Credo Reference Trial

*By David Hughes, Systems Librarian.*

Check out David’s postings on the Library Blog:
http://library.dbs.ie/blog

Another resource trial for DBS Library users: **Credo Reference** is an online reference resource providing full-text online versions of nearly 1200 published reference works from more than 70 publishers in every major subject, including general and subject dictionaries, thesauri, encyclopaedias, quotations and atlases, plus a wide range of subject-specific titles covering everything from the arts to accountancy, science to Shakespeare and law to literature.

The trials consists of all resources in the General Reference collection as well as the Business

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**BiblioTech – A Public Library without Books**

*By Alex Kouker, Digitisation Librarian*

There are interesting developments to report from the digital libraries frontier. The first digital-only public library, BiblioTech, will pilot in Bexar County in autumn of this year.

The library is designed for the digital age and will offer about 10,000 e-books to start with. Access is also provided to desktop, laptop and tablet computers as well as study spaces, meeting rooms and a designated interactive children’s area. Patrons can either borrow e-readers or bring their own (see press release for further details). No details have been released as to which e-book distribution service will be recruited, but 3M Cloud Library could be a viable contender for the provision of the necessary technical infrastructure. The driver of this initiative, Judge Nelson W. Wolf regards the bookless library not as an exclusive alternative but rather as an experimental add-on to the traditional public library service.

A comparative example within the academic library context would be Drexel’s Library Learning Terrace (a bookless and flexible learning space that includes computers providing access to the school’s digital library resources near where graduates live and eat on campus; see Howard, 2011). In essence, Drexel’s Learning Terrace provides a library and study environment that is decentralised across the campus.

Introducing a bookless library service to the general public, rather than the tech-savvy student, is a more complex story altogether. For example, challenges revolve around the creation of an easily accessible technical environment that will make interaction (retrieval and borrowing etc.) with electronic books a straight forward and pleasant experience. Another issue is that of digital rights management as the business model shifts from content ownership to content licensing, i.e. e-books are not always owned when purchased by libraries.

Another challenge is the potential for limited discovery of e-book content as libraries want a single, easy-to-use, easy-to-search platform: many platforms offer too little interoperability (see for example Overdrive, 3M, ProQuest, EBSCO). Also in need of consideration is the limitations for interlibrary loan opportunities due to potential operational limitations set by e-book vendors.

It’d be interesting to learn about BiblioTech in more detail further down the line...

**References**
Subject collection (so science, Shakespeare, law and literature may only be a bit of alliterative hyperbole)

You know the score: on-campus only.

More Database Trials

We have 3 trials extant. Our Academic Complete ebook trial is extended until the end of January. Remember ebrary from November? Scholarly e-book database? Read these online or download either chapters (40 pages maximum) as imaged PDFs (so no cutting and pasting) or as Adobe Digital Editions format documents? Of course you remember. And you also remember that you need download the free Adobe Digital Editions software before you can use this format. You also remember that and you can't read these on your Kindle, but you'll be able to read them on most other devices. We never did add them to the library catalogue, but if we do purchase any titles we'll add them to the library catalogue.

We also have a trial of JustCite, "an innovative legal citator", or, in other words a legal research platform brought to you by the creators of Justis until 8th February. It's a legal search engine, with built-in citation index functionality, that focuses on case law and legislation from common law jurisdictions around the world. I imagine it will be very useful law students

We're also pleased to announce a 30 day trial of Euromonitor's Passport GMID, a global market information database and analysis tool containing comprehensive data and reports across all industries, countries and consumers. Subscribers use the system to support a wide range of business functions and academic research projects:

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Passport GMID would be a bit of an upgrade on Marketline, so especially spread the word about this one.

This is a trial, so it's only available on campus and there's no downloading. The trial ends Friday 15th February.

South County Dublin Libraries looking for embroiderers for 1913 Lockout Project

South County Dublin Libraries are currently looking for embroiderers who would like to be involved in a tapestry project to commemorate the centenary of 1913 lockout. Groups/individuals will meet in Tallaght library to work on individual panels designed by artists Cathy Henderson and Robert Ballagh. (Dates and times TBC).

