Celebrations of Curious Characters

By Ricky Jay
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Celebrations of Curious Characters by Ricky Jay is Games This is an audio-enhanced edition (exclusive to iTunes) featuring Ricky’s original radio recordings. Celebrations of Curious Characters cracks open the personal vaults of Ricky Jay—raconteur, historian, and one of the world’s great sleight-of-hand artists—exposing a wonderful world of amusing and arcane knowledge. Adapted from his popular radio series “Jay’s Journal of the Air,” Celebrations of Curious Characters features one-page anecdotes of mind-bending performers (limbless jugglers, banjo-picking birds, Anglo-Texan saxophone-playing siamese twins) paired with engravings, mezzotints, and broadsheets from the author’s remarkable collection. You’ll find engaging vignettes on a daunting variety of topics: musical prodigies, cannon-ball catchers, conmen, card cheats, and performing politicians. Plus, a man who made a model of Lincoln Cathedral out of 1,000,800 bottle corks; a woman continuously pregnant for six-and-a-half years; a theatrical strong man who became the world’s leading Egyptologist; and a healthy number of digressions on time, money, and the argot of thieves. “Never, I repeat never, in the annals of entertainment has one man devoted himself more dutifully, studied more scrupulously, and documented so diligently these bizarre and astonishing feats of physical and mental derring-do than the man they call ‘America's Scholar of the Unusual’—magician, author, bon vivant, raconteur, prestidigitator extraordinaire, and a personal friend to whom I no longer owe a favor—Ricky Jay.” —Steve Martin “Gorgeously illustrated with engravings and broadsheets from the author's own collection, bringing to life stories that are touching, meticulous, and like their author, appealing to the oddball in all of us.” —GQ “His knowledge of the con is encyclopedic, heroically Johnsonian... Jay takes cool glee, not just in the oddities he describes, but in the raffish elegance of the language he conjures.” —Los Angeles Times

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By : Daniel González & Javier Moreno
Handsome art book for Clippox Exodus, an action adventure game in a 2D Universe of handmade illustrations, with fantasy aesthetics, in a jungle full of dangers. The book is packed with concept art for characters, creatures, environments, and props. There are a few sketches but most are just gorgeous fully coloured designs. For more information about the Game: http://www.gametopia.es/clippox
Shogi Japan's Game of Strategy

By : Trevor Leggett

Master the game of Japanese Chess—or shogi with this easy to follow shogi guide. The game of shogi is a chess-like game of strategy long played in Japan. This book is the ultimate strategy guide on shogi for beginners and experienced players alike. The step-by-step instructions an easy to follow diagrams lead the reader through the strategies and intricacies of one of Japan's most popular war games. The book includes explanations of: The shogi board The moves of the different pieces The effective use of the various pieces in game situations The use of "paratroopers" (pieces captured from an opponent) Defenses against attacks The relative value of each of the pieces A sample game and commentary various possible openings and their results How to read a Japanese score The books author, Trevor Leggett, head of Japanese-language broadcasts for the BBC, is an expert guide, holding a rank of fourth dan in shogi making him the ideal teacher for a Western audience.

The Aesthetics of Videogame Sound

By : William Robinson

Despite the continuing success of the videogame industry academic writing on the medium is still in its infancy, especially regarding videogame sound. This book seeks to highlight some of the different aesthetic qualities of videogame sound, exploring how the technical limitations of the past have helped to shape a ‘videogame style’, and the medium’s use of sound as narrative, setting and information. How these aesthetic approaches work in videogame sound is important in understanding how they create immersion and offer a unique and rewarding gameplay experience.

ルフランの地下迷宮と魔女の旅団 公式設定資料集

By : æ£­æ¬­æ­å£ãŒãŠã¢ & あー

ドロニアやルカなどのメインキャラクターはもちろん、人形兵および敵モンスターを本書のメインビジュアルとして、設定ラフなどとともに紹介していく公式設定資料集です。各キャラクターには、それぞれ設定にまつわる開発者コメントを付け、魅力的なキャラクターの成り立ちに迫ります。ラフー初期イラストー調整イラストー着彩イラストといった制作過程を公開しているキャラクターもあり、本書でしか見られない極秘資料は必見です。また、キャラクターだけではなくゲーム背景のイメージボード・ラフ、完成画、敵モンスター等も掲載し、本作品の世界観を余すところなく網羅しています。本書カバーはキャラクターデザインを担当する原田たけひと氏による描き下ろしイラストです。

Carnets de bridge

By : David Johnson

Au bridge, le principe de l’impasse est une technique du jeu de la carte assez simple à comprendre. Elle consiste à jouer une carte depuis une main (que celle-ci soit le déclarant ou le mort) vers une fourchette située en face. Cette technique est si simple à comprendre que tous les débutants que nous sommes encore ou avons été un jour l’emploient ! Mais, si l’on cherche à progresser dans ses techniques du jeu de la carte, on découvre très vite que l’impasse est beaucoup plus complexe, beaucoup plus fine et finalement beaucoup plus «savoureuse» qu’il n’y parait au premier abord. En effet : quand est-il opportun de tenter une impasse ? si deux impasses sont possibles, dans quel ordre les tenter ? quelle carte faut-il présenter ? quelle carte de la fourchette faut-il mettre ? etc.. L’ambition de cet ouvrage est de vous faire découvrir certains de ces aspects moins connus sur les impasses.

Texas Hold'em - Poker mit System 2

By : Eike Adler

Darts Finishing Mastery: The 7 Pillars of Darts

By: Jim Chatterton

There are 7 critical numbers that are so strategically important that there is a book dedicated to them. Every Darts Player should be aware of these “Pillar” numbers, and utilize them in their finishing strategy. Once learned, they will take your finishing to new heights, and give you a massive advantage over your opponents. If you are a player that has aspirations of reaching the business ends of tournaments on a regular basis then this book is for you. This is a book that simply has to be in every Darts Player’s library.

Texas Hold 'Em

By: Chronicle Books

Poker is 10% luck, 90% psychology. This illustrated guide to Texas Hold 'Em, the world’s most popular poker game, gives players the strategy and skills they need to make some cold, hard cash. An essential companion for any poker night, online tournament, or casino trip, this quick-reference manual allows players to keep vital tips and tactics close at hand. Accessible to beginners and enlightening to poker devotees, Texas Hold 'Em belongs in the hands of anyone with a stack of cards and a competitive spirit.

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By: HSE Strategies

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Tactics Training - Mikhail Tal

By: Frank Erwich

This tactics training book gives you the opportunity to get in the shoes of the most famous attacking player of all time. It offers one hundred training exercises in positions the former World Champion turned in his favour. Can you be as imaginative as Mikhail Tal was? Mikhail Tal (1936-1992) was the 8th World Champion in the history of chess. In 1960 he defeated Mikhail Botvinnik in a World Championship match by 12,5-8,5. At that moment the 'Magician from Riga' was 23 years old, and he became the youngest World Champion ever.
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