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"Masterly. An epic story of

four Japanese-American families and their sons who volunteered for military service and displayed uncommon heroism... Propulsive and gripping, in part because of Mr. Brown's ability to make us care deeply about the fates of these individual soldiers...a page-turner." - Wall

Street Journal From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Boys in the Boat, a gripping World War II saga of patriotism and resistance, focusing on four Japanese American men and their families, and the contributions and sacrifices that they made for the sake of the nation.

In the days and months after Pearl Harbor, the lives of Japanese Americans across the continent and Hawaii were changed forever. In this unforgettable chronicle of war-time America and the battlefields of Europe, Daniel James Brown portrays the journey of Rudy Tokiwa, Fred Shiosaki, and Kats Miho, who volunteered for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and were deployed to France, Germany, and Italy, where they were asked to do the

near impossible. Brown also tells the story of these soldiers' parents, immigrants who were forced to submit to life in concentration camps on U.S. soil. Woven throughout is the chronicle of Gordon Hirabayashi, one of a cadre of patriotic resisters who stood up against their government in defense of their own rights. Whether fighting on battlefields or in courtrooms, these were Americans under unprecedented strain, doing what Americans do

best—striving, resisting, pushing back, rising up, standing on principle, laying down their lives, and enduring.

Difficult Happens John Wiley & Sons

If you are anything like me you may think you have no willpower and have had a REALLY hard time sticking to any self-improvement programme. I totally get it because that was me for so many years until one day I had an insight that changed everything for me. It was this... That everything I wanted to do was hard!

There was an inner resistance that would rise up inside that would stop me doing even the things I wanted to do like plan more social events or do daily Yoga. I would make a plan of what I wanted to achieve and be really good for a few days or weeks at a time and then it would all fade away. There was no consistency because I would only do things when I felt like it, and without consistency none of my self improvement programs could work. Then i had my wake-up call if everything

i wanted to do was hard then my goals should be to always doTHE HARD THING. IMMEDIATELY I WAS ABLE TO START DOING THINGS THAT I HAD BEEN AVOIDING FOR YEARS, Such as doing an hours excercise daily instead of just 15 minutes sporadically. I also changed on a minute by minute basis, because i stopped doing things that i would normally been automatic, such as eating chocolate in the evening while watching tv. so what is the big secret to success? if everything is

hard then increasing the amount of hard things you do on a daily basis will lead to success. Just imagine how your life would change if every day you did 20 hard things. If you chose to do the hard thing rather than the easy thing. How would your self esteem improve if you always chose the harder thing, the more effective thing, the wiser thing? you would become the person you always wanted to be and start fulfilling your unique potential. This tracker/journal was created for myself and

other people with no will-power to always choose to do the most effective things on an hourly and daily basis so you can achieve the life of your dreams. So go on pick it up today and start creating your dream life now!

What You Do Is Who

You Are Penguin Random House India Private Limited

A transformative guide to building more fulfilling relationships with colleagues, friends, partners, and family, based on the landmark

Interpersonal Dynamics (“Touchy-Feely”) course at Stanford’s Graduate School of Business
 “Carole Robin and David Bradford are masters at helping people bring IQ and EQ together to satisfy both and be successful.”—Ray Dalio, founder of Bridgewater and author of Principles: Life and Work
 The ability to create strong relationships with others is crucial to living a full life and becoming more effective at work. Yet many of us find ourselves struggling to build solid

personal and professional connections or unable to handle challenges that inevitably arise when we grow closer to others. When we find ourselves in an exceptional relationship—the kind of relationship in which we feel fully understood and supported for who we are—it can seem like magic. But the truth is that the process of building and sustaining these relationships can be described, learned, and applied. David Bradford and Carole Robin taught interpersonal skills to MBA

candidates for a combined seventy-five years in their legendary Stanford Graduate School of Business course Interpersonal Dynamics (affectionately known to generations of students as “Touchy-Feely”) and have coached and consulted hundreds of executives for decades. In *Connect*, they show readers how to take their relationships from shallow to exceptional by cultivating authenticity, vulnerability, and honesty, while being willing to ask for and offer help, share a commitment

to growth, and deal productively with conflict. Filled with relatable scenarios and research-backed insights, *Connect* is an important resource for anyone hoping to improve existing relationships and build new ones at any stage of life.

