"Sales may be an art, but sales management is a science. Cracking the Sales Management Code reveals that science and gives practical steps to identify the metrics you must measure to manage toward success."  
—Arthur Dorfman, National Vice President, SAP  
"Cracking the Sales Management Code is a must-read for anyone who wants to bring his or her sales management team into the 21st century."  
—Mike Nathe, Senior Vice President, Essilor Laboratories of America  
"The authors correctly assert that the proliferation of management reporting has created a false sense of control for sales executives. Real control is derived from clear direction to the field—and this book tells how to do that in an easy-to-understand, actionable manner."  
—Michael R. Jenkins, Signature Client Vice President, AT&T Global Enterprise Solutions  
"There are things that can be managed in a sales force, and there are things that cannot. Too often sales management doesn't see the difference. This book is invaluable because it reveals the manageable activities that actually drive sales results."  
—John Davis, Vice President, St. Jude Medical  
"Cracking the Sales Management Code is one of the most important resources available on effective sales management. . . . It should be required reading for every sales leader."  
—Bob Kelly, Chairman, The Sales Management Association  
"A must-read for managers who want to have a greater impact on sales force performance."  
—James Lattin, Robert A. Magowan Professor of

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Marketing, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University

□ This book offers a solution to close the gap between sales processes and business results. It shows a new way to think critically about the strategies and tactics necessary to move a sales team from good to great!

□ Anita Abjornson, Sales Management Effectiveness, Abbott Laboratories

About the Book: There are literally thousands of books on selling, coaching, and leadership, but what about the particulars of managing a sales force? Where are the frameworks, metrics, and best practices to help you succeed? Based on extensive research into how world-class companies measure and manage their sales forces, *Cracking the Sales Management Code* is the first operating manual for sales management. In it you will discover:

- The five critical processes that drive sales performance
- How to choose the right processes for your own team
- The three levels of sales metrics you must collect
- Which metrics you can “manage” and which ones you can’t
- How to prioritize conflicting sales objectives
- How to align seller activities with business results
- How to use CRM to improve the impact of coaching

As Neil Rackham writes in the foreword:

□ There’s an acute shortage of good books on the specifics of sales management. *Cracking the Sales Management Code* is about the practical specifics of sales management in the new era, and it fills a void. □ *Cracking the Sales Management Code* fills that void by providing foundational knowledge about how the sales force works. It reveals the gears and levers that actually control sales results. It adds clarity to things that you intuitively know and provides insight into things that you don’t. It will change the way you manage your sellers from day to day, as well as the results you get from year to year.

## Deformation and Evolution of Life in Crystalline Materials

Activating the compassionate intelligence of the heart to reconnect

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to the universe and our spiritual future □ Shows how the heart is connected to our prefrontal cortex and offers a balancing counterweight to the calculating intellect of the lower brain □ Explains how we are stuck in reactive behavior loops resulting from the loss of the nurturing culture of our ancestors □ Reveals how the Heart-Mind Matrix connects us to the universe and is the engine of spiritual evolution Expanding the revolutionary theories of mind explored in the bestselling *The Crack in the Cosmic Egg* and *The Biology of Transcendence*, Joseph Chilton Pearce explains how the heart provides the balancing intelligence to the brain's calculating intellect, an innate system of emotional-mental coherence lost generations ago through a breakdown of the nurturing culture of our ancestors. By severing ourselves from our heart intelligence, we are left with our selfish, survival-oriented reptilian brains, which create and reinforce "strange loops" between potential and actual reality, leading to our modern world's endless cycle of self-inflicted disasters and societal crises. Pearce explains that in order to break these cycles and transcend a life focused solely on surviving the results of our own reactive patterns, we must reconnect with the compassionate intelligence of the heart. Offering a rich variety of evidence, Pearce explores neurological research, lost and enduring nurturing cultures, personal experiences, and accounts from the lives and writings of modern sages such as Jane Goodall, Maria Montessori, and Rudolf Steiner. He shows that by activating the original matrix of the Heart-Mind--the engine of our spiritual evolution and our innate connection to the universe--we can teach our brains new ways to think, amend our destructive behavior loops, and enter into a future of peace, spiritual connection, and conscious evolution.

