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*Schiller's Liquor Bar Cocktail Collection* - Keith McNally 2013-10-29

"Offering the right drink for every occasion and every time of year, this book contains seasonal crowd-pleasing favorites like Hot Buttered Rum, Spiked Cider, Cranberry Toddy, Mojitos, Sangria, and holiday punches."--Amazon.com, viewed on February 12, 2014.

**What the Heck Is EOS?** - Gino Wickman 2017-09-05

Has your company struggled to roll EOS out to all levels of your organization? Do your employees understand why EOS is important or even what it is? What the Heck is EOS? is for the millions of employees in companies running their businesses on EOS (Entrepreneurial Operating System). An easy and fast read, this book answers the questions many employees have about EOS and their company: • What is an operating system? • What is EOS and why is my company using it? • What are the EOS foundational tools and how do they impact me? • What's in it for me? Designed to engage employees in the EOS process and tools, What the Heck is EOS? uses simple, straightforward language and provides questions about each tool for managers and employees to discuss creating more ownership and buy-in at the staff level. After reading this book, employees will not only have a better understanding of EOS but they will be more engaged, taking an active role in helping achieve your company's vision.

**Shackleton's Way** - Margot Morrell 2001-01-08

Lead your business to survival and success by following the example of legendary explorer Ernest Shackleton Sir Ernest Shackleton has been called "the greatest leader that ever came on God's earth, bar none" for saving the lives of the twenty-seven men stranded with him in the Antarctic for almost two years. Because of his courageous actions, he remains to this day a model for great leadership and masterful crisis management. Now, through anecdotes, the diaries of the men in his crew, and Shackleton's own writing, Shackleton's leadership style and time-honored principles are translated for the modern business world. Written by two veteran business observers and illustrated with ship photographer Frank Hurley's masterpieces and other rarely seen photos, this practical book helps today's leaders follow Shackleton's triumphant example. "An important addition to any leader's library." -Seattle Times

*Overcoming the Five Dysfunctions of a Team* - Patrick M. Lencioni 2010-06-03

In the years following the publication of Patrick Lencioni's best-seller *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*, fans have been clamoring for more information on how to implement the ideas outlined in the book. In *Overcoming the Five Dysfunctions of a Team*, Lencioni offers more specific, practical guidance for overcoming the Five Dysfunctions—using tools, exercises, assessments, and real-world examples. He examines questions that all teams must ask themselves: Are we really a team? How

are we currently performing? Are we prepared to invest the time and energy required to be a great team? Written concisely and to the point, this guide gives leaders, line managers, and consultants alike the tools they need to get their teams up and running quickly and effectively.

**Leaders Eat Last** - Simon Sinek 2017-05-23

Finally in paperback: the New York Times bestseller by the acclaimed, bestselling author of *Start With Why* and *Together is Better*. Now with an expanded chapter and appendix on leading millennials, based on Simon Sinek's viral video "Millennials in the workplace" (150+ million views). Imagine a world where almost everyone wakes up inspired to go to work, feels trusted and valued during the day, then returns home feeling fulfilled. This is not a crazy, idealized notion. Today, in many successful organizations, great leaders create environments in which people naturally work together to do remarkable things. In his work with organizations around the world, Simon Sinek noticed that some teams trust each other so deeply that they would literally put their lives on the line for each other. Other teams, no matter what incentives are offered, are doomed to infighting, fragmentation and failure. Why? The answer became clear during a conversation with a Marine Corps general. "Officers eat last," he said. Sinek watched as the most junior Marines ate first while the most senior Marines took their place at the back of the line. What's symbolic in the chow hall is deadly serious on the battlefield: Great leaders sacrifice their own comfort--even their own survival--for the good of those in their care. Too many workplaces are driven by cynicism, paranoia, and self-interest. But the best ones foster trust and cooperation because their leaders build what Sinek calls a "Circle of Safety" that separates the security inside the team from the challenges outside. Sinek illustrates his ideas with fascinating true stories that range from the military to big business, from government to investment banking.

**Healing Career Wounds** - Rick Girard 2021-05-20

YOU DON'T NEED A MASSIVE PAYROLL OR A FAMOUS BRAND TO WIN THE HIRING BATTLE You may believe that hiring is crazy hard. The truth is that it's crazy easy when you understand that hiring is not about you. If you are?? A founder who just can't find "the right people,"? A co-founder who doesn't trust your team to make the right hiring decisions,? An entrepreneur who has lost a great hire to a company with a bigger checkbook,? A hiring manager who doesn't have a clue how to interview people, or? A start-up that is destined for greatness but just can't get off the ground, HEALING CAREER WOUNDS IS YOUR NEW SECRET WEAPON. Discover the proven system for attracting, hiring, and retaining the strongest people on the planet for your company. Written by executive search expert Rick Girard, this radical guide introduces you to the Hiring Operating System (HireOS?), a single, start-to-finish

structure to the hiring process that is both highly efficient and proven successful. When you're ready to ditch your ineffective recruiting process for an evolutionary model of consciously hiring for value alignment, *Healing Career Wounds* will give you all the competitive edge you need to win.

