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Julie L. Davis and Suzanne Harrison Today's corporations are always on the lookout for exciting new and innovative ideas that can be used to generate revenue. Up until recently, this meant taking these ideas and turning them into products or services, which could then be sold for profit. But today, a unique new concept is revolutionizing the way companies are getting value from ideas. Instead of incorporating them into products or services, today's innovations may be bartered, licensed or sold in the "idea" stage for tremendous amounts of money. For example, IBM currently receives well over \$1 billion in revenue every year from licensing its intellectual property, unrelated to the manufacture of a single product. Today more and more companies are adopting this idea of turning their legal departments, where intellectual property is housed, from cost centers into profit centers. *Edison in the Boardroom: How Leading Companies Realize Value from Their Intellectual Assets* takes an in-depth look at the revolutionary concept of Intellectual Asset Management (IAM). IAM is changing the way companies all over the world are doing business. In their careers as business consultants, the authors have been privileged to meet individuals who were clearly ahead of their time when it came to realizing value from their companies' innovations. Based on their interactions with the ICM Gathering--an international group of companies who meet several times a year to create, define and benchmark best practices in the area of IAM--the authors have compiled a wealth of knowledge and successful stories that illustrate how far businesses have come in their ability to leverage and monetize their intellectual assets. Incorporating stories and teachings from some of the most successful companies in the world -- such as Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Procter & Gamble, Rockwell, Dow, Ford and many others -- the authors have made an exhaustive study of IAM and its implications for today's businesses. They have culled a hierarchy of best practices that today's companies can integrate into their own business philosophies to gain the best return from their intellectual assets. In *Leading the Way*, Hewitt Associates' business leaders Robert Gandossy and Marc Efron present their findings from the largest research project ever conducted on leadership, the "Top Companies for Leaders." Using data from more than 600 companies around the globe and interviews with senior executives at the top companies, they present a compelling business case for investing in growing leaders. Their stories, examples, and tactics provide tangible, practical tools for leaders everywhere. Serial entrepreneurs David Kidder and Christina Wallace reveal their revolutionary playbook for igniting growth inside established companies. Most established companies face a key survival challenge, says David Kidder, CEO of Bionic, lifelong entrepreneur, and angel investor in more than thirty startups: operational efficiency and outdated bureaucracy are at war with new growth. Legacy companies are skilled at growing big businesses into even bigger ones. But they are less adept at discovering new opportunities and turning them into big businesses, the way entrepreneurs and early-stage investors must. In *New to Big*, Kidder and Wallace reveal their proprietary blueprint for installing a permanent growth capability inside any company--the Growth Operating System. The Growth OS borrows the best tools, systems, and mind-sets from entrepreneurship and venture capital and adapts them for established organizations, leveraging these two distinct skills as a form of management for building in a future that is uncertain. By focusing on what consumers do rather than what they say, celebrating productive failure, embracing a portfolio approach, and learning from the outside-in, Kidder and Wallace argue any company can go on offense and win the future. This isn't about a one-off innovation moonshot. It's about building a permanent ladder to the moon. In a world that's changing faster and more furiously than ever, the ability to shift focus is critical. Why is it that some organizations can continually evolve to meet the times and the marketplace, and others can't? How do some companies always seem to know the perfect season to shift gears, as well as the right methods to implement when doing so, while others ruefully, and perhaps stubbornly, go down sinking when a simple shift would've saved everything? *Shift Ahead* taps into both success stories and cautionary tales from others who have gone before in order to provide for readers a smart, calculated approach to knowing both: 1) when to change course and 2) how to pull it off. Packed with insightful interviews from leaders at HBO, Adobe, BlackBerry, National Geographic, Microsoft, Kodak, and elsewhere, this must-have resource explains how to • Spot warning signs that it's time for a reinvention • Overcome obstacles standing in the way of your company's future goals • Maintain authenticity when shifting gears • Execute changes seamlessly, no matter how bold they are Today more than at any other time before, knowing when to shift, and how to do so successfully, is the key to remaining competitive. But with *Shift Ahead*, this difficult yet imperative maneuver will become the key to your company's long-term success! In *Mission: How the Best in Business Break Through*, Michael Hayman and Nick Giles show companies how to join the ranks of today's business winners. Business as usual is over. Belief is the new currency and to succeed you must follow new rules: purpose as the route to profit; mind share to gain market share. The best in business are defined by mission: a singular cause, a defining ambition. They stand out as campaigners, activists fighting to lead industries and redefine them. And they win through with momentum, explosive growth that outruns the competition. From tech pioneers Google and Airbnb, to retail giant Whole Foods and British success stories such as Ella's Kitchen, *Mission* shows how business is changing people's lives through the power of purpose, culture and campaigning. How caring, sharing and daring companies have opened a new chapter for the world of business. Uncover the secrets of what it takes to succeed: how to discover and define your commercial purpose, hone it into a campaign and turn customers into