Georges Doriot and the Birth of Venture

Capital PublicAffairs
#1 New York Times
Bestseller
Legendary venture capitalist John Doerr reveals how the goal-setting system of Objectives and Key

Results (OKRs) has helped tech giants from Intel to Google achieve explosive growth—and how it can help any organization thrive. In the fall of 1999, John Doerr met with the founders of a start-up whom he'd just given \$12.5 million, the biggest investment of his career. Larry Page and Sergey Brin had amazing technology, entrepreneurial energy, and sky-high ambitions, but no real business plan. For Google to change the world (or even to survive), Page and Brin had to

learn how to make tough choices on priorities while keeping their team on track. They'd have to know when to pull the plug on losing propositions, to fail fast. And they needed timely, relevant data to track their progress—to measure what mattered. Doerr taught them about a proven approach to operating excellence: Objectives and Key Results. He had first discovered OKRs in the 1970s as an engineer at Intel, where the legendary Andy Grove ("the greatest

manager of his or any era") drove the best-run company Doerr had ever seen. Later, as a venture capitalist, Doerr shared Grove's brainchild with more than fifty companies. Wherever the process was faithfully practiced, it worked. In this goal-setting system, objectives define what we seek to achieve; key results are how those top-priority goals will be attained with specific, measurable actions within a set time frame. Everyone's goals, from entry level to CEO, are

transparent to the entire organization. The benefits are profound. OKRs surface an organization's most important work. They focus effort and foster coordination. They keep employees on track. They link objectives across silos to unify and strengthen the entire company. Along the way, OKRs enhance workplace satisfaction and boost retention. In Measure What Matters, Doerr shares a broad range of first-person, behind-the-scenes case studies, with narrators including Bono

and Bill Gates, to demonstrate the focus, agility, and explosive growth that OKRs have spurred at so many great organizations. This book will help a new generation of leaders capture the same magic.

Facing the Mountain

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Revised edition of the best-selling memoir that has been read by over a million people worldwide with translations in 29 languages. After too many years of unfulfilling work, Bronnie Ware began searching for a job with

heart. Despite having no formal qualifications or previous experience in the field, she found herself working in palliative care. During the time she spent tending to those who were dying, Bronnie's life was transformed. Later, she wrote an Internet blog post, outlining the most common regrets that the people she had cared for had expressed. The post gained so much momentum that it was viewed by more than three million readers worldwide in its first year. At the request of many,

Bronnie subsequently wrote a book, *The Top Five Regrets of the Dying*, to share her story. Bronnie has had a colourful and diverse life. By applying the lessons of those nearing their death to her own life, she developed an understanding that it is possible for everyone, if we make the right choices, to die with peace of mind. In this revised edition of the best-selling memoir that has been read by over a million people worldwide, with translations in 29

languages, Bronnie expresses how significant these regrets are and how we can positively address these issues while we still have the time. The Top Five Regrets of the Dying gives hope for a better world. It is a courageous, life-changing book that will leave you feeling more compassionate and inspired to live the life you are truly here to live. *A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II* Currency Outlines a revisionist approach to management while arguing against

common perceptions about the inevitability of startup failures, explaining the importance of providing genuinely needed products and services as well as organizing a business that can adapt to continuous customer feedback.

Stories of Startups' Early Days "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

A WALL STREET JOURNAL BESTSELLER Do you know the best way to drive your company's growth? If not, it's time to boost your Growth IQ. Trying to find the one right move that

will improve your business's performance can feel overwhelming. But, as you'll discover in Growth IQ, there are just ten simple--but easily misunderstood--paths to growth, and every successful growth strategy can be boiled down to picking the right combination and sequence of these paths for your current context. Tiffani Bova travels around the world helping companies solve their most vexing problem: how to keep growing in the face of stiff competition

and a fast-changing business environment. Whether she's presenting to a Fortune 500 board of directors or brainstorming over coffee with a startup founder, Bova cuts through the clutter and confusion that surround growth. Now, she draws on her decades of experience and more than thirty fascinating, in-depth business stories to demonstrate the opportunities--and pitfalls--of each of the ten growth paths, how they work together, and how they apply to business today.

