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## Radical Candor

Providing a colorful insight into the people at the forefront of the emergent Sharing Economy, a movement predicted to already be worth around \$26B a year, this book gives vital advice to anyone thinking of starting or investing in a collaborative consumption business. The first of its kind, written by an author on the forefront of this new trend.

## The Insider's Guide to Culture Change

Acquire the best asset of all Your business is either enhanced by the presence of trust or held back by the presence of distrust. Robert Shaw gives conviction and advice to the leader who recognizes that trust becomes a performance multiplier only when the leader is prepared to go first. -- Craig E. Weatherup, president, PepsiCo, Inc. If you've never examined how trust affects your organization, maybe you should. In this engaging book, Robert Shaw moves past the right thing to do argument and focuses on trust as a critical issue successful managers cannot take for granted. He shows how lack of trust is compromising more and more organizations in today's highly competitive environment. And he offers a way out. Drawing on a variety of examples from real business situations, Shaw explains trust's increasing importance at four key levels: individual credibility, one-to-one collaboration, team effectiveness, and organizational vitality. He then provides an assessment survey to help you determine how you and your organization measures up trust-wise, and offers action steps for overcoming trust dilemmas such as those that arise during reinvention efforts. A vital handbook for leaders, change agents, and anyone interested in building high trust for high performance.

## All in

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“Collaboration Explained is a deeply pragmatic book that helps agile practitioners understand and manage complex organizational and team dynamics. As an agile coach, I’ve found the combination of straightforward advice and colorful anecdotes to be invaluable in guiding and focusing interactions with my teams. Jean’s wealth of experience is conveyed in a carefully struck balance of reference guides and prose, facilitating just-in-time learning in the agile spirit. All in all, a superb resource for building stronger teams that’s fit for agile veterans and neophytes alike.” —Arlen Bankston, Lean Agile Practice Manager, CC Pace “If Agile is the new ‘what,’ then surely Collaboration is the new ‘how.’ There are many things I really like about Jean’s new book. Right at the top of the list is that I don’t have to make lists of ideas for collaboration and facilitation anymore. Jean has it all. Not only does she have those great ideas for meetings, retrospectives, and team decision-making that I need to remember, but the startling new and thought-provoking ideas are there too. And the stories, the stories, the stories! The best way to transfer wisdom. Thanks, Jean!” —Linda Rising, Independent Consultant

**The Hands-On Guide to Effective Collaboration in Agile Projects** To succeed, an agile project demands outstanding collaboration among all its stakeholders. But great collaboration doesn’t happen by itself; it must be carefully planned and facilitated throughout the entire project lifecycle. Collaboration Explained is the first book to bring together proven, start-to-finish techniques for ensuring effective collaboration in any agile software project. Since the early days of the agile movement, Jean Tabaka has been studying and promoting collaboration in agile environments. Drawing on her unsurpassed experience, she offers clear guidelines and easy-to-use collaboration templates for every significant project event: from iteration and release planning, through project chartering, all the way through post-project retrospectives. Tabaka’s hands-on techniques are applicable to every leading agile methodology, from Extreme Programming and Scrum to Crystal Clear. Above all, they are practical: grounded in a powerful understanding of the technical, business, and human challenges you face as a project manager or development team member.

- Build collaborative software development cultures, leaders, and teams
- Prepare yourself to collaborate—and prepare your team
- Define clear roles for each participant in promoting collaboration
- Set your collaborative agenda
- Master tools for organizing collaboration more efficiently
- Run effective collaborative meetings—including brainstorming sessions
- Promote better small-group and pair-programming collaboration
- Get better information, and use it to make better decisions
- Use non-abusive conflict to drive positive outcomes
- Collaborate to estimate projects and schedules more accurately
- Strengthen collaboration across distributed, virtual teams
- Extend collaboration from individual projects to the entire development organization

## 97 Things Every Engineering Manager Should Know

Working for a matrix international organisation, with its ensuing diverse global teams, based in a variety of geographic locations is a fact of life for most leaders and managers today. These teams may be permanent, or they may come together temporarily to deliver a specific project. The challenges of making decisions, setting goals, communicating, building trust and managing the team are far harder when you are separated by time, language, culture and priorities. Global Teams will enable leaders, teams and organisation to deal with the challenges they face:

- How can you ensure that your global team delivers results?
- How do I trade off our