The 1913 Lockout Tapestry, commissioned by Siptu, is expected to be completed in time for the anniversary of the start of the seminal strike, in August. If you are interested in taking part in this project please email eperry@sdublincoco.ie or phone Tallaght Library 01 462 00 73.

For more information on this visit the South County Dublin Libraries website at:

http://www.southdublincities.ie/news/2013/01/calling-all-embroiders
What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Dewey Decimal Classification?

The Dewey Decimal Classification System (DDCS) like all classification systems has both strengths and weaknesses. This short synopsis aims to outline both.

The primary strength of the DDCS is the fact that it is number based (Government of Quebec, 2008). This makes the system a universal one as numbers are universally recognised. This also creates a natural flow within a library environment as logically the collection begins at 001 and ends at 999, so aiding the library user in scanning shelves and ultimately retrieving a particular item. A second strength of the DDCS is that materials are grouped by subject (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 2011); researchers interested in a particular subject will find all related material in the same location. If a particular resource cannot be located the library patron should find something of interest in that general shelf area. One previous disadvantage was the speed, or lack thereof of the DDCS manual updates. This disadvantage has been overcome by the advent of the online version of the manual which is updated on a regular basis (OCLC). Dewey was initially complied in the late 19th Century (Mitchell and Vizine-Goetz, 2009) at a time when many subjects either did not yet exist (computing) or had not evolved into their present form (EU Law); a further strength of DDCS is that it can facilitate all these new subjects easily. Another advantage of DDCS is the fact that the decimalised nature of the system makes it computer friendly, library management and other software systems can incorporate it quietly easily.

The weaknesses of DDCS relate to the fact of when and where the system was developed, there is a clear cultural bias found in the system in favour of Western European Christianity and Western European languages (Kua, 2004). For example, Christianity occupies the full class range 200-299 and American literature alone has 810-819 reserved for it. Another weakness of the system is that although similar subjects are grouped together, different aspects of the same subject may not be; for example: psychology is located at 150 but abnormal psychology is found at 616.89, and this could render it at the other end of the collection. This is not a major issue for experienced users but could be off-putting for novices. A third weakness of DDCS can also be regarded as a strength; the more detailed the classification number becomes the longer it becomes also. For example, in DBS library, Death by Fire by Mala Sen is 305.42095409045 SEN, the precision is there but at the expense of alienating users and making life very difficult for library shelve.

Overall the strengths of DDCS contribute to its weaknesses; the cultural bias found in it is a product of its time and as stated it has been able to facilitate new topics. Like all classification systems both strengths are weaknesses are present but the fact that DDCS is decimal based allows it to adapt with relative ease.

Reference List


Each January, hundreds of new students from all over Europe, the US and the world join Dublin Business School and each year the Student Services department organise Refreshers’ Week to welcome these students to the College, while also reminding current students of the range of activities and supports available to them.

This year will be no different; Refreshers’ Week 2013 will run from January, 29th to 31st. We have a very varied programme of events planned for this year including Sports & Societies Sign-Up day, an exclusive trip on the Dublin Ghost Bus and a tour that we bring students and staff to lesser visited sites of Dublin’s fair city.

Most of the events during the week are free to attend, with the exception of the Ghost Bus tour, which costs just €15. Admission to the Refreshers’ Ball, organised in conjunction with Radio DBS, is also free with a wristband; wristbands are available from Student Services and Radio DBS.

Our full programme of events is detailed below. For more information on any of the events or to sign up for Dublin...Off the Beaten Track and/or the Ghost Bus Tour please email student.services@dbs.ie or pop into either Student Services Offices in Aungier Street or Castle House.

