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The GuruBook is an inspiring collection of 45 articles and interviews with well-

known thought leaders and entrepreneurs, whose leadership and strategic skills have resulted in very successful businesses. These renowned leaders, entrepreneurs, and innovators have tested their visions and assumptions and have forged revolutionary business models. In this book, they share their most important insights, learnings, and tools. They cover broad topics such as entrepreneurship,

innovation, and leadership, and they illustrate why these are not separate topics, but indeed must be combined and linked to succeed as a business and as an entrepreneur. The GuruBook was published in Scandinavia in the Autumn of 2016 and was an instant #1 bestseller. This English version of the book contains many additional exciting interviews with thinkers such as Salim Ismail (Singularity University), Naveen Jain (Moon Express), Jimmy Maymann (Huffington Post), Otto Scharmer (Theory U), Blake Mycoskie (TOMS) and many others. The GuruBook is for burgeoning entrepreneurs, leaders, business developers, and innovators who know that traditional business models no longer provide results in fast-evolving digital and global economies. Other

contributing authors to the book include Simon Sinek, Seth Godin, Steve Blank, Sonia Arrison, Daniel Burrus, Edgar H. Schein, Henry Mintzberg, Tom Peters, Pascal Finette, Andreas Ehn, Murray Newlands, Brian Chesky, Hampus Jakobsson, Craig Newmark, Danny Lange, Alf Rehn, Paul Nunes, Nathan Furr and Mette Lykke. More information can be found at: www.thegurubook.org

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“This book delivers completely new and refreshing ideas on how to create value in the world.”—Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Meta
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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.

Open Services Innovation Crown
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In The Lean Startup the successful serial entrepreneur Eric Ries throws traditional thinking out of the window, and presents

his radically new methodology for building a successful business. Most startups, says Ries, fail - but they fail for preventable reasons. 'Lean thinking' is the key to success, and represents the next paradigm shift in business management. Most people assume that the key to a lucrative business is expert management, a high-performance product and good customer service. But the real secret, Ries argues, is creating things that people want to buy in the first place. Startups generally fail not because of missed deadlines, faulty products or blown budgets, but because entrepreneurs are too focused on their vision, on their great new idea, and don't know what it is that their customers really want. The solution, according to Ries, is 'lean thinking' and 'validated

learning'. Rather than designing an elaborate business plan and committing large amounts of financial and human resources from the start, first find out what you can about your potential customers. And rather than adopting a static, product-centric approach, test your idea on your customers: respond to their feedback, and constantly be prepared to adjust your product, as well as your business.

The Entrepreneur's Guide to Customer Development Chronicle Books

You're only a startup CEO once. Do it well with Startup CEO, a "master class in building a business." —Dick Costolo, Former CEO, Twitter Being a startup CEO is a job like no other: it's difficult, risky, stressful, lonely, and often learned

through trial and error. As a startup CEO seeing things for the first time, you're likely to make mistakes, fail, get things wrong, and feel like you don't have any control over outcomes. Author Matt Blumberg has been there, and in *Startup CEO* he shares his experience, mistakes, and lessons learned as he guided Return Path from a handful of employees and no revenues to over \$100 million in revenues and 500 employees. *Startup CEO* is not a memoir of Return Path's 20-year journey but a thoughtful CEO-focused book that provides first-time CEOs with advice, tools, and approaches for the situations that startup CEOs will face. You'll learn: How to tell your story to new hires, investors, and customers for greater alignment How to create a values-based culture for speed and

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The Startup Checklist John Wiley & Sons

Resilience: Turning Your Setback into a Comeback

All In Startup John Wiley & Sons

25 Steps to Found and Scale a High-Growth Business *The Startup Checklist* is the entrepreneur's essential companion. While most entrepreneurship books focus on strategy, this invaluable guide

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startup costs go directly toward cleaning up legal and practical problems caused by an incomplete or improper start. This book helps you sidestep the messy and expensive clean up process by giving you the specific actions you need to take right from the very beginning.

Understand the critical intricacies of legally incorporating and running a startup
Learn which experts you need, and what exactly you need from them
Make more intelligent decisions independent of your advisors
Avoid the challenges that threaten to derail great young companies
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how your prospective customers behave, the problems they need to solve, and what frustrates and delights them. These insights may shake your assumptions, but they'll help you reach the "ah-ha!" moments that inspire truly great products. Validate or invalidate your hypothesis by talking to the right people Learn how to conduct successful customer interviews play-by-play Detect a customer's behaviors, pain points, and constraints Turn interview insights into Minimum Viable Products to validate what customers will use and buy Adapt customer development strategies for large companies, conservative industries, and existing products **Leading at the Speed of Growth** Now Pub This open access book focuses on

