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Little Bets-Peter Sims 2011-04-19 "An enthusiastic, example-rich argument for innovating in a particular way—by deliberately experimenting and taking small exploratory steps in novel directions. Light, bright, and packed with tidy anecdotes" (The Wall Street Journal). What do Apple CEO Steve Jobs, comedian Chris Rock, prize-winning architect Frank Gehry, and the story developers at Pixar films all have in common? Bestselling author Peter Sims found that rather than start with a big idea or plan a whole project in advance, they make a methodical series of little bets, learning critical information from lots of little failures and from small but significant wins. Reporting on a fascinating range of research, from the psychology of creative blocks to the influential field of design thinking, Sims offers engaging and illuminating accounts of breakthrough innovators at work, and a whole new way of thinking about how to navigate uncertain situations and unleash our untapped creative powers.

Little Bets-Peter Sims 2013-07-16 Lays out strategies for harnessing one's creativity for greater success, drawing on the wisdom of more than two hundred creative thinkers, including Steve Jobs and Chris Rock.

Little Bets-Peter Sims 2011-05-05 How did Pixar go from producing CAT scan images to winning Oscars? How did Steve Jobs turn Apple into a world-beating company? How does Amazon's culture encourage innovation? How can you find the creative solutions demanded by our ever-changing world? The answer, according to renowned business thought-leader Peter Sims, is LITTLE BETS. In these fast-moving times, it's next to impossible to predict what's around the corner, and harder still to formulate a foolproof plan to deal with it. Truly innovative companies, Sims argues, don't get caught up in projections and predictions. Instead, they embrace uncertainty, take a chance, fail quickly and learn fast. This method has formulated thousands of modern advances, from Google's PageRank to Starbucks coffee shops - if you harness its power, what could you achieve?

Zig Zag-Keith Sawyer 2013-02-13 A science-backed method to maximize creative potential in anysphere of life With the prevalence of computer technology and outsourcing, newjobs and fulfilling lives will rely heavily on creativity andinnovation. Keith Sawyer draws from his expansive research of thecreative journey, exceptional creators, creative abilities, andworld-changing innovations to create an accessible, eight-stepprogram to increasing anyone's creative potential. Sawyer revealsthe surprising secrets of highly creative people (such as learningto ask better questions when faced with a problem), demonstrateshow to come up with better ideas, and explains how to carry thoseideas to fruition most effectively. This science-backed, step-by step method can maximize ourcreative potential in any sphere of life. Offers a proven method for developing new ideas and creativeproblem-solving no matter what your profession Includes an eight-step method, 30 practices, and more than 100techniques that can be launched at any point in a creativejourney Psychologist, jazz pianist, and author Keith Sawyer studiedwith world-famous creativity expert Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi Sawyer's book offers a wealth of easy to apply strategies andideas for anyone who wants to tap into their creative power.

To Pixar and Beyond-Lawrence Levy 2016-11-01 "Lovely and surprising . . . This delightful book is about finance, creative genius, workplace harmony, and luck."—Fortune "Enchanting,"—New York Times "I love this book! I think it is brilliant."—Ed Catmull, cofounder and president of Pixar Animation, president of Disney Animation, and coauthor of the bestseller Creativity Inc. The revelatory saga of Pixar's rocky start and improbable success After Steve Jobs was dismissed from Apple in the early 1990s, he turned his attention to a little-known graphics company he owned called Pixar. One day, out of the blue, Jobs called Lawrence Levy, a Harvard-trained lawyer and executive to whom he had never spoken before. He hoped to persuade Levy to help him pull Pixar back from the brink of failure. This is the extraordinary story of what happened next: how Jobs and Levy concocted and pulled off a highly improbable plan that transformed Pixar into one of Hollywood's greatest success stories. Levy offers a masterful, firsthand account of how Pixar rose from humble beginnings, what it was like to work so closely with Jobs, and how Pixar's story offers profound lessons that can apply to many aspects of our lives. "Part business book and part thriller—a tale that's every bit as compelling as the ones Pixar tells in its blockbuster movies. It's also incredibly inspirational, a story about a team that took big risks and reaped the rewards . . . I loved this book and could not put it down."—Dan Lyons, best-selling author of Disrupted "A natural storyteller, Levy offers an inside look at the business . . . and a fresh, sympathetic view of Jobs."—Success Magazine An Amazon Best Book of 2016 in Business & Leadership • A top pick on Fortune's Favorite Booksof 2016 • A 2017 Axiom Business Book Award winner in Memoir/Biography

How to Get to Great Ideas-Dave Birss 2019-04-02 Sliver award winner in Business Reference 2020 Axiom Business Book Awards What makes a great idea? Where do great ideas come from? The highly practical lessons in HOW TO GET TO GREAT IDEAS are based on neuroscience, psychology, and behavioral economics. Written by the former Creative Director of OgilvyOne, Dave Birss, this book offers a brilliant new system for conceiving original and valuable ideas. It looks at how to frame the problem, how to push your thinking, how to sell the idea and build support for it, and how to inspire others to have great ideas. It proves that any organization - and any department within an organization - can become a fertile environment for ideas. Combining a practical research-based system with fascinating insights and inspiring and humorous writing, the book is also accompanied by the problem-solving system RIGHT THINKING. This is a tool that shows organizations a more effective way to generate more effective ideas and is based on the thinking in the book. This is available online and in person from the author.