## The Third Eye

Durability of Ceramic-Matrix Composites presents the latest

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information on these high-temperature structural materials and their outstanding advantages over more conventional materials, including their high specific strength, high specific modulus, high temperature resistance and good thermal stability. The critical nature of the application of these advanced materials makes it necessary to have a complete understanding of their characterization. This book focuses explicitly on the durability of CMCs and will be extremely valuable for materials scientists and engineers who are dealing with the simulation of durability response and fatigue of ceramic matrix composites. Provides the latest theoretical and applied research in the field of ceramic matrix composites, particularly as it relates to usage in aerospace propulsion systems Presents extensive information on the micromechanics of damage evolution, lifetime prediction and durability in ceramic matrix composites Details parameter studies that are valuable for materials development and lifetime durability studies

### Advances in Damage Mechanics

This futuristic science fiction book deals with the Earth during the year 2525 A.D. The earth and its inhabitants have under gone a continued process of transformation leading toward evolution.

### The Experience Economy

“Daddy” can’t we come with you when you leave this time?” When Michelle asked to be taken away from her abusive mother, she never expected to lose everyone she loved in the process. They said they would keep her and Kenny together. Her daddy said he would be back. And she never even got to say good-bye to Marcie. All too soon, they were trying to reunite her with her mother, and Michelle is forced to take to the streets, seeking safety in the gang life. Michelle is third in the Ruby, Between the Cracks series, a winner

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of the Top Ten Best Books for Teens 2015.

## The Heart-Mind Matrix

This story of the Galileo spacecraft probe to Jupiter's moon provides a unique understanding of the Galileo images of Europa, and examines in detail the physical setting that might sustain extra-terrestrial life in Europa's ocean and icy crust.

## Finite Element Procedures

This text presents advances in continuum damage mechanics for metals and metal matrix composites. Emphasis is placed on the theoretical formulation of the different constitutive models in this area, but sections are added to demonstrate the applications of the theory.

## Numerical Modelling of Failure in Advanced Composite Materials

Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications explores the variety of techniques commonly used to analyze and interpret images. It also describes challenging real-world applications where vision is being successfully used, both for specialized applications such as medical imaging, and for fun, consumer-level tasks such as image editing and stitching, which students can apply to their own personal photos and videos. More than just a source of "recipes," this exceptionally authoritative and comprehensive textbook/reference also takes a scientific approach to basic vision problems, formulating physical models of the imaging process before inverting them to produce descriptions of a scene. These problems are also analyzed using statistical models and solved using rigorous engineering techniques. Topics and features:

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structured to support active curricula and project-oriented courses, with tips in the Introduction for using the book in a variety of customized courses; presents exercises at the end of each chapter with a heavy emphasis on testing algorithms and containing numerous suggestions for small mid-term projects; provides additional material and more detailed mathematical topics in the Appendices, which cover linear algebra, numerical techniques, and Bayesian estimation theory; suggests additional reading at the end of each chapter, including the latest research in each sub-field, in addition to a full Bibliography at the end of the book; supplies supplementary course material for students at the associated website, <http://szeliski.org/Book/>. Suitable for an upper-level undergraduate or graduate-level course in computer science or engineering, this textbook focuses on basic techniques that work under real-world conditions and encourages students to push their creative boundaries. Its design and exposition also make it eminently suitable as a unique reference to the fundamental techniques and current research literature in computer vision.

## On Decoloniality

Mysteries come in many forms. A lost hat which is always in one place. Lost time, five or ten minutes pass But you don't remember them going by. Maybe you find foot prints strange ones. They aren't like any you've seen before. Can you solve the Cracked Mystery Stories of what to do, what they found and how to save someone before time runs out?