explaining differences amongst organizations regarding various attributes, forms, and outcomes. By focusing on the “how” of new venture creation and management to produce well-established organizations, the authors aim to increase our understanding of the antecedents of most management research assumptions. New ventures are the source of most newly created jobs generated in an economy, new industries and markets, innovative products and services, and new solutions to economic, social, and environmental problems. However, most management research assumes a well-established organization as the starting point of their theorizing. Building on the notion of guided attention, it details how

entrepreneurs can allocate their transient attention to identify potential opportunities from environmental change and how entrepreneurs allocate their sustained attention to form beliefs about radical and incremental opportunities requiring entrepreneurial action. The authors explain how entrepreneurs build such communities and engage community members over time to co-construct potential opportunities for new venture progress. Using the lean startup framework, they connect the dots between the theorizing on identifying and co-constructing potential opportunities and the startup of new ventures. This leads to a new overarching framework based on are (1) co-creating a startup, (2) organizing a startup, and (3) performing a startup to

bring together the many disparate threads of research on new ventures. The authors then theorize on the importance of knowledge in organizational scaling. Based on cutting-edge research from the leading entrepreneurship journals, this book expands knowledge on the cognitive aspect of the new venture creation process.

Play Bigger John Wiley & Sons

More than 100,000 entrepreneurs rely on this book. The National Science Foundation pays hundreds of startup teams each year to follow the process outlined in the book, and it's taught at Stanford, Berkeley, Columbia and more than 100 other leading universities worldwide. Why? The Startup Owner's Manual guides you, step-by-step, as you

put the Customer Development process to work. This method was created by renowned Silicon Valley startup expert Steve Blank, co-creator with Eric Ries of the "Lean Startup" movement and tested and refined by him for more than a decade. This 608-page how-to guide includes over 100 charts, graphs, and diagrams, plus 77 valuable checklists that guide you as you drive your company toward profitability. It will help you: Avoid the 9 deadly sins that destroy startups' chances for success Use the Customer Development method to bring your business idea to life Incorporate the Business Model Canvas as the organizing principle for startup hypotheses Identify your customers and determine how to "get, keep and grow" customers profitably Compute how you'll drive your

startup to repeatable, scalable profits. The Startup Owners Manual was originally published by K&S Ranch Publishing Inc. and is now available from Wiley. The cover, design, and content are the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product.

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The bestselling classic that launched 10,000 startups and new corporate ventures - The Four Steps to the Epiphany is one of the most influential and practical business books of all time. The Four Steps to the Epiphany launched the Lean Startup approach to new ventures. It was the first book to offer that startups are not smaller versions of large companies and that new ventures

are different than existing ones. Startups search for business models while existing companies execute them. The book offers the practical and proven four-step Customer Development process for search and offers insight into what makes some startups successful and leaves others selling off their furniture. Rather than blindly execute a plan, The Four Steps helps uncover flaws in product and business plans and correct them before they become costly. Rapid iteration, customer feedback, testing your assumptions are all explained in this book. Packed with concrete examples of what to do, how to do it and when to do it, the book will leave you with new skills to organize sales, marketing and your business for success. If your organization is starting a

new venture, and you're thinking how to successfully organize sales, marketing and business development you need *The Four Steps to the Epiphany*. Essential reading for anyone starting something new.

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Holding a Cat by the Tail Harvard Business Review Press

In this seminal article, innovation experts Clayton Christensen, Stephen P. Kaufman, and Willy C. Shih explore the key reasons why companies struggle to innovate. The authors uncover common mistakes companies make—from focusing on the wrong customers to choosing the wrong products to

develop—that can derail innovation efforts, and offer a better way forward for management teams who want to avoid these obstacles and get innovation right. Since 1922, Harvard Business Review has been a leading source of breakthrough ideas in management practice. The Harvard Business Review Classics series now offers you the opportunity to make these seminal pieces a part of your permanent management library. Each highly readable volume contains a groundbreaking idea that continues to shape best practices and inspire countless managers around the world. *Resilience* Harvard Business Press This book is the "Hello, World" tutorial for building products, technologies, and teams in a startup environment. It's

based on the experiences of the author, Yevgeniy (Jim) Brikman, as well as interviews with programmers from some of the most successful startups of the last decade, including Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, GitHub, Stripe, Instagram, AdMob, Pinterest, and many others. Hello, Startup is a practical, how-to guide that consists of three parts: Products, Technologies, and Teams. Although at its core, this is a book for programmers, by programmers, only Part II (Technologies) is significantly technical, while the rest should be accessible to technical and non-technical audiences alike. If you're at all interested in startups—whether you're a programmer at the beginning of your career, a seasoned developer bored with large company politics, or a manager

looking to motivate your engineers—this book is for you.