Tuesday, January 29th
Sports & Societies Sign-Up Day
Castle House 4th Floor
11am to 3pm

Wednesday, January 30th
Companies Day
Aungier St Reception
11am to 3pm

Thursday, January 31st
Dublin...Off the Beaten Track
Tour of Temple Bar @ 12noon
Christchurch Cathedral @ 1.15pm
St Michan’s Church & Crypt @ 2.30pm

Dublin Ghost Bus Tour
Meeting at Aungier St Reception
@ 7.45pm
Tickets just €15pp

Poster Guy
Aungier St Reception
11am to 3pm

The Refreshers’ Ball
The Village, Camden St
10.30pm ‘til late
Free entry with wristband
The Old Library of the Dutch Parliament (Handelingenkamer), The Hague, Netherlands

All Acts of the Senate and House of the Dutch Parliament up to the late 1970s are located in the Old Library or Operations Room (Handelingenkamer). The room is composed of bookshelves over four storeys on all sides. As the library was built before the introduction of electric lighting the balustrades and staircase are constructed from open cast iron so as to allow the light to fall through from the massive leaded glass domed ceiling. Candles, oil and gas lamps were not allowed in the room for fear of fire.

The architect C.H. Peters also designed the main post office in Amsterdam (now the mall Magna Plaza).

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Libraries Around the world
By Amye Quigley, Library Assistant.
Throughout my 21 years spent on this Earth, few things have made me happier than sitting on a comfortable chair with a mug of tea and a good book. Yeah, it makes me seem old-fashioned but who cares? I certainly don’t. I do enjoy heading out for a night on the town with my mates now and again, and I always have a good time, but I like my quiet nights in. My brother’s the one who’d be more likely to head out for a few hours and come back at two in the morning, in his own words, “absolutely sloshied.” While he’s in whatever pub, I’m sat at home on the sofa with the dog at my feet and Stephen King’s latest work in my hands, happily lost in the world of modern-day terror.

But, as is the case with everything these days, it’s all about technology. Where once people were delighted by the prospect of bringing a new book home to pop on the shelf and only read when it got dusty, nowadays people can stay at home, press a button, and have the latest bestseller downloaded straight to their iPad or Kindle. It’s a pity, because many people still revel in the sound of a page turning, and the synthetic noise provided by a tablet isn’t the same as the one made by turning the page yourself.

I find this to be a pity. I mean, I’ve been reading since the tender age of four and a half. When I was thirteen, I read The Lord Of The Rings in a week. I’m not trying to brag or anything, but I think that my efforts to be the best-read I can be are in vain now that everybody is using electronic readers and iBooks to peruse the shelves, rather than the peace and calm of a bookshop or library. It seems to me that the only place people are reading anything these days are in institutes of learning, and that’s purely because they have to.

So, in a way, this entry is similar to the earlier one about kids becoming more and more like miniature adults. Except that this entry emphasises the point that everybody is becoming more reliant on technology to do simple, ordinary things. I asked my younger cousin a while ago how his reading was coming along (he’s nine) and he told me it was great. I asked him had his mum or dad bought him any new books and he said, with a poker-straight face, “No, Mum got iOS6 installed on her iPad so I just downloaded it from The App Store.”

Case and point.


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Librarians in the Movies >>> By Amye Quigley, Library Assistant.

**The Music Man (1962)**

Director: Morton DaCosta  
Stars: Robert Preston, Shirley Jones and Buddy Hackett

Shirley Jones plays Marian Paroo (“Marian the Librarian”) of the River City, Iowa, Public Library, who makes available scandalous materials such as the works of Balzac and Chaucer, and sings while she stamps books slips. Later she looks up the fact that Prof. Harold Hill (Robert Preston) could not have graduated from the Gary, Indiana school in the year that he claimed because it didn’t exist at that time.

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0056262/
Meet the DBS Careers and Students Services Team!

Careers and Student Services (CSS) Team
Back (Left to Right): Ian McGlynn, Employability Executive, Claudia Uriarte, Acting International Student Services Officer, Robert O’Neill, Sports & Societies Officer, Caitriona McGrattan, Education & Welfare Officer.

Front: (Left to Right): Danielle Kerins, Careers & Placements Advisor, Denise Mc Morrow, Head of Careers & Student Services, Alison Farrell, Employer Liaison Officer, Rebecca Martin, Student Services Officer.

DBS Student Welfare, International Support and Sports and Societies have now merged with Careers and Placement Services. The merger comes under the appointment of Denise Mc Morrow as the Head of Careers and Student Services (CSS). The entire team is pictured above and look forward to delivering sports and society related events, international student activities, student welfare and disability support, one-to-one and careers support seminars to help make your time in DBS a fun learning experience. Our key emphasis is engagement with DBS students, staff and employers so that our students can prepare themselves to succeed in the many and varied roles they will undertake in future life.

