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Red Thread Thinking: Weaving Together Connections for Brilliant Ideas and Profitable

Innovation - Debra Kaye 2013-02-26

Create products and services your consumers can't pass up--without the high cost of development Success is all about connections. Debra Kaye explodes conventional thinking about innovation and provides an approach that anyone or any business can use to expose the crucial links among observations, experiences, facts, and feelings that on the surface do not seem related--but are--to uncover fresh, brilliant insights. In Red Thread Thinking, Kaye shows you how to weave originality from disparate information and turn it into a product or service that can shake up the marketplace--and your business. What sets Red Thread Thinking apart from other books is that it reveals exactly how to identify and understand hidden cultural codes and shifts in consumer perceptions that speak to emerging and existing markets and, as a result, catapult fresh products to iconic status. A mold-breaking system, Red Thread Thinking sharpens your innovation skills and can assist in problem solving, whether preparing a talk, pitching a project to your colleagues and boss, managing staff in a more productive way, or taking business to a new level. Learn the ways of Red Thread Thinking: Red Thread One: "Innovation--It's All in Your Head"--We can fire up our brains to become better at observing and interpreting what we see around us Red Thread Two: "Everything Old is New"--Take a fresh look at the past to gain remarkable advantage Red Thread Three: "People: The Strangest Animals in the Zoo"--Know what makes your market tick, and you'll know what makes them spend Red Thread Four: "What You See Is What You Get"--Learn how to create an entirely new and accessible "language" to make your product stand out and be universally understood Red Thread Five: "The Force of Passion"--Persevere, review, and refine your ideas without compromising your integrity or core beliefs. Red Thread Thinking teaches you to activate your own knowledge and resources to make better connections, have more and superior insights, and apply history as a valuable source for future-leaning innovation. Praise for Red Thread Thinking "Red Thread Thinking weaves a marvelous tapestry of insight and wisdom. A must read for entrepreneurs hoping to take their ideas from fuzzy to firm." -- Susan Cain, New York Times bestselling author of *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* "Red Thread Thinking provides a deliberate system to create a 'revolution in your mind'--the first order of business for any innovator who wants to shift the consumer landscape and offer value and usefulness to customers. The book is filled with practical information that will help you expand your thinking." -- Jay Walker, Chairman, Walker Digital; founder of Priceline.com "A fascinating read that should hearten anyone who wants to apply proven strategies to the act of collecting and connecting dots that exist for us all--if only we'd stop and notice." -- Danny Meyer, New York Times bestselling author of *Setting the Table: The Transforming Power of Hospitality in Business* "In Red Thread Thinking, Debra Kaye offers a framework for innovation that embraces--indeed harnesses--the power of serendipity, free association, and our mind's elastic ability to see what's new in the familiar." -- Jean-Marie Dru, Chairman, TBWA\Worldwide "Debra Kaye has created an approach to innovation that combines simple, pragmatic steps on the journey of innovation to benefit any serious entrepreneur or manager who believes innovation is central to business and that it is not the mysterious privilege of a few." -- Thomas Pinnau, Chief Executive Officer, Knowledge Universe Work-Life Solutions "Red Thread Thinking offers a compelling framework for the modern-d

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.

The Six Sigma Revolution - George Eckes 2002-03-14

Applying this revolutionary management strategy to drive positive change in an organization Currently exploding onto the American business scene, the Six Sigma methodology fuels improved effectiveness and efficiency in an organization; according to General Electric's Jack Welch, it's the "most important initiative [they] have ever undertaken." Written by the consultant to GE Capital who helped implement Six Sigma at GE and GE's General Manager of e-Commerce, Making Six Sigma Last offers businesses the tools they need to make Six Sigma work for them--and cultivate long-lasting, positive results. Successful Six Sigma occurs when the technical and cultural components of change balance in an organization; this timely, comprehensive book is devoted to the cultural component of implementing Six Sigma, explaining how to manage it to maintain that balance. The authors address how to create the need for Six Sigma; diagnose the four types of resistance to Six Sigma and how to overcome them; manage the systems and structures; and lead a Six Sigma initiative. This book applies the Six Sigma approach to business operations across the organization--unlike other titles that focus on product development. Plus, it provides strategies, tactics, and tools to improve profitability by centering on the relationship between product defects and product yields, reliability, costs, cycle time, and schedule. George Eckes (Superior, CO) is the founder and principal consultant for Eckes & Associates. His clients include GE Capital, Pfizer, Westin, Honeywell, and Volvo. Eckes has published numerous papers on the topic of performance improvement and is the author of *The Six Sigma Revolution: How General Electric and Others Turned Process into Profits* (0-471-38822-X) (Wiley). [Fundamentals of Business \(black and white\)](#) - Stephen J. Skripak 2016-07-29 (Black & White version) *Fundamentals of Business* was created for Virginia Tech's MGT 1104 Foundations of Business through a collaboration between the Pamplin College of Business and Virginia Tech Libraries. This book is freely available at: <http://hdl.handle.net/10919/70961> It is licensed with a Creative Commons-NonCommercial ShareAlike 3.0 license.