You'll see how, for instance: * Red Bull broke Coca-Cola and PepsiCo's stranglehold on the soft drink market by taking the Customer Base Penetration path to establish a foothold with adventure sports junkies and expand into the mainstream. * Marvel transformed itself from a struggling comic book publisher into a global entertainment behemoth by using a Customer and Product Diversification strategy and shifting their focus from comic books to comic book characters in

movies. * Starbucks suffered a brand crisis when they overwhelmed their customers with a Product Expansion strategy, and brought back CEO Howard Schultz to course-correct by returning to the Customer Experience path. Through Bova's insightful analyses of these and many other case studies, you'll see why it can be a mistake to imitate strategies that worked for your competitors, or rely on strategies that worked for you in the past. To grow your company with

confidence, you first need to grow your Growth IQ. *A Life Transformed by the Dearly Departing* Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 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.

The Contrarian's Guide to Leadership Penguin

After an almost fatal car crash, novelist Paul Sheldon finds himself being nursed by a deranged fan who holds him captive.

Eating the Big Fish Little, Brown

Despite its name, soft skills are increasingly becoming the hard skills of today's professional world. It is not enough to be highly trained in technical skills without understanding and developing the softer, interpersonal, and relationship-building skills that are critical for professional growth. While technical, "harder" skills may present opportunities for you, it is your soft skills that will maintain those opportunities and provide avenues for new opportunities to present

themselves. Your ability to identify and master these soft skills, ranging from critical thinking, dressing for success, networking and personal branding, are critical for achieving professional success. While these soft skills are often undervalued and/or not presented sufficiently to young professionals and pre-professionals, you will learn in this book that...Soft skills are anything but soft! *Connect* Bloomsbury Publishing USA
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.

The CEO Next Door

University of Chicago Press

In *Never Enough*, Mike Hayes—former

Commander of SEAL Team TWO—helps readers apply high-stakes lessons about excellence, agility, and meaning across their personal and professional lives. Mike Hayes has lived a lifetime of once-in-a-lifetime experiences. He has been held at gunpoint and threatened with execution. He's jumped out of a building rigged to explode, helped amputate a teammate's leg, and made countless split-second life-and-death decisions. He's written countless emails to his family, telling them how

much he loves them, just in case those were the last words of his they'd ever read. Outside of the SEALs, he's run meetings in the White House Situation Room, negotiated international arms treaties, and developed high-impact corporate strategies. Over his many years of leadership, he has always strived to be better, to contribute more, and to put others first. That's what makes him an effective leader, and it's the quality that he's identified in all of the

great leaders he's encountered. That continual striving to lift those around him has filled Mike's life with meaning and purpose, has made him secure in the knowledge that he brings his best to everything he does, and has made him someone others can rely on. In *Never Enough*, Mike Hayes recounts dramatic stories and offers battle- and boardroom-tested advice that will motivate readers to do work of value, live lives of purpose, and stretch themselves to reach their

highest potential. The Startup CEO Guidebook Harper Collins Get into the best schools. Land your next big promotion. Dress for success. Run faster. Play tougher. Work harder. Keep score. And whatever you do—make sure you win. Competition runs through every aspect of our lives today. From the cubicle to the race track, in business and love, religion and science, what matters now is to be the biggest, fastest, meanest, toughest, richest. The upshot of all these

contests? As Margaret Heffernan shows in this eye-opening book, competition regularly backfires, producing an explosion of cheating, corruption, inequality, and risk. The demolition derby of modern life has damaged our ability to work together. But it doesn't have to be this way. CEOs, scientists, engineers, investors, and inventors around the world are pioneering better ways to create great products, build enduring businesses, and grow relationships. Their

secret? Generosity. Trust. Time. Theater. From the cranberry bogs of Massachusetts to the classrooms of Singapore and Finland, from tiny start-ups to global engineering firms and beloved American organizations—like Ocean Spray, Eileen Fisher, Gore, and Boston Scientific—Heffernan discovers ways of living and working that foster creativity, spark innovation, reinforce our social fabric, and feel so much better than winning. Secrets of Sand Hill Road

The Hard Thing About Hard Things Building a Business When There Are No Easy Answers In The Five Dysfunctions of a Team Patrick Lencioni once again offers a leadership fable that is as enthralling and instructive as his first two best-selling books, The Five Temptations of a CEO and The Four Obsessions of an Extraordinary Executive. This time, he turns his keen intellect and storytelling power to the fascinating, complex world of teams. Kathryn Petersen, Decision Tech's