## Michelle

Our Time Is Now We have entered an age of disruption. Financial collapse, climate change, resource depletion, and a growing gap between rich and poor are but a few of the signs. Otto Scharmer and

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Katrin Kaufer ask, why do we collectively create results nobody wants? Meeting the challenges of this century requires updating our economic logic and operating system from an obsolete "ego-system" focused entirely on the well-being of oneself to an eco-system awareness that emphasizes the well-being of the whole. Filled with real-world examples, this thought-provoking guide presents proven practices for building a new economy that is more resilient, intentional, inclusive, and aware. "A watershed! An inspiring, practical weaving of the inner and outer dimensions of the systemic changes so many around the world are now working toward." "Peter Senge, Senior Lecturer, MIT Sloan School of Management; Founding Chair, Society for Organizational Learning; and author of *The Fifth Discipline* "Scharmer and Kaufer have succeeded in writing the book that has the potential to transform civilization from one based on a rapacious, ego-driven economics to a viable, ecological, awareness-based model. This is a must-read for anyone who cares. It may well be the single most important book you ever read." "Arthur Zajonc, President, Mind and Life Institute, and author of *Meditation as Contemplative Inquiry* "Scharmer and Kaufer provide a creative and practical approach to shifting our economies. I see business as a movement, and this book shares that movement with the world, offering us inspiration to tap into the deeper levels of our humanity and urging us to transform the crises of our times." "Eileen Fisher, founder, Eileen Fisher, Inc. "The shift to an eco-system economy is emerging everywhere around us. Otto's and Katrin's clarity in identifying that this shift requires change-makers to expand our thinking from the head to the heart has helped me to be more intentional in designing processes to awaken the hearts of entrepreneurs everywhere. This is a necessary condition for the emergence of the new economy." "Michelle Long, Executive Director, Business Alliance for Local Living Economies "The purpose of business is to enhance the well-being of society. The 4.0 framework for transforming capitalism matters because it addresses a blind spot in our current discourse: how to create

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institutional innovations that could shift our economy from ego- to eco-system awareness at the scale of the whole. □ Guilherme Peirão Leal, founder and Cochairman, Natura Cosméticos

## The Secret of Our Success

Multi-scale modelling of composites is a very relevant topic in composites science. This is illustrated by the numerous sessions in the recent European and International Conferences on Composite Materials, but also by the fast developments in multi-scale modelling software tools, developed by large industrial players such as Siemens (Virtual Material Characterization toolkit and MultiMechanics virtual testing software), MSC/e-Xstream (Digimat software), Simulia (micromechanics plug-in in Abaqus), HyperSizer (Multi-scale design of composites), Altair (Altair Multiscale Designer) This book is intended to be an ideal reference on the latest advances in multi-scale modelling of fibre-reinforced polymer composites, that is accessible for both (young) researchers and end users of modelling software. We target three main groups: This book aims at a complete introduction and overview of the state-of-the-art in multi-scale modelling of composites in three axes: □ ranging from prediction of homogenized elastic properties to nonlinear material behaviour □ ranging from geometrical models for random packing of unidirectional fibres over meso-scale geometries for textile composites to orientation tensors for short fibre composites □ ranging from damage modelling of unidirectionally reinforced composites over textile composites to short fibre-reinforced composites The book covers the three most important scales in multi-scale modelling of composites: (i) micro-scale, (ii) meso-scale and (iii) macro-scale. The nano-scale and related atomistic and molecular modelling approaches are deliberately excluded, since the book wants to focus on continuum mechanics and there are already a lot of dedicated books about polymer

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nanocomposites. A strong focus is put on physics-based damage modelling, in the sense that the chapters devote attention to modelling the different damage mechanisms (matrix cracking, fibre/matrix debonding, delamination, fibre fracture,) in such a way that the underlying physics of the initiation and growth of these damage modes is respected. The book also gives room to not only discuss the finite element based approaches for multi-scale modelling, but also much faster methods that are popular in industrial software, such as Mean Field Homogenization methods (based on Mori-Tanaka and Eshelby solutions) and variational methods (shear lag theory and more advanced theories). Since the book targets a wide audience, the focus is put on the most common numerical approaches that are used in multi-scale modelling. Very specialized numerical methods like peridynamics modelling, Material Point Method, eXtended Finite Element Method (XFEM), isogeometric analysis, SPH (Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics), are excluded. Outline of the book The book is divided in three large parts, well balanced with each a similar number of chapters:

## Light Metal Alloys Applications

In *On Decoloniality* Walter D. Mignolo and Catherine E. Walsh explore the hidden forces of the colonial matrix of power, its origination, transformation, and current presence, while asking the crucial questions of decoloniality's how, what, why, with whom, and what for. Interweaving theory-praxis with local histories and perspectives of struggle, they illustrate the conceptual and analytic dynamism of decolonial ways of living and thinking, as well as the creative force of resistance and re-existence. This book speaks to the urgency of these times, encourages delinkings from the colonial matrix of power and its "universals" of Western modernity and global capitalism, and engages with arguments and struggles for dignity and life against death, destruction, and civilizational despair.

## Multi-Scale Continuum Mechanics Modelling of Fibre-Reinforced Polymer Composites

Structural Integrity and Durability of Advanced Composites: Innovative Modelling Methods and Intelligent Design presents scientific and technological research from leading composite materials scientists and engineers that showcase the fundamental issues and practical problems that affect the development and exploitation of large composite structures. As predicting precisely where cracks may develop in materials under stress is an age old mystery in the design and building of large-scale engineering structures, the burden of testing to provide "fracture safe design" is imperative. Readers will learn to transfer key ideas from research and development to both the design engineer and end-user of composite materials. This comprehensive text provides the information users need to understand deformation and fracture phenomena resulting from impact, fatigue, creep, and stress corrosion cracking and how these phenomena can affect reliability, life expectancy, and the durability of structures. Presents scientific and technological research from leading composite materials scientists and engineers that showcase fundamental issues and practical problems Provides the information users need to understand deformation and fracture phenomena resulting from impact, fatigue, creep, and stress corrosion cracking Enables readers to transfer key ideas from research and development to both the design engineer and end-user of composite materials

## Magnesium Alloys

The Little Cracked Pot is a story inspired by an ancient Chinese proverb. The story speaks to the value of diversity and the flawed idea of what is "perfect." This is a simple, yet powerful message which all children should hear.

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## Computer Vision

T. Lobsang Rampa was preordained to be a Tibetan priest, a sign from the stars that could not be ignored. When he left his wealthy home to enter the monastery, his heart was filled with trepidation, with only a slight knowledge of the rigorous spiritual training and physical ordeal that awaited him.

## The Art of Game Design

The location is South Central Los Angeles, 1985, and every kid on the block is getting paid in full selling crack cocaine, but not DAIQUAN JOHNSON. He's a slow to learn but good with his hands kind of kid whose dream is to become an engineer one day. DAIQUAN is hard working and doesn't give in easily, but all the determination in the world may not prove enough for a passing grade in a major they said he had no business in. Academic probation, a teenage father, and below average math skills are just part of his problems. DAIQUAN'S worse fear is soon realized when he finds that his confederate battle flag waving Calculus professor, GODDAME has a hatred for the color black. The continuously applied stress-strain curve of life events diverts DAIQUAN'S attention away from higher education while he contemplates a potentially lucrative and illicit offer from his best friend back in the hood, Michael Miller, nicknamed Deadly Paws. But if DAIQUAN decides to challenge the Jim Crow calculus instructor, he must get a perfect score on his final exam or dwell in a world where crack is king.

## Aquifers

Rev. ed. of: The experience economy: work is theatre & every business a stage. 1999.

