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*Beeld en verbeelding* Singel Uitgeverijen

The creator of the incredibly popular webcomic xkcd presents his heavily researched answers to his fans' oddest questions, including "What if I took a swim in a spent-nuclear-fuel pool?" and "Could you build a jetpack using downward-firing machine guns?" 100,000 first printing.

*Prognostica* Valancourt Books

A #1 international bestseller in the vein of Fredrik Backman's *A Man Called Ove*: a funny and tender-hearted tale about friendship, love, and an old man who is young at heart. Technically speaking, Hendrik Groen is....elderly. But at age 83 1/4, this feisty, indomitable curmudgeon has no plans to go out quietly. Bored of weak tea and potted geraniums, exasperated by the indignities of aging, Hendrik has decided to rebel - on his own terms. He begins writing an exposé: secretly recording the antics of day-to-day life in his retirement home, where he refuses to take himself, or his fellow "inmates," too seriously. With an eccentric group of friends, he founds the wickedly anarchic Old-But-Not-Dead Club, and he and his best friend, Evert, gleefully stir up trouble, enraging the home's humorless director and turning themselves into unlikely heroes. And when a sweet and sassy widow moves in next door, he polishes his shoes, grooms what's left of his hair, and determines to savor every ounce of joy in the time he has left, with

hilarious and tender consequences. A bestselling phenomenon that has captured imaginations around the world, *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen* is inspiring, charming, and laugh-out-loud funny with a deep and poignant core: a page-turning delight for readers of any age.

**Weerbarstig veranderen** Eburon Uitgeverij B.V.

From the No. 1 bestselling author of *What If?* - the man who created xkcd and explained the laws of science with cartoons - comes a series of brilliantly simple diagrams ('blueprints' if you want to be complicated about it) that show how important things work: from the nuclear bomb to the biro. It's good to know what the parts of a thing are called, but it's much more interesting to know what they do. Richard Feynman once said that if you can't explain something to a first-year student, you don't really get it. In *Thing Explainer*, Randall Munroe takes a quantum leap past this: he explains things using only drawings and a vocabulary of just our 1,000 (or the ten hundred) most common words. Many of the things we use every day - like our food-heating radio boxes ('microwaves'), our very tall roads ('bridges'), and our computer rooms ('datacentres') - are strange to us. So are the other worlds around our sun (the solar system), the big flat rocks we live on (tectonic plates), and even the stuff inside us (cells). Where do these things come from? How do they work? What do they look like if you open them up? And what would happen if we heated them up, cooled them down, pointed them in a different direction, or pressed this button? In *Thing Explainer*, Munroe gives us the answers to these questions and many, many more. Funny, interesting, and always understandable, this book is for anyone -- age 5 to 105 -- who has ever wondered how things work, and why.

*The Coming of Joachim Stiller (Valancourt International)* John Murray Press

Does just thinking about the laws of motion make your head spin? Does studying electricity short your circuits? Do the complexities of thermodynamics cool your enthusiasm? Thanks to this book, you don't have to be Einstein to understand physics. As you read about Newton's Laws, Kepler's Laws, Hooke's Law, Ohm's Law, and others, you'll appreciate the For Dummies law: The easier we make it, the faster people understand it and the more they enjoy it! Whether you're taking a class, helping kids with homework, or trying to find out how the world works, this book helps you understand basic physics. It covers: Measurements, units, and significant figures Forces such as displacement, speed, and acceleration Vectors and physics notation Motion, energy, and waves (sound, light, wave-particle) Solids, liquids, and gases Thermodynamics Electromagnetism Relativity Atomic and nuclear structures Steven Holzner, Ph.D. earned his B.S. at MIT and his Ph.D. at Cornell, where he taught Physics 101 and 102 for over 10 years. He livens things up with cool physics facts, real-world examples, and simple experiments that will heighten your enthusiasm for physics and science. The book ends with some out-of-this world physics that will set your mind in motion: The possibility of wormholes in space The Big Bang How the gravitational pull of black holes is too strong for even light to escape May the Force be with you!