The DBS Advantage offers students a comprehensive range of co-curricular activities, be it sports, societies, part-time work, internships, entrepreneurial schemes or volunteering. We encourage students to recognise the value of these activities as part of their career development during their time with us. Engagement with non-academic pursuits is not only beneficial to student development, but is known to be highly valued by employers. The CSS team continues to commit to providing high quality support services to all students.

The Careers Service Office has moved!

The careers service has moved from the library to the ground floor office in the Aungier Street
campus. The new office is located on the ground floor behind reception. The careers team are on hand to help support students with their career management skills via online resources, one to one appointments and career skills seminars. Resources including CV’s and application tips, interview skills and options for further study will be made available to students online through the DBS Careers website – careers.dbs.ie, and through the Careers and Placement Service tab on the left side of all student’s Moodle homepage. We also advertise Job Vacancies, Work Experience and Internship Opportunities through our website and Facebook/Twitter accounts. We have a range of very exciting employer events lined up for you over the coming weeks.

Contact Us:
You can contact any member of the CSS Team through email using – firstname.surname@dbs.ie
To make a one to one careers advisor appointment, email careersservice@dbs.ie

Don’t forget to like the DBS Careers page on Facebook and follow us on Twitter too!

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**Book Review >>> by Angelika Haaf, Reader Services**

**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time** by Mark Haddon

London: Vintage, 2004

The “Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time” is a book I came across by chance. It is a murder mystery told from the perspective of a Christopher, a teenager who suffers from Asperger’s syndrome. Asperger’s is an Autism Spectrum disorder (ASD) characterized by significant difficulties in social interactions, as well as restricted and repetitive patterns of behavior and interests. In contrast to other autism spectrum disorders, however, it is characterized by its relative preservation of linguistic and cognitive development. In Christopher’s case this means that he is very good at mathematics, but has difficulties interacting with others, in particular strangers, and has a number of dislikes or other peculiarities. For example he does not like the colours brown or yellow, hates being touched, cannot read or interpret peoples’ expressions and a good or bad day depends on how many red or yellow cars he sees on a day.

When Christopher discovers a neighbour’s dog murdered, he decides to play detective and find out who did it. This leads him on a difficult journey, as he has to overcome many of his problems, such as interacting with neighbours and other people, and in the end he even goes on a train journey to London on his own, which proves quite a traumatic experience, as had previously only been to the end of the road. In the course of his adventures he discovers the truth about what happened to his mother, and that a parent’s love or weakness can lead him or her to make mistakes that can have devastating consequences for someone like Christopher, destroying his trust and making it very difficult for him to forgive.

The book is written from Christopher’s perspective and in his words, and I found it fascinating how Mark Haddon has delved into the mind of a teenager with Asperger’s. He manages to capture the peculiar way Christopher thinks and acts, the way he tries to understand others and cope with the situation he is faced with in the best way possible. The book also shows how deeply Christopher’s father cares for him and tries to do the best he can for his son, showing great patience when trying to deal with his sons behavioral difficulties.

I was not sure what to expect from the book initially, but found it to be in turn heart-warming, funny and also quite moving. Christopher’s narrative is often dry or very matter of fact, but I think this conveys the way he sees the world and things very well. The book makes you realize what difficulties parents face, whose children suffer from Asperger’s, and is a very interesting read for different ages.
Movies...

Dublin Jameson International Film Festival, 14th - 24th February
A host of movies to be screened all over Dublin. During the festival special offers will be running daily. See www.jdiff.com for more details.

Dublin Chinese New Year Film Festival, 1st - 9th February
Hosted by the Lighthouse cinema this year a special screening of the Chinese 1940s movie "Confucius" a famous Chinese philosopher will be shown on Sunday 3rd February. A lecture will take place afterwards entitled "Confucius for our time". See www.lighthousecinema.ie for further details.

Music...