Enterprise Search-Martin White 2015-10-13 Is your organization rapidly accumulating more information than you know how to manage? This updated edition of Enterprise Search helps you create an enterprise search solution based on more than just technology. Author Martin White shows you how to plan and implement a managed search environment that meets the needs of your business and your employees. You'll learn why it's absolutely vital to have a dedicated staff manage your search technology and support your users. New material for this second edition includes material on SharePoint 2013 search, managing open source search development, website search, designing the search user, and assessing search performance. Chapters now include a Further Reading section for computer science and information science students. Topics include: 10 critical success factors to assess organizational search maturity Essential skills needed to support a successful search application How to specify and manage open source search development How to manage SharePoint 2013 search Methods to assess the business impact of search Best practices in user interface design The importance of search for websites What to include in a search strategy

The Innovator's Field Guide-Peter Skarzynski 2014-02-19 A step-by-step guide to successfully transforming anyorganization It is well recognized that succeeding at innovation isfundamental in today's hyper-competitive global marketplace. It isthe only way to outperform current and emerging competitorssustainably. But what we call "innovation" ismessy and difficult and too often lacks the rigor and discipline ofother management processes. The Innovator's Field Guide: MarketTested Methods and Frameworks to Help You Meet Your InnovationChallenges changes that. It is a practical guide thatmoves beyond the "why" to the "how" ofmaking innovation happen, for leaders and practitioners insideorganizations of all sizes. Written by two pioneers in the field of embedding innovation inorganization, The Innovator's Field Guide focuses onthe most pressing innovation problems and specific challengesinnovation leaders will face and offers concrete solutions, tools,and methods to overcome them. Each chapter describes a specific innovation challenge anddetails proven ways to address that challenge Includes practical ideas, techniques, and leadingpractices Describes common obstacles and offers practicalsolutions Any leader or professional who needs concretesolutions—right now—to the critical challenges ofinnovation will find invaluable aid in the practical,easy-to-understand, and market-tested approaches of TheInnovator's Field Guide.

Breakthrough Branding-Catherine Kaputa 2012-06-07 "Whether you're launching your own company, or are more of a reluctant entrepreneur, you face the imperative to build your brand. Kaputa has made this challenger her personal and professional study, and she shares secrets worth many times the cost of admission!" - Daniel H. Pink, author of Drive and A Whole New Mind Even the smallest idea can have BIG impact when positioned correctly. Breakthrough Branding shows entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs, and small businesses alike the secrets to transforming a brainstorm into big bucks. From the grassroots growth of beverage brands like Red Bull, Honest Tea, and Innocent, to the exploding growth of digital brands like Twitter, Weibo, and Groupon; from the cult appeal of

stores like Forever 21, to the success of virtual retailers like Zappos - successful companies of all types and sizes begin with three things: ambition, a winning idea, and a brand strategy. Branding expert Catherine Kaputa uses dozens of international brand histories to demonstrate what makes a brand thrive, and provides you with the tools to do the same. Learn how to define your audience, create a standout personality, and position yourself as superior to the competition - all by utilizing the power of branding! Packed with thoughtful reader exercises and filled with leading-edge social media strategies, Breakthrough Branding teaches novice start-ups to seasoned professionals how to leverage their assets to create a successful business.

True North-Bill George 2010-06-10 True North shows how anyone who follows their internal compass can become an authentic leader. This leadership tour de force is based on research and first-person interviews with 125 of today's top leaders—with some surprising results. In this important book, acclaimed former Medtronic CEO Bill George and coauthor Peter Sims share the wisdom of these outstanding leaders and describe how you can develop as an authentic leader. True North presents a concrete and comprehensive program for leadership success and shows how to create your own Personal Leadership Development Plan centered on five key areas: Knowing your authentic self Defining your values and leadership principles Understanding your motivations Building your support team Staying grounded by integrating all aspects of your life True North offers an opportunity for anyone to transform their leadership path and become the authentic leader they were born to be. Personal, original, and illuminating stories from Warren Bennis, Sir Adrian Cadbury, George Shultz (former U.S. secretary of state), Charles Schwab, John Whitehead (CoChairman, Goldman Sachs), Anne Mulcahy (CEO, Xerox), Howard Schultz (CEO, Starbucks), Dan Vasella (CEO, Novartis), John Brennan (Chairman, Vanguard), Carol Tome (CFO, Home Depot), Donna Dubinsky (CEO/cofounder, Palm), Alan Horn (President, Warner Brothers), Ann Moore (CEO, Time, Inc.) and many others illustrate the transitions that shape the type of leaders who will thrive in the 21st century. Bill George (Cambridge, MA) has spent over 30 years in executive leadership positions at Litton, Honeywell, and Medtronic. As CEO of Medtronic, he built the company into the world's leading medical technology company as its market capitalization increased from \$1.1 billion to \$60 billion. Since 2004, he has been a professor at the Harvard Business School. His 2004 book Authentic Leadership (0-7879-7528-1) was a BusinessWeek bestseller. Peter Sims (San Francisco, CA) established "Leadership Perspectives," a course on leadership development at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and cofounded the London office of Summit Partners, a leading investment firm. Their Web site is www.truenorthleaders.com.