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## Leading from the Emerging Future

Dendrimers are defined as nanoscale macromolecules having a particular architecture consisting of treelike arms or branches. They are characterized by special properties that make them promising candidates in medicine, biology, materials science, synthetic organic chemistry, biotechnology, environmental engineering, optics, electronics, catalysis, electrochemistry, photochemistry, and sensors and even for production of cosmetics and personal care products. The dendrimers research field is growing day by day, and scientists are exploring new synthesis and functionalization methods in order to improve and to determine new properties and thus new applications. The main purpose of this book is to highlight the issues regarding properties and applications of dendrimers in the field of biology, medicine, liquid crystal devices, electronics, quantum devices, and self-healing technology.

## Lunar Sourcebook

Justin had made a mistake. A big, life-changing mistake. He already failed June once. He wasn't there when she needed him, and because of him, their lives will never be the same. June is everything to Justin, and he must be everything to her. He must protect June at all costs. Justin is prepared spend the rest of his life keeping her from getting hurt again. But it seems they are always falling behind, barely keeping one step ahead of the nightmares. There is always one more hazard, just around the corner. -A heartbreaking and intense story of the journey of two children to find themselves and happiness. -Is it possible to rise above your circumstances when you already have two strikes against you? That is the question facing June and Justin, children thrust into circumstances that would defeat many adults. Can they ever hope to live happy, normal lives? Keywords: Young adult books, Between

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the Cracks series, teen books, juvenile delinquent, parole, drugs, choices, depression, anxiety, addiction, gangs, violence, mental health literature, mental illness, middle school, high school, foster care, homelessness, suicide, in the margins, marginalized, diverse, poverty, streets, custody, friendship, substance abuse, incest, sexual abuse, murder

### The Little Cracked Pot

The classic follow-up to the bestselling *The Crack in the Cosmic Egg* — Explains the process of acculturation and the mechanisms that create our self-limiting “cosmic egg” of consensus reality — Reveals how our biological development innately creates a “crack” in our cosmic egg—leaving a way to return to the unencumbered consciousness of childhood — Explores ways to discover and explore the “crack” to restore wholeness to our minds and reestablish our ability to create our own realities In this classic follow-up to his bestselling *The Crack in the Cosmic Egg*, Joseph Chilton Pearce explains the process of acculturation and the mechanisms that create our self-limiting “cosmic egg” of consensus reality. Laying the groundwork for his later classic *Magical Child*, Pearce shows that we go through early childhood connecting with the world through our senses. With the development of language and the process of acculturation not only do our direct experiences of the world become much less vivid but our innate states of nonordinary consciousness become suppressed. Trapped in a specific cultural context—a “cosmic egg”—we are no longer able to have or even recognize mystical experiences not mediated by the limitations of our culture. Motivated primarily by a fear of death, our enculturation literally splits our minds and prevents us from living fully in the present. Drawing from Carlos Castaneda’s writings about Don Juan and the sense of “body-knowing,” Pearce explores the varieties of nonordinary consciousness that can help us return to

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the unencumbered consciousness of our infancy. He shows that just as we each create our own cosmic egg of reality through cultural conditioning, we also innately create a "crack" in that egg. Ultimately certain shifts in our biological development take place to offset acculturation, leaving an avenue of return to our primary state. Pearce examines the creation of the "egg" itself and ways to discover its inherent cracks to restore wholeness to our minds, release us from our fear of death, and reestablish our ability to create our own realities through imagination and biological transcendence.

### Your Gift Your Passion Your Purpose

This story, based on Ken Dula's true life experiences, travels from the foothills of Lenoir, North Carolina to the treacherous war-torn jungles of South Vietnam where his survival was sustained purely by his love for Ava. Bravery in the war earns him the Purple Heart and Bronze Star, but his endurance afterwards saves his life. Guns of Ava is a vivid depiction of love and war that shows the fragility of mankind, the effects of PTSD, and the incredible resilience of the heart.