National Library of Ireland... 13th February
A recital lecture by Mícheál Ó Súilleabháin, internationally known as a composer and pianist and by Nicholas Carolan, the Director of the Irish Traditional Music Archive in Dublin. There will be a number of other talks and events in February and March, check the National Library website for more details at http://www.nli.ie/en/list/current-events.aspx

Whelans on Wexford Street...
Celebrating new Irish music every Tuesday night, and loads more good music nights on offer. Check out www.whelanslive.com

Art...

National Gallery of Ireland, 2nd February - 5th May
The sketchbooks of Jack B. Yeats. This exhibition will showcase a significant collection of Yeats sketchbooks with digital access to letters and photographs from the Yeats Archives. See http://nationalgallery.ie/en/whatson/Exhibitions/Sketchbooks_of_Jack_B_Yeats.aspx

Janus at St. Stephen’s Church, 18th January – 16th February
Peppercanister’s first show of 2013 brings together original works interpreting the theme of Janus from many of Ireland’s most distinguished artists as well as a number of notable UK artists. See http://www.dnote.info/dnotes/janus/ for more details.
Specialist recruitment agency, Morgan and McKinley delivered a Career Management Skills seminar on Thursday, 17th January. For those of you who missed it, here are some C.V Do’s and Don’t Tips I took away from the presentation.

Do:
- Use Arial font - Size 10.
- Use bullet points.
- Put everything in reverse chronological order.
- Try to use the same language as the job specification.
- Tweak your CV to the specific job.
- Spell and grammar check your CV.
- Have somebody proof read it before you send it.

Don’t:
- Include your photo.
- Write a lengthy personal description; it’s a CV and not a personal statement.
- Include anything you can’t talk about in the interview.
- Leave gaps in your timeline.
- Use fancy clip-arts, photos, fonts, etc.
- Use paragraphs => Do use bullets points.
- Include excessive details.
- Include tables or borders (unless it makes things look better or summarises).

Additional Insider Tip:
When stating the employer’s name in your Career History, you might want to include which industry sector the company operated within.

Recipes >>>> By Sharon O’Shea, Reader Services

Three easy to prepare breakfast recipes to start your day and boost your energy levels...

**Banana and peanut butter toasty...**
1 Banana
2 slices brown toast (wholegrain/wholemeal)
Peanut butter

- Lightly toast the bread.
- Spread with peanut butter.
- Top with sliced banana.

**Cream cheese, honey and walnut toast...**
2 slices bread (wholemeal/wholegrain)
Cream cheese
2 tsp honey
Walnuts (handful)

- Lightly toast the bread.
- Spread cream cheese.
- Top with walnuts.
- Drizzle with honey.

**Porridge served with fresh fruit...**
Half a cup of porridge oats / one and a half cup boiled water.
Fruit / seeds such as sesame and milled linseeds.

- Prepare fresh fruit of your choice (black grapes and pineapple are my favourite and delicious)
- Simmer oats and water together for 3-5 mins. (If preferred frozen berries can be added to mixture at this stage)
- Serve in a bowl topped with seeds and fruit and enjoy...
Poetry >>> Suggestion by Jane Buggle, Acting Head of Library Services

Poetry

And it was at that age ... Poetry arrived
in search of me. I don’t know, I don’t know where
it came from, from winter or a river.
I don’t know how or when,
no they were not voices, they were not
words, nor silence,
but from a street I was summoned,
from the branches of night,
abruptly from the others,
among violent fires
or returning alone,
there I was without a face
and it touched me.

I did not know what to say, my mouth
had no way
with names,
my eyes were blind,
and something started in my soul,
fever or forgotten wings,
and I made my own way,
deciphering
that fire,
and I wrote the first faint line,
faint, without substance, pure
nonsense,
pure wisdom
of someone who knows nothing,
and suddenly I saw
the heavens
unfastened
and open,
planets,
palpitating plantations,
shadow perforated,
riddled
with arrows, fire and flowers,
the winding night, the universe.

And I, infinitesimal being,
drunk with the great starry
void,
likeness, image of
mystery,
felt myself a pure part
of the abyss,
I wheeled with the stars,
my heart broke loose on the wind.