advocates. Harness the power of momentum. Find your mission. "This timely book reminds us that innovation is agnostic about where it's created." —Satya Nadella, CEO, Microsoft Over and over, we see big legacy businesses getting beaten to the punch by energetic little start-ups. It seems like innovation can come from only the bottom up or from the outside in. But tech experts Vivek Wadhwa and Ismail Amla are here to tell you that "big equals slow and stodgy" is a myth. Based on decades of experience working with both the world's leading brands and disruptive start-ups, this book explores the opportunity legacy companies have to create new markets, supercharge growth, and remake their businesses by combining the mindset and tool belt of start-ups with the benefits of incumbency: boatloads of customer data, decades of brand equity, robust distribution channels, enormous financial assets, and more. Wadhwa and Amla go deeply into why the pace and dynamics of innovation have changed so dramatically in recent years and show how companies can overcome obstacles like the Eight Deadly Sins of Stasis. Equally important, they provide a playbook on how to use their insights in your own company, team, or career. This fast-paced, anecdote-rich story rethinks modern innovation—a book every manager, executive, and ambitious employee will want to read. A ground-breaking exploration of the changing nature of trust and how to bridge the gap from where you are to where you need to be. Trust is the most powerful force underlying the success

of every business. Yet it can be shattered in an instant, with a devastating impact on a company's market cap and reputation. How to build and sustain trust requires fresh insight into why customers, employees, community members, and investors decide whether an organization can be trusted. Based on two decades of research and illustrated through vivid storytelling, Sandra J. Sucher and Shalene Gupta examine the economic impact of trust and the science behind it, and conclusively prove that trust is built from the inside out. Trust emerges from a company being the "real deal": creating products and services that work, having good intentions, treating people fairly, and taking responsibility for all the impacts an organization creates, whether intended or not. When trust is in the room, great things can happen. Sucher and Gupta's innovative foundation for executing the elements of trust—competence, motives, means, impact—explains how trust can be woven into the day-to-day and the long term. Most importantly, even when lost, trust can be regained, as illustrated through their accounts of companies across the globe that pull themselves out of scandal and corruption by rebuilding the vital elements of trust. The long-awaited follow-up to the international bestsellers, *Business Model Generation* and *Value Proposition Design* Alex Osterwalder and Yves Pigneurs' *Business Model Canvas* changed the way the world creates and plans new business models. It has been used by corporations and startups and consultants around the world and is taught in hundreds of universities. After years of researching how the world's best companies develop, test, and scale new business models, the authors have produced their definitive work. *The Invincible Company* explains what every organization can learn from the business models of the world's most exciting companies. The book explains how companies such as Amazon, IKEA, Airbnb, Microsoft, and Logitech, have been able to create immensely successful businesses and disrupt entire industries. At the core of these successes are not just great products and services, but profitable, innovative business models—and the ability to improve existing business models while consistently launching new ones. *The Invincible Company* presents practical new tools for measuring, managing, and accelerating innovation, and strategies for reducing risk when launching new business models. Serving as a blueprint for your growth strategy, *The Invincible Company* explains how to constantly stay ahead of your competition. In-depth chapters explain how to create new growth engines, change how products and services are created and delivered, extract maximum profit from each type of business model, and much more. New tools—such as the *Business Model Portfolio Map*, *Innovation Metrics*, *Innovation Strategy Framework*, and the *Culture Map*—enable readers to understand how to design invincible companies. *The Invincible Company*:

- Helps large and small companies build their growth strategy and manage their core simultaneously
- Explains the world's best modern and historic business models
- Provides tools to assess your business model, innovation readiness, and all of your innovation projects

Presented in striking 4-color, and packed with practical visuals and tools, *The Invincible Company* is a must-have book for business leaders, entrepreneurs, and innovation professionals. Great companies don't just depend on strategies—they depend on people. The more great people on your team, the more successful your organization will be. But that's easier said than done. Statistically, half of all employment decisions result in a mishire: The wrong person winds up in the wrong job. But companies that have followed Bradford Smart's advice in *Topgrading* have boosted their successful hiring rate to 90 percent or better, giving them an unbeatable competitive advantage. Now Smart has fully revised his 1999 management classic to reintroduce the topgrading concept, which works for companies large and small in any industry. The author spells out his practical approach to finding and managing A-level talent—as well as coaching B players to turn them into A players. He provides intriguing case studies drawn from more than four thousand in-depth interviews. As Smart writes in his introduction, "All organizations, all businesses live or die mostly on their talent, and any manager who fails to topgrade is nuts, or a C player. . . . Those who, way deep down, would sooner see an organization die than nudge an incompetent person out of a job should not read this book... Topgrading is for A players and all those aspiring to be A players." On the web: <http://www.topgrading.com/> A bestselling author's shocking analysis of the many ways we are victimized by corporations David Cay Johnston, the bestselling author of *Perfectly Legal* and *Free Lunch*, is famous for exposing the perfidies