### Europa – The Ocean Moon

Understanding damage and failure of composite materials is critical for reliable and cost-effective engineering design. Bringing together materials mechanics and modeling, this book provides a complete guide to damage, fatigue and failure of composite materials. Early chapters focus on the underlying principles governing composite damage, reviewing basic equations and mechanics theory, before describing mechanisms of damage such as cracking, breakage and buckling. In subsequent chapters, the physical mechanisms underlying the formation and progression of damage under

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mechanical loads are described with ample experimental data, and micro- and macro-level damage models are combined. Finally, fatigue of composite materials is discussed using fatigue-life diagrams. While there is a special emphasis on polymer matrix composites, metal and ceramic matrix composites are also described. Outlining methods for more reliable design of composite structures, this is a valuable resource for engineers and materials scientists in industry and academia.

### Cracking the Sales Management Code: The Secrets to Measuring and Managing Sales Performance

Lightweight alloys have become of great importance in engineering for construction of transportation equipment. At present, the metals that serve as the base of the principal light alloys are aluminum and magnesium. One of the most important lightweight alloys are the aluminum alloys in use for several applications (structural components wrought aluminum alloys, parts and plates). However, some casting parts that have low cost of production play important role in aircraft parts. Magnesium and its alloys are among the lightest of all metals and the sixth most abundant metal on earth. Magnesium is ductile and the most machinable of all metals. Many of these light weight alloys have appropriately high strength to warrant their use for structural purposes, and as a result of their use, the total weight of transportation equipment has been considerably decreased.

### Lamination

How our collective intelligence has helped us to evolve and prosper Humans are a puzzling species. On the one hand, we struggle to survive on our own in the wild, often failing to overcome even basic challenges, like obtaining food, building shelters, or avoiding

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predators. On the other hand, human groups have produced ingenious technologies, sophisticated languages, and complex institutions that have permitted us to successfully expand into a vast range of diverse environments. What has enabled us to dominate the globe, more than any other species, while remaining virtually helpless as lone individuals? This book shows that the secret of our success lies not in our innate intelligence, but in our collective brains—on the ability of human groups to socially interconnect and learn from one another over generations. Drawing insights from lost European explorers, clever chimpanzees, mobile hunter-gatherers, neuroscientific findings, ancient bones, and the human genome, Joseph Henrich demonstrates how our collective brains have propelled our species' genetic evolution and shaped our biology. Our early capacities for learning from others produced many cultural innovations, such as fire, cooking, water containers, plant knowledge, and projectile weapons, which in turn drove the expansion of our brains and altered our physiology, anatomy, and psychology in crucial ways. Later on, some collective brains generated and recombined powerful concepts, such as the lever, wheel, screw, and writing, while also creating the institutions that continue to alter our motivations and perceptions. Henrich shows how our genetics and biology are inextricably interwoven with cultural evolution, and how culture-gene interactions launched our species on an extraordinary evolutionary trajectory. Tracking clues from our ancient past to the present, *The Secret of Our Success* explores how the evolution of both our cultural and social natures produce a collective intelligence that explains both our species' immense success and the origins of human uniqueness.

## Contagion of Violence

Magnesium alloys with their unique physical and chemical properties are important candidates for many modern engineering

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applications. Their density, being the lowest of all structural metals, makes them the primary choice in global attempts aimed at reducing the weight of transportation vehicles. However, magnesium also creates challenges at certain stages of raw alloy melting, fabrication of net-shape components and their service. The first one is caused by very high affinity of magnesium to oxygen, which requires protective atmospheres increasing manufacturing cost and heavily contributing to greenhouse gas emissions. The second challenge relates to very high corrosivity of liquid magnesium towards materials it contacts. This imposes restrictions on the selection of materials used to contain, transfer or process molten magnesium during manufacturing operations. A mixture of unique benefits and serious challenges of magnesium alloys in solid and liquid states described here makes the book very useful for a broad audience of scientists and engineers from academia and industry.

