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"Read this book right now so you can look your potential VC in the eye with confidence." -David Meerman Scott, author of The New Rules of Marketing & PR Finding the right venture capitalist to back your start-up is a challenge. Even if you manage to get backing, you want your VC to be a partner, not some dictator who will undermine your vision and take control of your life's work. Jeffrey Bussgang is one of a very few people who have played on both sides of this high-stakes game. Now he draws on his unique

perspective to offer high-level insights, colorful stories, and practical advice gathered from his own experience as well as from interviews with dozens of the most successful entrepreneurs and VCs. He reveals how to get noticed, perfect a pitch, and negotiate a partnership that works for everyone.

An Essential Guide to Finding the Right Job St. Martin's Press

Venture capitalists are the handmaidens of innovation. Operating in the background, they provide the fuel needed to get fledgling companies off the ground--and the advice and guidance that helps growing companies survive their adolescence. In Creative Capital, Spencer Ante tells the compelling story of the enigmatic and quirky man--Georges Doriot--who created the venture capital industry. The author traces the pivotal events in Doriot's life, including his experience as a decorated brigadier general during

World War II; as a maverick professor at Harvard Business School; and as the architect and founder of the first venture capital firm, American Research and Development. It artfully chronicles Doriot's business philosophy and his stewardship in startups, such as the important role he played in the formation of Digital Equipment Corporation and many other new companies that later grew to be influential and successful. An award-winning Business Week journalist, Ante gives us a rare look at a man who overturned conventional wisdom by proving that there is big money to be made by investing in small and risky businesses. This vivid portrait of Georges Doriot reveals the rewards that come from relentlessly pursuing what-if possibilities--and offers valuable lessons for business managers and investors alike.

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Fundamentals of Entrepreneurial Finance provides a comprehensive introduction to entrepreneurial finance, showing how entrepreneurs and investors jointly turn ideas into valuable high-growth start-ups. Marco Da Rin and Thomas Hellmann examine the challenges entrepreneurs face in obtaining funding and the challenges investors face in attracting promising ventures. They follow the joint journey of entrepreneurs and investors from initial match to the eventual success or failure of the venture. Written with the goal of making entrepreneurial finance accessible, this book starts with the basics, develops advanced topics, and derives practical insights. Da Rin and Hellmann build on academic foundations from several disciplines and enrich the text with data, mini-cases, examples, and exercises.

The Economics of Venture Capital Firm Operations in India
McGraw Hill Professional

Imagine selling \$2 million "worth" of Google stock and only receiving \$50 in return? This scenario happens every day for venture-backed companies. Failure to quickly understand high-growth company valuation can cost trillions of dollars. Yet very few leaders involved in a venture-backed company have a definitive understanding of how valuation techniques are being applied to their financial statements and the decision-making process. Featuring extensive case studies of high-profile corporations, including Facebook, Twitter, and Microsoft, *Venture Capital Valuation* provides the knowledge and techniques necessary to understand and value high-growth companies. Sharing his twenty-year track record helping thousands of investors, practitioners, and entrepreneurs measure and realize high-growth venture, author Lorenzo Carver draws on real-world cases from investors, founders, and advisors to illustrate how each corporation was impacted by valuations. By putting these techniques into a context and framework, *Venture Capital Valuation* simplifies them so that anyone founding, running, and investing in these innovative companies can apply them immediately. Featuring a companion website where readers can access and download additional case study material, as well as different valuation materials mentioned throughout the text, *Venture Capital Valuation* explores: Why what you don't know about valuation will cost you money How VCs, angels, founders, and employees give up investment cash flow every day Facebook at \$80 billion valuation versus Enron at \$80 billion valuation Deal terms, waterfalls, and the pre-money myth Whether venture-backed companies should even consider a discounted cash flow (DCF) model Separating enterprise value from the allocation of that value Valuing total equity Using Future Value (FV) and Present Value (PV) to value future cash flows today Why applying the typical DCF model to a venture-backed company hardly ever works "Enterprise Value" + "Allocation Methods" = Value Destruction Undervaluing companies and overvaluing employee

options Why you should D.O.W.T. (doubt) venture capital returns 409A valuation professionals discussing topic 820 (FAS 157) with VC CFOs An invaluable resource for anyone who wants to make the most out of their investments, *Venture Capital Valuation* shows business appraisers and venture capitalists how to maximize their returns and avoid losing money—before the damage becomes irreparable.

