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Wanted! Ralfy Rabbit, Book Burglar - Emily MacKenzie 2015-08-13

Some rabbits dream about lettuces and carrots, others dream of flowering meadows and juicy dandelions, but Ralfy dreams only of books. In fact, he doesn't just dream about them, he wants to read them ALL THE TIME. Soon his obsession sends him spiralling into a life of crime! A wonderfully funny story from a talented new author/illustrator. Brilliantly read by Lenny Henry. Please note that audio is not supported by all devices, please consult your user manual for confirmation.

Bye Bye Baby - Allan Ahlberg 2019-05-02

The story of a baby who is sad and sets off one day in search of a mummy. He meets a cat, a teddy, a clockwork hen and an uncle who all refuse to be his mummy but offer to help him in his search. They find a lady who has no baby and she agrees to be the baby's mummy. They all have tea together and uncle reads a story about a baby who had no daddy and this leads to another search until finally a daddy is found too! *Burglar Bill and Other Pieces* - 1889

My Worst Book Ever - Allan Ahlberg 2018-04-17

A book about all the things that can go wrong when you try to write one, by the picture-book dream team that produced *The Pencil* and *Hooray for Bread* Picture books are such good fun and so is making them— but who knew there were so many things that could go wrong? This is the story of a picture book doomed from the very start. Allan has a good idea for a book about a crocodile, but every time he sits down to write, he's interrupted. The manuscript gets soaked in coffee, nibbled by snails, and when Bruce gets started on the pictures, he gets overexcited and draws a hippo, not a crocodile, at which point the publishers get overexcited too—they want a dinosaur and experiment with all kinds of different fonts. Allan and Bruce finally think they've straightened things out, when the book goes off to the printer and—you guessed it—the trouble really starts. *My Worst Book Ever* is a clever and amusing introduction to the process of writing books for children, and they—along with their parents—will be delighted to see how hilariously wrong Allan and Bruce's book turns out.

Jeremiah in the Dark Woods - Janet Ahlberg 1978

A little boy sets out to find the thief of his grandmother's strawberry tarts and meets a number of unusual characters on his search.

Oxford Studies in Epistemology - Tamar Gendler 2015

This work is a major biennial volume offering a regular snapshot of state-of-the-art work in this important field of epistemology. Topics addressed in Volume 5 include knowledge of abstracta, the nature of evidential support, epistemic and rational norms, fallibilism, closure principles, disagreement, the analysis of knowledge, and a priori justification. Papers make use of a variety different tools and insights, including those of formal epistemology and decision theory, as well as traditional philosophical analysis and argumentation

Fallibilism: Evidence and Knowledge - Jessica Brown 2018-04-05

What strength of evidence is required for knowledge? Ordinarily, we often claim to know something on the basis of evidence which doesn't guarantee its truth. For instance, one might claim to know that one sees a crow on the basis of visual experience even though having that experience does not guarantee that there is a crow (it might be a rook, or one might be dreaming). As a result, those wanting to avoid philosophical scepticism have standardly embraced "fallibilism": one can know a proposition on the basis of evidence that supports it even if the evidence doesn't guarantee its truth. Despite this, there's been a persistent temptation to endorse "infallibilism", according to which knowledge requires evidence that guarantees truth. For doesn't it sound contradictory to simultaneously claim to know and admit the possibility of error? Infallibilism is undergoing a contemporary renaissance. Furthermore, recent infallibilists make the surprising claim that they can avoid scepticism. Jessica Brown presents a fresh examination of the debate between these two positions. She argues that infallibilists can avoid scepticism only at the cost of problematic commitments concerning

evidence and evidential support. Further, she argues that alleged objections to fallibilism are not compelling. She concludes that we should be fallibilists. In doing so, she discusses the nature of evidence, evidential support, justification, blamelessness, closure for knowledge, defeat, epistemic akrasia, practical reasoning, concessive knowledge attributions, and the threshold problem.

Choice Dialect for Reading and Recitation - Charles Chalmers Shoemaker 1887

The Baby's Catalogue Frieze - Janet Ahlberg 1993

The Alphabet Thief - Bill Richardson 2017-03-01

The alphabet thief stole all of the B's, and all of the bowls became owls... When night falls, along comes a peculiar thief who steals each letter of the alphabet, creating a topsy-turvy world as she goes. It seems that no one can stop her, until the Z's finally send her to sleep so that all the other letters can scamper back to where they belong. Bill Richardson's zany rhymes and Roxanna Bikadoroff's hilarious illustrations will delight young readers with the silly fun they can have with language — and may even inspire budding young writers and artists to create their own word games.