Consent of the Networked-Rebecca MacKinnon 2013-04-23 The future of your freedom depends on whether you assert your rights within the digital spaces you inhabit. But, as corporations and countries square off on the internet, the likely losers are us.

Agents of Change-Sanderijn Cels 2012 While governments around the world struggle to maintain service levels amid fiscal crises, social innovators are improving citizen outcomes by changing the system from within. The authors offer compelling stories, lively illustrations, and insightful interpretations on how innovators, social entrepreneurs, and change agents are dealing effectively with powerful opponents, bureaucratic hurdles, and the challenges of securing resources and support.

Culturematic-Grant David McCracken 2012 Provides an experimental approach to innovation, using such popular culture examples as NFL Films, Starbucks, and J. Crew to show how success can be achieved through prototyping and testing.

The Start-up of You-Reid Hoffman 2012-02-14 A blueprint for thriving in your job and building a career by applying the lessons of Silicon Valley's most innovative entrepreneurs. LinkedIn cofounder and chairman Reid Hoffman and author Ben Casnocha show how to accelerate your career in today's competitive world. The key is to manage your career as if it were a start-up business: a living, breathing, growing start-up of you. Why? Start-ups—and the entrepreneurs who run them—are nimble. They invest in themselves. They build their professional networks. They take intelligent risks. They make uncertainty and volatility work to their advantage. These are the very same skills professionals need to get ahead today. This book isn't about cover letters or resumes. Instead, you will learn the best practices of Silicon Valley start-ups, and how to apply these entrepreneurial strategies to your career. Whether you work for a giant multinational corporation, a small local business, or launching your own venture, you need to know how to: * Adapt your career plans as you change, the people around you change, and industries change. * Develop a competitive advantage to win the best jobs and opportunities. * Strengthen your professional network by building powerful alliances and maintaining a diverse mix of relationships. * Find the unique breakout opportunities that massively accelerate career growth. * Take proactive risks to become more resilient to industry tsunamis. * Tap your network for information and intelligence that help you make smarter decisions. A revolutionary new guide to thriving in today's fractured world of work, the strategies in this book will help you survive and thrive and achieve your boldest professional ambitions. The Start-Up of You empowers you to become the CEO of your career and take control of your future.

The First Mile-Scott D. Anthony 2014-04-01 You have a great idea, now what? That first mile—where an innovation moves from an idea on paper to the market—is often plagued by failure. In fact, less than one percent of ideas launched by big companies end up having real impact. The ideas aren't the problem. It's the process. The First Mile focuses on the critical moment when an innovator moves from planning to reality. It is a perilous place where hidden traps snare entrepreneurs and roadblocks slow innovators inside large companies. In this practical and enlightening manual, strategic adviser Scott Anthony equips innovators with new tools, questions, and examples to speed through this crucial early stage of innovation. You'll learn: • How to evaluate your idea's strengths and weaknesses using the "DEFT" process—Document, Evaluate, Focus, and Test • Fourteen recipes from an "experiment cookbook" to gain confidence in your idea or business • Why "spinouts," "wrong turns," and other challenges commonly trip up innovation—and the practical strategies you can use to avoid them • Why innovators need to seek chaos in an age of constant change—and other essential leadership skills Drawing on his decade of experience as an innovation adviser and investor, Anthony describes hard-won lessons from disruptive start-ups and global giants alike. The First Mile will give you the knowledge and confidence to travel this perilous—but ultimately promising—terrain. The first mile can be a scary place, but you don't have to traverse it alone. This book can help.

The Click Moment-Frans Johansson 2012-08-30 In the story of every great company and career, there is one defining moment when luck and skill collide. This book is about making that moment happen. According to Frans Johansson's research, successful people and organizations show a common theme. A lucky moment occurs and they take advantage of it to change their fate. Consider how Diane von Furstenberg saw Julie Nixon Eisenhower on TV wearing a matching skirt and top, and created the timeless, elegant wrap-dress. That was a "click moment" of unexpected opportunity. Johansson uses stories from throughout history to illustrate the specific actions we can take to create more click moments, place lots of high-potential bets, open ourselves up to chance encounters, and harness the complex forces of success that follow.