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local goals and priorities versus the global priorities? · How do I find out what is really going on and how it will affect me? · Can I trust top management to support my agenda and me personally? · How can I lead people who I do not see and are not like me? Based on original research with some of the world's leading companies, *Global Teams* is the definitive, practical guide on making the sharp end of globalisation work for you and your organisation. "In this book, Jo Owen provides not only a thorough understanding of what make a "global" organization effective, but also ideas and reflections on how to go about it, in a way that is neither simplistic nor dogmatic. Great read." Bertrand Lavayssiere, Ayres and Co. Strategy Consultancy "A perk of my job is that I get paid to read and review books. Nothing thrills me more than to know that one of my favourite management authors, Mr Jo Owen, has another book published. I enjoy reading his perspectives on the various aspects of management as he provides insights that can be easily digested by anybody yet has the necessary depth to help you with the skills needed in management. His latest offering showcases research that he has extensively carried out and provides astute insights that will benefit any executive from any level of management, be it middle or senior management. Quickly bookmark this for your "to-read list" as it is a useful, insightful read." Sadie Jane Nunis, Singapore Institute of Management, Publications Manager "Jo Owen has done it again - spotted a big gap in the literature and filled it elegantly and effectively with this splendidly readable, comprehensive, practical, and evidence-based treatment of a topic that is really challenging to our globalizing business world. Packed with great examples and quotes Owen leads the reader through the toughest and most interesting challenges in cross-cultural management: leadership, team dynamics, business context and systems, cultural intelligence and conflict resolution. This should be the first item for global managers to put in their hand luggage." Nigel Nicholson, Professor, London Business School, author of "The 'I' of Leadership: Strategies for seeing being and doing" (Jossey-Bass, 2013) "Original and practical book on a vital topic which no one has looked at in depth before; simple and clear to read; lots of real world case examples; escapes the normal orthodoxy where globalisation means spreading western practice." Alberto Forchielli. Managing Partner, Mandarin Capital Partners.

### **Reading Walker Percy's Novels**

It's time to leave old paradigms behind and embrace a new intensity and collaboration. Don't settle for the common team; create an Extreme Team!

### **Summary of Extreme Teams: Why Pixar, Netflix, Airbnb, and**

Make your job easier. Get the inside scoop on the secrets of success that motivate teams to top performance. In the matrix of workplace roles and responsibilities, managers are pivotal to corporate success. Yet a manager is often the unsung hero who must adapt to demands from all sides, and do so with little or no training, and without mentorship for the road. Learn from Dan Bobinski, who draws from 20 years of consulting experience, extensive studies of best practices, and the latest in neuroscience research. You'll learn the principles and methods top managers use to develop passionate, engaged employees who are dedicated to success. You'll be able to: motivate without manipulating; turn mistakes into a fervent drive for quality; equip teams to enthusiastically adapt to change; and create environments

in which people strive for excellence.

## Consent to Kill

Learn the agile philosophy of lean processes, incremental delivery, deep client participation, decentralized authority, and just-in-time planning to bring speed, creativity, empowerment and increased productivity to product development. This book is your guide to becoming the go-to advisor for the enterprise agile transition. Many organizations have brought in agile coaches and achieved great progress in software development productivity, only to find teams slipping back into old methods as they encounter enterprise resistance and dysfunction. The consultative skills required to engage at the enterprise level differ greatly from those needed to coach teams in agile practices. Agile coaches and consultants need to up their game to successfully partner with executives, managers, and PMOs to evolve from traditional methods to a lean, agile mindset. The Agile Consultant, by former Intel Worldwide Project Management Director and agile expert Rick Freedman, author of Amazon best-seller The IT Consultant, shows how to overcome transition challenges and move beyond team-level practice coaching to guide the entire organization to enterprise agility. Agile methods are displacing traditional, process-heavy project management techniques, and are poised to migrate from software development to the rest of IT, and to the entire enterprise. Agile's rapid adoption proves a simple truth: agility works! Agile methods are here to stay, and will continue to expand within the organization. Enterprises are rapidly moving beyond agile development to agile IT, agile marketing, and agile strategic planning. Enterprises need agile coaches and consultants to guide them towards achieving the benefits of agility. What You'll Learn Instill effective agile practices across the enterprise Coach teams, managers, and executives in learning, adopting, and practicing lean and agile strategies Diagnose the roadblocks and obstacles most organizations encounter during the transition to agile Use recognized change-management techniques to guide the enterprise to agility while minimizing disruption and resistance Navigate the many challenges that can derail the transition to agility Demonstrate the critical mix of facilitation, interpersonal, and relationship skills to help organizations succeed with agile Guide the corporate culture toward agility from the top down and the bottom up Evolve from old school project management thinking to a lean, agile mindset Who This Book Is For Besides IT consultants, The Agile Consultant will also appeal to developer teams, internal IT staffers and their managers, and to executives leading the transition to agile development.

## Powerful

Win the war for talent by building an army of ready-to-deploy candidates An employee leaves and you post the open position. Resumes trickle in. You interview a few candidates. No one fits the bill. The next thing you know, three months have passed and that desk is still empty . . . Nothing drives business success like a staff of talented, productive employees. So why accept a hiring process that fails you time and time again? Well, there's one person who doesn't: Scott Wintrip. And in High-Velocity Hiring, he provides the tools and systems for creating a hiring process designed for today's fast-paced, talent-deficient landscape. Using the proven methods Wintrip has applied at some of today's more forward-thinking

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companies, you'll hire top employees faster—and smarter. High-Velocity Hiring replaces the old, worn-out way of hiring with the simple but revolutionary approach of actively cultivating top talent before positions open. The old way is slow and inefficient. Wintrip's way is dynamic and proven-effective. You'll enrich and maintain a flow of high-quality candidates, harness this flow by identifying the most talented people, and channel it into a pool of ready-to-hire prospective employees. More than ever, hiring the best people requires foresight, planning, alertness, and decisive action. With High-Velocity Hiring, you have everything you need to seize the high-ground in the war for talent and maintain it for long-term growth and profitability.