[Vrij Nederland](#) Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

Freek Groenevelt is a mild-mannered journalist who values his peace and quiet above all else. But his orderly life is suddenly upended by the intrusion of a mysterious figure calling himself Joachim Stiller, who seems in insidious ways to be controlling Freek's life and destiny. It starts with an enigmatic letter - impossibly postmarked before Freek was even born - and as a series of bizarre and possibly supernatural phenomena ensues, Freek becomes obsessed with the question: Who is Joachim Stiller? With the help of a beautiful mathematician and a dealer in occult books, Freek tries to solve the riddle, but none of them will be prepared for the final revelation of the shocking truth! One of the great classics of 20th-century Flemish literature and a founding text of Flemish magical realism, Hubert Lampo's internationally acclaimed *The Coming of Joachim Stiller* (1960) has been published in fifteen languages and is now available at last in an outstanding new English version by award-winning translator Paul Vincent.

**Lantèrnu** Eburon Uitgeverij B.V.

Randall Munroe describes xkcd as a webcomic of romance, sarcasm, math, and language. While it's practically required reading in the geek community, xkcd fans are as varied as the comic's subject matter. This book creates laughs from science jokes on one page to relationship humor on another. xkcd: volume 0 is the first book from the immensely popular webcomic with a passionate readership (just Google "xkcd meetup"). The artist selected personal and fan favorites from his first 600 comics. It was lovingly assembled from high-resolution original scans of the comics (the mouseover text is discreetly included), and features a lot of doodles, notes, and puzzles in the margins. The book is published by Breadpig, which donates all of the publisher profits from this book to Room to Read for promoting literacy in the developing world.

**VNO NCW forum voor ondernemend Nederland** John Wiley & Sons

Uitgebreide interviews met bekende Nederlandse opinieleiders over de multi-etnische samenleving in Nederland.

[Hutspot Holland](#) Spectrum

Randall Munroe is . . . 'Nerd royalty' Ben Goldacre 'Totally brilliant' Tim Harford 'Laugh-out-loud funny' Bill Gates 'Wonderful' Neil Gaiman AN INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER For any task you might want to do, there's a right way, a wrong way, and a way so monumentally bad that no one would ever try it. *How To* is a guide to the third kind of approach. It's full of highly impractical advice for everything from landing a plane to digging a hole. Bestselling author and cartoonist Randall Munroe explains how to predict the weather by analyzing the pixels of your Facebook photos. He teaches you how to tell if you're a baby boomer or a millennial by measuring the radioactivity of your teeth. He offers tips for taking a selfie with a telescope, crossing a river by boiling it, and getting to your appointments on time by destroying the moon. And if you want to get rid of this book once you're done with it, he walks you through your options for proper disposal, including dissolving it in the ocean, converting it to a vapour, using tectonic plates to subduct it into the Earth's mantle, or launching it into the sun. By exploring the most complicated ways to do simple tasks, Munroe doesn't just make things difficult for himself and his readers. As he did so brilliantly in *What If?*, he invites us to explore the most absurd reaches of the possible. Full of clever infographics and amusing illustrations, *How To* is a delightfully mind-bending way to better understand the science and technology underlying the things we do every day.