The Cinderella Show - Janet Ahlberg 2004-10

A charming and funny behind-the-scenes view of Town End Primary School's Christmas production of Cinderella. This speaks directly to anyone who's ever been in or watched a children's school play, from the pride a mother takes in her son (My Eric's the clock, y' know) to the drama of faulty props. Janet Ahlberg's black and white illustrations are exquisite and Allan's observations of school life are spot on.

Spunky Little Monkey - Bill Martin Jr. 2017-01-03

Sleepy little monkey won't get out of bed. Mama called the Doctor and the Doctor said: "Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Gooseberry Pies -- Monkey needs some exercise!" Sleepy little monkeys everywhere will clap, stomp, shake, and cheer -- while chanting this rhythmic, energetic dance song based on a popular playground game. And as they move their heads, hands, hips, and feet -- everyone will be bursting with clapping energy -- and ready to start a new day! With humor, high energy, and Bill Martin Jr's trademark rhythm and rhyme, young readers will learn to name parts of the body. And the book makes a perfect exercise warm-up to start off a busy day of school!

Burglar Bill Teacher Resource - Sara Stanley 2009-05-01

NEW READ AND RESPOND BURGLAR BILL provides teachers with all the resources they need to teach this classic children's story. Notes and activities reflect the way that teachers teach now and include shared texts, guided reading notes, reading activities, speaking and listening activities, writing projects and assessment guidance.

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Kicking a Ball - Allan Ahlberg 2014-06-05

For anyone who can't see a ball without wanting to kick it, head it, shoot it, or boot it! 'Not eating an ice-cream Or riding a bike No - kicking a ball Is what I like.' 'What I like best, yes, most of all in my whole life is . . . kicking a ball. A wonderful rhyming story, with narration by Allan Ahlberg himself, *Kicking A Ball* will not disappoint. First written as a poem, the little boy in the story has been brought to life perfectly by artist Sebastien Braun. Every parent will be able to immediately relate to the simple joy felt by a boy simply kicking a ball, and how there is nothing else quite like it. The incomparable Allan Ahlberg takes us on a journey from childhood to fatherhood full of humour, warmth, friendship . . . and football.

Punch - Henry Mayhew 1925

Burglar Bill, and Other Pieces for the Use of the Young Reciter. With Introduction, Remarks, and Stage-directions - F Anstey 2018-02-06

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The Burglar Who Liked to Quote Kipling - Lawrence Block 2009-10-13
Bernie Rhodenbarr has gone legit -- almost -- as the new owner of a used bookstore in New York's Greenwich Village. Of course, dusty old tomes don't always turn a profit, so to make ends meet, Bernie's forced, on occasion, to indulge in his previous occupation: burglary. Besides which, he likes it. Now a collector is offering Bernie an opportunity to combine his twin passions by stealing a very rare and very bad book-length poem from a rich man's library. The heist goes off without a hitch. The delivery of the ill-gotten volume, however, is a different story. Drugged by the client's female go-between, Bernie wakes up in her apartment to find the book gone, the lady dead, a smoking gun in his hand, and the cops at the door. And suddenly he's got to extricate himself from a rather sticky real-life murder mystery and find a killer -- before he's booked for Murder One.

The Boyhood of Burglar Bill - Allan Ahlberg 2008-03-06

Coronation Year, 1953, and in Oldbury a Coronation football competition is organized. The boys from the bottom pitch get a team up, but there's no chance they'll win, of course. They're just the odds and sods - one of them is even a girl - but they're all football crazy and ready and eager to beat off the opposition. A funny and moving story of football and friendship in a world when the streets were full of kids and empty of cars. Not only for boys - and girls - of 9+, there's a real pull of nostalgia for adults as well. And, of course, for all lovers of football, whether on the pitch or in the park.

