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Unleash Your Organisation's Potential

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Start a simplicity revolution! Complexity is one of the biggest challenges facing modern business. It is slowing companies down, costing them on average 10% of their profits and harming employee morale. From Complexity to Simplicity will equip you and your business with the tools you need to identify and eradicate complexity from your business model.

Based on cutting-edge research with the top-200 firms in the world, it takes you through real business case studies and offers a practical how to guide to ridding your business of these profit-killing problems. Within the pages of the book you will discover:

- What is complexity? What is simplicity?
- The true costs of complexity
- How to identify external and internal complexities
- The

impact of complexity on managers, employees and different parts of the business

- How to guide to removing complexity
- How to communicate with simplicity
- The simplicity tool kit - every thing you need to make you a simplicity expert

From Complexity to Simplicity will show you how to start your own simplicity revolution and how to add value to your business. So keep it simple and do better business every day.

Escape the Complexity Trap and Get to Work That Matters Routledge

Author and consultant Jennifer Garvey Berger has worked with all types of leaders—from top executives at Google to nonprofit directors who are trying to make a dent in social change. She hears a version of the same plea from every client in nearly every sector around the world: "I know that complexity and uncertainty are testing my instincts, but I don't know which to trust. Is there some way to know what to do when I can't know what's next?" Her newest work is an answer to this plea. Using her background in adult

development, complexity theories, and leadership consultancy, Garvey Berger discerns five pernicious and pervasive "mind traps" to frame the book. These are: the desire for simple stories, our sense that we are right, our desire to get along with others in our group, our fixation with control, and our constant quest to protect and defend our egos. In addition to understanding why these natural impulses steer us wrong in a fast-moving world, leaders will get powerful questions and approaches that help them escape these patterns.

Uncertainty and the Need to Rethink Management after the Collapse of Investment Capitalism
Spiro Press

New tools for managing complexity Does your organization manage complexity by making things more complicated? If so, you are not alone. According to The Boston Consulting Group's fascinating Complexity Index, business complexity has increased sixfold during the past sixty years. And, all the while, organizational

complicatedness—that is, the number of structures, processes, committees, decision-making forums, and systems—has increased by a whopping factor of thirty-five. In their attempt to respond to the increasingly complex performance requirements they face, company leaders have created an organizational labyrinth that makes it more and more difficult to improve productivity and to pursue innovation. It also disengages and demotivates the workforce. Clearly it's time for leaders to stop trying to manage complexity with their traditional tools and instead better leverage employees' intelligence. This book shows you how and explains the implications for designing and leading organizations. The way to manage complexity, the authors argue, is neither with the hard solutions of another era nor with the soft solutions—such as team building and feel-good “people initiatives”—that often follow in their wake. Based on social sciences (notably economics, game theory, and organizational sociology) and The Boston Consulting Group's work with more than five hundred companies in

more than forty countries and in various industries, authors Yves Morieux and Peter Tollman recommend six simple rules to manage complexity without getting complicated. Showing why the rules work and how to put them into practice, Morieux and Tollman give managers a much-needed tool to reinvigorate people in the face of seemingly endless complexity. Included are detailed examples from companies that have achieved a multiplicative effect on performance by using them. It's time to manage complexity better. Employ these six simple rules to foster autonomy and cooperation and to effectively handle business complexity. As a result, you will improve productivity, innovate more, reengage your workforce, and seize opportunities to create competitive advantage.

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This book is equivalent to the 80/20 manual for Marketing and Product Managers. In this Second Edition, we have explained in detail how to use Pareto-model analytics through Microsoft Excel. It helps managers optimize their product portfolios and curtail harmful complexity? "Masters of Complexity" know how to use the "long tail" of product diversification to attract new clients and boost sales, without falling into chaos. In this book, we have tried to capture the unique methods and approaches used by Masters of Complexity to carry extreme numbers of products and services in their offerings, gaining new customers, and growing True Profitability. True Profitability is the real measure of a company's economic success. It's pure profit devoid of arbitrary allocations or interpretations created by conventional accounting systems. It starts with the contribution margin and ends with the free cash generated. Said differently, True Profitability is "money in the pocket." Moreover, contribution margin is a

metric to start with, as it represents a clean ratio between price, which is defined by the market, and direct cost, which is achieved by the company's capabilities. It's the purest indicator of economic performance and value that we can find in a business. Everything else is abstraction and convention.