**The Innovation Stack** - Jim McKelvey 2020-03-10

From the cofounder of Square, an inspiring and entertaining account of what it means to be a true entrepreneur and what it takes to build a resilient, world-changing company. In 2009, a St. Louis glassblowing artist and recovering computer scientist named Jim McKelvey lost a sale because he couldn't accept American Express cards. Frustrated by the high costs and difficulty of accepting credit card payments, McKelvey joined his friend Jack Dorsey (the cofounder of Twitter) to launch Square, a startup that would enable small merchants to accept credit card payments on their mobile phones. With no expertise or experience in the world of payments, they approached the problem of credit cards with a new perspective, questioning the industry's assumptions, experimenting and innovating their way through early challenges, and achieving widespread adoption from merchants small and large. But just as Square was taking off, Amazon launched a similar product, marketed it aggressively, and undercut Square on price. For most ordinary startups, this would have spelled the end. Instead, less than a year later, Amazon was in retreat and soon discontinued its service. How did Square beat the most dangerous company on the planet? Was it just luck? These questions motivated McKelvey to study what Square had done differently from all the other companies Amazon had killed. He eventually found the key: a strategy he calls the Innovation Stack. McKelvey's fascinating and humorous stories of Square's early days are blended with historical examples of other world-changing companies built on the Innovation Stack to reveal a pattern of ground-breaking, competition-proof entrepreneurship that is rare but repeatable. The Innovation Stack is a thrilling business narrative that's much bigger than the story of Square. It is an irreverent first-person look inside the world of entrepreneurship, and a call to action for all of us to find the entrepreneur within ourselves and identify and fix unsolved problems--one crazy idea at a time.

**The Money Tree** - Chris Guillebeau 2020-04-07

From bestselling author of *The \$100 Startup* and *Side Hustle* comes Chris Guillebeau's engaging story about the power you have to create your own financial destiny. Like financial classics *The Latte Factor* and *The Richest Man in Babylon*, *The Money Tree* uses a compelling story with captivating characters to share its core insight: you are never at the mercy of fortune as long as you have an appetite for hard work and a willingness to step outside your comfort zone. Jake Arons is in trouble. He's being evicted from his apartment in less than 30 days, the bill for his \$50,000 in overdue student loans is almost due, and the digital marketing agency he works at just implemented a new military-style grading system that might cost him his job. To top it off, Jake's new relationship with Maya was going so well... but with everything else falling down around him, he might lose her, too. In search of answers, Jake reluctantly attends a weekly group meeting at the invitation of a coworker. Everyone in the group is trying to create a lucrative side hustle with one key requirement: they can only spend up to \$500 before earning a profit. Over the course of several weeks, Jake undertakes a series of challenges, first learning how to make \$1,000 in a single weekend, and ultimately how to discover the untapped skills he needs to take control of his finances--and his life.

**How to Stitch an American Dream** - Jenny Louise Doan 2021-10-19

Faith, family, hard work, and second chances are at the core of every great American story, and Jenny Doan's story is just that. In her new memoir, *How to Stitch an American Dream*, readers will discover the behind-the-scenes success story of the Missouri Star Quilt Company and Jenny's remarkable journey to overcome hardship, claim the abundance of family, and ignite the power of giving--all while revitalizing a small town along the way. Over the last decade, the Doan family business, the Missouri Star Quilt Company in tiny Hamilton, Missouri, has grown from Jenny's corner shop--with one quilting machine and two bolts of fabric for sale in the back--to become the largest supplier of pre-cut quilting fabric in the headquarters of Jenny's world-famous YouTube tutorial videos. Jenny is now giving her fans, the business world, and moms of all ages (and grandmas too!) what they've been asking for: the full story of her journey, from her humble beginnings as a homeschooling mom, to founding MSQC in her fifties, through the remarkable success and inspiration she's so well-known for today. In this book, you'll learn: How she and her beloved husband, Ron, raised seven children on a shoestring budget--and had fun doing it; How, after a string of bad luck, the family made a prayer-based decision to leave California behind and start over again in rural Missouri, even though they had no place to live, no jobs lined up, and no idea how they were going to make it; How Jenny, Ron and their children worked side-by-side to patch together a family home out of a crumbling shell of a farmhouse; And how their faith, hard work, and generosity not only carried them through the hard times, but led directly to the success of the Missouri Star Quilt Company. *How to Stitch an American Dream* will make you laugh, cry, say "bless your heart."

**Predictable Success** - Les McKeown 2010

Presents advice on ways to inspire confidence in management and achieve lasting success in an organization.

**Rocket Fuel** - Gino Wickman 2015-04-28

Discover the vital relationship that will take your company from "What's next?" to "We have liftoff!" Visionaries have groundbreaking ideas. Integrators make those ideas a reality. This explosive combination is the key to getting everything you want out of your business. It worked for Disney. It worked for McDonald's. It worked for Ford. It can work for you. From the author of the bestselling *Traction*, *Rocket Fuel* details the integral roles of the Visionary and Integrator and explains how an effective relationship between the two can help your business thrive. Offering advice to help Visionary-minded and Integrator-minded individuals find one another, *Rocket Fuel* also features assessments so you're able to determine whether you're a Visionary or an Integrator. Without an Integrator, a Visionary is far less likely to succeed long-term, and realize the company's ultimate goals--likewise, with no Visionary, an Integrator can't rise to his or her full potential. When these two people come together to share their natural talents and innate skill sets, it's like rocket fuel--they have the power to reach new heights for virtually any company or organization.