Chaos Engineering-Casey Rosenthal 2020-04-06 As more companies move toward microservices and other distributed technologies, the complexity of these systems increases. You can't remove the complexity, but through Chaos Engineering you can discover vulnerabilities and prevent outages before they impact your customers. This practical guide shows engineers how to navigate complex systems while optimizing to meet business goals. Two of the field's prominent figures, Casey Rosenthal and Nora Jones, pioneered the discipline while working together at Netflix. In this book, they expound on the what, how, and why of Chaos Engineering while facilitating a conversation from practitioners across industries. Many chapters are written by contributing authors to widen the perspective across verticals within (and beyond) the software industry. Learn how Chaos Engineering enables your organization to navigate complexity Explore a methodology to avoid failures within your application, network, and infrastructure Move from theory to practice through real-world stories from industry experts at Google, Microsoft, Slack, and LinkedIn, among others Establish a framework for thinking about complexity within software systems Design a Chaos Engineering program around game days and move toward highly targeted, automated experiments Learn how to design continuous collaborative chaos experiments

The Innovative Mindset-John Sweeney 2015-10-26 "Behavioral Innovation demystifies the question of "What does it take to be more innovative?" by introducing the idea that innovation is much more of a behavior than a theory or corporate-defined initiative. Like any other behavioral change (losing weight, getting stronger, playing the piano, becoming a better partner), we can identify what we need to practice in the area of innovation to create a sustainable regimen that allows us to transform how we act, and most, importantly, reap the positive benefits from our behaviors. The book will include poignant, current case studies that show the reader how living in the Mindset of Discovery and practicing the Big Five can and will lead to significant business productivity and profitability"--

inGenius-Tina Seelig 2012-04-17 Imaginative. Innovative. Ingenious. These words describe the visionaries we all respect and admire. And they can describe you, too. Contrary to common belief, creativity is not a gift some of us are born with. It is a skill that all of us can learn. International bestselling author and award-winning Stanford University educator Tina Seelig has worked with some of the business world's best and brightest, who are now among the decision-makers at companies such as Google, Genentech, IBM, and Cisco. In inGenius she expertly demystifies creativity, offering a set of tools and guidelines that anyone can use. A fantastic resource for everyone wanting to achieve their ambitions, and for readers of Jason Fried's Rework, and Seth Godin's Poke the Box.

If You Really Want to Change the World-Henry Kressel 2015-09-29 Create a world-changing venture. Silicon Valley's latest trend for creating new ventures is based on trial and error: test market needs with new product concepts and a minimum amount of capital, expect that the product may not meet the market need, so fail fast and try another product with the hope that a product-market fit will eventually emerge. But this fail fast, step-and-pivot philosophy is like taking a random walk in the forest without a compass. If You Really Want to Change the World is about helping entrepreneurs find true north. Henry Kressel

and Norman Winarsky—technologists, inventors, and investors with stellar track records—provide a guide for those who wish to create a market-leading company that will have a real impact: a disciplined and staged approach they have used to launch, invest in, and develop scores of highly successful companies. *If You Really Want to Change the World* leads entrepreneurs through the critical stages of venture development, from concept to acquisition or public offering to maintaining a rich culture of innovation in the company. It is a guide by innovators for innovators, with approaches that are practical and timeless. Drawing on the authors' experiences as well as those of their partners from around the world, Kressel and Winarsky share the stories of their triumphs and misses, demonstrate their method in action, and inspire their readers in the process. There are more opportunities now than ever before to build breakthrough companies that touch millions of lives. If this is your goal, let this book be your guide to creating world-changing ventures.

The As If Principle-Richard Wiseman 2014-01-21 The best-selling author of *59 Seconds* challenges popular self-help approaches while counseling readers to take specific actions to improve outlook and circumstances, drawing on scientific findings to demonstrate how simple physical activities, from smiling to walking briskly, can alleviate common challenges.

This Might Get Me Fired: A Manual for Thriving in the Corporate Entrepreneurial Underground-Gregory Larkin 2018-04-02 Every corporation should be more afraid of extinction than change-but few are. A company's most talented innovators-"corporate intrapreneurs"-often can't break the cycle of stale, destructive habits. Until now. In *This Might Get Me Fired*, innovator and intrapreneur Greg Larkin shares what he's learned by launching more than thirty new products with Fortune 500 companies and start-ups. Greg guides you through the power structure of corporate enterprises, showing how an intrapreneur can gather support within an organization and actually launch a product in eight weeks. Filled with stories of success and failure, *This Might Get Me Fired* gives you the tools to develop an entrepreneurial mindset and recognize when (and why) to prioritize your product over your job. It shows intrapreneurs how to find one another, join together, and succeed in ways that seem unimaginable until they are inevitable.

The Little Black Book of Innovation, With a New Preface-Scott D. Anthony 2017-03-28 In *The Little Black Book of Innovation*, long-time innovation expert Scott D. Anthony draws on stories from his research and field work with companies like Procter & Gamble to demystify innovation. Anthony presents a simple definition of innovation and illuminates its vital role in organizational success and personal growth. Anthony also provides a powerful 28-day program for mastering innovation's key steps: finding insight, generating ideas, building businesses, and strengthening capabilities. With its wealth of illustrative case studies from around the globe, this engaging and potent playbook is a must-read for anyone seeking to turn themselves or their companies into true innovation powerhouses.

