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Baltic Countdown Peggie Benton, 2023-11-28 A firsthand account of Latvia during World War II A British diplomat's wife's beautifully observed eye witness account of the Soviet occupation Cond Nast Traveler With her husband in the British Foreign Service Peggie Benton had already lived through the Nazi invasion of Austria in 1938 and had settled comfortably into the day to day life of Riga the capital of Latvia But the country's uneasy history with Russia and tensions brewing with Germany just prior to the outbreak of World War II meant their peace was not to last In this compelling memoir Benton captures both the small details of life in the city the markets the winter customs the Baltic character and the terrifying moments during the evacuation of Baltic Germans and the Soviet invasion that left the couple homeless and with an uncertain fate Their world comes crashing down during the chaos of war and the Bentons are forced to flee more than twenty two thousand miles eastward across Russia on the Trans Siberian Railway to Japan then through Canada to England crossing both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans Baltic Countdown is a tribute to the people of Latvia Lithuania and Estonia their resilience through the trials of history and their never ending hope of independence An engaging account in its own right A bittersweet memoir of a city on the edge of disaster Her compelling depiction of Riga and its inhabitants conjures up a world that is almost unknown in the West Studies in Intelligence CIA journal British Agent John Whitwell, 1996 The role of the secret agent before and during World War 2 was often not as glamorous as we are led to believe and many of the practitioners were amateurs poorly equipped and often working against formidable state security agencies as this book reveals *Latvia* Paul Brummell, 2024-06-07 The new sixth and thoroughly updated edition of Bradt's Latvia remains the only standalone guide to this fascinating and ever changing Baltic nation This is a small but enchantingly varied country that will appeal to culture vultures history buffs outdoors enthusiasts and foodies alike Latvia is best known internationally through its capital city Riga whose centre is a UNESCO World Heritage site combining a medieval core providing testimony of its importance as a port of the Hanseatic League and an outer area containing the most extensive assemblage of Art Nouveau buildings in Europe Latvia is much larger than Denmark or Switzerland yet with a population of under two million is one of the most verdant countries in Europe A low lying landscape of forests lakes and marshes offers an increasing range of rural tourism options facilitated by recent EU infrastructural investments Why not go hiking or kayaking in Gauja National Park go cycling or explore Latgale's lakes In summer Latvia's Baltic Sea coast comes into its own almost 500km long much comprising pristine sandy beaches backed by dunes Seaside options range from cosmopolitan Jurmala once a favoured holiday destination of the Soviet elite to out of the way idyllic spots the visitor will have to themselves Latvia's complex history results in tourist attractions ranging from medieval castles to the Baroque splendour of Rundale Palace and from Daugavpils's Mark Rothko arts centre to a once secret Soviet nuclear bunker Latvian culture and identity reaches peak expression in the five yearly Song and Dance Festival involving forty thousand performers If you can't wait for that why not

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smaller enclaves elsewhere in the state An underlying goal of Latvians who now live in Michigan as well as other parts of the United States and Canada is to maintain their language and culture More than five thousand Latvians came to Michigan after World War II found gainful employment purchased homes and became a part of the Michigan population Most sought to reeducate themselves and struggled to educate their children in Michigan s many colleges and universities Latvians in Michigan examines Latvia and its history and describes how World War II culminated in famine death and eventual flight from their homeland by many Latvian refugees After the war ended most Latvian emigrants eventually made their way to Sweden or Germany where they lived in displaced persons camps From there the emigrants were sponsored by individuals or organizations and they moved once again to other parts of the world Many came to the United States where they established new roots and tried to perpetuate their cultural heritage while establishing new lives *AB Bookman's Weekly* ,1986

The Quest for C Alan Judd,1999 A fascinating and unique history of the launch of Britain s Secret Intelligence Service through the unusual life of its founder Mansfield Cumming Sir Mansfield Cumming the founder of the British Secret Service and the original C has until now been a shadowy figure For this authorised biography the Secret Intelligence Service has released to Alan Judd Cumming s voluminous diaries which have never been seen outside the Service and will be put back into storage in perpetuity when Judd has used them The result is likely to be the most sensational biography of the season and the definitive account of how MI5 and MI6 the models for all subsequent secret services all over the world were set up Cumming signed himself C was referred to as such in Whitehall and always used green ink traditions maintained to this day His life not only makes riveting reading but casts fascinating light on the development of the Secret Service and its influence on the twentieth century MI6 Stephen Dorril,2000 Shortlisted for the 2013 Nursery World Awards Margaret Carr s seminal work on Learning Stories was first published by SAGE in 2001 and this widely acclaimed approach to assessment has since gained a huge international following In this new full colour book the authors outline the philosophy behind Learning Stories and refer to the latest findings from the research projects they have led with teachers on learning dispositions and learning power to argue that Learning Stories can construct learner identities in early childhood settings and schools By making the connection between sociocultural approaches to pedagogy and assessment and narrative inquiry this book contextualizes Learning Stories as a philosophical approach to education learning and pedagogy Chapters explore how Learning Stories help make connections with families support the inclusion of children and family voices tell us stories about babies allow children to dictate their own stories can be used to revisit children s learning journeys can contribute to teaching and learning wisdom This ground breaking book expands on the concept of Learning Stories and includes examples from practice in both New Zealand and the UK It outlines the philosophy behind this pedagogical tool for documenting how learning identities are constructed and shows through research evidence why the early years is such a critical time in the formation of learning dispositions Margaret Carr is a Professor of Education at the University of Waikato New Zealand

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