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### **High Velocity Hiring: How to Hire Top Talent in an Instant**

Every manager desires to have great teams around them collaborating together and running with the mission. Unfortunately, most of these teams have been built around decades-old ideas and practices made popular by companies that either no longer exist or haven't been relevant in years. But a new generation of teams has learned to do things differently--things like hiring the right person instead of the best person; focusing on one priority while leaving room to explore new ideas; creating an environment where people are comfortable dealing with the uncomfortable; and maximizing profit by not making it top priority. And this revitalized look at how teams should work in today's business is driving real growth in some of the world's most innovative firms. In Extreme Teams, sneak peeks into top companies and examine the teamwork experiments powering their results, including how:

- Pixar's teams use constant feedback and debate to transform initially flawed films into billion-dollar hits
- A culture of radical "freedom and responsibility" helps Netflix execute on the next big thing
- Whole Food's super-autonomous teams embrace hard metrics and friendly competition to drive performance
- Zappos fuels the weirdness and fun that sustains its success
- And much more!

From marketing to design to technology to product demand, everything has changed in business and will continue to do so. Why shouldn't the teams carrying out these changes undergo their own upgrades?

### **Leadership Blindspots**

A new approach to investing based on how Wall Street insiders approach the market The Indomitable Investor deconstructs the stock market as the public has

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come to know it and reconstitutes it from the inside out from the perspective of the fortunate few who dominate Wall Street. By revealing how top investors and traders think and act Steven Sears shows the stock market to be an undulating ocean of money, with seasoned investors reading the waves others cannot. Teaching readers to think about the market in radically different ways, The Indomitable Investor shows how to improve returns—and, just as importantly, avoid losses—with disciplines deployed by people who almost always do exactly the opposite of what Wall Street says to do. Laying bare great fallacies, the book explains that non-professional investors wrongly think the stock market is a place to make money, which is what Wall Street wants them to try to do. The Indomitable Investor says otherwise and shows how Wall Street's best investors have a completely different focus. Explains the critical ideas and insights of top traders and investors in language anyone can understand and implement Packed with material rarely shared off Wall Street that is used every day by professional investors Introduces the 17 most important words on Wall Street Teaches critical skills, including: How to increase returns by focusing on risk, not potential profits; how to use the stock market's historical patterns to optimize investment decisions; understanding key relationships between stocks and the economy that predict what will happen to stocks and the broader market; how to increase mutual fund returns with an easy adjustment that redirects the bulk of profits to you—not mutual fund companies, and how to analyze information like seasoned investors to move beyond "statement of the obvious" news reports that turn ordinary investors into Dumb Money Accessible to readers of all backgrounds, including those with a limited understanding of investing, The Indomitable Investor will change how investors view the stock market, Wall Street, and themselves.

### **Corporate Innovation in the Fifth Era**

THE NEW YORK TIMES NUMBER ONE BESTSELLER For more than ten years, Mitch Rapp has been on the frontline of the War against Terror. His bold actions have saved the lives of thousands - but in the process his list of enemies has grown inexorably. Thousands of miles away, the influential father of a dead terrorist demands retribution for the death of his son at the hands of the infidels. He wants Rapp dead - and his hate-filled plea has found sympathetic ears. In the tangled, duplicitous world of espionage, there are those, even among America's allies, who feel Rapp has grown too effective. They've been looking for an excuse to eliminate America's No.1 counterterrorism operative - and they've decided to seize the chance. The Hunter has become the Hunted. AMERICAN ASSASSIN, book one in the series, is soon to be a MAJOR MOTION PICTURE starring Dylan O'Brien (Maze Runner), Taylor Kitsch (True Detective) and Michael Keaton. Praise for the Mitch Rapp series 'Sizzles with inside information and CIA secrets' Dan Brown 'A cracking, uncompromising yarn that literally takes no prisoners' The Times 'Vince Flynn clearly has one eye on Lee Child's action thriller throne with this twist-laden story. . . instantly gripping' Shortlist 'Action-packed, in-your-face, adrenalin-pumped super-hero macho escapist fiction that does exactly what it says on the label' Irish Independent 'Mitch Rapp is a great character who always leaves the bad guys either very sorry for themselves or very dead' Guardian

### **Global Teams**

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“Bob Zubrin really, nearly alone, changed our thinking on this issue.” —Carl Sagan, The Denver Post If you ever daydream about space travel and human space flight—or hope to one day rove the Red Planet alongside Curiosity—then MARS DIRECT will teach you how we can get there The human race is at a crossroads. In the coming decades, we will make decisions regarding our human spaceflight program that will lead to one of two familiar futures: the open universe of Star Trek, where we allow ourselves the opportunity to spread our wings and attempt to flourish as an interplanetary species—or the closed, dystopian, and ultimately self-destructive world of Soylent Green, constantly at war with one another over humanity’s “limited” resources. If we plan to survive ourselves and one day travel to the stars, the human race’s next stepping-stone must be a manned mission to and the eventual colonization of Mars. In this four-part e-special, Mars Society founder Dr. Robert Zubrin details the challenges of a manned Earth-to-Mars mission. Challenges which, according to Zubrin, we are technologically more prepared to overcome than the obstacles of the missions to the moon of the sixties and seventies. Dr. Zubrin’s relatively simple plan, called Mars Direct, could feasibly have humans on the surface of Mars within a decade. Zubrin also discusses the current predicament of NASA, the promise of privatized space flight from companies like SpaceX, and the larger implication behind the absolute necessity to open the final frontier and transform from a planetary society into an interplanetary society. Our future as a species requires us to take baby steps away from the cradle that is planet Earth or, ultimately, perish here.