of our biggest institutions. Now he turns his attention to the ways huge corporations hide sneaky stipulations in just about every contract, often with government permission. No other modern country gives corporations the unfettered power found in America to gouge customers, shortchange workers, and erect barriers to fair play. Johnston shares solutions you can use to fight back against the obscure fees and taxes, and to help end these devious practices. Trust is the most basic quality at the heart of every relationship. We understand it naturally and our inner alarms go off when trust is damaged or absent. But most business leaders consider trust to be something intangible and difficult to quantify. This book clearly demonstrates that trust is both measurable and manageable. It offers a practical guide to building and protecting trust, and making it part of the balance sheet of every organization. Natalie Doyle Oldfield has spent years studying trust. She lays out a practical, step-by-step approach that will enable everyone from the CEO to the front line employee to thrive in a culture of trust. By taking a look at the science and research, case studies of trust broken and rebuilt, and the reflections of leading business figures, this book will show you how to create trusting relationships with customers, employees and stakeholders. It will show you how to make trust part of your core business strategy and how to make it pay off on the bottom line. "In this groundbreaking book you'll hear real case studies about why the businesses that operate on a strong foundation of trust and integrity, dramatically outperform. Better still, Natalie shows you, with results from her original research, how you can join their ranks!" Cathleen Fillmore Owner, Speakers Gold Bureau "Natalie changed the way we view our customers, our thought process and everything we do - we now see things in a different way. Since working with Natalie and implementing the Trust Building Model and the Client Trust Index(TM) we now have a customer performance metric and benchmark to measure customer experience." Kevin Pelley, CEO, Kohltech Windows and Entrance Systems "Natalie has coined the importance of trust and offers a toolbox to implement the thinking and strategy. This book is a not to be missed compendium relevant for negotiators, executive, leaders of government and the rest of us. I will certainly be using this book in my work." Keld Jensen, award winning author of *The Trust Factor* "Natalie's style immediately engages you with examples and best practices, spelling out just how leading companies have outpaced those in their industries by investing in their employees and customers." David Alston, Chief Innovation Officer, Introhive "Natalie Doyle Oldfield's well-researched and expertly crafted work takes you on a journey to understand the bottom line benefits of creating and managing trusting business relationships. *The Power of Trust* will stand out on bookshelves as one of the best business books published in recent years. It's balanced with what goes to the heart of what matters most "Trust". Kathy Malley, APR, FCPRS, Vice President, Malley Industries Inc Corporate Explorers Transform Disruption Into Opportunity With This Proven Framework Innovation used to be seen as a game best left to entrepreneurs, but now a new breed of corporate managers is flipping this logic on its head. These Corporate Explorers have the insight, resilience, and discipline to overcome the obstacles and build new ventures from inside even the largest organizations. Corporate Explorers are part entrepreneurs, using innovation disciplines to jump start cutting-edge ideas, and part change leaders, capable of creating support for investment. They see that corporations already own the ideas, resources, and—critically—the talent to build new ventures. Companies like Amazon, Microsoft, Bosch, LexisNexis, and Analog Devices enable managers to put these assets to use and gain an upper hand over startups that threaten to disrupt them. *Corporate Explorer* is a guidebook to the practices that enable these managers to go from idea into action. It demonstrates how success is not only possible but may offer entrenched companies better odds than venture-capital backed startups. This actionable and proven framework explains how managers can become successful corporate innovators; it includes tools to: Learn how to apply innovation practices with greater discipline Turn great ideas into a full-time job as an innovation leader Experiment with and scale original business models Transform innovation programs into a thriving source of new business Attract, retain, and motivate entrepreneurial talent Energize employees by creating a realistic way to innovate These lessons come from the trailblazers of corporate innovation—Andrew Binns (Change Logic), Charles O'Reilly (Stanford Graduate School of Business), and Michael Tushman (Harvard Business School)—who have decades of experience helping entrepreneurial-minded executives activate employees to become Corporate Explorers. Entrepreneurs take notice—it's time for Corporate Explorers to set the pace and chart the course for disruption. 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R -- S -- T -- U -- V -- W -- Z -- About Us -- Authors Deliver maximum value to customers and clients with this blueprint to customer success In *The Customer Education Playbook: How Leading Companies Engage, Convert, and Retain Customers*, customer learning experts Barry Kelly and Daniel Quick explain how teaching customers to best engage with your products and services is the key to converting them from prospects to loyal advocates of your brand. In this book, you'll examine how to define success for your customer, create a customer education development plan, and pursue customer success and revenue metrics. You'll also: Learn why you should prioritize customer learning and invest in customer training and education Discover how to create a detailed customer success and retention plan that emphasizes delivered value Determine how to implement a learning strategy that maximizes and scales lifetime customer value Perfect for founders, executives, managers, and practitioners at companies of all kinds, *The Customer Education Playbook* is especially practical for SaaS company executives seeking to extract and provide maximum value from their customers over the long haul. Companies around the world are combining