Shake That Brain-Joel Saltzman 2006-03-27 Joel Saltzman teaches readers how to create "surprising, yet inevitable" solutions, no matter the challenge or task at hand. Easily. Consistently. And economically. *Shake That Brain!* is a collection of creative and inspiring tips and tools for finding solutions in a variety of areas—from sales, marketing, and product creation to ethics, innovation, and the bottom line. Backed by powerful and compelling examples from a wide variety of real-life applications, Joel Saltzman delivers energy, edge—and lots of fun—as he guides readers through a series of proven formulas for creating outstanding solutions, from harnessing the power of opposite thinking to turning your worst ideas into your best ideas ever. Filled with exercises, easy-to-apply formulas, entertaining pop-quizzes, and eye-opening teaching examples from the world of business, technology, advertising, and more, here's a solution-finding guidebook that can be used for succeeding on the job or at home. Joel Saltzman is a professional speaker, consultant, and bestselling author. He has conducted *Shake That Brain!* programs for Grey Advertising International, Harley Davidson, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and Warner Bros. Studios. His work has been called "witty and rewarding" by *People Magazine* and he's the recipient of a national Audie award for "Best Educational and Training Audio." His website is www.shakethatbrain.com

MicroMarketing: Get Big Results by Thinking and Acting Small-Greg Verdino 2010-06-18 Every day the world sees 1 million new blog posts, tens of millions of tweets, hundreds of millions of new pieces of Facebook content, and more than 1 billion YouTube videos. Where does your brand fit in? In our age of information saturation, consumer attention is the scarcest commodity of all—which makes your job tougher than ever. How do you thread your messages through billions of bite-sized information snapshots to reach the right people? One thing's for sure, you're not going to succeed using traditional approaches. Mass marketing is dead; the next big thing is indeed very small. *microMARKETING* empowers you to rethink, retool, and revitalize your marketing strategies to take full advantage of the opportunities created by the microcontent explosion. A pioneer in the world of microcontent marketing, Greg Verdino helps you create a strategy that emphasizes relationships over reach, interaction over interruption, and social networking over broadcast networks. You'll find the answers to today's toughest questions: How do I earn the attention of the right influencers and my core customers? How do I really build my brand one blog post, one video clip, or even one tweet at a time? How do I achieve massive scale when mainstream media is losing ground to consumer content creators and peer-to-peer distribution? How do I strike a balance between tapping into today's biggest marketing trends without losing sight of the little things that matter? When one door closes, another opens. Mass marketing is no longer a viable marketing strategy and, likely, never will be again. *Micromarketing*, though, enables you to resonate with consumers in compelling new ways and achieve the big results that no longer seem possible with traditional approaches. It's time to start building your brand, finding new customers, establishing relationships, and getting real results on this exciting new frontier. *microMARKETING* will show you the way.

The Pragmatic Programmer-Andrew Hunt 1999-10-20 What others in the trenches say about *The Pragmatic Programmer*... "The cool thing about this book is that it's great for keeping the programming process fresh. The book helps you to continue to grow and clearly comes from people who have been there." —Kent Beck, author of *Extreme Programming Explained: Embrace Change* "I found this book to be a great mix of solid advice and wonderful analogies!" —Martin Fowler, author of *Refactoring* and *UML Distilled* "I would buy a copy, read it twice, then tell all my colleagues to run out and grab a copy. This is a book I would never loan because I would worry about it being lost." —Kevin Ruland, Management Science, MSG-Logistics "The wisdom and practical experience of the authors is obvious. The topics presented are relevant and useful.... By far its greatest strength for me has been the outstanding analogies—tracer bullets, broken windows, and the fabulous helicopter-based explanation of the need for orthogonality, especially in a crisis situation. I have little doubt that this book will eventually become an excellent source of useful information for journeymen programmers and expert mentors alike." —John Lakos, author of *Large-Scale C++ Software Design* "This is the sort of book I will buy a dozen copies of when it comes out so I can give it to my clients." —Eric Vought, Software Engineer "Most modern books on software development fail to cover the basics of what makes a great software developer, instead spending their time on syntax or technology where in reality the greatest leverage possible for any software team is in having talented developers who really know their craft well. An excellent book." —Pete McBreen, Independent Consultant "Since reading this book, I have implemented many of the practical suggestions and tips it contains. Across the board, they have saved my company time and money while helping me get my job done quicker! This should be a desktop reference for everyone who works with code for a living." —Jared Richardson, Senior Software Developer, iRenaissance, Inc. "I would like to see this issued to every new employee at my company...." —Chris Cleeland, Senior Software Engineer, Object Computing, Inc. "If I'm putting together a project, it's the authors of this book that I want. . . . And failing that I'd settle for people who've read their book." —Ward Cunningham Straight from the programming trenches, *The Pragmatic Programmer* cuts through the increasing specialization and technicalities of modern software development to examine the core process—taking a requirement and producing working, maintainable code that delights its users. It covers topics ranging from personal responsibility and career development to architectural techniques for keeping your code flexible and easy to adapt and reuse. Read this book, and you'll learn how to Fight software rot; Avoid the trap of duplicating knowledge; Write flexible, dynamic, and adaptable code; Avoid programming by coincidence; Bullet-proof your code with contracts, assertions, and exceptions; Capture real requirements; Test ruthlessly and effectively; Delight your users; Build teams of pragmatic programmers; and Make your developments more precise with automation. Written as a series of self-contained sections and filled with entertaining anecdotes, thoughtful examples, and interesting analogies, *The Pragmatic Programmer* illustrates the best practices and major pitfalls of many different aspects of software development. Whether you're a new coder, an experienced programmer, or a manager responsible for software projects, use these lessons daily, and you'll quickly see improvements in personal productivity, accuracy, and job satisfaction. You'll learn skills and develop habits and attitudes that form the foundation for long-term success in your career. You'll become a Pragmatic Programmer.