### **Extreme Teams**

Organizations accomplish results when they powerfully engage employees and capture their discretionary time. This is more important than ever during this period where employees are facing unprecedented time poverty. Technology has blurred the lines between employees’ work and personal lives, and they are faced with the challenges of successfully navigating and integrating work and personal demands. When organizations provide the right benefits, policies, and cultural practices, they win and they serve employees in the process. Using examples and real-world experiences from senior executives and employees at all levels, author Tracy Brower shows readers the importance of work-life supports and how they lead to more engaged and fulfilled employees. *Bring Work to Life by Bringing Life to Work* is your go-to guide to work-life support, providing easy-to-read strategies for building and implementing your organization’s strategies to harness work-life supports, increasing positive impact to your bottom line.

### **The Indomitable Investor**

Walker Percy (1916–1990) considered novels the strongest tool with which to popularize great ideas among a broad audience, and, more than half a century after they first appeared in print, his works of fiction continue to fascinate contemporary readers. Despite their lasting appeal, however, Percy’s engaging narratives also contain intellectual elements that demand further explication. Philosophical themes, including existentialism, language acquisition theory, and modern Catholic theology, provide a deeper layer of meaning in Percy’s writings. Jessica Hooten Wilson’s *Reading Walker Percy’s Novels* serves as a companion guide for readers who enjoy Percy’s novels but may be less familiar with the works

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of Sartre, Camus, Kierkegaard, and Dante. In addition to clarifying Percy's philosophies, Wilson highlights allusions to other writers within his narratives, addresses historical and political contexts, and provides insight into the creation and reception of *The Moviegoer*, *The Last Gentleman*, *Love in the Ruins*, *Lancelot*, *The Second Coming*, and *The Thanatos Syndrome*. An introduction covers aspects of Percy's biography that influenced his writing, including his deep southern roots, faith, and search for meaning in life. An appendix offers an explanation of Percy's satirical parody *Lost in the Cosmos: The Last Self-Help Book*. Written in an accessible and conversational style, this primer will appeal to everyone who appreciates the nuances of Walker Percy's fiction.

### **Trust in the Balance**

Make a lasting impact by launching new initiatives, inspiring others, and championing innovative approaches with this from-the-trenches guide by trusted executive mentor, entrepreneur, and leadership expert Joel Peterson. Many leaders see their roles as presidens/managers, with a primary focus on keeping results consistent with past performance and on budget. These kinds of leaders make important contributions but rarely leave a mark on the businesses they serve. For those wanting to make a lasting impact, new skills are required. They need to learn to launch new initiatives, inspire others, and champion innovative approaches. Joel Peterson calls these higher-level leaders "entrepreneurial leaders," and they create durable enterprises that deliver on their promise. After three careers, four decades of marriage and seven kids, and demanding roles as CFO, CEO, chairman, lead director, adjunct professor, founder, author, entrepreneur and investor, Joel Peterson is often sought as a mentor and coach by leaders and aspiring leaders. He has worked with all types of leaders and considers the entrepreneurial leader to be the highest level of influence. Peterson lays out a path to achieving this summit, with a series of leadership maps organized around the four essential basecamps on the path to Entrepreneurial Leadership: Establishing Trust Creating a Sense of Mission Building a Cohesive Team Executing and Delivering Results These core philosophies, while easy to summarize, can be extremely difficult to implement. As Peterson says: "This book of maps and mindsets is aimed at those who hope to lead others, help them achieve their best, break new barriers, change the status quo, create a legacy, develop a brand, and enjoy a life-altering experience." Let Entrepreneurial Leadership guide you on your journey.

### **Loonshots**

Performance coach Alan Stein Jr. shares the secret principles used by world-class performers that will help you improve your productivity and achieve higher levels of success. High achievers are at the top of their game because of the discipline they have during the unseen hours. They have made a commitment to establish, tweak, and repeat positive habits in everything they do. *RAISE YOUR GAME* examines the top leaders in sports and business and proves that success is a result of the little things we do all the time. The basic principles provided in *RAISE YOUR GAME* are simple, but not easy. We live in an instantly downloadable world that encourages us to skip steps. We are taught to chase what's hot, flashy and sexy and ignore what's basic. But the basics work. They always have and they always will. *RAISE YOUR GAME* will inspire and empower you to commit to the

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fundamentals, create a winning mindset, and progress into new levels of success.