Right Brain Red - Reyn Guyer 2016-01-26

Imagine learning product design from the originator of NERF and TWISTER, toy and game brands that have generated over \$8 billion in sales. Could you gain business insights from someone whose company stormed the cutthroat music industry as an outsider and who now has a Grammy award, two CMA Song of the Year awards, and forty-six charted singles on the country and pop music charts? How would you like to pick the brain of a rule breaker who put his dyslexia to good use and formed a learning company that has given the gift of literacy to over 500,000 students all over the world? Now what if all three of those people

were the same man? Reyn Guyer is among the most successful creative professionals of our time. He creates products, learning systems, musicals, companies, children's stories and songs, and more. In *Right Brain Red*, he shares seven ideas that have worked for him throughout his blockbuster career in multiple creative fields. Reyn provides more than mere advice, because *Right Brain Red* isn't just another business book. It's a way to create and recognize opportunity, inspiring readers who want to make their own ideas a reality.

Good Strategy/Bad Strategy - Richard Rumelt 2011-06-09

When Richard Rumelt's *Good Strategy/Bad Strategy* was published in 2011, it immediately struck a chord, calling out as bad strategy the mish-mash of pop culture, motivational slogans and business buzz speak so often and misleadingly masquerading as the real thing. Since then, his original and pragmatic ideas have won fans around the world and continue to help readers to recognize and avoid the elements of bad strategy and adopt good, action-oriented strategies that honestly acknowledge the challenges being faced and offer straightforward approaches to overcoming them. Strategy should not be equated with ambition, leadership, vision or planning; rather, it is coherent action backed by an argument. For Rumelt, the heart of good strategy is insight into the hidden power in any situation, and into an appropriate response - whether launching a new product, fighting a war or putting a man on the moon. Drawing on examples of the good and the bad from across all sectors and all ages, he shows how this insight can be cultivated with a wide variety of tools that lead to better thinking and better strategy, strategy that cuts through the hype and gets results.

The Entrepreneur's Guide to Law and Strategy - Constance E. Bagley 2017-02-21

Business Insider calls *THE ENTREPRENEUR'S GUIDE TO LAW AND STRATEGY* "perhaps the most useful business book you can ever read" and lists it among twenty-five must-read books for entrepreneurs. *THE ENTREPRENEUR'S GUIDE TO LAW AND STRATEGY*, 5E examines stages of starting a business -- from start-up and growth to public offering, while highlighting legal preparations and pitfalls. Cutting-edge examples show how legally astute entrepreneurs can strategically increase realizable value, deploy resources, and manage risk. The book discusses leaving a job, hiring former coworkers, competing with a former employer, workplace legislation, product liability, and bankruptcy. You examine current issues including today's workforce in the "gig" economy, "crowdsourcing" capital and social media, computer hacking and identity theft. Legal discussion integrates with core strategic concepts, such as Porter's Five Forces, the resource-based view of the firm, the value proposition, activities in the value chain and more. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Borrowing Brilliance - David Kord Murray 2009-09-03

In a book poised to become the bible of innovation, a renowned creativity expert reveals the key to the creative process-"borrowing". As a former aerospace scientist, Fortune 500 executive, chief innovation officer, inventor, and software entrepreneur, David Kord Murray has made a living by coming up with innovative ideas. In *Borrowing Brilliance* he shows readers how new ideas are merely the combination of existing ones by presenting a simple six-step process that anyone can use to build business innovation: ?Defining-Define the problem you're trying to solve. ?Borrowing-Borrow ideas from places with a similar problem. ?Combining-Connect and combine these borrowed ideas. ?Incubating-Allow the combinations to incubate into a solution. ?Judging-Identify the strength and weakness of the solution. ?Enhancing-Eliminate weak points while enhancing strong ones. Each chapter features real-life examples of brilliant borrowers, including profiles of Larry Page and Sergey Brin (the Google guys), George Lucas, Steve Jobs, and other creative thinkers. Murray used these methods to re-create his own career and he shows readers how to harness them to find creative solutions.

The Glass Wall - Sue Unerman 2016-09-01

Never mind the glass ceiling. In the workplace today there's a glass wall. Men and women can see each other clearly through the divide, but they don't speak the same language or have the same expectations. And as a result, women and their careers are suffering. With more women than ever in the workforce, but still too few in the boardroom, now is the time to address the assumptions and miscommunication holding women back. This book gives women the tools they need to master any situation. Drawing on Unerman and Jacob's own experience in male-dominated businesses, as well as over a hundred interviews with both men

and women, *The Glass Wall* provides clear, smart and easy-to apply strategies for success. From unlocking ambition and developing resilience to nurturing creativity and getting noticed, these are the skills that everyone needs to learn to help break down that wall and create better workplaces for all.