Think Simple Mariner Books

Reading about leadership is like walking through dense forest. The literature goes in so many different directions a person can become lost. As a result, leadership studies struggles for academic credibility while it tries to bring some kind of order to this fascinating, complex, and important social phenomenon.

One Page Talent Management, with a New Introduction

Routledge

Systems Thinker's Toolbox: Tools for Managing Complexity provides more than 100 tools based on systems thinking and beyond. Each tool is described, and when necessary, examples are provided of how each of them can be used. Some of the simplest tools can be combined into more

complex tools. The tools may be things such as lists, causal loops, and templates, as well as processes and methodologies. Key Features Provides an explanation of the two views of systems thinking; systemic and systematic thinking, and then shows how to perform each of them in a complimentary manner Presents a set of thinking tools that can be used to apply systems thinking to solving problems in project management, engineering, systems engineering, new product development, and business Describes the tools from simple such as lists, and goes on to more complex such as Categorized Requirements in Process (CRIP) charts, and then onto the processes Introduces new tools that have been tested with positive feedback Discusses a set of communication tools that can improve project reviews and communicating innovative ideas

On the Study of Leadership

Simple_complexity: A Management Book for the Rest of Us: A Guide to Systems Thinking Lissack and Rivkin, along

with a panel of distinguished academics and executives, identify critical topics in the study of complexity science.

True Profitability IWA Publishing

A powerful guide to thinking and managing your way into the new economy. A how to think book for practicing managers.

How Smart Leaders Defeat Complexity Currency

"This is the management book of the year. Clear, powerful and urgent, it's a must read for anyone who cares about where they work and how they work."

—Seth Godin, author of This is Marketing "This book is a breath of fresh air. Read it now, and make sure your boss does too." —Adam Grant, New York Times bestselling author of Give and Take, Originals, and Option B with Sheryl Sandberg

When fast-scaling startups and global organizations get stuck, they call Aaron Dignan. In this book, he reveals his proven approach for eliminating red tape, dissolving bureaucracy, and doing the best work of your life. He's found that nearly everyone, from Wall Street to Silicon Valley, points to the same frustrations: lack of trust,

bottlenecks in decision making, siloed functions and teams, meeting and email overload, tiresome budgeting, short-term thinking, and more. Is there any hope for a solution? Haven't countless business gurus promised the answer, yet changed almost nothing about the way we work? That's because we fail to recognize that organizations aren't machines to be predicted and controlled. They're complex human systems full of potential waiting to be released. Dignan says you can't fix a team, department, or organization by tinkering around the edges. Over the years, he has helped his clients completely reinvent their operating systems—the fundamental principles and practices that shape their culture—with extraordinary success. Imagine a bank that abandoned traditional budgeting, only to outperform its competition for decades. An appliance manufacturer that divided itself into 2,000 autonomous teams, resulting not in chaos but rapid growth. A healthcare provider with an HQ of just 50 people supporting over 14,000

people in the field—that is named the “best place to work” year after year. And even a team that saved \$3 million per year by cancelling one monthly meeting. Their stories may sound improbable, but in *Brave New Work* you'll learn exactly how they and other organizations are inventing a smarter, healthier, and more effective way to work. Not through top down mandates, but through a groundswell of autonomy, trust, and transparency. Whether you lead a team of ten or ten thousand, improving your operating system is the single most powerful thing you can do. The only question is, are you ready?