### **Raise Your Game**

Note to Readers: Publisher does not guarantee quality or access to any included digital components if book is purchased through a third-party seller. The Health Services Executive (HSETM): Tools for Leading Long-Term Care and Senior Living Organizations serves as a contemporary and comprehensive resource that addresses each of the core professional domains of practice and leadership essentials for long-term care administration students and professionals. With sections dedicated to postacute care settings, operations, leadership and management, this textbook covers information pertinent to the spectrum of senior living service lines – from inpatient rehab facilities, long-term acute care hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living, and residential care communities to home- and community-based services. It is a practical reference for both undergraduate and graduate students preparing to enter the field of long-term care administration and leadership, as well as for professionals transitioning to another line of postacute service. The textbook begins with a thorough history of the field, including the development of senior services in the United States. Section I then describes the components of customer care, supports, and services before transitioning into Section II, which addresses operations, including the core practice domains of effectively managing human resources, finances, and the environment. Section III offers a framework for leadership, covering strategic thinking and innovation, marketing and public relations, critical thinking and operation practice, customer service, and personal development. Case problems, discussion questions, leadership roles, high-impact practices, key points, and National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) domain competencies conclude each chapter. Written by two highly experienced long-term care administrators, this textbook is intended for those preparing for the examinations administered by the NAB for the HSETM qualification or licensure for individual lines of service, such as for Nursing Home Administration (NHA), Residential Care and Assisted Living (RC/AL) and Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS). Key Features: Provides best practices for leadership and management across the continuum of long-term care and senior living services Covers all five NAB professional practice domains: Customer Care, Supports and Services; Human Resources; Finance; Environment; and Leadership and Management Includes case problems, discussion questions, and more to foster critical thinking and decision-making skills Offers coverage of the most unique differences among service lines that are part of the HSETM initiative Weaves insightful quotes from industry leaders throughout chapters for practical tips and words of wisdom

### **Extreme Teams**

Managers of the future will require new and innovative approaches to designing and structuring their organizations, approaches that are now being developed and tested in some of the most well-respected companies in the U.S. Based on over 10 years consulting with such corporate leaders at AT&T, Citicorp, Corning, American Express, and PepsiCo, the authors reveal emerging techniques for dealing with the range of strategic issues facing organizations--mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, high performance work systems, and total quality management. The

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authors present a proven model for understanding organizations and demonstrate how it can be used to effect positive change in both formal and informal organizational systems. Finally, they look at how executive-level work has evolved from an individual to a team orientation, and they offer suggestions for selecting team members and using executive teams to collaborate on corporate strategy.

### **The Leader Habit**

The old adage is ingrained in us that if you don't have anything nice to say then don't say anything at all. While this advice may work for home life, as Kim Scott has seen first hand, it is a disaster when adopted by managers in the work place. Scott earned her stripes as a highly successful manager at Google before moving to Apple where she developed a class on optimal management. *Radical Candor* draws directly on her experiences at these cutting edge companies to reveal a new approach to effective management that delivers huge success by inspiring teams to work better together by embracing fierce conversations. *Radical Candor* is the sweet spot between managers who are obnoxiously aggressive on the one side and ruinously empathetic on the other. It is about providing guidance, which involves a mix of praise as well as criticism - delivered to produce better results and help employees develop their skills and boundaries of success. Great bosses have a strong relationship with their employees, and Scott has identified three simple principles for building better relationships with your employees: make it personal, get stuff done, and understand why it matters. *Radical Candor* offers a guide to those bewildered or exhausted by management, written for bosses and those who manage bosses. Drawing on years of first hand experience, and distilled clearly to give actionable lessons to the reader, *Radical Candor* shows how to be successful while retaining your integrity and humanity. *Radical Candor* is the perfect handbook for those who are looking to find meaning in their job and create an environment where people both love their work, their colleagues and are motivated to strive to ever greater success.

### **Entrepreneurial Leadership**

From an internationally acclaimed economist, a provocative call to jump-start economic growth by aggressively overhauling liberal democracy. Around the world, people who are angry at stagnant wages and growing inequality have rebelled against established governments and turned to political extremes. Liberal democracy, history's greatest engine of growth, now struggles to overcome unprecedented economic headwinds--from aging populations to scarce resources to unsustainable debt burdens. Hobbled by short-term thinking and ideological dogma, democracies risk falling prey to nationalism and protectionism that will deliver declining living standards. In *Edge of Chaos*, Dambisa Moyo shows why economic growth is essential to global stability, and why liberal democracies are failing to produce it today. Rather than turning away from democracy, she argues, we must fundamentally reform it. *Edge of Chaos* presents a radical blueprint for change in order to galvanize growth and ensure the survival of democracy in the twenty-first century.

### **Collaboration Explained**

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The key to success lies in getting to the top, right? Wrong. Not everyone can be in charge but, more importantly, not everyone should want to be. Richard Hytner, Deputy Chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi, thinks it's time to celebrate the second-in-commands, the consiglieri: from Merlin, to Al Gore, Rasputin to Machiavelli. These are the deputies, the Vice Presidents, the C-suite, the department heads - lieutenants, advisers, and counselors - whose influence determines the fate of boardrooms, corporations, and nations. While supremacy comes with drawbacks and influence, authority and power can be found in much more interesting places than the CEO's chair. *Consiglieri: Leading from The Shadows* brings together historical examples from Harry Hopkins to William Seward, conversations with contemporary second-in-commands like Tony Blair and Sir Alex Ferguson, and unique insights into Stalin, JFK, and Winnie the Pooh. A mirror for contemporary 'No. 2's' and a theoretical map for future consiglieri, the book traverses an array of powerful advisers from the White House to the Vatican, across international business, sports, and entertainment, as well as citing provocative research from psychology and academia.