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Pablo Neruda
(Reply 12, 1904 – September 23, 1973) was the
pen name and, later, legal name of the Chilean
poet, diplomat and politician Neftali Ricardo
Reyes Basoalto. He chose his pen name after
Czech poet Jan Neruda. In 1971 Neruda won the
Nobel Prize for Literature.

Even more database trials!

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in the drop-down Media type menu and enter your terms in the
‘Search terms’ box. The talks also come with printable slide handouts
in PDF format.
Sports & Societies News Update

Radio DBS have aired four shows in the studio so far this year with its original ‘Dirty Little Secret’ show proving popular once again. New shows introduced by the team include, ‘Gift of the Gab’ a chat/interview show with Tallifornia Records just one of the many personalities the guys have had in.

Other projects the Radio DBS Society is working on include ‘Newbs news’, which is a news show that first year students are going to present. In the second semester the society hopes to kick on with events such as a charity battle of the bands, Mr. and Mrs. DBS, an attempt at breaking a world record and loads more!

The DBS Psychological Society held a successful forum event open to all students and lecturers in which they had wanted to highlight important social related psychological issues such as addiction and promote psychology within the college. The event in question which was held on Friday the 30th November by our very own psychology lecturer, Dr. Katriona O’Sullivan, who gave a presentation on ‘A Neuro-Cognitive Approach to Addiction’. Going forward the society has several positive plans for the upcoming semester which includes working on a voluntary basis with the Alzheimer’s Society of Ireland.

Another successful event run by our societies included the DBS Africa Societies’ African Food Fair. The event known as “Welcome to Africa” was held on 21st November and showcased some of the many different food and snacks from Africa, from indigenous dishes to snacks like meat pies and cupcakes covered in icing in the colour of the African flags on them!

It was also great to have a qualified Pilates instructor within our ranks here in DBS with Rachel Lewis Ladenheim, who is the Assistant Site Director for the US Northeastern University Study Abroad program, providing weekly classes in our local Carmelite centre!

Other events to look forward to in the coming months are the Drama Society’s upcoming series of plays and the Literary Society’s exclusive DBS magazine.

Possibly the biggest social event the student academic year is the annual Formal Ball and the Sports & Societies Awards which takes place on Thursday, 21st March and we will be hoping to send two of our most successful and devoted societies to the annual All Ireland Society College’s competition held by BICS.

This semester promises to be a busy one for our sports
team as cricket, golf and badminton all kick off their seasons!

The cricket guys will be hoping to go one further this year and capture the cricket intervarsity title! Our very competitive basketball and soccer teams again hope to challenge for national honours and are working hard as teams to develop and gel as the season is heating up and places in the finals will be up for grabs again!

This semester other sports such as badminton, golf, cricket as well as the introduction of new sports such as hockey and pool, which I am hoping can really develop under enthusiastic students over the coming months and really push on to be really competitive outfits for the Irish colleges leagues. We will have high hopes for Patrick O’Connor as he represents DBS at the National Pool Tournament!

The first half of the year has been a really great success for our DBS rugby team and our budding relationship Monkstown Rugby Club. Oisin Farrell, one of the head coaches at Monsktown RFC has taken over as coach of our college team and has done a fantastic job. All going well in the team’s last game of the league, we should be on course our first ever semi-finals appearance in March and hopefully go one further to the final in late March which will be held in the “home” of Irish rugby, Limerick!

With the semester being a busy and action packed one we also plan to hold under fun events such as our annual ‘Dodgeball’ tournament, the surf trip and the DBS ‘Last Student Standing’ Sports’ Games Day!
Riding the Indian tiger: understanding India - the world's fastest growing market

William Nobrega and Ashish Sinha
Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Ltd., 2008

This book details the rapid economic growth of the Indian economy in the first decade of this century. In order to do this, the authors discuss various aspects of the Indian economy such as its burgeoning financial markets, developments in its infrastructure, the role of multinationals, the country’s business culture and its renowned IT/outsourcing sectors. This book is primarily aimed at Business students wishing to learn more about commerce in the Asian sub-continent, however, it may provide beneficial for students of the Social Sciences searching for background information on the area.