environmental and social responsibility to achieve improved financial performance. Yet, with the many elements that go into a strategic sustainability plan, businesses and their employees often get mired in the details. The first part of this book shows step-by-step how to define a sustainability plan that fits your organization. The second part is a choose-your-own-adventure reference guide to environmental and social initiatives that will help improve your bottom line. Adam Hammes weaves together easy-to-understand models, business examples, and personal stories from his years of experience. Drawing from his time as the first manager of sustainability for Kum & Go, an independent sustainability consultant, and the executive director of the Iowa Sustainable Business Forum, the book explains what sustainable business means and documents the well-researched ways in which environmental and social responsibility programs unfold inside companies. Over thirty case studies from responsible Iowa businesses illustrate exactly what you can do to assess your organization and take the next successful step. Some of these examples you will recognize, and hopefully many will be new. *Sustainable Business in Iowa* provides a simple framework for any professional who is committed to environmental and social performance, but who feels stuck and unsure of where to go next. *The 5 Stage Journey* - Learn the five stages of corporate sustainability initiatives. Know where you stand, so you can prepare for a successful move to the next stage. *Related Issues* - Learn how environmental and social issues develop in their later stages. Discover how working on related issues separately can severely limit success. *Moving Stages* - Learn what moves a company from one stage of an initiative to the next. Grasp how to facilitate that transition, generate momentum fast, and save time. Envision an Iowa where every business professional understands how to lead financially, environmentally, and socially responsible change in the workplace. Envision an Iowa where more and more of our local companies are seen as national and global leaders in sustainable business. *Sustainable Business in Iowa* shows you how that future is possible. For every paperback sold, \$1 is donated to Net Impact and ENACTUS (Entrepreneurship Action Us). Thank you for helping future generations lead environmentally and socially responsible businesses of tomorrow. A practical approach to hiring, developing, retaining, and fully integrating people with disabilities into organizations of all types. In this pathbreaking book, world-renowned Harvard Business School service firm experts James L. Heskett, W. Earl Sasser, Jr. and Leonard A. Schlesinger reveal that leading companies stay on top by managing the service profit chain. Why are a select few service firms better at what they do -- year in and year out -- than their competitors? For most senior managers, the profusion of anecdotal "service excellence" books fails to address this key question. Based on five years of painstaking research, the authors show how managers at American Express, Southwest Airlines, Banc One, Waste Management, USAA, MBNA, Intuit, British Airways, Taco Bell, Fairfield Inns, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, and the Merry Maids subsidiary of ServiceMaster employ a quantifiable set of relationships that directly links profit and growth to not only customer loyalty and satisfaction, but to employee loyalty, satisfaction, and productivity. The strongest relationships the authors discovered are those between (1) profit and customer loyalty; (2) employee loyalty and customer loyalty; and (3) employee satisfaction and customer satisfaction. Moreover, these relationships are mutually reinforcing; that is, satisfied customers contribute to employee satisfaction and vice versa. Here, finally, is the foundation for a powerful strategic service vision, a model on which any manager can build more focused operations and marketing capabilities. For example, the authors demonstrate how, in Banc One's operating divisions, a direct relationship between customer loyalty measured by the "depth" of a relationship, the number of banking services a customer utilizes, and profitability led the bank to encourage existing customers to further extend the bank services they use. Taco Bell has found that their stores in the top quadrant of customer satisfaction ratings outperform their other stores on all measures. At American Express Travel Services, offices that ticket quickly and accurately are more profitable than those which don't. With hundreds of examples like these, the authors show how to manage the customer-employee "satisfaction mirror" and the customer value equation to achieve a "customer's eye view" of goods and services. They describe how companies in any service industry can (1) measure service profit chain relationships across operating units; (2) communicate the resulting self-appraisal; (3) develop a "balanced scorecard" of performance; (4) develop a recognitions and rewards system tied to established measures; (5) communicate results company-wide; (6) develop an internal "best practice" information exchange; and (7) improve overall service profit chain performance. What difference can service profit chain management make? A lot. Between 1986 and 1995, the common stock prices of the companies studied by the authors increased 147%, nearly twice as fast as the price of the stocks of their closest competitors. The proven success and high-yielding results from these high-achieving companies will make *The Service Profit Chain* required reading for senior, division, and business unit managers in all service companies, as well as for students of service management. Ben & Jerry's has one. So do Tiffany's and Smucker's and Microsoft. It doesn't matter whether you're a small start-up or one of the biggest players in corporate America. A clear statement of intent not only inspires a sense of overall purpose for a business or nonprofit, it serves as a practical focus for individuals within the organization. It can even provide an actual blueprint for a company's future and, ultimately, its success. Selected from among America's most successful corporations and recognizable brands, these statements vary widely in style, length, and language. However, they all share a universal vision of excellence that includes superiority in their fields, respect for and responsibility