Women Who Venture John Wiley & Sons

A Wall Street Journal Bestseller! What are venture capitalists saying about your startup behind closed doors? And what can you do to influence that conversation? If Silicon Valley is the greatest wealth-generating machine in the world, Sand Hill Road is its humming engine. That's where you'll find the biggest names in venture capital, including famed VC firm Andreessen Horowitz, where lawyer-turned-entrepreneur-turned-VC Scott Kupor serves as managing partner. Whether you're trying to get a new company off the ground or scale an existing business to the next level, you need to understand how VCs think. In *Secrets of Sand Hill Road*, Kupor explains exactly how VCs decide where and how much to invest, and how entrepreneurs can get the best possible deal and make the most of their relationships with VCs. Kupor explains, for instance:

- Why most VCs typically invest in only one startup in a given business category.
- Why the skill you need most when raising venture capital is the ability to tell a compelling story.
- How to handle a "down round," when startups have to raise funds at a lower valuation than in the previous round.
- What to do when VCs get too entangled in the day-to-day operations of the business.
- Why you need to build relationships with potential acquirers long before you decide to sell.

Filled with Kupor's firsthand experiences, insider advice, and practical takeaways, *Secrets of Sand Hill Road* is the guide every entrepreneur needs to turn their startup into the next unicorn.

Why We Back the Wrong Ideas#and What to Do About It
Columbia University Press

What if you could sit down with some of the world's most influential entrepreneurs and gain their knowledge and insights on how to create a game changing business? Imagine having the chance to listen to a John Mackey (Whole Foods) or a Fred Smith (FedEx) on the most important things they've learned from their experiences. Or having the benefit of the self-reflection of Howard Schultz of Starbucks, who had to come back to the company he originally built to reinvent it and himself? Of course it's not possible to deliver these rock star entrepreneurs to your dinner table. But John A. Byrne offers the next best thing: he spoke with many who have changed the face of business. In *World Changers* he captures the most important lessons they've learned, the biggest challenges they've tackled, and the most valuable advice they can offer others who have an entrepreneurial dream. You'll learn the inspiring stories of how these world changers discovered their disruptive ideas, then made them a reality; overcame a variety of obstacles; and created sustainable enterprises. You'll get the firsthand accounts of how: Bernie Marcus and Arthur Blank got the confidence to start The Home Depot after being fired from their jobs. Reed Hastings turned a forty-dollar video late fee into a disruptive upstart called Netflix. Herb Kohler, the "reluctant prince of porcelain," came back to the family business and made it number one in its industry again. Narayana Murthy, after one fateful train ride and wrongful incarceration, converted from communist to capitalist and cofounded one of the most successful entrepreneurial ventures in India. *World Changers* is an inspiration for those who want to create something meaningful on their own. It serves as both a celebration of entrepreneurial achievement as well as a practical handbook for everyone who dreams of starting his or her own world-changing business.

The Innovation Blind Spot Penguin

Get the Funding You Need From Venture Capitalists and Turn Your New Business Proposal into Reality Authoritative and comprehensive, *Raising Venture Capital for the Serious Entrepreneur* is an all-in-one sourcebook for entrepreneurs seeking venture capital from investors. This expert resource contains an unsurpassed analysis of the venture capital process, together with the guidance and strategies you need to make the best possible deal and ensure the success of your business. Written by a leading international venture capitalist, this business-building resource explores the basics of the venture capital method, strategies for raising capital, methods of valuing the early-stage venture, and techniques for negotiating the deal. Filled with case studies, charts, and exercises, *Raising Venture Capital for the Serious Entrepreneur* explains: How to develop a financing map How to determine the amount of capital to raise and what to spend it on How to create a winning business plan How to agree on a term sheet with a venture capitalist How to split the rewards How to allocate control between founders/management and investors

A Venture Capital Insider Reveals How to Get from Start-up to IPO on Your Terms Vior Webmedia

Entrepreneurs would do well to think strategically like investors. After all, founders are their own first investors. This book treats venture capital as a topic of entrepreneurial strategy, not finance, and includes a background of the industry, an explanation of all aspect of the VC Job Cycle and a framework called "VC Razor" for performing due diligence.

Fundamentals of Entrepreneurial Finance Harvard University Press

This book studies diverse categories of venture capital (VC) firms in India based on their ownership type (domestic vs foreign), stage of investment (early vs growth stage) and VC investment team composition (entrepreneurial experience vs investing experience). For each category of VC firms, the nuances in their investment, portfolio involvement and exit strategies are separately analysed. Employing the framework of information asymmetry, the book studies how different categories of VC firms rely on distinct mechanisms such as deal syndication and domain specialization to address the ensuing adverse selection and agency risks. It also delves into the macro context by assessing whether the emergence of VC in India has been driven by 'pull' or 'push' factors. This is accomplished by analysing in depth the supply and demand of VC funds. Finally, it critically reviews the existing policies of entrepreneurial finance and arrives at recommendations for future directions of the same.