**Tuesdays with Morrie** - Mitch Albom 2007-06-29

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A special 25th anniversary edition of the beloved book that changed millions of lives--with a new afterword by the author "A wonderful book, a story of the heart told by a writer with soul."--Los Angeles Times Maybe it was a grandparent, or a teacher, or a colleague. Someone older, patient and wise, who understood you when you were young and searching, helped you see the world as a more profound place, gave you sound advice to help you make your way through it. For Mitch Albom, that person was Morrie Schwartz, his college

professor from nearly twenty years ago. Maybe, like Mitch, you lost track of this mentor as you made your way, and the insights faded, and the world seemed colder. Wouldn't you like to see that person again, ask the bigger questions that still haunt you, receive wisdom for your busy life today the way you once did when you were younger? Mitch Albom had that second chance. He rediscovered Morrie in the last months of the older man's life. Knowing he was dying, Morrie visited with Mitch in his study every Tuesday, just as they used to back in college. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final "class": lessons in how to live. Tuesdays with Morrie is a magical chronicle of their time together, through which Mitch shares Morrie's lasting gift with the world.

**Have a Nice Conflict** - Tim Scudder 2011-12-12

How to successfully navigate and prevent conflict From the publishers of the popular Strength Deployment Inventory, Have a Nice Conflict follows one man's fight to rescue his sinking career. Sales manager John Doyle would consider his career a success—he's his company's top revenue driver, and his take-charge attitude gets the job done. However, when he is passed over for promotion—again—after losing two direct reports, who cite his abrasive style as their reason for leaving, John is forced to reassess how he approaches his relationships. With the help of Mac, an expert in the art of Relationship Awareness Theory, John learns the three stages of conflict, and how he reacts in each. Once John recognizes his own values and trigger points, as well as those of other people, he becomes able to better navigate these situations, express his points in a way that resonates for other people, and even avoid conflict altogether. Equipped with this new understanding of how other people interpret and react to conflict, John soon finds all the relationships in his life—both at work and at home—improving. Reveals a practical understanding of how conflict really works Shows how to recognize its initial stages of conflict, how to navigate it better to diffuse a situation, and how to understand the values of the other person to better frame your point for them Provides guidance for moving beyond conflict to enhance relationships Includes a five-step framework (anticipate, prevent, identify, manage, and resolve) and tools for locating conflict triggers in ourselves and others Anyone can profit from the tools in this book to understand and take control over conflict.

**Your Strategy Needs a Strategy** - Martin Reeves 2015-05-19

You think you have a winning strategy. But do you? Executives are bombarded with bestselling ideas and best practices for achieving competitive advantage, but many of these ideas and practices contradict each other. Should you aim to be big or fast? Should you create a blue ocean, be adaptive, play to win—or forget about a sustainable competitive advantage altogether? In a business environment that is changing faster and becoming more uncertain and complex almost by the day, it's never been more important—or more difficult—to choose the right approach to strategy. In this book, The Boston Consulting Group's Martin Reeves, Knut Haanæs, and Janmejaya Sinha offer a proven method to determine the strategy approach that is best for your company. They start by helping you assess your business environment—how unpredictable it is, how much power you have to change it, and how harsh it is—a critical component of getting strategy right. They show how existing strategy approaches sort into five categories—Be Big, Be Fast, Be First, Be the Orchestrator, or simply Be Viable—depending on the extent of predictability, malleability, and harshness. In-depth explanations of each of these approaches will provide critical insight to help you match your approach to strategy to your environment, determine when and how to execute each one, and avoid a potentially fatal mismatch. Addressing your most pressing strategic challenges, you'll be able

to answer questions such as: • What replaces planning when the annual cycle is obsolete? • When can we—and when should we—shape the game to our advantage? • How do we simultaneously implement different strategic approaches for different business units? • How do we manage the inherent contradictions in formulating and executing different strategies across multiple businesses and geographies? Until now, no book brings it all together and offers a practical tool for understanding which strategic approach to apply. Get started today.

**The UnStoppables** - Bill Schley 2013-05-06

How to tap the real source of entrepreneurial power in you and in your organization The UnStoppables is based on foreword author Graham Weston's experience growing Rackspace, as well as fascinating case studies from such organizations as the Navy SEALs and Israeli Special Forces. In The UnStoppables Bill Schley, co-founder of the branding firm Brand Team Six shows how the best practitioners think continuously about two things: The Big Picture and the Little Picture—essence and essentials. The essentials are the business and financial mechanics required of any working enterprise. But the essence is the emotional mechanics to deal with obstacles, risk, fear and failure. Mastering the emotional mechanics is how entrepreneurs succeed and winners win. This is how you capture the unlimited power of entrepreneurship to spark a successful start-up or revitalize a mature organization. Explains why what's stopping you is more important than what's starting you, how to tap the essence of entrepreneurial power in you and in your organization, and how motion generates vision Bill Schley is an award winning author and established expert on branding and marketing communications, as well as the co-founder and creative director of the branding firm Brand Team Six Graham Weston is the internationally renowned co-founder and chairman of Rackspace, the world's #1 cloud computing and managed hosting company Locally, this book teaches you how to become an entrepreneur or to inspire an entrepreneurial mindset to boost any stage business. Globally, this book is about how this nation can launch thousands more entrepreneurs for the future.

**Boomerang** - Michael Lewis 2011-10-03

The author of The Big Short describes the effect that the bubble of cheap credit readily available to almost anyone between 2002 and 2008 had on countries beside the U.S., including Iceland, Greece and Germany. 200,000 first printing.