Intrapreneurship-Kevin C. Desouza 2011-12-10 As an employee, you suspect that your best ideas are valuable and could greatly benefit your organization. Management also recognizes that a company's ability to compete is contingent on how well it leverages its employees' ideas. So, why are individuals at all levels of organizations typically poor advocates for ideas? *Intrapreneurship* provides an engaging guide for both managers and employees on how to direct the flow of ideas and foster a culture of entrepreneurship within their company's existing structure. Based on Kevin C. Desouza's research and experience consulting with thirty global organizations, *Intrapreneurship* outlines ways to mobilize all types of ideas - including blockbusters with the potential to create radically new external products and services, and more incremental innovations for improving internal processes. With practical frameworks and real life examples for both employees and managers, *Intrapreneurship* will help you to identify the value in your own ideas and those of others to ultimately benefit your organization. *The Long View*-Brian Fetherstonhaugh 2016-09-06 The Chairman & CEO of OgilvyOne Worldwide and career advisor extraordinaire, Brian Fetherstonhaugh, outlines the three stages of a long, successful work life and offers guidance to plan ahead and get the most out of each phase. The world of careers is vastly

different than it was just five years ago—more choices, more competition, and relentless change in how we define work-life. It can be difficult to understand our options and plan for a prosperous future. Where can you go for answers? Colleges may teach us academic and technical skills, and there are places to look for tips on how to write a resume or prep for a job interview. But is it enough? Brian Fetherstonhaugh, CEO of OgilvyOne Worldwide, understands this dilemma and how to navigate it. He believes we need more than tactics—we need robust, road-tested strategies that combine old-school wisdom with new-school context so that we can flourish in the new professional reality. In *The Long View*, Fetherstonhaugh shows us the three distinct but interconnected stages of a career, and how we build ‘fuel’ at every step along the way to create long-term success. *The Long View* teaches us new ways of finding jobs, new methods to build careers that last, and a new definition of “work” that embraces life-satisfaction and happiness. *The Long View* offers highly practical exercises that challenge you to rethink how to assess your skills, invest your time and expand your personal network, and provides a framework for facing tough job decisions. With insights drawn from interviews with a variety of professionals—who share both success stories and cautionary tales—*The Long View* will help you establish your own path for overcoming obstacles and making the best choices for a long, accomplished, and rewarding career. “THE LONG VIEW is one of the most practical and comprehensive guides to a meaningful career that I have read. Whether you are just starting your search for a job or trying to get a career back on track, start by reading *The Long View*.”—Tom Rath, best-selling author of *ARE YOU FULLY CHARGED?*, *EAT, MOVE, SLEEP*, and *STRENGTHSFINDER 2.0* “THE LONG VIEW is the career guide you’ve been looking for—forward-thinking advice from a seasoned business leader. Brian Fetherstonhaugh offers practical exercises, useful advice—and deep insights into what a meaningful career looks and feels like.”—Susan Cain, co-founder of Quiet Revolution and New York Times bestselling author of *QUIET: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can’t Stop Talking*

Kill the Company-Lisa Bodell 2016-10-21 In the ever-changing world of business, we've arrived at a point where process has trumped culture, where the race toward efficiency has left us unable to reach our potential. Stuck in the land of status quo, we've forgotten how to think. The very structures put in place to help businesses grow are now holding us back;; it's time to Kill the Company. This book is a call to arms: to start a revolution in how we think and work. But instead of more one-size-fits-all change initiatives forced upon employees, we need to embrace small changes that create ripple effects throughout the organization. Lisa Bodell urges companies to move from "Zombies, Inc." to "Think, Inc." Thinking can no longer be exclusive to the creative team or lead strategists. A culture of curiosity must be fostered among the ranks to shake up our standard practices, from unproductive meetings to go-nowhere strategic planning. This revolution can and will awaken our ability to think, and ultimately, to innovate and grow.

True North Groups-Bill George 2011-09-01 The challenges we face these days are so great that we cannot rely entirely on ourselves, our communities, or our organizations to support us and help us stay on track. We need a small group of people with whom we can have in-depth discussions and share intimately about the most important things in our lives—our happiness and sadness, our hopes and fears, our beliefs and convictions. For the past thirty-five years, Bill George and Doug Baker have found the answer in what they call True North Groups. “At various times,” George and Baker write, “a True North Group will function as a nurturer, a grounding rod, a truth teller, and a mirror. At other times the group functions as a challenger or an inspirer. When people are wracked with self-doubts, it helps build their courage and ability to cope.” Drawing on recent research in psychology and sociology, George and Baker explain why True North Groups are so critical to helping us develop the self-awareness, compassion, emotional intelligence, and authenticity required to be inspired human beings and inspiring leaders. They cover every detail from choosing members, establishing norms, and dealing with conflicts to evaluating progress and deciding when it's time to restructure. True North Groups provides a wealth of practical resources, including suggested topics for the first twelve meetings, advice on facilitating groups, techniques to evaluate group satisfaction, and much more. For the millions of people who are searching for greater meaning and intimacy in their lives, this book will help them to grow as leaders and as people—and to stay on course to their True North.