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The founders of a respected Silicon Valley advisory firm study legendary category-creating companies and reveal a groundbreaking discipline called category design. Winning today isn't about beating the competition at the old game. It's about inventing a whole new game—defining a new market category, developing it, and dominating it over time. You can't build a legendary company without building a legendary category. If you think that having the best product is all it takes to win, you're going to lose. In this farsighted, pioneering guide, the founders of Silicon Valley advisory firm Play Bigger rely on data analysis and interviews to

understand the inner workings of “category kings”— companies such as Amazon, Salesforce, Uber, and IKEA—that give us new ways of living, thinking or doing business, often solving problems we didn’t know we had. In *Play Bigger*, the authors assemble their findings to introduce the new discipline of category design. By applying category design, companies can create new demand where none existed, conditioning customers’ brains so they change their expectations and buying habits. While this discipline defines the tech industry, it applies to every kind of industry and even to personal careers. *Crossing the Chasm* revolutionized how we think about new products in an existing market. *The Innovator’s Dilemma* taught us about disrupting an

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dynamic leader by using this book as your roadmap to entrepreneurial success.

Evidence-based Entrepreneurship

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If you want salient advice about your startup, you've hit the jackpot with this book. Harvard Business School Professor Tom Eisenmann annually compiles the best posts from many blogs on technology startup management, primarily for the benefit of his students. This book makes his latest collection available to the broader entrepreneur community. You'll find 72 posts from successful entrepreneurs and venture capitalists, such as Fred Wilson, Steve Blank, Ash Maurya, Joel Spolsky, and Ben Yoskovitz. They cover a wide range of topics essential to your startup's

success, including: Management tasks: Engineering, product management, marketing, sales, and business development Organizational issues: Cofounder tensions, recruiting, and career planning Funding: The latest developments in capital markets that affect startups Divided into 13 areas of focus, the book's contributors explore the metrics you need to run your startup, discuss lean prototyping techniques for hardware, identify costly outsourcing mistakes, provide practical tips on user acquisition, offer branding guidelines, and explain how a choir of angel investors often will sing different parts. And that's just for starters.

Entrepreneurial Strategy John Wiley & Sons

If you want your startup to succeed, you

need to understand why startups fail. “Whether you’re a first-time founder or looking to bring innovation into a corporate environment, *Why Startups Fail* is essential reading.”—Eric Ries, founder and CEO, LTSE, and New York Times bestselling author of *The Lean Startup* and *The Startup Way* Why do startups fail? That question caught Harvard Business School professor Tom Eisenmann by surprise when he realized he couldn’t answer it. So he launched a multiyear research project to find out. In *Why Startups Fail*, Eisenmann reveals his findings: six distinct patterns that account for the vast majority of startup failures. • **Bad Bedfellows.** Startup success is thought to rest largely on the founder’s talents and instincts. But the wrong team, investors, or partners can

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to fulfill their early promise—from a home-furnishings retailer to a concierge dog-walking service, from a dating app to the inventor of a sophisticated social robot, from a fashion brand to a startup deploying a vast network of charging stations for electric vehicles—Eisenmann offers frameworks for detecting when a venture is vulnerable to these patterns, along with a wealth of strategies and tactics for avoiding them. A must-read for founders at any stage of their entrepreneurial journey, *Why Startups Fail* is not merely a guide to preventing failure but also a roadmap charting the path to startup success.

[The Lean Startup](#) Anchor Books

The father of "open innovation" is back with his most significant book yet. Henry Chesbrough's acclaimed book *Open*

Innovation described a new paradigm for management in the 21st century. *Open Services Innovation* offers a new approach that demonstrates how open innovation combined with a services approach to business is an effective and powerful way to grow and compete in our increasingly services-driven economy. Chesbrough shows how companies in any industry can make the critical shift from product- to service-centric thinking, from closed to open innovation where co-creating with customers enables sustainable business models that drive continuous value creation for customers. He maps out a strategic approach and proven framework that any individual, business unit, company, or industry can put to work for renewed growth and profits.

The book includes guidance and compelling examples for small and large companies, services businesses, and emerging economies, as well as a path forward for the innovation industry.

"Whether you are managing a product or a service, your business needs to become more open and more inclusive in order to be more innovative. Open Services Innovation will be an invaluable guide to intrepid managers who commit to making that journey." —GARY HAMEL, visiting professor, London Business School; director, Management Lab; and author, *The Future of Management* "I tore out page after page to share with my leaders. Chesbrough has pioneered an entire rethink of business innovation that's rich in concept, deeply explained, with tools ready to use in every

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that will inspire you to: Understand what makes entrepreneurial leaders tick Know what matters in a great business plan Adopt lean startup practices such as business model experimentation Be prepared for the race for scale in Silicon Valley Better understand the world of venture capital--and know what you'll get along with VC funding Take an alternative approach to entrepreneurship: buy an existing business and run it as CEO This collection of articles includes "Hiring an Entrepreneurial Leader," by Timothy Butler; "How to Write a Great Business Plan," by William A. Sahlman; "Why the Lean Start-Up Changes Everything," by Steve Blank; "The President of SRI Ventures on Bringing Siri to Life," by

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