**Process!** - Mike Paton 2022-09-27

This deep-dive into the revolutionary EOS method to strengthen a company's process component will help leaders at all companies—from early stage startups to established corporations—run better businesses and live better lives. Part of the TRACTION Library, Process! proves that a high-level, 20/80 approach to getting your core processes "followed by all" will help you: Get consistently exceptional results Improve and innovate as necessary Free yourself to live your ideal life If you own, run, or lead in a fast-moving business, you're likely driven by passion and a desire to be free. Many leaders mistakenly believe instilling rigor and discipline for process throughout your organizations will inhibit freedom. They couldn't be more wrong. It's when you're stuck in the day-to-day, putting out fires and cleaning up messes, that passion turns to frustration. Freedom seems somewhere between elusive and impossible. The secret to getting unstuck is process. This inspiring, informative field guide will prove it's possible to establish rigor and discipline for process while also increasing creativity, flexibility, and innovation. Process! will help you identify a handful of core processes that make your business uniquely valuable. You'll learn how to document and simplify the major steps in those processes so they can be done the right and

best way, every time. Finally, you'll execute a simple, step-by-step plan that is helping more than 10,000 entrepreneurs around the world consistently get the results they want.

**Traction** - Gino Wickman 2012-04-03

OVER 1 MILLION COPIES SOLD! Do you have a grip on your business, or does your business have a grip on you? All entrepreneurs and business leaders face similar frustrations—personnel conflict, profit woes, and inadequate growth. Decisions never seem to get made, or, once made, fail to be properly implemented. But there is a solution. It's not complicated or theoretical. The Entrepreneurial Operating System® is a practical method for achieving the business success you have always envisioned. More than 80,000 companies have discovered what EOS can do. In Traction, you'll learn the secrets of strengthening the six key components of your business. You'll discover simple yet powerful ways to run your company that will give you and your leadership team more focus, more growth, and more enjoyment. Successful companies are applying Traction every day to run profitable, frustration-free businesses—and you can too. For an illustrative, real-world lesson on how to apply Traction to your business, check out its companion book, *Get A Grip*.

*The No B.S. Small Business Book: How to Win When Most Fail* - Casey Graham 2022-01-25

Most business books are filled with B.S. "Hack this!" "10X that!" "Guaranteed!" But the business success you want isn't hidden inside thousands of buzzwords. Massive success only comes when you get massively clear about the one outcome you can control in your business: YOU. In *The No B.S. Small Business Book*, you will learn how to get ruthlessly honest about yourself, your business, and what you really want from both—and how to get it. You'll roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty, applying practical business strategies gleaned from decades of experience building and exiting successful companies. If you want to gain massive traction from achieving massive clarity as you take massive action at all levels of business and life as a no-B.S. business owner, then buckle up... This is the business book you've been waiting for.

*Setting the Table* - Danny Meyer 2009-10-13

The bestselling business book from award-winning restaurateur Danny Meyer, of Union Square Cafe, Gramercy Tavern, and Shake Shack Seventy-five percent of all new restaurant ventures fail, and of those that do stick around, only a few become icons. Danny Meyer started Union Square Cafe when he was 27, with a good idea and hopeful investors. He is now the co-owner of a restaurant empire. How did he do it? How did he beat the odds in one of the toughest trades around? In this landmark book, Danny shares the lessons he learned developing the dynamic philosophy he calls Enlightened Hospitality. The tenets of that philosophy, which emphasize strong in-house relationships as well as customer satisfaction, are applicable to anyone who works in any business. Whether you are a manager, an executive, or a waiter, Danny's story and philosophy will help you become more effective and productive, while deepening your understanding and appreciation of a job well done. *Setting the Table* is landmark a motivational work from one of our era's most gifted and insightful business leaders.

*Get A Grip* - Gino Wickman 2014-04-08

It's time to take your business to the next level. Eileen Sharp and Vic Hightower were frustrated. After years of profitable, predictable growth, Swan Services was in a rut. Meetings were called and discussions held, but few decisions were made and even less got done. People were pointing fingers and assigning blame, but

nothing happened to solve Swan's mounting problems. It felt as though they were working harder than ever but with less impact. The company Eileen and Vic had founded and built for 10 years was a different place. It just wasn't fun anymore. Their story is not unusual. The challenges they were facing are common, predictable, and solvable. *Get A Grip* tells the story of how Swan Services resolves its issues by implementing the Entrepreneurial Operating System®. With the help of EOS, Eileen, Vic, and their leadership team master a set of managerial tools that allow them to get traction on their business, grow the business, and deliver better results for clients. The story of Swan Services is a fable, but the Entrepreneurial Operating System® is very real and has helped thousands of businesses worldwide. A complete entrepreneurial toolkit, EOS has helped thousands of businesses get to where they want to be. In *Get A Grip*, learn how Swan Services leaders learned to develop and commit to a clear vision, establish focus, build discipline, and create a healthier and more cohesive team. With characters and situations created from collective business experiences and stories, *Get A Grip* is a fable that will ring true for entrepreneurial leaders the world over and guide them to get their companies on track.

**The Great Game of Business** - Jack Stack 2014-07-03

In the early 1980s, Springfield Remanufacturing Corporation (SRC) in Springfield, Missouri, was a near bankrupt division of International Harvester. Today it's one of the most successful and competitive companies in the United States, with a share price 3000 times what it was thirty years ago. This miracle turnaround is all down to one man, Jack Stack, and his revolutionary system of Open-Book Management, in which every employee understands the company's key figures, can act on them and has a real stake in the business. In Stack's own words: 'When employees think, act and feel like owners ... everybody wins.' As a management strategy, 'the great game of business' is so simple and effective that it's been taken up by companies from Intel to Harley Davidson.