Reconcilable Differences-Dawna Markova 2017 A revolutionary way to move beyond biases and blind spots to build deeper rapport between friends, lovers, relatives, and colleagues, from the expert author team behind Collaborative Intelligence We all know what it feels like to be at odds with someone we care about. Sometimes it seems like we speak different languages! As learning and perception experts Dawna Markova, Ph.D., and Angie McArthur explain, that idea isn't far off the mark; communication style is at the heart of many of our relationship clashes. Applying Markova and McArthur's ingenious and long-tested mind patterns and thinking talents techniques, this invaluable resource will help readers identify their relational "type"-the innate pattern of speaking, understanding, trusting, and learning that informs their reactions-and grow their relational intelligence through resonant storytelling, revealing dialogue analysis, and profound yet simple advice.

Creative Intelligence in the 21st Century-Don Ambrose 2016-07-15 How can creative individuals and societies adapt to complex 21st-century conditions? Will civilizations thrive or collapse in the decades to come if they are not creative enough, or if they are too creative? Interest in these questions is growing; however, until now there has been inadequate understanding of the socioeconomic and cultural trends and issues that influence creativity. This book provides that understanding while yielding insights from many of the world's leading creativity researchers and educational experts. The book begins with a big-picture, interdisciplinary overview of the socioeconomic, cultural, and technological pressures emerging from 21st-century globalization and describes some ways in which those pressures simultaneously suppress, distort, and invigorate creativity in general, and creative education in particular. After that, prominent scholars of creativity and education use their impressive knowledge bases to clarify how we can adjust our thoughts and actions in order to give ourselves the best possible chances for success in this complex world. “The world's problems are complex, messy, and seemingly intractable, but history tells us that human creativity finds solutions to even the most daunting problems. This book collects perspectives on creative development from many of the most respected scholars and educators working in creativity and innovation today, helping chart a path forward for creativity in the 21st century.” - Jonathan Plucker, Julian C. Stanley Endowed Professor of Talent Development, Johns Hopkins University “A volume taking on macro-opportunities and macroproblems by editors Ambrose and Sternberg is a treat for readers who want to think ‘big’ and think ‘forward.’ Kick back for an imaginative journey that reaches back to early global insights but propels us solidly into the 21st century and beyond.” - Ann Robinson, Past President, National Association for Gifted Children

Ask More-Frank Sesno 2017-01-10 An Emmy-award-winning journalist reveals how to ask the QUESTIONS that make a difference. What hidden skill links successful people in all walks of life? What helps them make smart decisions? The answer is surprisingly simple: They know how to ask the right questions at the right time. Questions help us break down barriers, discover secrets, solve puzzles, and imagine new ways of doing things. But few of us know how to question in a methodical way. Emmy-award-winning journalist and media expert Frank Sesno aims to change that with *Ask More*. From questions that cement relationships, to those that help us plan for the future, each chapter in *Ask More* explores a different type of inquiry. By the end of the book, you'll know what to ask and when, what you should listen for, and what you can expect as the outcome. Packed with illuminating interviews, the book explains: How the Gates Foundation used strategic questions to plan its battle against malaria How turnaround expert Steve Miller uses diagnostic questions to get to the heart of a company's problems How NPR's Terry Gross uses empathy questions to dig deeper How journalist Anderson Cooper uses confrontational questions to hold people accountable How creative questions animated a couple of techie dreamers to brainstorm Uber Both intriguing and inspiring, *Ask More* shows how questions convey interest, feed curiosity, and reveal answers that can change the course of both your professional and personal life.

Rocket Fuel-Gino Wickman 2015-04-28 You're a Visionary. That's the problem. You've already founded a successful business and have clear ideas for the future of your company. This has worked for you so far, but now business has stalled, and you've become overwhelmed, stuck, and frustrated. You may have a hunch that something or someone is missing - and you're right. A great Visionary is only half of the equation for launching a company toward success. A solid partnership is the key to helping your business soar, and you need someone else to play a crucial role in taking your business to its maximum level. Enter the Integrator. This is the Visionary's complement who has a talent for moving ideas forward: keeping varying tasks and schedules aligned, creating focus and accountability, and ensuring cohesion of people and processes. In other words, the Integrator takes a vision and executes it. 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 thrive, and even offers advice to help Visionary-minded and Integrator-minded individuals find one another. *Rocket Fuel* also offers assessments so you're able to determine whether you're a Visionary or an Integrator so you can recognize your needs and then find the best partner to suit them. 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, they have the power to reach new heights for virtually any company or organization. *Rocket Fuel* is here. Time to ignite the booster for your next level. 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.