Rich Dad's Guide to Investing - Robert T. Kiyosaki 2001-01-15

Rich Dad's Guide to Investing is a guide to understanding the real earning power of money by learning some of the investing secrets of the wealthy.

The Unwritten Rules - John Beeson 2010-09-02

Maximize your chances to get promoted to the executive level As predictable career paths have become extinct in most organizations, managers aspiring to the C-level job are left to their own devices to determine how to advance their careers. Even in companies committed to talent development, guidance to aspiring executives is often vague and contradictory. This happens, executive coach John Beeson argues, because executive promotions are made based on the decision makers' intuitive sense of whether or not a manager can succeed at higher levels within the organization. Beeson decodes these leadership criteria--the unwritten rules--that companies use to make decisions about who gets promoted and who doesn't, and identifies the six core "selection factors" that are imperative for success at the executive level
Demonstrating strategic skills Building a strong management team Managing implementation Exhibiting the capacity for innovation and change Working across organizational boundaries Projecting executive presence Filled with stories of managers who successfully climbed up the executive ladder--and some who struggled--*The Unwritten Rules* is an invaluable resource for aspiring executives.

[The Total Question Workout](#) - Bennett E. McClellan, Ph.D. 2014-04-02

Here's the one-minute description of TQW: You have a Big Question of some kind. You know it's a Big Question because it's keeping you up at night, the outcome is important, and you don't have a ready answer. There are four stages you need to go through to answer a Big Question. I don't know where you are in the process; so let me describe the four stages. The first stage involves fully understanding your situation and your motives for wanting to resolve the question that comes from being in that situation. The second stage involves separating yourself from the situation you are in. You cannot resolve a situation if you see yourself as part of it. You have to gain perspective by separating yourself from your situation in as many ways as possible. The third stage involves letting go of something that keeps you attached to, and subject to, the situation you are in. Something is holding you back. Some fear, some projection of implications, some belief about what is possible and what is not possible. Something. As long as you hold onto these things they will hold you back. Fourth, you need to perceive new possibilities for resolving your Big Question. For various reasons, you are not able to see alternative resolutions today. You need to reframe your question in a way that will enable you to apply the substantial resources you have to address each and every part of the question. If you have a Big Question, you are stuck at one of those four stages. At which stage are you stuck? McClellan provides a complete roadmap for getting from the question you have to the question you need to answer. Dither no longer. Commit to the Total Question Workout. Address the Big Question you need to answer to take charge of running your business or your life. You can move forward. But first, you have to take the next step.

Entrepreneurial Financial Management - Jeffrey R Cornwall 2015-01-28

This new edition of *Entrepreneurial Financial Management* presents an applied, realistic view of finance for today's entrepreneurs. The book provides an integrated set of concepts and applications, drawn from entrepreneurship, finance, and accounting, that will prepare aspiring entrepreneurs for the world they are likely to face as they start their new businesses. The book's contents are designed to follow the life cycle of a new business venture. Topics are covered in the order that entrepreneurs can expect to encounter them as they begin the process of business start-up and move into growing the business. A comprehensive financial spreadsheet template is included with the book. This tool allows for the application of many of the concepts to actual businesses, and can be a valuable supplement to the process of developing a full business plan. The financial spreadsheet templates are available for unlimited free downloads at Professor Cornwall's blog site: www.drjeffcornwall.com. Key Changes in the Third Edition • The authors have added material on how the book's financial templates align with business modeling. • The financial templates have been updated and now include more up-to-date assumptions on benefit costs. • There is updated coverage

of debt and equity financing due to new regulations and evolving investor expectations. • The bootstrapping chapter has been revised to reflect the explosion of social media and its impact on bootstrap marketing.

Engineering Your Future - Stuart G. Walesh 2012-02-15

Round out your technical engineering abilities with the business know-how you need to succeed Technical competency, the "hard side" of engineering and other technical professions, is necessary but not sufficient for success in business. Young engineers must also develop nontechnical or "soft-side" competencies like communication, marketing, ethics, business accounting, and law and management in order to fully realize their potential in the workplace. This updated edition of *Engineering Your Future* is the go-to resource on the nontechnical aspects of professional practice for engineering students and young technical professionals alike. The content is explicitly linked to current efforts in the reform of engineering education including ABET's Engineering Criteria 2000, ASCE's Body of Knowledge, and those being undertaken by AAEE, AIChE and ASME. The book treats essential nontechnical topics you'll encounter in your career, like self-management, interpersonal relationships, teamwork, project and total quality management, design, construction, manufacturing, engineering economics, organizational structures, business accounting, and much more. Features new to this revised edition include: A stronger emphasis on management and leadership A focus on personal growth and developing relationships Expanded treatment of project management Coverage of how to develop a quality culture and ways to encourage creative and innovative thinking A discussion of how the results of design, the root of engineering, come to fruition in constructing and manufacturing, the fruit of engineering New information on accounting principles that can be used in your career-long financial planning An in-depth treatment of how engineering students and young practitioners can and should anticipate, participate in, and ultimately effect change If you're a student or young practitioner starting your engineering career, *Engineering Your Future* is essential reading.