The Ha Ha Bonk Book - Janet Ahlberg 1982-03-25

Laughter guaranteed with *The Ha Ha Bonk Book* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg - jam-packed with brilliant jokes to tell your dad, your mum, your baby brother, your teacher and anybody else you can think of, such as: What goes ha ha bonk? A man laughing his head off. and What goes 99 bonk? A centipede with a wooden leg and What goes putt, putt, putt, putt, putt, putt, putt, putt, putt? A bad golfer and lots more besides! This is an all-time classic favourite joke book for all the family to enjoy. Allan Ahlberg - a former teacher, postman, plumber's mate and gravedigger - is in the super-league of children's writers with sales exceeding 17 million and library borrowings of 13 million. In collaboration with his late wife, Janet, he has published many enduring titles, among them *Each Peach Pear Plum*, *Peepo!*, *Burglar Bill* and *The Jolly Postman*. In addition he has written novels, collections of stories, sets of easy-readers and joke books.

"B" is for Burglar - Sue Grafton 2010-04-01

B is for Burglar, from Sue Grafton's #1 New York Times bestselling Kinsey Millhone Alphabet mystery series Beverly Danziger looked like an expensive, carefully wrapped package from a good but conservative shop. Only her compulsive chatter hinted at the nervousness beneath her cool surface. It was a nervousness out of all proportion to the problem she placed before Kinsey Millhone. There was an absent sister. A will to be settled--a matter of only a few thousand dollars. Mrs. Danziger did not look as if she needed a few thousand dollars. And she didn't seem like someone longing for a family reunion. Still, business was slow, and even a private investigator has bills to pay. Millhone took the job. It looked routine. Elaine Boldt's wrappings were a good deal flashier than her sister's, but they signaled the same thing: The lady had money. A rich widow in her early forties, she owned a condo in Boca Raton and another in Santa Teresa. According to the manager of the California building, she was last seen draped in her \$12,000 lynx coat heading for Boca Raton. According to the manager of the Florida building, she never got there. But someone else had and she was camping out illegally in Mrs. Boldt's apartment. The job was beginning to seem a bit less routine. It turned tricky when Beverly Danziger ordered Millhone to drop the case and it

took on an ominous quality when Aubrey Danziger surfaced, making all kinds of wild accusations about his wife. But it only became sinister when Millhone learned that just days before Elaine Boldt went missing, her next-door neighbor and bridge partner had been murdered and the killer was still at large. A house destroyed by arson. A brutally murdered a woman. A missing lynx coat. An apartment burgled of valueless papers, another ransacked in a melée of mindless destruction. And more murder. As Millhone digs deeper into the case, she finds herself in a nightmarish hall of mirrors in which reality is distorted by illusion and nothing--except danger--is quite what it seems. "A" Is for Alibi "B" Is for Burglar "C" Is for Corpse "D" Is for Deadbeat "E" Is for Evidence "F" Is for Fugitive "G" Is for Gumshoe "H" Is for Homicide "I" Is for Innocent "J" Is for Judgment "K" Is for Killer "L" is for Lawless "M" Is for Malice "N" Is for Noose "O" Is for Outlaw "P" Is for Peril "Q" Is for Quarry "R" Is for Ricochet "S" Is for Silence "T" Is for Trespass "U" Is for Undertow "V" Is for Vengeance "W" Is for Wasted "X"

The Mighty Dynamo - Kieran Crowley 2016-09-20

More than anything, Noah Murphy wants to be a professional soccer player—and participating in the Schools' World Cup qualifiers might be just what he needs to get scouted. But when he's suspiciously banned from his school team for something he didn't even do, all his dreams come crashing down. Determined to live up to his Mighty Dynamo nickname, Noah must find his own way to enter the contest no matter what it takes. With his best friend Stevie on tactics, and the skills of some unlikely new teammates, he's soon ready to take on the world—just as long as no one plays foul.

Burglar Bill - Allan Ahlberg 2012-05-28

This eBook has been optimised for viewing on colour devices. Everything in *Burglar Bill*'s life is stolen, from the toast, marmalade and coffee he has for breakfast to the bed he sleeps in. One night when he is out burgling, he comes across a box with holes in the lid on a doorstep. He picks it up of course and when he gets home he discovers, to his horror, that he has stolen a baby. He and the baby muddle along together until one night he is disturbed by a burglar - Burglar Betty. She is the mother of Burglar Bill's baby. Bill and Betty decide to reform and live honest lives; they return all the stolen goods, get married and live happily ever after!