The most appealing aspect of reading this text was the jargon-free way the authors explained complex economic issues. For instance their argument that India’s young population will outperform China’s ageing workforce in the near future was intriguing. This approach was also aided by the inclusion of a detailed map and a series of graphs. Another attractive feature of the book was how Nobrega and Sinha added a bit of colour to the stories of how multinationals attempted to conquer the Indian market. The reader gets to read about how Coca Cola reduced the size of their soft drink cans in order to appeal to a less affluent society, while we hear of how a Korean company executive was kidnapped after one of the single largest investments in India’s history.

Although the writers’ attractive tendencies to include narratives in some parts was negated, somewhat, by listing facts and figures associated with every facet of an industry or company. Thus you get paragraphs about increasing profit margins, percentages of market share and units produced. This habit of seeing the world in terms of hard business values may also be seen in their interpretation of how events have unfolded in India. Consequently the authors rarely share with us any of harmful effects (i.e. pollution and income disparities) of growth. While typically for people with a free market world view the Indian state comes in for a hard time being labeled incompetent, inefficient and a failure in various parts of the story. Surprisingly for a book on this subject, India’s much heralded Micro Finance scheme rarely receives barely a mention (I counted, it was quoted twice) which would make you think that its effects are less significant than some in West would have you believe.

As was mentioned in the opening paragraph, this book was written about the first decade of this century, it would be very interesting to read a similar book on the effects the slowdown in growth globally has had on the Indian economy in the last few years. This slump has affected Ireland harshly and if there is one lesson I think businesses here can take from their Asian counterparts is the concept of joint ventures. This is the process whereby firms that wish to gain access to foreign markets associate themselves with companies that already have a share in this region, thereby learning the culture of the market without taking the substantial risk of a sole venture. I recommend this book.
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16. Biblical mount described in Joshua
17. Sushi utensils
19. "Whiskey Girl" country singer Keith
20. Beethoven's "Pathétique", e.g.
21. Paint a picture, verbally
23. Suffix with meso or paleo
25. Academic individual
26. Cinematic SHO affiliate
29. Sunni Triangle setting
31. Superbowl IV MVP Dawson
32. Dig discovery
34. 2 for 8 and 3 for 27, e.g.
39. Shortly, to Shakespeare
40. Paper pile
41. Gloom
42. Engage in hijinks
44. Like subsonic tones
45. Washington's bill
46. Product made from 57 or 67 across
48. Farm mom
49. Prefix for molecular reactions
53. Modern flashlight elements
55. Applying a shim to
57. Fiber from a goat
61. Not the real thing: Abbr.
62. Pull your punches verbally
64. Cheese in tyropita
65. Modern greeting
66. Reading from a flight instr.
67. Linen source
68. Meshlike
69. Naughty child's mouthful?

Down
1. The old soft shoes?
2. Underground sound
3. School founded by Henry VI
4. Mercury model till 1994
5. Capitol Hill commodity
7. How most software is sold
8. Sound-stage sights
9. It's a stylized "f" crossing five lines
10. Conservatory clicker
11. Heated on high
12. "Star Wars" crime lord
13. Comparatively crafty
18. Stone-faced
22. Grammy winner for "Believe"
24. Hoard
26. ___ II razor
27. Right-click result, often
28. Coagulate
30. Request for database records
33. April 15th concern
35. Kind of metabolism
36. Not theirs
37. Typical jazz combo
38. Typical jazz combo
40. Medical sample
43. Indigo source
44. Grant
47. Medical treatment
49. Famous note-maker?
50. ___ Hempstead: Herfordshire town
51. Mrs. Peron
52. Where to find Disney?
54. Manolos and Louboutins
56. Tiny tormenter
58. He sang about Alice's Restaurant
59. Invention's origin
60. Invite letter letters
63. It may put the "see" into PC
WHAT DOES BILL GATES DO WITH ALL HIS MONEY?

ACTUALLY, HE GIVES A LOT OF IT TO LIBRARIES.

REALLY? LIBRARIES?

IF IT WERE ME I’D DEFINITELY SPEND IT ON A LUNAR COLONY INSTEAD!

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