How to Manage

Complexity without Getting Complicated

Harvard Business Press
MORE THAN ONE MILLION COPIES IN PRINT • “One of the seminal management books of the past seventy-five years.”—Harvard Business Review This revised edition of the bestselling classic is based on fifteen years of experience in putting Peter Senge's ideas into practice. As Senge makes clear, in the long run the only sustainable competitive advantage is your organization's ability

to learn faster than the competition. The leadership stories demonstrate the many ways that the core ideas of the Fifth Discipline, many of which seemed radical when first published, have become deeply integrated into people's ways of seeing the world and their managerial practices. Senge describes how companies can rid themselves of the learning blocks that threaten their productivity and success by adopting the strategies of learning organizations, in which new and expansive patterns of thinking are nurtured, collective aspiration is set free, and people are continually learning how to create the results they truly desire. Mastering the disciplines Senge outlines in the book will: • Reignite the spark of genuine learning driven by people focused on what truly matters to them • Bridge teamwork into macrocreativity • Free you of confining assumptions and mindsets • Teach you to see the forest and the trees • End the struggle between work and personal time This updated edition contains more than one hundred pages of new material

based on interviews with dozens of practitioners at companies such as BP, Unilever, Intel, Ford, HP, and Saudi Aramco and organizations such as Roca, Oxfam, and The World Bank.

The Value of Simple 2nd Ed. Harvard Business Review Press

Complexity theory is generating increasing interest amongst strategic thinkers. This fascinating book covers issues such as predictability, creativity and relationships as it considers how complexity, and its central principles of emergence and self-organization, are being used to understand organizations. The book: introduces the variety of views put forward by different writers on complexity and management outlines and critiques the way that complexity theory is frequently interpreted purely in the context of systems thinking draws a new perspective on using complexity sciences to understand organizational stability and change by focusing on the emergence of novelty and creativity in the course of everyday processes calls for a radical re-examination of management thinking.

Timely and controversial, Complexity and Management is essential reading for anyone interested in strategy, systems thinking, organization and management theory, and organizational change.

Organize for Complexity Betacodex Publishing

The New York Times bestselling author of *Being Mortal* and *Complications* reveals the surprising power of the ordinary checklist We live in a world of great and increasing complexity, where even the most expert professionals struggle to master the tasks they face. Longer training, ever more advanced technologies—neither seems to prevent grievous errors. But in a hopeful turn, acclaimed surgeon and writer Atul Gawande finds a remedy in the humblest and simplest of techniques: the checklist. First introduced decades ago by the U.S. Air Force, checklists have enabled pilots to fly aircraft of mind-boggling sophistication. Now innovative checklists are being adopted in hospitals around the world, helping doctors and nurses respond to everything

from flu epidemics to avalanches. Even in the immensely complex world of surgery, a simple ninety-second variant has cut the rate of fatalities by more than a third. In riveting stories, Gawande takes us from Austria, where an emergency checklist saved a drowning victim who had spent half an hour underwater, to Michigan, where a cleanliness checklist in intensive care units virtually eliminated a type of deadly hospital infection. He explains how checklists actually work to prompt striking and immediate improvements. And he follows the checklist revolution into fields well beyond medicine, from disaster response to investment banking, skyscraper construction, and businesses of all kinds. An intellectual adventure in which lives are lost and saved and one simple idea makes a tremendous difference, *The Checklist Manifesto* is essential reading for anyone working to get things right.

Eliminating Complexity, Adding Value Morgan James Publishing

Death is inevitable, and yet the vast majority of the developed world seems to want to ignore

this fact and avoid the sad inevitability. However, death is an inevitability, and trying to avoid talking about it is a mistake.

Estimated Time of Departure takes readers on a journey of one man and his family having these discussions and how powerfully loving and revealing they were. In this funny, moving, poignant memoir, William Donaldson tells the story of how he talked with his parents over an extended period about their end-of-life thoughts and philosophy. He shares the sad, funny, maddening, sweet, and rewarding sides of this journey and makes a compelling and impassioned plea to readers to not miss this opportunity. They were not without sadness and challenges, but by virtue of talking and exploring the topic, the family came closer together and the inevitable passing became, while still sad, a cathartic, deeply rewarding event.