Blow Me Down! - Allan Ahlberg 1990-05

Basic Beginners. Speed Level 4 (80 wpm). The easiest of easy readers - and the funniest! "Children fortunate enough to encounter this dotty reading scheme have been found banging on the bookcase and shouting for more." All have very basic text.

Confessions of a Master Jewel Thief - Bill Mason 2005-04-12

The extraordinarily captivating memoir of the remarkable jewel thief who robbed the rich and the famous while maintaining an outwardly conventional life—an astonishing and completely true story, the like of which has never before been told . . . or lived. Bill Mason is arguably the greatest jewel thief who ever lived. During a thirty-year career he charmed his way into the inner circles of high society and stole more than \$35 million worth of fabulous jewels from such celebrities as Robert Goulet, Armand Hammer, Phyllis Diller, Bob Hope, Truman Capote, Margaux Hemingway and Johnny Weissmuller—he even hit the Mafia. Along the way he seduced a high-profile Midwest socialite into leaving her prominent industrialist husband, nearly died after being shot during a robbery, tricked both Christie's and Sotheby's into fencing stolen goods for him and was a fugitive for five years and the object of a nationwide manhunt. Yet despite the best efforts of law enforcement authorities from several states as well as the federal government, he spent less than three years total in prison. Shadowy, elusive and intensely private, Mason has been the subject of many magazine and newspaper features, but no journalist has ever come close to knowing the facts. Now, in his own words and with no holds barred, he reveals everything, and the real story is far more incredible than any of the reporters, detectives or FBI agents who pursued Mason ever imagined. *Confessions of a Master Jewel Thief*, expertly co-written by bestselling author Lee Gruenfeld, is a unique true-crime confessional.

Cops and Robbers - Janet Ahlberg 1999

On Christmas Eve while children sleep, the scalliwag robbers prowl and creep. Who can catch them?

The Man Who Wore All His Clothes - Allan Ahlberg 2018-03

The first of Allan Ahlberg's mini-masterpieces for early readers, with striking illustrations by Katharine McEwen. Winner of the Red House Children's Book Award, this book is the first in a series of brilliantly funny early readers by Allan Ahlberg. One morning Mr Gaskitt puts on all his clothes, Mrs Gaskitt picks up a robber in her taxi, Gus and Gloria

have trouble with a teacher, Horace the cat goes to a friend's house to watch TV and the car radio gets things wrong. What follows is an action-packed, massively swift-paced and farcical romp as different plots interweave and end in a thrilling car chase with Mr Gaskitt saving the day! With lively illustrations by Katharine McEwen. "A delight from beginning to end. The pictures are outstanding and mark the advent of a really inspired illustrator." *The Financial Times* "Ahlberg's direct and funny storytelling style makes reading as near-effortless as possible." *Guardian* "Huge fun and ideal for early readers." *Independent on Sunday* [Burglar Bill](#) - Janet Ahlberg 1977-01-01

Burglar Bill decides to change his ways after he becomes a victim of burglary.

Peepo! - Allan Ahlberg 2011-09-01

Peepo! is the much-loved picture book classic by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. Peepo! is a modern classic that continues to delight generations of babies and toddlers and their parents. A perfect gift for new babies and parents, no home should be without a copy! Here's a little baby One, two three Standing in his cot What does he see? Praise for Peepo! 'The best book ever published for babies' - *Books for Your Children* 'Surely no one - baby, child or adult - could fail to enjoy Peepo!' - *Sunday Telegraph* 'A book to last a lifetime . . . this is a perfect book for sharing' - *Nursery World* Allan Ahlberg has published over 100 children's books and with his late wife Janet, created many award-winning children's picture books. *The Baby's Catalogue* was inspired by their daughter, Jessica. The Ahlbergs' books are nursery bookshelf standards and have been the recipient of worldwide acclaim and awards, including the Kate Greenaway Medal.