**Onward** - Howard Schultz 2012-03-27

In this #1 New York Times bestseller, the CEO of Starbucks recounts the story and leadership lessons behind the global coffee company's comeback and continued success. In 2008, Howard Schultz decided to return as the CEO of Starbucks to help restore its financial health and bring the company back to its core values. In *Onward*, he shares this remarkable story, revealing how, during one of the most tumultuous economic periods in American history, Starbucks again achieved profitability and sustainability without sacrificing humanity. Offering you a snapshot of the recession that left no company unscathed, the book shows in riveting detail how one company struggled and recreated itself in the midst of it all. In addition, you'll get an inside look into Schultz's central leadership philosophy: It's not about winning, it's about the right way to win. *Onward* is a compelling, candid narrative documenting the maturing of a brand as well as a businessman. Ultimately, Schultz gives you a sense of hope that, no matter how tough times get, the future can be more successful than the past.

*The Age of Speed* - Vince Poscente 2008-08-26

To succeed in today's ever-accelerating world, speed is the name of the game. Forget "slow and steady wins the race." The key to getting ahead is not fighting or hiding from speed, but embracing speed and using its power to your advantage. As Vince Poscente demonstrates in this rewarding and, yes, fast-paced book, speed has a unique ability to enrich your life. He empowers you to take control of your time, your tasks, your priorities, and your talents, and start making life everything you want it to be. Twenty new tips—exclusive to this paperback

edition—show you how to:

- recognize the difference between repetitive chores and passionate pursuits, and assign the appropriate amount of time and energy to each
- mentally shatter the outdated idea that work, home, and leisure should be completely separate, and create a new, purpose-driven model of organizing your time
- discover how to control interruptions, including how and when to accept them—by learning when to multitask and when to focus

Speed provides amazing benefits—you become more conscious of how you spend your time, understand your authentic purpose, and find yourself more flexible and open to new opportunities. When you harness the power of speed, your life and work become less stressful, less busy, and more balanced. What are you waiting for? Praise for The Age of Speed: “The Age of Speed is your bible to surf the speed tsunami that’s overtaking business and life.” —Scott Cook, chairman and co-founder, Intuit “Thought-provoking . . . It’s time to make peace with the whoosh of your 24/7 lifestyle.” —Time “[Vince Poscente’s] counterintuitive notion of embracing speed rather than coping with it will change the way people live and work.” —Stephen M. R. Covey, author of The Speed of Trust

**Built on Values** - Ann Rhoades 2011-01-18

Most leaders know that a winning, engaged culture is the key to attracting top talent—and customers. Yet, it remains elusive how exactly to create this ideal workplace—one where everyone from the front lines to the board room knows the company’s values and feels comfortable and empowered to act on them. Based on Ann Rhoades’ years of experience with JetBlue, Southwest, and other companies known for their trailblazing corporate cultures, Built on Values reveals exactly how leaders can create winning environments that allow their employees and their companies to thrive. Companies that create or improve values-based cultures can become higher performers, both in customer and employee satisfaction and financial return, as proven by Rhoades’ work with JetBlue, Southwest Airlines, Disney, Loma Linda University Hospitals, Doubletree Hotels, Juniper Networks, and P.F. Chang’s China Bistros. Built on Values provides a clear blueprint for how to accomplish culture change, showing: How to exceed the expectations of employees and customers How to develop a Values Blueprint tailored to your organization’s goals and put it into action Why it’s essential to hire, fire, and reward people based on values alone, and How to establish a discipline for sustaining a values-centric culture Built on Values helps companies get on the pathway to greatness by showing the exact steps for either curing an ailing company culture or creating a new one from scratch.

**Scale or Fail** - Allison Maslan 2018-10-16

Scaling a business is not for the faint of heart. It’s a mind-bending journey that causes millions of business owners around the globe to either throw in the towel—or avoid risk entirely and suffer from smallness and mediocrity. Most of these businesses fail because they are ill prepared to face the real challenges involved in scaling. Either they don’t have the bandwidth to keep up with the sales demand or production, miss out on major opportunities due to fear, or keep making the same mistakes over and over because systems and processes aren’t in sync with the rate of growth. To truly scale, you must upsize your strategic practices, implement new marketing strategies, find new ways to build your team, and expand your mindset to break through whatever is keeping you stuck at the same level. Then you must be willing to take the leap into the giant unknown – to make your impossible possible. In Scale or Fail, author Allison Maslan—who has successfully scaled ten companies from scratch and has guided thousands of small businesses to do the same—shares her revolutionary SCALEit Method® for

successfully growing, replicating, and expanding your business. She also shares pivotal mindset strategies she’s used to break the fear barrier as a trapeze artist so you can move past any obstacle, take strategic Big Picture risks, and fulfill your dreams of business expansion and skyrocketing profit. Featuring a wealth of real-life success stories, visual tools, and exercises that are prescriptive and inspirational, Scale or Fail offers proven scaling strategies and a proactive approach to: Create your Big Picture Vision and build a plan to achieve it Produce an ever-flowing stream of cash flow with consistent profits Establish a powerhouse team that functions well without you Become a true leader and feel like you deserve your success Improve systems and processes that facilitate scaling Get past the mental and strategic pitfalls that cause revenue bottlenecks Scale or Fail is adaptable to any type of business—manufacturing, consumer goods, a brick and mortar, a digital service, a wholesaler, a consulting service, and everything in between. Whether you’re six figures and scaling to seven. . . or in the seven figures and scaling to eight or even nine, Scale or Fail provides the roadmap to multiply your business growth—and empower you to soar in the air with the greatest of ease.