How to Learn Anything . . . Fast! Cambridge University Press
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Mastering the VC Game Notion Press

Many professionals aspire to work for startups. Executives from large companies view them as models to help them adapt to today's dynamic innovation economy, while freshly minted MBAs see magic in founding something new. Yes, startups look magical, but they can also be chaotic and inaccessible. Many books are written for those who aspire to be founders, but a company only has one or two of those. What's needed is something that deconstructs the typical startup organization for the thousands of employees who join a fledgling company and do the day-to-day work required to grow it into something of value. *Entering StartUpLand* is a practical, step-by-step guide that provides an insider's analysis of various startup roles and responsibilities--including product management, marketing, growth, and sales--to help you figure out if you want to join a startup and what to expect if you do. You'll gain insight into how successful startups

operate and learn to assess which ones you might want to join--or emulate. Inside this book you'll find: A tour of typical startup roles to help you determine which one might be the best fit for you Profiles of startup executives across many different functions who share their stories and describe their responsibilities A methodology to identify and evaluate startups and position yourself to find the opportunity that's right for you Written by an experienced venture capitalist, entrepreneur, and Harvard Business School professor, *Entering StartUpLand* will guide you as you seek your ideal entry point into this popular, cutting-edge organizational paradigm.

Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat Currency

"Women In Venture" features more than 100 women making investment decisions in venture capital around the world. Forget everything that you have read before and hear the real stories, not manicured by the media, about women who achieved success in this male-dominated industry. They tell us how they worked with men hand in hand to get where they are; how male friends and mentors helped them to achieve their dreams and become better selves; they tell us what it takes to be a venture capitalist. There has never been a stronger collection of wisdom from women who are at the top of the venture capital world. Imagine watching several episodes of David Letterman's "My Next Guest" show with your favorite characters. Funny, controversial, always sharp and intelligent, they tell about their adventures, challenges, and lessons learned. This is what this book is. Whether you agree or disagree with their personal beliefs and opinions, you won't stay indifferent to what they have to say. The author, Renata George, surveyed hundreds of people on social media to find out who their favorite women VCs are, whom she then interviewed to discuss their experience in venture capital industry in a raw and honest way. The book profiles women VCs of all generations: from first women investors to the brand new names in the venture capital arena, women who manage famous venture capital franchises and who have just raised their first fund.

The Business of Venture Capital John Wiley & Sons

This updated edition includes several new features, including: · The Startup Valuation Explorer · Expanded coverage of Valuation Methods · Responding to investor questions about your valuation · Understanding option pool impact on your valuation For many early-stage entrepreneurs assigning a pre-money valuation to your startup is one of the more daunting tasks encountered during the fundraising quest. This guide provides a quick reference to all of the key topics around early-stage startup valuation and provides step-by-step examples for several valuation methods. This Founder's Pocket Guide helps startup founders learn: · What a startup valuation is and when you need to start worrying about it. · Key terms and definitions associated with valuation, such as pre-money, post-money, and dilution. · How investors view the valuation task, and what their expectations are for early-stage companies. · How the valuation fits with your target raise amount and resulting founder equity ownership. · How to do the simple math for calculating valuation percentages. · How to estimate your company valuation using several accepted methods. · What accounting valuation methods are and why they are not well suited for early-stage startups.

How Social Entrepreneurs Create Markets that Change the World John Wiley & Sons Incorporated

The first of it's kind, #BreakIntoVC is an essential guide for anyone looking to gain a straightforward knowledge base on the fundamentals of venture capital. Providing research, resources, anecdotes, and information, #BreakIntoVC will help college undergrads make the most of interviews and meetings while demystifying venture capital and making the industry accessible.

With a small number of opportunities in venture capital and a growing candidate pool, set yourself up for success by getting the insights from insiders. By reading this book, you'll have a clear understanding of what an incoming analyst in a venture capital firm should know. You'll get the basics of accounting, how to pitch companies and understand valuation techniques from early to late stage companies. If you're exploring the industry or if you're curious about venture investing, #BreakIntoVC is a great book to get you started.

How VCs Identify and Build Billion-Dollar Successes HarperCollins
The playwright George Bernard Shaw once said "The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man." Highly unconventional capitalists and entrepreneurs who are solving some of the world's great economic, social, and environmental problems are, in the process, disrupting existing industries, value chains, and business models, and replacing them with fast-growing markets in all corners of the world. *The Power of Unreasonable People* argues that leaders and decision-makers can gain insight into the future of market opportunity from the mindset and strategies of this new type of entrepreneur. The book offers an on-the-ground look at social entrepreneurs by identifying a new breed of "unreasonable" entrepreneurs, explaining how their enterprises have been built, exploring the impact of their work on future market risks and opportunities, and finally highlighting lessons for tomorrow's leaders. Incumbents who recognize the value of investing in, partnering with, and learning from these entrepreneurial operations will be better positioned to adapt to the disruption and adopt new business practices. John Elkington is the Founder, Chief Entrepreneur, and Non-Executive Director of the international consultancy SustainAbility. Pamela Hartigan is Managing Director for the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship.