[Factfulness](#) Van Haren

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "One of the most important books I've ever read—an indispensable guide to thinking clearly about the world." – Bill Gates "Hans Rosling tells the story of 'the secret silent miracle of human progress' as only he can. But *Factfulness* does much more than that. It also explains why progress is so often secret and silent and teaches readers how to see it clearly." —Melinda Gates "*Factfulness* by Hans Rosling, an outstanding international public health expert, is a hopeful book about the potential for human progress when we work off facts rather than our inherent biases." - Former U.S. President Barack Obama *Factfulness: The stress-reducing habit of only carrying opinions for which you have strong supporting facts.* When asked simple questions about global trends—what percentage of the world's population live in poverty; why the world's population is increasing; how many girls finish school—we systematically get the answers wrong. So wrong that a chimpanzee choosing answers at random will consistently outguess teachers, journalists, Nobel laureates, and investment bankers. In *Factfulness*, Professor of International Health and global TED phenomenon Hans Rosling, together with his two long-time collaborators, Anna and Ola, offers a radical new explanation of why this happens. They reveal the ten instincts that distort our perspective—from our tendency to divide the world into two camps (usually some version of us and them) to the way we consume media (where fear rules) to how we perceive progress (believing that most things are getting worse). Our problem is that we don't know what we don't know, and even our guesses are informed by unconscious and predictable biases. It turns out that the world, for all its imperfections, is in a much better state than we might think. That doesn't mean there aren't real concerns. But when we worry about everything all the time instead of embracing a worldview based on facts, we can lose our ability to focus on the things that threaten us most. Inspiring and revelatory, filled with lively anecdotes and moving stories, *Factfulness* is an urgent and essential book that will change the way you see the world

and empower you to respond to the crises and opportunities of the future. --- "This book is my last battle in my life-long mission to fight devastating ignorance...Previously I armed myself with huge data sets, eye-opening software, an energetic learning style and a Swedish bayonet for sword-swallowing. It wasn't enough. But I hope this book will be." Hans Rosling, February 2017.

**A.A.G. bijdragen** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

A fresh, inviting text on the content of Christian faith in our contemporary context This one-volume systematic theology presents an accessible, orthodox overview of the Christian faith for students, teachers, pastors, and serious lay readers. Cornelis van der Kooi and Gijsbert van den Brink not only cover all the traditional themes-creation, sin, Jesus Christ, Scripture, and so on-but also relate those classical themes to contemporary developments like Pentecostalism, postfoundationalism, and evolutionary theory. Consisting of sixteen chapters, the book is ideal for classroom use. Each chapter begins with engaging questions and a statement of learning goals and concludes with a list of recommended further reading. Written in a student-friendly tone and style and expertly translated and edited, van der Kooi and van den Brink's *Christian Dogmatics* splendidly displays the real, practical relevance of theology to the complexities of our world today.

[De Sociale gids voor Nederland](#) Xkcd

Aan de actualiteit en de urgentie van het klimaatprobleem gaat de geschiedenis van de klimaatwetenschap vooraf. Dat fascinerende verhaal, van de eerste, prille bevindingen tot recente onrustbarende inzichten wordt uit de doeken gedaan door klimaatblogger Hans Custers. Hij gaat in op de technische kant van de klimaatwetenschap en vertelt over de ontstaansgeschiedenis ervan. De theorie van warmte beschrijft op een heel toegankelijke manier de onderzoeken van harde werkers, diepe denkers en brutale bluffers en hun briljante ingevingen, toevalstreffers, en kleine stapjes voor- én achteruit. Het is een geschiedenis vol twijfels, conflicten en tegenstrijdigheden – én traag voortschrijdend inzicht in een complex en wereldomspannend vraagstuk. Een onmisbaar boek over een van de meest prangende kwesties van nu.

[Neerlandica extra muros](#) John Murray

From the brains behind the New York Times' bestseller, *The Book of General Ignorance* comes another wonderful collection of the most outrageous, fascinating, and mind-bending facts, taking on the hugely popular form of the first book in the internationally bestselling series. Just when you thought that it was safe to start showing off again, John Lloyd and John Mitchinson are back with another busload of mistakes and misunderstandings. Here is a new collection of simple, perfectly obvious questions you'll be quite certain you know the answers to. Whether it's history, science, sports, geography, literature, language, medicine, the classics, or common wisdom, you'll be astonished to discover that everything you thought you knew is still hopelessly wrong. For example, do you know who made the first airplane flight? How many legs does an octopus have? How much water should you drink every day? What is the chance of tossing a coin and it landing on heads? What happens if you leave a tooth in a glass of Coke overnight? What is house dust mostly made from? What was the first dishwasher built to do? What color are oranges? Who in the world is most likely to kill you? Whatever your answers to the questions above, you can be sure that everything you think you know is wrong. *The Second Book of General Ignorance* is the essential text for everyone who knows they don't know everything, and an ideal stick with which to beat people who think they do.