**Guitar Lessons** - Bob Taylor 2011-02-04

The inside story of the founding and growth of Taylor Guitars, one of the world's most successful guitar manufacturers Bob Taylor mixes the details of his experience as a tradesman and cofounder of Taylor Guitars, a world-famous acoustic and electric guitar manufacturer, with philosophical life lessons that have practical application for building a business. From the “a-ha” moment in junior high school that inspired his very first guitar, Taylor has been living the American dream, crafting quality products with his own hands and building a successful, sustainable business. In Guitar Lessons, he shares the values that he lives by and that have provided the foundation for the company’s success. Be inspired by a story of guts and gumption, an unwavering commitment to quality, and the hard lessons that made Taylor Guitars the company it is today.

**Clockwork** - Mike Michalowicz 2018-08-21

Do you worry that your business will collapse without your constant presence? Are you sacrificing your family, friendships, and freedom to keep your business alive? What if instead your business could run itself, freeing you to do what you love when you want, while it continues to grow and turn a profit? It’s possible. And it’s easier than you think. If you’re like most entrepreneurs, you started your business so you could be your own boss, make the money you deserve, and live life on your own terms. In reality, you’re bogged down in the daily grind, constantly putting out fires, answering an endless stream of questions, and continually hunting for cash. Now, Mike Michalowicz, the author of Profit First and other small-business bestsellers, offers a straightforward step-by-step path out of this dilemma. In Clockwork, he draws on more than six years of research and real life examples to explain his simple approach to making your business ultra-efficient. Among other powerful strategies, you will discover how to: Make your employees act like owners: Free yourself from micromanaging by using a simple technique to empower your people to make smart decisions without you. Pinpoint your business's most important function: Unleash incredible efficiency by identifying and focusing everyone on the one function that is most crucial to your business. Know what to fix next: Most entrepreneurs try to fix every inefficiency at once and end up fixing nothing. Use the “weakest link in the chain” method to find the one fix that will add the most value now. Whether you have a staff of one, one hundred, or somewhere in between, whether you’re a new entrepreneur or have been overworked

and overstressed for years, Clockwork is your path to finally making your business work for you.

**Empowerment Takes More Than a Minute** - Ken Blanchard 2001-10-01

In the newly updated edition of this classic empowerment business fable—over 400,000 copies sold—Ken Blanchard and John Carlos show you how to shift to an empowered, employee-driven work environment. Empowerment Takes More Than a Minute tells the story of a young manager whose attempts to turn his troubled company around through traditional top-down, command-and-control management are failing. Reluctantly, he contacts an expert in empowerment, even though he feels like he's already tried that approach. Step by step, the expert helps him understand why his past and present efforts have fallen short and figure out what he needs to do to create an empowered workforce. The process as it unfolds is complex, paradoxical, and counterintuitive—but well worth the effort. This new edition dispels the notion that empowerment is a bygone fad. No matter what its name, the essential concept—that organizations can achieve extraordinary results by recognizing and taking advantage of the skills, experience, and knowledge already existing in the organization—will always be relevant. Although sometimes arduous, the journey to empowerment is well worth embarking on. In fact, unleashing the power of people in an organization may be the only way to continue to do business in a competitive, complicated marketplace.

**Small Business Kit For Dummies** - Richard D. Harroch 2004-07-02

Get your small business up and running – and keep it running for years to come. Millions of Americans own their own businesses, and millions more dream of doing the same. But starting your own business is a pretty complicated matter, especially with all the legal issues and paperwork. This updated edition of the top-selling small business resource is chock-full of information, resources, and helpful hints on making the transition from a great idea to a great business. If you've got a great idea for your own business, you need the kind of straightforward advice you'll find here – the kind of advice you'd normally only get from business schools and MBA courses. Small Business Kit For Dummies, Second Edition covers all the basics on: Recent tax law changes Balancing your finances Hiring and keeping employees Effective management strategies Accounting fundamentals In addition to the basics of business, you'll also find top-class advice on more advanced business basics, like business plans, the ins and outs of contracts, and using the Internet to expand your business. For entrepreneurs large and small, this comprehensive resource offers authoritative guidance on all your biggest business concerns, and offers unbeatable advice on such topics as: Choosing your business structure – from LLCs to S corps How to develop and write a standard business proposal Going public, issuing stock, and keeping a stock ledger Raising capital and understanding securities laws Bookkeeping standard practices Tax basics for small businesses Handling the paperwork for new hires Designing employee compensation plans Working with independent contractors and consultants Patent and copyright protections Dealing with the Press In addition, the book includes a CD-ROM full of helpful resources – forms, contracts, and even sample versions of the most popular software for small businesses. With Small Business Kit For Dummies you'll find all the tools you need to get your small business up and running – and keep it running for years and years to come.