World Changers Bsmrt LLC

The vast majority of businesses do not scale-up to their potential, despite the keen desire of the Entrepreneur to do so. Lack of Finance is one of the primary reasons for this. Providers of capital often do not find sufficient prospects which are ready to receive funding due to inadequate preparation and presentation by Entrepreneurs. The understanding of Venture Capital (VC) and how to go about receiving it is often incomplete, and sources of information are limited. The publications of "Start-Up to Scale-Up" are intended to partially bridge these gaps. This book provides information to the Entrepreneur on VC, practical tips on how to prepare to receive VC funding, review of the investment process, and an understanding of what the Venture Capitalist looks for when evaluating an investment. Keeping in mind the needs and constraints of the Entrepreneur the book is designed to be easy to read & understand. It seeks to equip the Entrepreneur with suggestions & formats for interaction with VC. Jargon has been minimized, accompanied with a free-flowing style of writing. The individual chapters (& overall publication) are short. The learnings should be at the back of the minds of Entrepreneurs when they interact with VC in future.

An American History John Wiley & Sons

40 leading venture capitalists come together to teach entrepreneurs how to succeed with their startup *The Entrepreneurial Bible to Venture Capital* is packed with invaluable advice about how to raise angel and venture capital funding, how to build value in a startup, and how to exit a company with maximum value for both founders and investors. It guides entrepreneurs through every step in an entrepreneurial venture from the legalities of raising initial capital to knowing when to

change tactics. Andrew Romans is the co-founder and general partner of Rubicon Venture Capital, a venture capital fund that invests in privately held technology companies and enables its investors to co-invest along side the fund on a deal-by-deal basis via innovative sidecar funds right up to IPO or M&A exit. Romans is also the founder and general partner of The Founders Club, a venture capital equity exchange fund and investor in later stage liquidity transactions.

The First 20 Hours Harvard Business Press

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How to Break Into Venture Capital and Think Like an Investor Whether You're a Student, Entrepreneur Or Working Professional Simon and Schuster

Budding entrepreneurs face a challenging road. The path is not made any easier by all the clichés they hear about how to make a startup succeed—from platitudes and conventional wisdom to downright contradictions. This witty and wise guide to the dilemmas of entrepreneurship debunks widespread misconceptions about how the world of startups works and offers hard-earned advice for every step of the journey. Instead of startup myths—legends spun from a fantasy version of Silicon Valley—Rizwan Virk provides startup models—frameworks that help make thoughtful decisions about starting, growing, managing, and selling a business. Rather than dispensing simplistic rules, he mentors readers in the development of a mental toolkit for approaching challenges based on how startup markets evolve in real life. In snappy prose with savvy pop-culture and real-world examples, Virk recasts entrepreneurship as a grand adventure. He points out the pitfalls that appear along the way and offers insights into how to avoid them, sharing the secrets of founding a startup, raising money, hiring and firing, when to enter a market and when to exit, and how to value a company. Virk combines lessons learned the hard way during his twenty-five years of founding, investing in, and advising startups with reflections from well-known venture capitalists and experts. His candid advice makes *Startup Myths and Models* an ideal guide for those readers just embarking on the startup life and those looking for their next adventure.

How It Works and How to Get It Penguin

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER If you want to build a better future, you must believe in secrets. The great secret of our time is that there are still uncharted frontiers to explore and new inventions to create. In *Zero to One*, legendary entrepreneur and investor Peter Thiel shows how we can find singular ways to create those new things. Thiel begins with the contrarian premise that we live in an age of technological stagnation, even if we're too distracted by shiny mobile devices to notice. Information technology has improved rapidly, but there is no reason why progress should be limited to computers or Silicon Valley. Progress can be achieved in any industry or area of business. It comes from the most important skill that every leader must master: learning to think for yourself. Doing what someone else already knows how to do takes the world from 1 to n, adding more of something familiar. But when you do something new, you go from 0 to 1. The next Bill Gates will not build an operating system. The next Larry Page or Sergey Brin won't make a search engine. Tomorrow's champions will not win by competing ruthlessly in today's marketplace. They will escape competition altogether, because their businesses will be unique. *Zero to One* presents at once an optimistic view of the future of progress in America and a new way of thinking about innovation: it starts by learning to ask the questions that lead you to find value in unexpected places.

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