toward employees and clients, dedication to stated business goals, and community-oriented values. Additionally, *101 MISSION STATEMENTS* instructs the new or future entrepreneur in crafting and customizing a mission statement that will inspire, motivate, and meet the specific needs and aspirations of the organization and its members. Most books dealing with change management focus on how companies reach their corporate goals, instead of on what individual leaders must do. Filling this need, *Leading Business Change: A Practical Guide to Transforming Your Organization* is an easy and fun read that will inspire you to think more closely about how you implement change as a leader. The book presents a proven approach to help leaders of global initiatives grapple with impossible projects and deliver on their goals. The first part of the book explains the author's approach to change management, centering on the need not just for an effective approach but for effective leadership. The remaining three parts walk readers through the three phases of the authors' methodology, using actual examples to demonstrate how to apply each step in the real world. *Introduces the topic of strategic implementation and organizational change* Supplies an overview of the challenges a leader will face when tasked with transforming aspects of a global company *Discusses the need to align the goals of the company, sponsors, and project* Highlights the need to understand the resources available to change leaders *Addresses the challenges of planning the design and delivery of organizational change* The author begins each chapter with a short story around the experiences of a fictional executive with a multinational company who has been tasked with implementing a global outsourcing project. Different stories illustrate the application of the methodologies discussed in the book. Each chapter concludes with questions to help you assess your own leadership style. "In this fully revised and updated edition of his best-selling management classic, Bradford D. Smart describes exactly how leading companies have embraced topgrading, and how you can, too. The author spells out his practical approach to the Topgrading Interview, the proven best practice for assessing talent. His intriguing case studies and shrewd advice are based on solid research - more than 6,000 in-depth interviews he has conducted over three decades."--BOOK JACKET. Thousands of business books are published every year— Here are the best of the best After years of reading, evaluating, and selling business books, Jack Covert and Todd Sattersten are among the most respected experts on the category. Now they have chosen and reviewed the one hundred best business titles of all time—the ones that deliver the biggest payoff for today's busy readers. *The 100 Best Business Books of All Time* puts each book in context so that readers can quickly find solutions to the problems they face, such as how best to spend *The First 90 Days* in a new job or how to take their company from Good to Great. Many of the choices are surprising—you'll find reviews of *Moneyball* and *Orbiting the Giant Hairball*, but not Jack Welch's memoir. At the end of each review, Jack and Todd direct readers to other books

both inside and outside The 100 Best. And sprinkled throughout are sidebars taking the reader beyond business books, suggesting movies, novels, and even children's books that offer equally relevant insights. This guide will appeal to anyone, from entry-level to CEO, who wants to cut through the clutter and discover the brilliant books that are truly worth their investment of time and money. "Less is more" may be good advice for many efforts, but it is terrible advice when it comes to customer experience. Brands that want to stay relevant must apply more energy, focus, and resources to creating knock-your-socks-off customer experiences than they ever did before. Companies that embrace a "more is more" philosophy work harder and go further to ensure that their customers have a positive experience: they do this through customer-focused strategies and leadership, via operations, policies, and procedures that consider how the customer will fare in every scenario. Customer experience guru Blake Morgan walks you through the D.O.M.O.R.E. concepts that set businesses up for success by emphasizing the importance of relationships. Companies that do more: Design something special Offer a strong employee experience Modernize with technology Obsess over the customer Reward responsibility and accountability Embrace disruption and innovation More Is More offers practical advice for building or improving customer experience that you can apply immediately at your own organization. Time is of the essence: your customers are not willing to wait for you to get the customer experience right. Outlining the key areas you need to address immediately, More Is More will help you weather external changes, remain relevant, and thrive in today's ever-changing business landscape. The grounded, clear-sighted guide you need to blend digital and traditional business functions for long-term competitive advantage Business leaders are continually told they need to embrace digital disruption wholeheartedly to thrive in the 21st Century. Legacy companies, we hear, are all doomed to fail unless they double down on the latest digital innovations, and disruptors are ordained to take over the world. Digital innovation is the answer to everything. False! Nothing in life or business is ever that simple. In The Brains and Brawn Company: How Leading Organizations Blend the Best of Digital and Physical, venture capitalist and Stanford Business School lecturer Robert Siegel brings the digital innovation conversation back down to earth. He shows that, while important, digital is only part of the answer—and it's never the only answer. The vast majority of successful leaders from both incumbents and disruptors focus as much on things like logistics, manufacturing, and distribution as they do on digital innovation. In fact, many established companies are successfully countering young upstarts in other creative ways, and many new organizations are learning from their older brethren. Siegel shows how to create lasting profits and growth in the smartest way possible: by creating a solid partnership between digital innovation and traditional business operations—in other words, by marrying brains and brawn. He