### **The Agile Consultant**

*Rewriting Leadership with Narrative Intelligence* draws on a range of disciplines and scholarly traditions to build a compelling case for a new perspective on leadership, seeing it as a deeply embodied, intuitive skill of curating shared narratives in influence relationships.

### **Organizational Architecture**

The amount of data in our world has been exploding, and analyzing large data sets—so called big data—will become a key basis of competition in business. Statisticians and researchers will be updating their analytic approaches, methods and research to meet the demands created by the availability of big data. The goal of this book is to show how advances in data science have the ability to fundamentally influence and improve organizational science and practice. This book is primarily designed for researchers and advanced undergraduate and graduate students in psychology, management and statistics.

### **Crack the Funding Code**

The companies who have been most able to tap into new innovations have become the most highly valued companies in the world. To do so, they have created a new approach to corporate innovation. In this book, Silicon Valley insiders share the lessons they have learned from two decades of interaction with today's most valuable companies.

### **Rewriting Leadership with Narrative Intelligence**

Good leaders become great by skillfully managing their own vulnerabilities. *Leadership Blindspots: How Successful Leaders Identify and Overcome the Weaknesses That Matter* is a comprehensive guide to recognizing and acting on the weak points that can impair effectiveness, diminish results, and harm a career.

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Written by a 30-year veteran of the leadership consulting industry and author of *Trust in the Balance*, the book contains examples, worksheets and surveys that illustrate the practical application of the advice presented. An online questionnaire helps readers discover their own leadership vulnerabilities, and the book provides a roadmap for creating a targeted plan to increase their awareness in the areas that truly matter. The blindspot risk is that leaders fail to respond to weaknesses or threats due to a variety of factors including the complexity of their organizations, over-confidence in their own capabilities, and being surrounded by deferential subordinates. *Leadership Blindspots* provides a useful model for understanding how blindspots operate and why they persist, but at the same time suggests real, actionable steps to improvement. The book details a range of techniques that make blindspots stand out in sharp relief, so action can be taken before severe damage occurs – to a leader or his or her company. Topics include: A framework to understand the threats posed by blindspots The four most important types of blindspots – self, team, company and markets Detailed case studies of blindspots in leaders across a variety of industries A summary of the most common leadership blindspots Corrective practices that help mitigate the risks that blindspots pose The one characteristic great leaders share is the constant desire for self-improvement. Good can always be better. These weaknesses and threats are called blindspots because they are invisible to the individual but have the potential to wreak havoc on one's reputation and long-term success. Identifying and fixing crucial problems is the leader's job, and sometimes the most debilitating problems are with the leaders themselves. *Leadership Blindspots: How Successful Leaders Identify and Overcome the Weaknesses That Matter* is the first step toward owning and addressing one's vulnerabilities and, as a result, becoming a more effective leader.

### **The Score Takes Care of Itself**

*Crack the Funding Code* demystifies the world of angel investing, venture capital, and corporate funding and lays out a strategic pathway for any entrepreneur to secure funding fast. Lack of funding is one of the biggest reasons small businesses fail. In 2016 in the United States alone, more than 31 percent of small business owners reported that they could not access adequate capital, and the lack of capital prevented them from growing the business/expanding operations, increasing inventory, or financing increased sales. Most business owners believe that their only feasible funding options are (1) savings or personal credit, (2) friends and family or (3) bank loans. They may have heard about venture capitalists or angel investors, but they don't have enough information about what these investors do, what they can provide for a business, and on what terms. What's worse, entrepreneurs often don't know how to access the people who are looking to put their money into young companies with potential. Finally, business owners don't have enough expertise to navigate the treacherous waters of outside funding. Many small companies don't believe they are the type of company that gets funded. Even when business owners are brave enough to look for the right outside investors, they don't know how to create the compelling pitches or how to structure the deals that will get them the funding to expand and grow. *Crack the Funding Code* will show readers how to find the money, create pitches that attract investors, and then structure fair, ethical deals that will bring them new sources of outside capital and invaluable professional advice. It will give readers the broader

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perspective—how funding works, how investors think, and what they need to hear to put their money where your mouth is. Every entrepreneur who reads this book will get easy-to-follow deal checklists, a roadmap of where and how to locate the best funding resources and top business mentors for their particular industry and/or geographical location, and a step-by-step process to create pitches that make their idea or business irresistible.

### **The Business of Sharing**

What makes great leaders like Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk extraordinary? All In shows leaders and aspiring leaders how obsession can fuel the most incredible success, but also take a toll on a leader, his or her family and work colleagues. Groundbreaking leaders share a passionate commitment to achieving their vision that borders and sometimes crosses the line into obsession. All In shows how obsession, if properly focused and managed, is both necessary and productive. Advances in any endeavor almost always depend on a small group of individuals who are completely consumed by the goal they're pursuing. When these leaders and their teams are successful, everyone benefits from their singular focus and relentless drive. All In explores the three obsessions underlying the achievements of great leaders: Delighting customers Building great products Creating an enduring company By taking you inside the success stories of iconic leaders, including Jeff Bezos of Amazon, Elon Musk of Tesla, and Steve Jobs of Apple, author Robert Bruce Shaw shows the upside of obsession and the practices that support it. Shaw also provides insight into the dark side of obsession and its destructive potential - as illustrated in his case study of Uber during the final years of Travis Kalanick's leadership tenure. Appealing to any reader of entrepreneurial biographies, All In shows individuals and organizations how to manage obsession's downsides while realizing the benefits of striving to create something that truly matters.