Marketing Navigation - Edmund Bradford 2012-09-28

Billions of dollars are lost from marketing plans that fail to get implemented properly. This book draws upon fresh research, new technology and decades of experience to help marketers improve their chances of success. It proposes a practical marketing navigation system to help businesses ensure their plan identifies risks and delivers targets.

The Little Black Book of Innovation - Scott D. Anthony 2012

Innovation may be the hottest discipline around today, in business circles and beyond. And for good reason. Innovation transforms companies and markets. It is the key to solving vexing social problems. And it makes or breaks professional careers. For all the enthusiasm the topic inspires, however, the practice of innovation remains stubbornly impenetrable. No longer. In this book the author draws on stories from his research and field work with companies like Procter & Gamble to demystify innovation. He presents a simple definition of innovation, breaks down the essential differences between types of innovation, and illuminates innovation's vital role in organizational success and personal growth. This unique hybrid of professional memoir and business guidebook also provides a powerful 28-day program for mastering innovation's key steps: (1) Finding insight, (2) Generating ideas, (3) Building businesses, and (4) Strengthening innovation prowess in workforces and organizations. Using several illustrative case studies and vignettes from a range of companies around the globe, this playbook teaches people how to turn themselves or their companies into true innovation powerhouses.

The Harvard Business Review Entrepreneur's Handbook - Harvard Business Review 2018-01-23

The one primer you need to develop your entrepreneurial skills. Whether you're imagining your new business to be the next big thing in Silicon Valley, a pivotal B2B provider, or an anchor in your local community, the HBR Entrepreneur's Handbook is your essential resource for getting your company off the ground. Starting an independent new business is rife with both opportunity and risk. And as an entrepreneur, you're the one in charge: your actions can make or break your business. You need to know the tried-and-true fundamentals--from writing a business plan to getting your first loan. You also need to know the latest thinking on how to create an irresistible pitch deck, mitigate risk through experimentation, and develop unique opportunities through business model innovation. The HBR Entrepreneur's Handbook addresses these challenges and more with practical advice and wisdom from Harvard Business Review's archive. Keep this comprehensive guide with you throughout your startup's life--and increase your

business's odds for success. In the HBR Entrepreneur's Handbook you'll find: Step-by-step guidance through the entrepreneurial process Concise explanations of the latest research and thinking on entrepreneurship from Harvard Business Review contributors such as Marc Andreessen and Reid Hoffman Time-honed best practices Stories of real companies, from Airbnb to eBay You'll learn: Which skills and characteristics make for the best entrepreneurs How to gauge potential opportunities The basics of business models and competitive strategy How to test your assumptions--before you build a whole business How to select the right legal structure for your company How to navigate funding options, from venture capital and angel investors to accelerators and crowdfunding How to develop sales and marketing programs for your venture What entrepreneurial leaders must do to build culture and set direction as the business keeps growing HBR Handbooks provide ambitious professionals with the frameworks, advice, and tools they need to excel in their careers. With step-by-step guidance, time-honed best practices, real-life stories, and concise explanations of research published in Harvard Business Review, each comprehensive volume helps you to stand out from the pack--whatever your role.

The Business Book - DK 2014-12-19

You can achieve your business dream. Beat the odds as you learn from the best - including Henry Ford, Steve Jobs, and Bill Gates - and turn your idea into an amazing and profitable enterprise. The Business Book helps you over the hurdles facing every new business, such as finding a gap in the market, securing finance, employing people, and creating an eye-catching brand. It is a plain-speaking visual guide to 80 of the most important commerce theories including chaos theory, critical path analysis, market mapping, and the MABA matrix. Its graphics and flow diagrams demystify complicated concepts and explain the ideas of seminal business thinkers, such as Malcolm Gladwell's "tipping point" or Michael Porter's "five forces". It shows that you can succeed with stories of rags-to-riches entrepreneurs, including the founders of Hewlett-Packard, who began their global enterprise from their garage. Whether you are a student, a CEO, or a would-be entrepreneur, The Business Book will inspire you and put you on the inside track to making your goal a reality. Series Overview: Big Ideas Simply Explained series uses creative design and innovative graphics along with straightforward and engaging writing to make complex subjects easier to understand. With over 7 million copies worldwide sold to date, these award-winning books provide just the information needed for students, families, or anyone interested in concise, thought-provoking refreshers on a single subject.