Success Leaves Traces-Armand Morin 2020-03-03 True story from one of the world's most successful Internet Marketers. Follow the steps that have led Armand to make millions of dollars. Learn to quickly and easily recognize great opportunities by using Armand's Opportunity Matrix. Insights on how to think and perform like a millionaire. Discover the five elements necessary to accomplish anything in life. *Success Leaves Traces* is a way of re-engineering any task that anyone has ever done and make the process your own. Learn ways to get more out of a small team than most companies do with giant ones. How to gain focus and stay on task to accomplish all of your goals. Understand the “Stop Factor” and how to avoid it so it never stops you from moving forward again.

The Ultralight Startup-Jason L. Baptiste 2012-04-12 “When I was first starting out, I had to learn many things by trial and error, and I know I could have saved

myself a lot of grief if someone had given me advice on what to do. I hope this book will help and inspire you to pursue your passion while avoiding some of the mistakes I made." It's easier than ever before to launch a startup. But in a world where barriers to entry are virtually nonexistent and everyone wants to be the next Facebook, competition is fierce. If you're just beginning and lack the money and clout to make an automatic splash, how do you differentiate yourself from all the rest? Jason Baptiste knows firsthand what it takes. After launching his first company while still in college, he cofounded his current venture, Onswipe, in his early twenties, turning it into a multimillion-dollar company in less than a year. Now, drawing on his own experience as a bootstrapping but hungry entrepreneur, as well as on examples from today's most famous companies, he guides would-be tech moguls through every stage of the process—from testing a concept to acquiring customers to determining the best pricing model—in a cheap, practical way. Among his strategies:

- Build the product you wish you had: Foursquare founder Dennis Crowley created an early version of his product because he wanted to keep in touch with former colleagues.
- It doesn't have to be sexy to make money: Dropbox took the world by storm by offering a great solution to a mundane problem—online storage.
- Be bold when promoting yourself: Online payment service WePay capitalized on dissatisfaction with industry leader PayPal by dumping six hundred pounds of ice in front of a developer conference.
- Attract fans to attract customers: Budget tracking site Mint.com created its initial user base by offering original and useful content about personal finance.

Baptiste shows you don't need an MBA, a trust fund, or even experience running your own company to become a star in the tech world. The Ultralight Startup is a comprehensive, easy-to-follow guide that will prepare any entrepreneur to take his or her idea to the next level.

Cracking Creativity-Michael Michalko 2011-04-13 From the bestselling author of Thinkertoys, this follow up brings innovative creative thinking techniques within reach, giving you the tools to tackle everyday challenges in new ways. Internationally renowned business creativity expert, Michael Michalko will show you how creative people think—and how to put their secrets to work for you in business and in your personal life. You don't have to be a genius to solve problems like one. Michalko researched and analyzed hundreds of history's greatest thinkers across disciplines—from Leonardo da Vinci to Pablo Picasso—to bring the best of their techniques together and to teach you how to apply them in your own life. Cracking Creativity is filled with exercises and anecdotes that will soon have you looking at problems and seeing many different solutions.

Rethinking Readiness-Rafael Heller 2017 Rethinking Readiness offers a new set of competencies to replace the narrow learning goals of No Child Left Behind and, in chapters written by some of the nation's most well-respected education scholars, explores their implications for schools. Today's students must cultivate the full range of intellectual, interpersonal, and intrapersonal capacities that have been grouped together under the banner of "deeper learning." Rethinking Readiness focuses on how educators and policy makers should move forward to provide the educational experiences that students need to become truly well prepared for college, careers, and civic life, including changes in curriculum, teacher evaluation, and student assessment. As state leaders chart a new course for K-12 education in the Every Student Succeeds Act era, Rethinking Readiness offers a succinct and compelling vision for a new agenda for school reform so future generations can prosper in a rapidly changing world.

The Progress Principle-Teresa Amabile 2011-07-19 What really sets the best managers above the rest? It's their power to build a cadre of employees who have great inner work lives—consistently positive emotions; strong motivation; and favorable perceptions of the organization, their work, and their colleagues. The worst managers undermine inner work life, often unwittingly. As Teresa Amabile and Steven Kramer explain in The Progress Principle, seemingly mundane workday events can make or break employees' inner work lives. But it's forward momentum in meaningful work—progress—that creates the best inner work lives. Through rigorous analysis of nearly 12,000 diary entries provided by 238 employees in 7 companies, the authors explain how managers can foster progress and enhance inner work life every day. The book shows how to remove obstacles to progress, including meaningless tasks and toxic relationships. It also explains how to activate two forces that enable progress: (1) catalysts—events that directly facilitate project work, such as clear goals and autonomy—and (2) nourishers—interpersonal events that uplift workers, including encouragement and demonstrations of respect and collegiality. Brimming with honest examples from the companies studied, The Progress Principle equips aspiring and seasoned leaders alike with the insights they need to maximize their people's performance.

Raising Capital-Andrew J. Sherman 2012 Teaches how best to finance a business no matter the size, including doing less with more in the early stages, growth financing, and alternatives to traditional financing.

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