### Calculus and Crack

Numerical Modelling of Failure in Advanced Composite Materials comprehensively examines the most recent analysis techniques for advanced composite materials. Advanced composite materials are becoming increasingly important for lightweight design in aerospace, wind energy, and mechanical and civil engineering. Essential for exploiting their potential is the ability to reliably predict their mechanical behaviour, particularly the onset and propagation of failure. Part One investigates numerical modeling approaches to interlaminar failure in advanced composite materials. Part Two considers numerical modelling approaches to intralaminar failure. Part Three presents new and emerging advanced numerical algorithms for modeling and simulation of failure. Part Four closes by examining the various engineering and scientific applications of numerical modeling for analysis of failure in advanced composite materials, such as prediction of impact damage, failure in textile

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composites, and fracture behavior in through-thickness reinforced laminates. Examines the most recent analysis models for advanced composite materials in a coherent and comprehensive manner Investigates numerical modelling approaches to interlaminar failure and intralaminar failure in advanced composite materials Reviews advanced numerical algorithms for modeling and simulation of failure Examines various engineering and scientific applications of numerical modelling for analysis of failure in advanced composite materials

## Stochastic Crack Propagation

Porous ceramics have recently gained growing importance in industry because of their many applications like filters, absorbers, dust collectors, thermal insulation, hot gas collectors, dielectric resonators, bioreactors, bone replacement and automobile engine components. Generally, porous ceramics have good properties such as mechanical strength, abrasion resistance, and chemical and thermal stability. These porous network ceramic structures also have relatively low density, low mass and low thermal conductivity. Furthermore, permeability is one of the most important properties of porous ceramics for different applications such as membranes because this property directly relates to the pressure drop during filtration. Pore size control is one key factor in fabrication of porous ceramics. The size of particles and their distribution of the raw materials, manufacturing techniques, types of binder used, distribution of binder, and sintering affect the final porosity and pore connectivity, are important things that must be considered during the manufacturing of a porous ceramic body. Therefore, the development of porous ceramic research requires sufficient mechanical and chemical stability as well as permeability. This book covers a wide range of topics such as porous ceramic structure and properties, preparation, simulation and fabrication, sintering,

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applications for bioceramics, sensors, magnetics and energy saving.

## Adhesives

The Office of Industrial Technologies (OIT) of the U. S. Department of Energy commissioned the National Research Council (NRC) to undertake a study on required technologies for the Mining Industries of the Future Program to complement information provided to the program by the National Mining Association. Subsequently, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health also became a sponsor of this study, and the Statement of Task was expanded to include health and safety. The overall objectives of this study are: (a) to review available information on the U.S. mining industry; (b) to identify critical research and development needs related to the exploration, mining, and processing of coal, minerals, and metals; and (c) to examine the federal contribution to research and development in mining processes.

## Evolutionary and Revolutionary Technologies for Mining

The past 25 years have seen a major paradigm shift in the field of violence prevention, from the assumption that violence is inevitable to the recognition that violence is preventable. Part of this shift has occurred in thinking about why violence occurs, and where intervention points might lie. In exploring the occurrence of violence, researchers have recognized the tendency for violent acts to cluster, to spread from place to place, and to mutate from one type to another. Furthermore, violent acts are often preceded or followed by other violent acts. In the field of public health, such a process has also been seen in the infectious disease model, in which an agent or vector initiates a specific biological pathway leading to symptoms of disease and infectivity. The agent transmits from

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individual to individual, and levels of the disease in the population above the baseline constitute an epidemic. Although violence does not have a readily observable biological agent as an initiator, it can follow similar epidemiological pathways. On April 30-May 1, 2012, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Forum on Global Violence Prevention convened a workshop to explore the contagious nature of violence. Part of the Forum's mandate is to engage in multisectoral, multidirectional dialogue that explores crosscutting, evidence-based approaches to violence prevention, and the Forum has convened four workshops to this point exploring various elements of violence prevention. The workshops are designed to examine such approaches from multiple perspectives and at multiple levels of society. In particular, the workshop on the contagion of violence focused on exploring the epidemiology of the contagion, describing possible processes and mechanisms by which violence is transmitted, examining how contextual factors mitigate or exacerbate the issue. Contagion of Violence: Workshop Summary covers the major topics that arose during the 2-day workshop. It is organized by important elements of the infectious disease model so as to present the contagion of violence in a larger context and in a more compelling and comprehensive way.

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