Infusing Innovation Into Organizations - M. Ann Garrison Darrin 2016-02-24

Foster a Culture of Innovation inside Your Organization Introducing a new approach that blends the practical applications of engineering with innovative concepts and techniques, *Infusing Innovation into Organizations: A Systems Engineering Approach* illustrates how a company's culture influences innovation results and demonstrates how organizations c

Always Day One - Alex Kantrowitz 2020-04-07

"This is a terrific book" - Kara Swisher An acclaimed tech reporter reveals the inner workings of Amazon, Facebook, Google, Apple, and Microsoft, showing how to compete with the tech titans using their own playbook. At Amazon, "Day One" is code for inventing like a startup, with little regard for legacy. Day Two is, in Jeff Bezos's own words, "stasis, followed by irrelevance, followed by excruciating, painful decline, followed by death." Most companies today are set up for Day Two. They build advantages and defend them fiercely, rather than invent the future. But Amazon and fellow tech titans Facebook, Google, and Microsoft are operating in Day One: they prioritize reinvention over tradition and collaboration over ownership. Through 130 interviews with insiders, from Mark Zuckerberg to hourly workers, *Always Day One* reveals the tech giants' blueprint for sustainable success in a business world where no advantage is safe. Companies today can spin up new products at record speed -- thanks to artificial intelligence and cloud computing -- and those who stand still will be picked apart. The tech giants remain dominant because they've built cultures that spark continual reinvention. It might sound radical, but those who don't act like it's always day one do so at their own peril. Kantrowitz uncovers the engine propelling the tech giants' continued dominance at a stage when most big companies begin to decline. And he shows the way forward for everyone who wants to compete with--and beat--the titans.

Strategic Management from an Islamic Perspective - Rodrigue Fontaine 2013-07-16

Fascinating insights into modern strategic management from an Islamic perspective While strategic management is a cornerstone of any MBA program, it's almost always taught from conventional theories and typically American case studies. This book takes those traditional theories and interprets them from an Islamic perspective using more international case studies. Though primarily intended as a textbook for business students, the book is also extremely useful for any Muslim business leaders who want to transform their businesses while complying with Shariah, with a particular focus on developing corporate cultures and structures in sync with Islamic values. Offers a critical review of conventional strategic management theory, suggesting more effective alternatives based on a combination of conventional and Islamic theories Includes international case studies, each with a particularly Islamic angle Written by a successful author team that has written extensively on the subject of business management from an Islamic perspective

The Myth of Experience - Emre Soyer 2020-09-01

Experience is a great teacher-except when it isn't. Our personal experience is key to who we are and what we do. We judge others by their experience and are judged by ours. Society venerates experience. From doctors to teachers to managers to presidents, the more experience the better. It's not surprising then, that we often fall back on experience when making decisions, an easy way to make judgements about the future, a constant teacher that provides clear lessons. Yet, this intuitive reliance on experience is misplaced. In *The Myth of Experience*, behavioral scientists Emre Soyer and Robin Hogarth take a transformative look at experience and the many ways it deceives and misleads us. From distorting the past to limiting creativity to reducing happiness, experience can cause misperceptions and then reinforce them without our awareness. Instead, the authors argue for a nuanced approach, where a healthy skepticism toward the lessons of experience results in more reliable decisions and sustainable growth. Soyer and Hogarth illustrate the flaws of experience--with real-life examples from bloodletting to personal computers to pandemics--and distill cutting-edge research as a guide to decision-making, as well as provide the remedies needed to improve our judgments and choices in the workplace and beyond.

Plan B - David Kord Murray 2011-09-20

Why has Facebook been so limber, evolving so successfully even after a number of stumbles, while Myspace stalled and lost ground? Why was Wal-Mart able to expand so successfully into new offerings, such as groceries, while H&R Block dramatically failed to expand into offering financial services? The answer, David Murray reveals, is that Facebook and Wal-Mart both started with business models that empowered them to effectively adapt their plans as they executed them. The failure of detailed strategic plans that have taken a great deal of time and money to develop is one of the worst problems in business, and it's ever more urgent as the pace of change in business continues to accelerate. Murray, author of the acclaimed Wall Street Journal bestseller *Borrowing Brilliance*, argues that valiantly sticking to even a well-thought-out Plan A is the road to disaster. The greatest success comes to those who know how to construct and implement an adaptive Plan A that has within it the means of evolving into a superior Plan B by responding to problems confronted, discoveries made, changing market conditions, and the competition. Writing in a lively, engaging voice and using a series of specific examples drawn from companies including IBM, Intel, Facebook, American Express, and Kaiser Permanente, as well as from the art of war, including the Battle of Gettysburg and the D-Day invasion, and even from the space program, Murray presents powerful methods for constructing a plan that has the mechanisms for adaptation built in. Drawing on a wealth of research, he explains why we are fairly good at short-term predictions but why, in our ever more rapidly changing business world, even the best laid plans will eventually go astray. He then introduces the best techniques for creating an optimal original plan that takes into account our limited ability to predict, showing that vital to this process is that it be constructed so that we are alerted in time to make the right changes. In a brilliant discussion of strategy and tactics, he shows that the core of this adaptability is making sure that your strategy and tactics are well aligned with one another and that you have established the right metrics for measuring results. He then details precisely how to adapt throughout the execution process by constantly monitoring and assessing results, developing worst-case scenarios, and recognizing unanticipated opportunities. Plan B is an essential guide to harnessing the forces of change to achieve long-lasting success despite the most vexing challenges.