**The 100X Leader** - Jeremie Kubicek 2019-03-19

Become the leader others want to follow Forget everything you know about motivating others and building a harmonious workplace. If you want to get the best out of people, you must be willing to fight. But, that doesn't mean you become a

dominator, nor does coddling others work. The best leader you've ever had in your life was a liberator—someone willing to fight for your highest good, even at a personal cost. Inside, global leadership experts Jeremie Kubicek and Steve Cockram explain what made that leader so unique, how to become that person yourself, and how to share the same gift with others. Be one of the few that people actually want to follow Learn the lost art of leadership—the intentional calibration of support and challenge for everyone you lead, your team and your family Become a multiplication master as you learn to bring the best out of people for their highest good and that of the whole team Overhaul entire cultures by focusing on the transformation and empowerment of sub-culture leaders The 100x Leader will help you become—and build—leaders worth following.

**The Oz Principle** - Roger Connors 1998-10-01

The definitive book on workplace accountability by the New York Times bestselling authors of How Did That Happen? Since it was originally published in 1994, The Oz Principle has sold nearly 600,000 copies and become the worldwide bible on accountability. Through its practical and invaluable advice, thousands of companies have learned just how vital personal and organizational accountability is for a company to achieve and maintain its best results. At the core of the authors' message is the idea that when people take personal ownership of their organization's goals and accept responsibility for their own performance, they become more invested and work at a higher level to ensure not only their own success, but everyone's. Now more than ever, The Oz Principle is vital to anyone charged with obtaining results. It is a must have, must read, and must apply classic business book.

**The 4 Disciplines of Execution** - Chris McChesney 2016-04-12

BUSINESS STRATEGY. "The 4 Disciplines of Execution "offers the what but also how effective execution is achieved. They share numerous examples of companies that have done just that, not once, but over and over again. This is a book that every leader should read! (Clayton Christensen, Professor, Harvard Business School, and author of "The Innovator s Dilemma)." Do you remember the last major initiative you watched die in your organization? Did it go down with a loud crash? Or was it slowly and quietly suffocated by other competing priorities? By the time it finally disappeared, it s likely no one even noticed. What happened? The whirlwind of urgent activity required to keep things running day-to-day devoured all the time and energy you needed to invest in executing your strategy for tomorrow. "The 4 Disciplines of Execution" can change all that forever.

**Make Your Own Waves** - Louis Patler 2016-07-01

The metaphors have always been there: Ebbs and flows. Riding high. The reward of the ocean crest. The risk of the eventual crash. Like the ocean, the marketplace is constantly changing, causing the buttoned-up businessperson to oftentimes feel like a sun-burned, sand-encrusted surfer trying desperately to ride his next barrel. So maybe before taking your next venture out into the cresting and crashing marketplace ocean, there are some lessons to learn from the experts: surfers! Like successful entrepreneurs, big-wave surfers rely on preparation, passion, and persistence--and they relish a challenge. So it's no surprise that countless surfers have pioneered products and launched thriving businesses, including GoPro Cameras, O'Neill, Reef, and Quiksilver. Packed with stories of surf innovators, entrepreneurs, and legends, Make Your Own Waves reveals 10 rules of the water that the successful entrepreneur must adhere to as well, including:• Learn to swim--the basics set the stage for everything• Get wet--you can't succeed if you stay on the beach• Always look "outside"--watch for what's coming or you

may miss a better opportunity • Commit, charge, shred--you have to go all out to be all in • Never turn your back on the ocean--always stay in touch with the marketplace and the customer • Stay stoked--desire drives success • And more! Even the best surfers fall, but they learn from their wipeouts and paddle back out to once again push the edge, knowing that with big waves come big opportunities. Don't just sit on the beach. Grab your board and get in!

**Business Chemistry** - Kim Christfort 2018-05-22

A guide to putting cognitive diversity to work Ever wonder what it is that makes two people click or clash? Or why some groups excel while others fumble? Or how you, as a leader, can make or break team potential? Business Chemistry holds the answers. Based on extensive research and analytics, plus years of proven success in the field, the Business Chemistry framework provides a simple yet powerful way to identify meaningful differences between people's working styles. Who seeks possibilities and who seeks stability? Who values challenge and who values connection? Business Chemistry will help you grasp where others are coming from, appreciate the value they bring, and determine what they need in order to excel. It offers practical ways to be more effective as an individual and as a leader. Imagine you had a more in-depth understanding of yourself and why you thrive in some work environments and flounder in others. Suppose you had a clearer view on what to do about it so that you could always perform at your best. Imagine you had more insight into what makes people tick and what ticks them off, how some interactions unlock potential while others shut people down. Suppose you could gain people's trust, influence them, motivate them, and get the very most out of your work relationships. Imagine you knew how to create a work environment where all types of people excel, even if they have conflicting perspectives, preferences and needs. Suppose you could activate the potential benefits of diversity on your teams and in your organizations, improving collaboration to achieve the group's collective potential. Business Chemistry offers all of this--you don't have to leave it up to chance, and you shouldn't. Let this book guide you in creating great chemistry!