lays out the core competencies that today's industry leaders have mastered and explains how: Charles Schwab uses cutting-edge analytics to better serve millions of investors without violating its original code of values. Align Technology transformed orthodontia by developing creative new business models along with new products. Kaiser Permanente taps into the power of empathy to improve patient satisfaction while controlling costs. Instacart balances ownership and partnerships to balance the needs of four key constituencies. Target, Best Buy, and Home Depot found different ways to blend the best aspects of physical retail with innovative e-commerce. Desktop Metal is innovating high-volume yet affordable production methods that can revolutionize manufacturing. Filled with original research and case studies of Daimler, 23andMe, Instacart, AB InBev, Google, and many other companies, The Brains and Brawn Company: How Leading Organizations Blend the Best of Digital and Physical provides practical, proven insights and advice for bridging the gulf between digital vs. physical, disruptor vs. incumbent, startup world vs. Fortune 500, and tech culture vs. industrial culture. The Brains and Brawn Company: How Leading Organizations Blend the Best of Digital and Physical provides everything you need to set your company apart from your competitors in real and measurable ways—and take the lead in your industry for years to come. "Based on extensive interviews with today's . . . corporate leaders, this look at how the best CEOs do their jobs focuses on the mindsets and actions that foster an environment of excellence"-- A revised and expanded edition of the groundbreaking Edison in the Boardroom, highlighting the winning strategies today's biggest companies use to maximize the value of their intellectual property Now fully revised and expanded, Edison in the Boardroom, Second Edition takes an in-depth look at the revolutionary concept of intellectual asset management (IAM). Incorporating stories and teachings from some of the most successful companies in the world—such as Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Procter & Gamble, Rockwell, Dow, Ford and many others—Harrison and Sullivan have made an exhaustive study of IAM and its implications for today's businesses. Features updated interviews of companies, and a new treatment of the Profit Center Level Updates stories and teachings from some of the most successful companies in the world Showcases a hierarchy of best practices that today's companies can integrate into their own business philosophies to gain the best return from their intellectual assets Edison in the Boardroom, Second Edition compiles a wealth of knowledge and successful stories that illustrate how far businesses have come in their ability to leverage and monetize their intellectual assets. A Financial Times Book of the Year 2020! Should companies be run for profit or purpose? In this ground-breaking book, acclaimed finance professor and TED speaker Alex Edmans shows it's not an either-or choice. Drawing from real-life examples spanning industries and countries, Edmans demonstrates that purpose-driven businesses are consistently more successful in the long-term. But a purposeful company must navigate difficult trade-offs and take tough decisions. Edmans provides a roadmap for company leaders to put purpose into practice, and overcome the hurdles that hold many back. He explains how investors can discern which companies are truly purposeful and how to engage with them to unleash value for both shareholders and society. And he highlights the role that citizens can play in reshaping business to improve our world. This edition has been thoroughly updated to include the pandemic, the latest research, and new insights on how to make purpose a reality. Featuring real-life stories, "Sustainable Value" equips managers with the skills to integrate sustainability into their core activities as they respond to such issues as climate change, ecosystem health, and global poverty. New Tools to Overcome the Human Barriers to Change Leaders know that their job is to transform their organizations to keep pace with technology and an ever-changing business environment. They also know that they are bound to fail in doing so. But this discouraging prospect is not because they won't be able to solve a technological or strategic problem. Leaders will fail because of intractable human responses associated with change--responses such as fear, ingrained habits, politics, incrementalism, and lack of imagination. These stumbling blocks always arise when we humans are faced with change, but what if we had a way to transcend them? This book reveals a radical new method for doing just that. Written by the executive who designed and implemented it, the neuroscientist who helped make it work, and the academic who explains why it works and how to do it, Leading Transformation introduces an innovative yet proven process for creating breakthrough change. Divided into three steps--envisioning the possible, breaking down resistance, and prototyping the future--this process uses cutting-edge tools such as science fiction, cartoons, rap music, artifact trails, and neuroprototypes to overcome people's inability to imagine or react to what doesn't yet exist, override powerful habits and routines that prevent them from changing, and create compelling narratives about the organization's future and how to get there. Showing how these tools have been used successfully by companies such as Lowe's, Walmart, Pepsi, IKEA, Google, Microsoft, and others, the process revealed in this book gives leaders the means to transcend the human barriers that block change and lead their organizations confidently into the future. Managing Your Scarcest Resources Business leaders know that the key to competitive success is smart management of scarce resources. That's why companies allocate their financial capital so carefully. But capital today is cheap and abundant, no longer a source of advantage. The truly scarce resources now are the time, the talent, and the energy of the people in your organization--resources that are too often squandered. There's plenty of advice about how to manage them, but most of it focuses on individual actions. What's really needed are organizational solutions that can unleash a company's full productive power and enable it to outpace competitors. Building off of the popular Harvard Business Review