[What's Your Digital Business Model?](#) - Peter Weill 2018-04-17

Digital transformation is not about technology--it's about change. In the rapidly changing digital economy, you can't succeed by merely tweaking management practices that led to past success. And yet, while many leaders and managers recognize the threat from digital--and the potential opportunity--they lack a common language and compelling framework to help them assess it and guide them in responding. They don't know how to think about their digital business model. In this concise, practical book, MIT digital research leaders Peter Weill and Stephanie Woerner provide a powerful yet straightforward framework that has been field-tested globally with dozens of senior management teams. Based on years of study at the MIT Center for Information Systems Research (CISR), the authors find that digitization is moving companies' business models on two dimensions: from value chains to digital ecosystems, and from a fuzzy understanding of the needs of end customers to a sharper one. Looking at these dimensions in combination results in four distinct business models, each with different capabilities. The book then sets out six driving questions, in separate chapters, that help managers and executives clarify where they are currently in an increasingly digital business landscape and highlight what's needed to move toward a higher-value digital business model. Filled with straightforward self-assessments, motivating examples, and sharp financial analyses of where profits are made, this smart book will help you tackle the threats, leverage the opportunities, and create winning digital strategies.

Organizational Creativity - Gerard J. Puccio 2017-03-31

Reignite your creative-thinking skills to produce innovative solutions *Organizational Creativity: A Practical Guide for Innovators and Entrepreneurs* by Gerard J. Puccio, John F. Cabra, and Nathan Schwagler, is a compelling new text designed to transform the reader into a creative thinker and leader. Arguing that creativity is an essential skill that must be developed, the authors take a highly practical approach, providing strategies, tools, and cases to help readers hone their creative abilities. Whether students are preparing to become entrepreneurs or to work in an established firm, this text will help them survive and thrive in an era of innovation and change.

[Homo Creativus](#) - Todd Lubart 2022-06-07

This book focuses on creativity and showcases a specific approach to creativity. It uses a new 7 C's basis for understanding creativity (creators, creating, cooperation, context, creations, consumption, and curricula). This new approach to creativity is an extension of the 4 'P' approach (person, process, press, and product) which has dominated the literature since the 1960s. In each section, there are two chapters, which illustrate work on the topic and focus on some key issues.

Think Like a Rocket Scientist - Ozan Varol 2020-04-14

* One of Inc.com's "6 Books You Need to Read in 2020 (According to Bill Gates, Satya Nadella, and Adam Grant)"* Adam Grant's # 1 pick of his top 20 books of 2020* One of 6 Groundbreaking Books of Spring 2020 (according to Malcolm Gladwell, Susan Cain, Dan Pink, and Adam Grant). A former rocket scientist reveals the habits, ideas, and strategies that will empower you to turn the seemingly impossible into the possible. Rocket science is often celebrated as the ultimate triumph of technology. But it's not. Rather, it's the apex of a certain thought process -- a way to imagine the unimaginable and solve the unsolvable. It's the same thought process that enabled Neil Armstrong to take his giant leap for mankind, that allows spacecraft to travel millions of miles through outer space and land on a precise spot, and that brings us closer to colonizing other planets. Fortunately, you don't have to be a rocket scientist to think like one. In this accessible and practical book, Ozan Varol reveals nine simple strategies from rocket science that you can use to make your own giant leaps in work and life -- whether it's landing your dream job, accelerating your business, learning a new skill, or creating the next breakthrough product. Today, thinking like a rocket scientist is a necessity. We all encounter complex and unfamiliar problems in our lives. Those who can tackle these problems -- without clear guidelines and with the clock ticking -- enjoy an extraordinary advantage. *Think Like a Rocket Scientist* will inspire you to take your own moonshot and enable you to achieve liftoff.

A More Beautiful Question - Warren Berger 2014-03-04

To get the best answer-in business, in life-you have to ask the best possible question. Innovation expert Warren Berger shows that ability is both an art and a science. It may be the most underappreciated tool at our disposal, one we learn to use well in infancy-and then abandon as we grow older. Critical to learning,

innovation, success, even to happiness-yet often discouraged in our schools and workplaces-it can unlock new business opportunities and reinvent industries, spark creative insights at many levels, and provide a transformative new outlook on life. It is the ability to question-and to do so deeply, imaginatively, and "beautifully." In this fascinating exploration of the surprising power of questioning, innovation expert Warren Berger reveals that powerhouse businesses like Google, Nike, and Netflix, as well as hot Silicon Valley startups like Pandora and Airbnb, are fueled by the ability to ask fundamental, game-changing questions. But Berger also shares human stories of people using questioning to solve everyday problems-from "How can I adapt my career in a time of constant change?" to "How can I step back from the daily rush and figure out what really makes me happy?" By showing how to approach questioning with an open, curious mind and a willingness to work through a series of "Why," "What if," and "How" queries, Berger offers an inspiring framework of how we can all arrive at better solutions, fresh possibilities, and greater success in business and life.