### **The Health Services Executive (HSE)**

Netflix has come a long way since 1997, when two Silicon Valley entrepreneurs, Marc Randolph and Reed Hastings, decided to start an online DVD store before most people owned a DVD player. They were surprised and elated when launch-day traffic in April 1998 crashed their server and resulted in 150 sales. Today, Netflix has more than 25 million subscribers and annual revenues above \$3 billion. Yet long-term success-or even survival-is still far from guaranteed. Journalist Gina Keating recounts the absorbing, fast-paced drama of the company's turbulent rise to the top and its attempt to invent two new kinds of business. First it engaged in a grueling war against video-store behemoth Blockbuster, transforming movie rental forever. Then it jumped into an even bigger battle for online video streaming against Google, Hulu, Amazon, and the big cable companies. Netflix ushered in such innovations as DVD rental by mail, a patented online queue of upcoming rentals, and a recommendation algorithm called Cinematch that proved crucial in its struggle against bigger rivals. Yet for all its success, Netflix is still a polarizing company. Hastings is often heralded as a visionary-he was named Business Person of the Year in 2010 by Fortune-even as he has been called the nation's worst CEO. Netflix also faces disgruntled customers after price increases and other stumbles that could tarnish the brand forever. The quest to become the world's portal for

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premium video on demand will determine nothing less than the future of entertainment and the Internet. Drawing on extensive new interviews and her years covering Netflix as a financial and entertainment reporter, Keating makes this tale as absorbing as it is important.

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### **Mars Direct**

### **Consigliari**

Named by The Washington Post as one of the 11 Leadership Books to Read in 2018 When it comes to recruiting, motivating, and creating great teams, Patty McCord says most companies have it all wrong. McCord helped create the unique and high-performing culture at Netflix, where she was chief talent officer. In her new book, Powerful: Building a Culture of Freedom and Responsibility, she shares what she learned there and elsewhere in Silicon Valley. McCord advocates practicing radical honesty in the workplace, saying good-bye to employees who don't fit the company's emerging needs, and motivating with challenging work, not promises, perks, and bonus plans. McCord argues that the old standbys of corporate HR—annual performance reviews, retention plans, employee empowerment and engagement programs—often end up being a colossal waste of time and resources. Her road-tested advice, offered with humor and irreverence, provides readers a different path for creating a culture of high performance and profitability. Powerful will change how you think about work and the way a business should be run.

## Edge of Chaos

Tap into the wisdom of experts to learn what every engineering manager should know. With 97 short and extremely useful tips for engineering managers, you'll discover new approaches to old problems, pick up road-tested best practices, and hone your management skills through sound advice. Managing people is hard, and the industry as a whole is bad at it. Many managers lack the experience, training, tools, texts, and frameworks to do it well. From mentoring interns to working in senior management, this book will take you through the stages of management and provide actionable advice on how to approach the obstacles you'll encounter as a technical manager. A few of the 97 things you should know: "Three Ways to Be the Manager Your Report Needs" by Duretti Hirpa "The First Two Questions to Ask When Your Team Is Struggling" by Cate Huston "Fire Them!" by Mike Fisher "The 5 Whys of Organizational Design" by Kellan Elliott-McCrea "Career Conversations" by Raquel Vélez "Using 6-Page Documents to Close Decisions" by Ian Nowland "Ground Rules in Meetings" by Lara Hogan

## Creating Passion-driven Teams

The last lecture on leadership by the NFL's greatest coach: Bill Walsh Bill Walsh is a towering figure in the history of the NFL. His advanced leadership transformed the San Francisco 49ers from the worst franchise in sports to a legendary dynasty. In the process, he changed the way football is played. Prior to his death, Walsh granted a series of exclusive interviews to bestselling author Steve Jamison. These became his ultimate lecture on leadership. Additional insights and perspective are provided by Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana and others. Bill Walsh taught that the requirements of successful leadership are the same whether you run an NFL franchise, a fortune 500 company, or a hardware store with 12 employees. These final words of 'wisdom by Walsh' will inspire, inform, and enlighten leaders in all professions.

## Big Data at Work

Why does poor software quality continue to plague enterprises of all sizes in all industries? Part of the problem lies with the process, rather than individual developers. This practical guide provides ten best practices to help team leaders create an effective working environment through key adjustments to their process. As a follow-up to their popular book, Building Maintainable Software, consultants with the Software Improvement Group (SIG) offer critical lessons based on their assessment of development processes used by hundreds of software teams. Each practice includes examples of goalsetting to help you choose the right metrics for your team. Achieve development goals by determining meaningful metrics with the Goal-Question-Metric approach Translate those goals to a verifiable Definition of Done Manage code versions for consistent and predictable modification Control separate environments for each stage in the development pipeline Automate tests as much as possible and steer their guidelines and expectations Let the Continuous Integration server do much of the hard work for you Automate the process of pushing code through the pipeline Define development process standards to improve consistency and simplicity Manage dependencies on third party code to

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keep your software consistent and up to date Document only the most necessary and current knowledge