article "Your Scarcest Resource," Michael Mankins and Eric Garton, Bain & Company experts in organizational design and effectiveness, present new research into how you can liberate people's time, talent, and energy and unleash your organization's productive power. They identify the specific causes of organizational drag--the collection of institutional factors that slow things down, decrease output, and drain people's energy--and then offer a pragmatic framework for how managers can overcome it. With practical advice for using the framework and in-depth examples of how the best companies manage their people's time, talent, and energy with as much discipline as they do their financial capital, this book shows managers how to create a virtuous circle of high performance. Every year, over 10,000 business books are published--and that's before you add in the hundreds of thousands of articles, blogs, and video lectures that are produced. Leaders can't possibly hope to digest it all, and writers increasingly sensationalize and spin their ideas in order to be noticed. The result? Put quite simply, the field of management thinking is in danger of losing the plot. In this new book, Scott Keller and Mary Meaney-Senior Partners at

McKinsey & Company, the world's preeminent management consultancy-cut to the chase by answering the 10 most important and timeless questions that every leader needs to answer in order to maximize the performance and health of their organization. What's more, the authors recognize that great leaders may not have time for long-winded business books. In *Leading Organizations*, answers are kept to the essentials-hard facts, counter-intuitive insights, and practical steps-all presented in an accessible and highly visual format. If there's one essential business book you should read-ever-it's this one. "The New Killer Apps reverses the conventional wisdom that start-ups are destined to out-innovate big, established businesses. Through crisp analysis and compelling case studies, Mui and Carroll show that this just isn't true. Or, at least, it need not be. Yes, small and agile beats big and slow, but big and agile beats anyone. This book offers a roadmap for how large companies can Think Big, Start Small and Learn Fast. In doing so, they can get out of their own way, take advantage of their natural assets, and vanquish both traditional competitors and upstarts by nurturing and unleashing their own killer apps."--Amazon.com. From the ill-fated dot-com bubble to unprecedented merger and acquisition activity to scandal, greed, and, ultimately, recession -- we've learned that widespread and difficult change is no longer the exception. By outlining the process organizations have used to achieve transformational goals and by identifying where and how even top performers derail during the change process, Kotter provides a practical resource for leaders and managers charged with making change initiatives work. Quality. We all make judgments about it every day. Yet articulating a clear definition of quality in an investing context is challenging. This book addresses the challenge, and distills years of practical investing experience into a definitive account of this under-explored investment philosophy. Finance theory has it that abnormal outcomes do not persist, that exceptional performance will soon enough become average performance. Quality investing involves seeking companies with the right attributes to overcome these forces of mean reversion and, crucially, owning these outstanding companies for the long term. This book pinpoints and explains the characteristics that increase the probability of a company prospering over time - as well as those that hinder such chances. Throughout, a series of fascinating real-life case studies illustrate the traits that signify quality, as well as some that flatter to deceive. The authors' firm, AKO Capital, has a strong track record of finding and investing in quality companies - helping it deliver a compound annual growth rate more than double that of the market since inception. *Quality Investing* sheds light on the investment philosophy, processes and tough lessons that have contributed to this consistent outperformance. "Describes specific steps any business can take to implement sound, practical, climate-related corporate policies." - cover. The best-selling author of *Big Data* is back, this time with a unique and in-depth insight into how specific companies use big data. Big data is on the tip of everyone's tongue. Everyone understands its power and importance, but many fail to grasp the actionable steps and resources required to utilise it effectively. This book fills the knowledge gap by showing how major companies are using big data every day, from an up-close, on-the-ground perspective. From technology, media and retail, to sport teams, government agencies and financial institutions, learn the actual strategies and processes being used to learn about customers, improve manufacturing, spur innovation, improve safety and so much more. Organised for easy dip-in navigation, each chapter follows the same structure to give you the information you need quickly. For each company profiled, learn what data was used, what problem it solved and the processes put it place to make it practical, as well as the technical details, challenges and lessons learned from each unique scenario. Learn how predictive analytics helps Amazon, Target, John Deere and Apple understand their customers Discover how big data is behind the success of Walmart, LinkedIn, Microsoft and more Learn how big data is changing medicine, law enforcement, hospitality, fashion, science and banking Develop your own big data strategy by accessing additional reading materials at the end of each chapter It is time to update the way we view the world of business. In this book, Fredrik Haren argues for why and how companies need to become global in the way they conduct business. Learn how some of the most successful companies, big and small, have been able to make this transition; what other companies can learn from them; the challenges you will face when going global; and the dangers that loom for those who choose not to. Be inspired by what Fredrik learned by interviewing the CEO of SKF in a hotel in Beijing, the CMO of Jones Lang LaSalle in an office in London and a marketing executive of Google at the Googleplex in San Francisco, among many other things. For his