Something's Gotta Give - Beth R. Bernhardt 2012-10-15

The theme of the 2011 Charleston Conference, the annual event that explores issues in book and serial acquisition, was "Something's Gotta Give." The conference, held November 2-5, 2011, in Charleston, SC, included 9 pre-meetings, more than 10 plenaries, and over 120 concurrent sessions. The theme reflected the increasing sense of strain felt by both libraries and publishers as troubling economic trends and rapid technological change challenge the information supply chain. What part of the system will buckle under this pressure? Who will be the winners and who will be the losers in this stressful environment? The Charleston Conference continues to be a major event for information exchange among librarians, vendors, and publishers. As it begins its fourth decade, the Conference is one of the most popular international meetings for information professionals, with almost 1,500 delegates. Conference attendees continue to remark on the informative and thought-provoking sessions. The Conference provides a collegial atmosphere where librarians, vendors, and publishers talk freely and directly about issues facing libraries and information providers. In this volume, the organizers of the meeting are pleased to share some of the learning experiences that they-and other attendees-had at the conference.

The People Equation - Deborah Perry Piscione 2017-04-03

Teaching leaders how to focus on people development rather than product development, this book provides you with a formula for exponentially increasing out-of-the-box thinking in your organization and multiplying your chances for greater growth and success. --

Be A Shortcut - Scott G. Halford 2008-12-22

Shortcut is the new catchphrase that identifies high-quality, influence and value in employees and executives. Be A Shortcut is a business book that provides new frameworks and tactics to help a broad range of individuals become the professionals their company can't live without. The book shows you how to actually become a Shortcut using Halford's proven, Shortcut success formula. You'll gain more influence, become more valuable, get promoted faster, find better customers, get better raises - no matter what you do. Shortcut is a way of thinking, a way of doing, a way of being - and when you commit yourself to it, you'll write your own ticket to wherever you want to go.

6 Secrets to Startup Success - John BRADBERRY 2011-03-20

It takes passion to start a new business. But that same entrepreneurial enthusiasm can also lead you astray. Over six million Americans start businesses every year. That's 11 startups a minute launched by passionate dreamers hoping to transform their lives for the better. But a huge gap exists between the skyrocketing levels of desire and what entrepreneurs actually achieve. The harsh reality is that most new businesses fail within a few years of launch. Why do so few startups make it? And what distinguishes those that do succeed? Entrepreneur, consultant, and investor John Bradberry set out to discover the answer and came to a surprising conclusion-that the passion that drives and energizes so many founders is also the very thing that leads many of them astray. Filled with compelling real-life stories of both success and failure, this groundbreaking book reveals the key principles entrepreneurs must follow to ensure their big idea is on the right track. In 6 Secrets to Startup Success, readers will learn how to: Convert their passion into economic value with a moneymaking business model -> Improve their readiness to launch and lead a new venture -> Manage funding and cash flows -> Chart a path to breakeven and beyond -> Avoid the pitfalls

that often accompany unfettered passion -> Build the stamina needed to persevere over time Complete with indispensable tools including an assessment to gauge a venture's strengths and weaknesses, 6 Secrets to Startup Success will help entrepreneurs everywhere turn their dreams into reality.

Plan B - David Kord Murray 2011-09-20

A former executive at Intuit argues that the biggest mistake companies make is stubbornly sticking to a plan that is no longer working and instead suggests that organizations create an "adaption plan" that can be adjusted as the unexpected unfolds. By the author of Borrowing Brilliance.

Shift Your Brilliance - Simon T. Bailey 2014-05-06

Brilliance is a decision, It is time to disrupt your current reality and... Experience Your Shift Into Brilliance. This book is your roadmap, your call to action; your opportunity to create accelerated results professionally, personally and financially. It is time for you to turn every day into a brilliant breakthrough. Shift Your Brilliance will teach you: Strategies for sharpening your focus Steps to clear your vision Actions to harness individual and organizational potential Tools to unearth what really sets you on fire Tips on how to become a Chief Breakthrough Officer It is now time for you to Shift Your Brilliance!