Estimated Time of Departure was written to give readers the courage to have these discussions and shows that hope, love, and reverence can be seen by having them. *The Fifth Discipline*
Penguin UK

Today, there is increasing

pressure on the water infrastructure and although unsustainable water extraction and wastewater handling can continue for a while, at some point water needs to be managed in a way that is sustainable in the long-term. We need to handle water utilities "smarter". New and effective tools and technologies are becoming available at an affordable cost and these technologies are steadily changing water infrastructure options. The quality and robustness of sensors are increasing rapidly and their reliability makes the automatic handling of critical processes viable. Online and real-time control means safer and more effective operation. The combination of better sensors and new water treatment technologies is a strong enabler for decentralised and diversified water treatment. Plants can be run with a minimum of personnel attendance. In the future, thousands of sensors in the water utility cycle will handle all the complexity in an effective way. Smart Water Utilities: Complexity Made Simple provides a framework for Smart Water Utilities based on a

M-A-D (Measurement-Analysis-Decision). This enables the organisation and implementation of "Smart" in a water utility by providing an overview of supporting technologies and methods. The book presents a an introduction to methods and tools, providing a perspective of what can and could be achieved. It provides a toolbox for all water challenges and is essential reading for the Water Utility Manager, Engineer and Director and for Consultants, Designers and Researchers. Authors: Pernille Ingildsen, Chief of Plan and Project at Kalundborg utility, Denmark and Gustaf Olsson, Professor Em. in Industrial Automation, Lund University, Sweden *Smart Water Utilities*
Elsevier

The essays and lectures collected in this book center around knowledge transfer from the complex-system sciences to applications in business, industry and society, as viewed from a broad perspective. The contributions aim to raise awareness across the spectrum to meet the increasing need to integrate lessons from complexity research into everyday planning, decision making, logistics

or optimization procedures and forecasting. The writing has been largely kept non-technical.

Critical Systems Thinking and the Management of Complexity Berrett-Koehler Publishers

Imagine what you could do with the time you spend writing emails every day. Complexity is killing companies' ability to innovate and adapt, and simplicity is fast becoming the competitive advantage of our time.

Why Simple Wins helps leaders and their teams move beyond the feelings of frustration and futility that come with so much unproductive work in today's corporate world to create a corporate culture where valuable, essential, meaningful work is the norm. By learning how to eliminate redundancies, communicate with clarity, and make simplification a habit, individuals and companies can begin to recognize which activities are time-sucks and which create lasting value. Lisa Bodell's simplification method has several unique principles: Simplification is a skill that's available to us all, yet very few leaders use it. Simplification is the right thing to do--for our customers, for our

company, and for each other. Operating with simplification as our core business model will make it easier to be respectful of each other's time.

Simplification drives culture, and culture in turn drives employee engagement, customer relations, and overall productivity. This book is inspired by Bodell's passion for eliminating barriers to innovation and productivity. In it, she explains why change and innovation are so hard to achieve--and it's not what you might expect. The reality is this: we spend our days drowning in mundane tasks like meetings, emails, and reports. These are often self-created complexities that prevent us from getting to the meaningful work that truly matters. Using simple stories and techniques, Why Simple Wins shows that by using simplicity as an operating principle, we can eliminate the busy work that puts a chokehold on us every day, and instead spend time on the work that we value.

A Practical Guide to Taking the Complexity Out of Investing Palgrave Macmillan

Every business is a system, and Simple_Complexity

reveals the structure and dynamics of the system so you can excel at managing it.

Estimated Time of Departure Harvard Business Review Press

The articles in this book are contributed by leaders, consultants and managers in organisations who provide accounts of their work and daily experiences. They explore how adopting the perspective of complex responsive processes assists them to develop their working practices. Fad Or Radical Challenge to Systems Thinking? CRC Press

Combining insights from the new science of complexity with insights from psychoanalysis, Stacey posits that repressing the anxiety caused by the unstable, ever-changing nature of today's business world also represses the creative impulses - the ""spaces for novelty"" - that allow members of a workforce to produce their best work. Using the science of complexity as a starting point, he pulls together many insights into behavior and organizational functioning that currently lie at the edges of research and practice. This book invites people to explore what

the new science might mean for understanding life in organizations, and shows how it can be used

as a framework for understanding the processes that produce emergence rather than intentional strategies.

Stacey presents an entirely new perspective on what it means for an organization to learn.

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