**The Ride of a Lifetime** - Robert Iger 2019-09-23

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A memoir of leadership and success: The executive chairman of Disney, Time's 2019 businessperson of the year, shares the ideas and values he embraced during his fifteen years as CEO while reinventing one of the world's most beloved companies and inspiring the people who bring the magic to life. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY NPR Robert Iger became CEO of The Walt Disney Company in 2005, during a difficult time. Competition was more intense than ever and technology was changing faster than at any time in the company's history. His vision came down to three clear ideas: Recommit to the concept that quality matters, embrace technology instead of fighting it, and think bigger--think global--and turn Disney into a stronger brand in international markets. Today, Disney is the largest, most admired media company in the world, counting Pixar, Marvel, Lucasfilm, and 21st Century Fox among its properties. Its value is nearly five times what it was when Iger took over, and he is recognized as one of the most innovative and successful CEOs of our era. In *The Ride of a Lifetime*, Robert Iger shares the lessons he learned while running Disney and leading its 220,000-plus employees, and he explores the principles that are necessary for true leadership, including: • Optimism. Even in the face of difficulty, an optimistic leader will find the path toward the best possible outcome and focus on that, rather than give in to pessimism and blaming. • Courage. Leaders have to be willing to take risks and place big bets. Fear of failure destroys creativity. •

Decisiveness. All decisions, no matter how difficult, can be made on a timely basis. Indecisiveness is both wasteful and destructive to morale. • Fairness. Treat people decently, with empathy, and be accessible to them. This book is about the relentless curiosity that has driven Iger for forty-five years, since the day he started as the lowliest studio grunt at ABC. It's also about thoughtfulness and respect, and a decency-over-dollars approach that has become the bedrock of every project and partnership Iger pursues, from a deep friendship with Steve Jobs in his final years to an abiding love of the Star Wars mythology. "The ideas in this book strike me as universal" Iger writes. "Not just to the aspiring CEOs of the world, but to anyone wanting to feel less fearful, more confidently themselves, as they navigate their professional and even personal lives."

**The Young Entrepreneur's Guide to Starting and Running a Business** - Steve Mariotti 2014-04-29

It doesn't matter how old you are or where you're from; you can start a profitable business. *The Young Entrepreneur's Guide to Starting and Running a Business* will show you how. Through stories of young entrepreneurs who have started businesses, this book illustrates how to turn hobbies, skills, and interests into profit-making ventures. Mariotti describes the characteristics of the successful entrepreneur and covers the nuts and bolts of getting a business up, running and successful.

**Good Leaders Ask Great Questions** - John C. Maxwell 2014-10-07

A #1 New York Times bestselling author and leadership expert answers questions from his readers about what it takes to be in charge and make a difference. John Maxwell, America's #1 leadership authority, has mastered the art of asking questions, using them to learn and grow, connect with people, challenge himself, improve his team, and develop better ideas. Questions have literally changed Maxwell's life. In *GOOD LEADERS ASK GREAT QUESTIONS*, he shows how they can change yours, teaching why questions are so important, what questions you should ask yourself as a leader, and what questions you should be asking your team. Maxwell also opened the floodgates and invited people from around the world to ask him any leadership question. He answers seventy of them--the best of the best--including . . . What are the top skills required to lead people through difficult times? How do I get started in leadership? How do I motivate an unmotivated person? How can I succeed working under poor leadership? When is the right time for a successful leader to move on to a new position? How do you move people into your inner circle? No matter whether you are a seasoned leader at the top of your game or a newcomer wanting to take the first steps into leadership, this book will change the way you look at questions and improve your leadership life.

**How to Be a Great Boss** - Gino Wickman 2016-09-13

If your employees brought their "A-Game" to work every day, what would it mean for your company's performance? Studies have repeatedly shown that the majority of employees are disengaged at work. But it doesn't have to be this way. Often, the difference between a group of indifferent employees and a fully engaged team comes down to one simple thing--a great boss. In *How to Be a Great Boss*, Gino Wickman and Rene' Boer present a straightforward, practical approach to help bosses at all levels of an organization get the most from their people. They share time-tested tools that have worked for more than 30,000 bosses in every industry. You can learn to be a great boss--and dramatically improve both your organization's performance and your team's excitement about their work. In this book you will discover: How to surround yourself with great people How to make more effective use of your time The difference between leadership and management and why they're

equally important The five leadership practices and five management practices of all great bosses How to create accountability How to develop productive, relationships with each of your people How to deal with direct reports that don't meet your expectations How to Be a Great Boss provides practical tools that you can apply immediately with your people, allowing you to focus on improving and growing your organization and truly enjoy what you do.

*The Wealthy Gardener* - John Soforic 2020-02-25

A heartwarming series of stories and practical wisdom on entrepreneurship and wealth in the vein of Rich Dad, Poor Dad, written by a financially independent father for his ambitious son. Soon after he opened his vineyard for business many years ago, the Wealthy Gardener noticed a puzzling fact. Everyone wanted money, but only a few people managed to accumulate it. The reason, he realized, is that most people focus on short term gains instead of achieving lasting wealth. As he

grew old and aware of his dwindling time on this Earth, the Wealthy Gardener began to share his hard-earned wisdom with the financially troubled in his community, patiently mentoring those who asked for his practical advice on the ways of prosperity. The parable of the Wealthy Gardener is far more than an admonishment to earn more or spend less; it is about timeless principles. As his lessons reveal, financial freedom is a means to power and control over our lives. Without money, we are subject to the demands and whims of others. With money, we are sheltered from the storm, and we can extend that shelter to our loved ones. Poised to become an intimate financial classic, *The Wealthy Gardener* will inspire readers to find their own noble purpose and relieve their money worries once and for all. No matter your income level, skillset, or unique economic disadvantages, the lessons in this book will show you the path forward. All you need is the will to work, the desire to succeed, and the motivation to learn.