The Logic Model Guidebook - Lisa Wyatt Knowlton 2012-08-24

The Logic Model Guidebook offers clear, step-by-step support for creating logic models and the modeling process in a range of contexts. Lisa Wyatt Knowlton and Cynthia C. Phillips describe the structures, processes, and language of logic models as a robust tool to improve the design, development, and implementation of program and organization change efforts. The text is enhanced by numerous visual learning guides (sample models, checklists, exercises, worksheets) and many new case examples. The authors provide students, practitioners, and beginning researchers with practical support to develop and improve models that reflect knowledge, practice, and beliefs. The Guidebook offers a range of new applied examples. The text includes logic models for evaluation, discusses archetypes, and explores display and meaning. In an important contribution to programs and organizations, it emphasizes quality by raising issues like plausibility, feasibility, and strategic choices in model creation.

The Art of Compassionate Business - Bruno R. Cignacco 2019-02-25

There are several well-ingrained assumptions regarding the dynamics of work and business activities, which can be refuted. Some examples of these widespread assumptions in the business and work environments are: employees being viewed as commodities, competitors perceived as threats, companies' resources seen as limited, and customers perceived as scarce and difficult, etc. All which leads to the question, "Is there a way to perform business activities more humanely?" This book challenges the reader to change the way they perform in business situations and become more focused on the human aspects of business activities. The users of this knowledge and those affected by them will undergo a profound transformation in the way they perform business activities. They will benefit from gradually testing and implementing the guidelines conveyed in this book, both in the business environment and the workplace. When readers put these principles into practice, positive ripple effects are bound to affect other stakeholders of the organization they work for or own. This book includes aspects related to mission and vision, passion, business mindset, organizational learning, improvement of business conversations, use of constructive criticism and improvement of relationships with the most relevant stakeholders (customers, suppliers, intermediaries, community, and employees, etc.). The book also includes a discussion of creativity and the innovation process, as well as other factors that create a healthy business environment. Extensive appendices include topics such as negotiation, marketing, use of social media and others.

Getting Everything You Can Out of All You've Got - Jay Abraham 2001-10-12

A consultant to some of America's leading corporations shares key insights and ideas on how to supercharge one's business and career, explaining how to create and develop new opportunities for wealth in any business, enterprise, or venture. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

Borrowing Brilliance - David Kord Murray 2009

Most of us think that outstanding success derives only from groundbreaking innovation. But we're wrong. In fact, many of the most successful business ideas of our time have come about when someone has borrowed and adapted an idea from somewhere else. In Borrowing Brilliance, David Kord Murray explains exactly how you can do the same. He demonstrates conclusively that new business ideas are simply

combinations of existing ideas and then sets out to show how you can solve current problems and create new opportunities by learning where to look for ideas and answers. In the process, he takes you through a simple six-step programme that will help you not only create the right mindset to innovate, but test the ideas you come up with, and implement them successfully. His reassuring message throughout is that since brilliance can be borrowed, it lies within the reach of us all.

The Patient Centered Value System - Anthony M. DiGioia 2017-09-11

Imagine: You are a hospital Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, medical or nursing director, patient safety specialist, quality improvement professional, or a doctor or nurse on the front lines of patient care. Every day you're aware that patients and families should be more engaged in their care so they would fare better both in the hospital and after discharge; their care could be safer and more seamlessly coordinated; patients should be ready for discharge sooner and readmitted less often; your bottom line stronger; your staff more fulfilled. You enter into new payment models such as bundling with an uneasy awareness that your organization is at risk because you don't know what the care you deliver actually costs. Like most healthcare leaders, you are also still searching for a way to deliver care that will help you to achieve the Triple Aim: care that leads to improved clinical outcomes, better patient and family care experiences, and reduced costs. Sound familiar? If so, then it's time to read *The Patient Centered Value System: Transforming Healthcare through Co-Design*. This book explains how to introduce the Patient Centered Value System in your organization to go from the current state to the ideal. The Patient Centered

Value System is a three-part approach to co-designing improvements in healthcare delivery—collaborating with patients, families, and frontline providers to design the ideal state of care after listening to their wants and needs. Central to the Patient Centered Value System is seeing every care experience through the eyes of patients and families. The Patient Centered Value System is a process and performance improvement technique that consists of 1) Shadowing, 2) the Patient and Family Centered Care Methodology, and 3) Time-Driven Activity-Based Costing. Shadowing is the essential tool in the Patient Centered Value System that helps you to see every care experience from the point of view of patients and families and enables you to calculate the true costs of healthcare over the full cycle of care. Fundamental to the Patient Centered Value System is the building of teams to take you from the current state of care delivery to the ideal. Healthcare transformation depends not on individual providers working to fix broken systems, but on teams of providers working together while breaking down silos. The results of using the Patient Centered Value System are patients and families who are actively engaged in their care, which also improves their outcomes; providers who see the care experience from the patient's and family's point of view and co-design care delivery as a result; the tight integration of clinical and financial performance; and the realization of the Triple Aim.

The Real Book of Real Estate - Robert Kiyosaki 2010-05

From the #1 bestselling author of "Rich Dad, Poor Dad" comes the ultimate guide to real estate--the advice and techniques every investor needs to navigate through the ups, downs, and in-betweens of the market.