[Thing Explainer](#) Flatiron Books

De langverwachte opvolger van de wereldwijde bestseller *Wat als?* 'Er is vrijwel geen vraag zo gek of er schuilt fascinerende wetenschap achter.'

Trouw De talloze *Wat als?*-lezers over de hele wereld hebben nog steeds prangende vragen, en die vragen worden almaar gekker. Gelukkig schiet xkcd-bedenker Randall Munroe ons te hulp met *Wat als?* 2.0. Ben je van plan om via een brandweerpaal van de maan terug naar aarde te glijden? Het moeilijkste zit 'm in de landing. Wil je global warming tegengaan door overal ter wereld tegelijkertijd alle koelkasten open te zetten? Misschien wordt het dan tijd voor een snelcursus thermodynamica. En ben je benieuwd wat er gebeurt als je aan een helikopterblad gaat hangen, een gebouw van een miljard verdiepingen zou bouwen, een lavalamp van lava zou maken of op een geiser gaat staan op het moment van uitbarsting? Nou vooruit, omdat je het vraagt. Raadpleeg deze praktische gids voor onpraktische ideeën voordat je een kosmische roadtrip maakt, de inwoners van New York aan een T. rex voert of elke kerk ter wereld met bananen vult. Op basis van de meest recente onderzoeken over alles van schommelfysica tot luchtvaartkatapulten beantwoordt Munroe de meest bizarre vragen – uiteraard met behulp van verhelderende (en soms angstaanjagende) illustraties. En hij toont aan dat het enorm leerzaam is om te onderzoeken hoe de wereld werkt in de meest extreme, bizarre situaties. Randall Munroe is de auteur van de #1 New York Times-bestsellers *Wat als?*, *Hoe dan?* en *Dingen uitlegger* en bedenker van de wetenschappelijke vraag- en antwoordblog *What if?* en de populaire webcomic *xkcd*. In 2006 verliet hij zijn baan als robotwetenschapper bij NASA om fulltime striptekenaar te worden. Over *Wat als?*: 'Biljant.' Bill Gates 'Continu fascinerend en vermakelijk.' *The Wall Street Journal* 'Verplichte kost voor nieuwsgierigen.' *Popular Science*

[De theorie van warmte](#) Crown

De kleine prinses heeft in *De kleine prinses* maakt projectmanagement stoer - bewezen dat ze door haar onbevangen houding in staat is om lastige projecten te managen. Op basis van deze reputatie vraagt professor Wijsman, een vriend van haar voormalige opdrachtgever Otto de Graaf, haar om een uit de hand gelopen project verder te leiden, Project C. De kleine prinses voert opnieuw gesprekken met haar grote broer Bas Berend, professor Wijsman en neef Arthur en komt tot inzichten op het gebied van de chaostheorie en chaordische projecten, Rijnlands versus Angelsaksisch, werken op basis van vertrouwen en nog meer. Ze laat zien hoe je een project kunt leiden door het los te laten, in plaats van meer te structureren. Door de ogen van de prinses biedt dit inzicht in de dilemma's van moderne projectmanagers. Aan het eind van dit sprookje slaagt de prinses erin om Project C tot een succesvol resultaat te leiden door het verweven van deze nieuwe inzichten met traditionele denkwijzen.

[Europa van morgen](#) Hachette UK

*Nederlands tijdschrift voor de psychologie en haar grensgebieden*

[Tales of the tip](#)

LANS

*Verlag der handelingen der Staten-Generaal*

*Nederlands tijdschrift voor natuurkunde*