### Plugged in

Leading a fast-growing team is a uniquely challenging experience. Startups with a hot product often double or triple in size quickly—a recipe for chaos if company leaders aren't prepared for the pitfalls of hyper-growth. If you're leading a startup or a new team between 10 and 150 people, this guide provides a practical approach to managing your way through these challenges. Each section covers essential strategies and tactics for managing growth, starting with a single team and exploring typical scaling points as the team grows in size and complexity. The book also provides many examples and lessons learned, based on the authors' experience and interviews with industry leaders. Learn how to make the most of:

- Hiring: Learn a scalable hiring process for growing your team
- People management: Use 1-on-1 mentorship, dispute resolution, and other techniques to ensure your team is happy and productive
- Organization: Motivate employees by applying five organizational design principles
- Culture: Build a culture that can evolve as you grow, while remaining connected to the team's core values
- Communication: Ensure that important information—and only the important stuff—gets through

### Scaling Teams

The secret to the success or failure of any business boils down to its culture. From disengaged employees to underserved customers, business failures invariably stem from a culture problem. In *The Insider's Guide to Culture Change*, acclaimed culture transformation expert and global executive Siobhan McHale shares her proven four-step process to demystifying culture transformation and starting down the path to positive change. Many leaders and managers struggle to get a handle on exactly what culture is and how pervasive its impact is throughout an organization. Some try to change the culture by publishing a statement of core values but soon find that, aside from some short-term lip service, no meaningful change happens. Others try to unify the culture around a set of shared goals that satisfy shareholders but find their efforts backfire as stressed employees throw their hands up because "leadership just doesn't get it." Others implement expensive new IT systems to try to bring about change, only to find that employees find "workarounds" and soon go back to their old ways. Culture transformation expert Siobhan McHale defines culture simply: "It's how things work around here." *The Insider's Guide to Culture Change* walks readers through McHale's four-step process to culture transformation, including how to Understand what "corporate culture" really is and how it impacts every aspect of the way your organization operates Analyze where your culture is broken or not adding maximum value Unlock the power of reframing roles within your company, to empower and engage your employees Utilize proven methods and tools to break through deeply embedded patterns and change your company mind-set Keep the momentum going by consolidating gains and maintaining your foot on the change accelerator With *The Insider's Guide to Culture Change*, watch your employees go from followers to change leaders who drive an agile culture that constantly outperforms.

## All In

\* Instant WSJ bestseller \* Translated into 18 languages \* #1 Most Recommended Book of the year (Bloomberg annual survey of CEOs and entrepreneurs) \* An Amazon, Bloomberg, Financial Times, Forbes, Inc., Newsweek, Strategy + Business, Tech Crunch, Washington Post Best Business Book of the year \* Recommended by Bill Gates, Daniel Kahneman, Malcolm Gladwell, Dan Pink, Adam Grant, Susan Cain, Sid Mukherjee, Tim Ferriss Why do good teams kill great ideas? Loonshots reveals a surprising new way of thinking about the mysteries of group behavior that challenges everything we thought we knew about nurturing radical breakthroughs. Bahcall, a physicist and entrepreneur, shows why teams, companies, or any group with a mission will suddenly change from embracing new ideas to rejecting them, just as flowing water will suddenly change into brittle ice. Mountains of print have been written about culture. Loonshots identifies the small shifts in structure that control this transition, the same way that temperature controls the change from water to ice. Using examples that range from the spread of fires in forests to the hunt for terrorists online, and stories of thieves and geniuses and kings, Bahcall shows how a new kind of science can help us become the initiators, rather than the victims, of innovative surprise. Over the past decade, researchers have been applying the tools and techniques of this new science—the science of phase transitions—to understand how birds flock, fish swim, brains work, people vote, diseases erupt, and ecosystems collapse. Loonshots is the first to apply this science to the spread of breakthrough ideas. Bahcall distills these insights into practical lessons creatives, entrepreneurs, and visionaries can use to change our world. Along the way, readers will learn how chickens saved millions of lives, what James Bond and Lipitor have in common, what the movie Imitation Game got wrong about WWII, and what really killed Pan Am, Polaroid, and the Qing Dynasty. “If The Da Vinci Code and Freakonomics had a child together, it would be called Loonshots.” —Senator Bob Kerrey

## Bring Work to Life by Bringing Life to Work

### Building Software Teams

In leadership as in life, only practice makes perfect. Habits are powerful. They can lock us into negative behaviors (like snacking and smoking) or train us to act automatically in ways that benefit us (such as putting on a seat belt). Routines quietly undergird large portions of what we do and how we function. Habit formation can speed success in the workplace as well—even in complex areas like leadership. The Leader Habit spotlights 22 essential leadership abilities, breaking them down into a series of small, learnable behaviors. The accompanying 5-minute exercises help you practice each of these new skills until they stick. Drawn from a study of hundreds of leaders across the globe, the book’s simple formula focuses on developing one skill at a time: sell the vision, delegate well, innovate often, empower others, overcome resistance, build strategic relationships, focus on customers, listen actively, negotiate effectively, and more. Many of us aspire to great leadership . . . consuming books and training. But unless you intentionally reinforce the right behaviors, results are fleeting. This eye-opening and original

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book builds the “muscle memory” to turn leadership skills into lasting habits.

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