Infinite Jest - David Foster Wallace 2009-04-13

A gargantuan, mind-altering comedy about the Pursuit of Happiness in America Set in an addicts' halfway house and a tennis academy, and featuring the most endearingly screwed-up family to come along in recent fiction, *Infinite Jest* explores essential questions about what entertainment is and why it has come to so dominate our lives; about how our desire for entertainment affects our need to connect with other people; and about what the pleasures we choose say about who we are. Equal parts philosophical quest and screwball comedy, *Infinite Jest* bends every rule of fiction without sacrificing for a moment its own entertainment value. It is an exuberant, uniquely American exploration of the passions that make us human - and one of those rare books that renew the idea of what a novel can do. "The next step in fiction...Edgy, accurate, and darkly witty...Think Beckett, think Pynchon, think Gaddis. Think." --Sven Birkerts, *The Atlantic*

Burglar Bill - Janet Ahlberg 1999

Burglar Bill decides to change his way after he becomes a victim of burglary.

Mrs Wobble the Waitress - Allan Ahlberg 2017-06-01

Mrs Wobble LOVES her job as a waitress but, oh dear, there's one big problem - she wobbles!! And when she wobbles and wobbles and drops jelly everywhere, it's time for a new job! Luckily, Mr Wobble, and all the Wobble children have a cunning plan . . .

[Narrative](#) - Michael J Toolan 2013-11-05

Narrative explores a range of written, spoken, literary and non-literary narratives. It shows what systematic attention to language can reveal about the narratives themselves, their tellers, and those to whom they are addressed. Topics examined include plot structure, time manipulations, point of view, oral narratives and children's stories. This classic text has been substantially rewritten to incorporate recent developments in theory and new technologies, and to make it more usable as a course book. New materials include sections on film, surprise and suspense, and online news stories. The section on children's narratives has been updated, and the discussion of newspaper stories incorporates contemporary examples. There are new exercises which relate closely to the chapter content and new sections on further reading.

The Burglary - Betty Medsger 2014-01-07

The never-before-told full story of the history-changing break-in at the FBI office in Media, Pennsylvania, by a group of unlikely activists—quiet, ordinary, hardworking Americans—that made clear the shocking truth and confirmed what some had long suspected, that J. Edgar Hoover had created and was operating, in violation of the U.S. Constitution, his own shadow Bureau of Investigation. It begins in 1971 in an America being split apart by the Vietnam War . . . A small group of activists—eight men and women—the Citizens Commission to Investigate the FBI, inspired by Daniel Berrigan's rebellious Catholic peace movement, set out to use a more active, but nonviolent, method of civil disobedience to provide hard

evidence once and for all that the government was operating outside the laws of the land. The would-be burglars—nonpro's—were ordinary people leading lives of purpose: a professor of religion and former freedom rider; a day-care director; a physicist; a cab driver; an antiwar activist, a lock picker; a graduate student haunted by members of her family lost to the Holocaust and the passivity of German civilians under Nazi rule. Betty Medsger's extraordinary book re-creates in resonant detail how this group of unknowing thieves, in their meticulous planning of the burglary, scouted out the low-security FBI building in a small town just west of Philadelphia, taking into consideration every possible factor, and how they planned the break-in for the night of the long-anticipated boxing match between Joe Frazier (war supporter and friend to President Nixon) and Muhammad Ali (convicted for refusing to serve in the military), knowing that all would be fixated on their televisions and radios. Medsger writes that the burglars removed all of the FBI files and, with the utmost deliberation, released them to various journalists and members of Congress, soon upending the public's perception of the inviolate head of the Bureau and paving the way for the first overhaul of the FBI since Hoover became its director in 1924. And we see how the release of the FBI files to the press set the stage for the sensational release three months later, by Daniel Ellsberg, of the top-secret, seven-thousand-page Pentagon study on U.S. decision-making regarding the Vietnam War, which became known as the Pentagon Papers. At the heart of the heist—and the book—the contents of the FBI files revealing J. Edgar Hoover's "secret counterintelligence program" COINTELPRO, set up in 1956 to investigate and disrupt dissident political groups in the United States in order "to enhance the paranoia endemic in these circles," to make clear to all Americans that an FBI agent was "behind every mailbox," a plan that would discredit, destabilize, and demoralize groups, many of them legal civil rights organizations and antiwar groups that Hoover found offensive—as well as black power groups, student activists, antidraft protestors, conscientious objectors. The author, the first reporter to receive the FBI files, began to cover this story during the three years she worked for *The Washington Post* and continued her investigation long after she'd left the paper, figuring out who the burglars were, and convincing them, after decades of silence, to come forward and tell their extraordinary story. *The Burglary* is an important and riveting book, a portrait of the potential power of nonviolent resistance and the destructive power of excessive government secrecy and spying.