research, Fredrik Haren traveled to more than 20 countries, conducting interviews with professionals working for successful organizations such as Mindshare, Volvo, IKEA, Rovio, Siemens, Jotun, Manpower, Ericsson, Maersk and many, many more. Prepare to be surprised, challenged and inspired and to look at the world of business in a brand new way. WALL STREET JOURNAL BESTSELLER A pioneering venture capitalist provides an actionable framework for founders and executives to create innovative, enduring companies built for growth and for societal good. The Milton Friedman philosophy that companies exist only to increase shareholder value is dead and buried. The old Silicon Valley tenets of "move fast and break things," minimum viable products, and hyper engagement at any cost must be replaced with new principles for an era of responsible innovation. We can no longer manage businesses solely for growth. With innovation comes responsibility: to generate returns beyond profits and to recenter technology as a force for good in the world. This requires a shift in the way organizations approach and value work. A company's mindset—its intent to do good, avoid harmful consequences, and innovate responsibly—is not enough. That mindset must be supported by a business model, a mechanism that leaders must intentionally and proactively build along with the company from the ground up, one that incentivizes and rewards the organization for fulfilling its intentions. Companies need a new set of KCIs, or key consequence indicators, that measure factors such as its impact on customers' energy consumption, whether its product is being used equally across socioeconomic groups, or if it is actually solving the social problem it is addressing. Not only is this the right thing to do—increasingly, it is what customers, employees, and shareholders demand of business. In this inspiring, practical, and actionable guide, Hemant Taneja: lays out the argument for why a new model of company building and leadership is necessary—and how it can lead to better performance explores why social-good businesses are some of the greatest opportunities today, detailing examples of billion-dollar startups that are addressing inequality, climate change, systemic societal problems, and chronic disease—all while generating profit and positive shareholder returns presents a topic-by-topic road map that addresses business models, artificial intelligence, ethical growth, culture, governance, and good citizenship Intended Consequences is designed as the ultimate playbook for founders, entrepreneurs, leadership teams, and investors on how to build and maintain a responsible innovation company. Leadership is never more crucial than when corporate survival is at stake. But the days of the tough guys are over. The leaders who are driving today's sustainable turnarounds understand that the answers to a distressed company's problems lie almost always within the firm itself - usually at middle manager level and below. The secret is cooperation. Drawing on interviews with top company doctors and advisers, as well as on the authors' own experience, *Leading Corporate Turnarounds* explores seven key leadership and management skills required for successful turnaround, and shows why quickly gaining the buy-in and trust of all stakeholders is the key to ultimate success. Written by the founding directors of the Society of Turnaround Professionals (STP), with a proposed Foreword by the Society's Patron Sir John Harvey-Jones Considers the different drivers of turnaround, the alternatives to it, and the restructuring processes required to move beyond crisis stabilization to sustainable change Features international case studies from leading companies including BT, Virgin Express, Arthur Andersen, Parmalat, GE, Lee Cooper, New Look and IBM The Challenge Built to Last, the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the verybeginning. But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? The Study For years, this question preyed on the mind of Jim Collins. Are there companies that defy gravity and convert long-term mediocrity or worse into long-term superiority? And if so, what are the universal distinguishing characteristics that cause a company to go from good to great? The Standards Using tough benchmarks, Collins and his research team identified a set of elite companies that made the leap to great results and sustained those results for at least fifteen years. How great? After the leap, the good-to-great companies generated cumulative stock returns that beat the general stock market by an average of seven times in fifteen years, better than twice the results delivered by a composite index of the world's greatest companies, including Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric, and Merck. The Comparisons The research team contrasted the good-to-great companies with a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to make the leap from good to great. What was different? Why did one set of companies become truly great performers while the other set remained only good? Over five years, the team analyzed the histories of all twenty-eight companies in the study. After sifting through mountains of data and thousands of pages of interviews, Collins and his crew discovered the key determinants of greatness -- why some companies make the leap and others don't. The Findings The findings of

the Good to Great study will surprise many readers and shed light on virtually every area of management strategy and practice. The findings include: Level 5 Leaders: The research team was shocked to discover the type of leadership required to achieve greatness. The Hedgehog Concept (Simplicity within the Three Circles): To go from good to great requires transcending the curse of competence. A Culture of Discipline: When you combine a culture of discipline with an ethic of entrepreneurship, you get the magical alchemy of great results. Technology Accelerators: Good-to-great companies think differently about the role of technology. The Flywheel and the Doom Loop: Those who launch radical change programs and wrenching restructurings will almost certainly fail to make the leap. "Some of the key concepts discerned in the study," comments Jim Collins, "fly in the face of our modern business culture and will, quite frankly, upset some people." Perhaps, but who can afford to ignore these findings?

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