Baby's First Bank Heist - Jim Whalley 2019-03-19

Meet Baby Frank, the world's most unlikely criminal, as he masterminds his very own bank heist. Perfect for fans of *Boss Baby*. Move over, Bonnie and Clyde, because there's a new criminal mastermind in town . . . Baby Frank! He's the world's most unlikely criminal, but he's about to pull off the most daring baby bank heist ever. Why? To get money for a fluffy new pet, of course. This baby is dangerously cute and desperate for a pet. You have been warned . . .

The Burglar - Thomas Perry 2019-01-08

A cunning thief is on the run for her life in a breakneck thriller from the *New York Times*-bestselling "master of nail-biting suspense" (*Los Angeles Times*). Elle Stowell is a young woman with an unconventional profession: burglary. But Elle is no petty thief—with just the right combination of smarts, looks, and skills, she can easily stroll through ritzy Bel Air neighborhoods and pick out the perfect home for plucking the most valuable items. This is how Elle has always gotten by—she is good at it, and she thrives on the thrill. But after stumbling upon a grisly triple homicide while stealing from the home of a wealthy art dealer, Elle discovers that she is no longer the only one sneaking around. Somebody is searching for her. As Elle realizes that her knowledge of the high-profile murder has made her a target, she races to solve the case before becoming the next casualty, using her breaking-and-entering skills to uncover the truth about exactly who the victims were and why someone might have wanted them dead. With high-stakes action and shocking revelations, *The Burglar* will keep readers on the edge of their seats as they barrel towards the heart-racing conclusion. "The fact is, there are probably only half a dozen suspense writers now alive who can be depended upon to deliver high voltage shocks . . . Thomas Perry is one of them." —Stephen King

The Nonsense of Free Will - Richard Oerton 2018-11-30

Did Myra Hindley deserve to be punished? Does any criminal? Is belief in free will an essential foundation for morality, or an excuse for unwarranted cruelty? Is free will a myth and, if so, can we let go of it?

Funnybones - Allan Ahlberg 2017-09-07

A new edition of this beloved and bestselling Hallowe'en classic.

Description This is how the story begins. On a dark dark hill there was a dark dark town. In the dark dark town there was a dark dark street . . . Janet and Allan's frightfully funny Hallowe'en classic tells the story of three skeletons - a big skeleton, a little skeleton and a dog skeleton - who venture out of their cellar one night to find someone to scare, only to find that everyone is in bed. Who will they scare now?!

Burglar Bill - Paul Grist 2003

Desperate Networks - Bill Carter 2007-05-01

In the executive offices of the four major networks, sweeping changes are taking place and billions of dollars are at stake. Now Bill Carter, bestselling author of *The Late Shift*, goes behind the scenes to reveal the inner workings of the television industry, capturing the true portraits of the larger-than-life moguls and stars who make it such a cutthroat business. In a time of sweeping media change, the four major networks struggle for the attention of American viewers increasingly distracted by cable, video games, and the Internet. Behind boardroom doors, tempers flare in the search for hit shows, which often get on the air purely by

accident. The fierce competition creates a pressure-cooker environment where anything can happen . . . NBC's fall from grace—Once the undisputed king of prime time, NBC plunged from first place to last place in the ratings in the course of a single season. What will be the price of that collapse—and who will pay it? CBS's slow and steady race to the top—Unlike NBC, CBS, under the leadership of CEO, Leslie Moonves, engineered one of the most spectacular turnarounds in television history. But in this ruthless world, you're only as good as last week's ratings . . . ABC's surprising resurrection—*Lost* and *Desperate Housewives*—have brought ABC the kind of success it could only dream of in the past. So why don't the executives responsible for those hits work there any more? *The End of the News As We Know It*—In a stunningly short period of time, all three of the major network news anchors—Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw, and Peter Jennings—signed off, leaving executives scrambling for a way to keep network news relevant in an era of 24/7 information. *Crazy Like Fox*—They're outrageous, unconventional, and occasionally off-putting, but more and more people are watching Fox shows. Most of all they keep watching *American Idol*. How did Simon Cowell snooker himself into a huge payday? Stay tuned . . .