CEO, faces the ultimate leadership crisis: Uniting a team in such disarray that it threatens to bring down the entire company. Will she succeed? Will she be fired? Will the company fail? Lencioni's utterly gripping tale serves as a timeless reminder that leadership requires as much courage as it does insight. Throughout the story, Lencioni reveals the five dysfunctions which go to the very heart of why teams even the best ones-often struggle. He outlines a powerful model and actionable steps that

can be used to overcome these common hurdles and build a cohesive, effective team. Just as with his other books, Lencioni has written a compelling fable with a powerful yet deceptively simple message for all those who strive to be exceptional team leaders. [How Triggers Boundaries and Emotions Impact You Every Day](#) Harvard Business Press Discourses on Livy is the founding document of modern republicanism, and Harvey C. Mansfield and Nathan Tarcov have

provided the definitive English translation of this classic work. Faithful to the original Italian text, properly attentive to Machiavelli's idiom and subtlety of thought, it is eminently readable. With a substantial introduction, extensive explanatory notes, a glossary of key words, and an annotated index, the Discourses reveals Machiavelli's radical vision of a new science of politics, a vision of "new modes and orders" that continue to shape the modern ethos. "[Machiavelli] found in

Livy the means to inspire scholars for five centuries. Within the Discourses, often hidden and sometimes unintended by their author, lie the seeds of modern political thought. . . . [Mansfield and Tarcov's] translation is careful and idiomatic."—Peter Stothard, *The Times*
 "Translated with painstaking accuracy—but also great readability."—*Weekly Standard*
 "A model of contemporary scholarship and a brave effort at Machiavelli translation

that allows the great Florentine to speak in his own voice."—Choice
Includes Key Takeaways & Analysis
 Greenleaf Book Group
 Now available in paperback—with a new preface and interview with Jessica Livingston about Y Combinator!
Founders at Work: Stories of Startups' Early Days is a collection of interviews with founders of famous technology companies about what happened in the very earliest days. These people are celebrities now. What was

it like when they were just a couple friends with an idea? Founders like Steve Wozniak (Apple), Caterina Fake (Flickr), Mitch Kapor (Lotus), Max Levchin (PayPal), and Sabeer Bhatia (Hotmail) tell you in their own words about their surprising and often very funny discoveries as they learned how to build a company. Where did they get the ideas that made them rich? How did they convince investors to back them? What went wrong, and how did they recover? Nearly all technical people have

thought of one day starting or working for a startup. For them, this book is the closest you can come to being a fly on the wall at a successful startup, to learn how it's done. But ultimately these interviews are required reading for anyone who wants to understand business, because startups are business reduced to its essence. The reason their founders become rich is that startups do what businesses do—create value—more intensively than almost any other

part of the economy. How? What are the secrets that make successful startups so insanely productive? Read this book, and let the founders themselves tell you.

A Leadership Fable

Penguin

Honest communication is a scarcity. We spend our time talking, posting, assuming, and reacting while spending very little time listening and understanding ourselves and others. We communicate in ways we have learned in our lives

ignoring negative patterns and stuffing our feelings. In this revealing, fun, and easy-to-read book, Lara Currie explores how we are triggered in our everyday interactions which lead to over-stimulation that has us feeling anxious, stressed out, and depressed. Lara gives you a categorical breakdown of the What, Who, Why, and When of common triggers as well as what you can do to recognize them, how to resist "just reacting," and how to establish clear and protective boundaries so

you can thrive! With strategies to clearly define, and if necessary, defend your intentions in a way that is both respectful and firm. As you follow these steps, your relationships, confidence, and self-esteem will improve, and you will find joy in increasingly drama free and honest relationships. Drawing from her work in high conflict positions, her own personal journey, and some of the leading thinkers of our time, Lara leads the reader to an increased self-awareness,

an understanding of what that "knot" in the pit of your stomach is trying to tell you, and skills you can implement today to become the person you were meant to be.

Let's Build a Company St. Martin's Press

"There are no silver bullets, only lead bullets." - Ben Horowitz "Take care of the people, the products, and the profits-in that order." - Ben Horowitz "Often any decision, even the wrong decision, is better than no decision." - Ben Horowitz "You can't worry about

the mistakes, because you're going to make a lot of them. You've got to be thinking about your next move." - Ben Horowitz "The first rule of the C.E.O. psychological meltdown is 'Don't talk about the psychological meltdown.'" - Ben Horowitz ***A Silicon Valley bestseller, The Hard Thing About Hard Things is a business, startup, and management book unlike any other. Learn how to build a business when there are no easy answers...purchase your

copy of FastReads' Summary with Analysis & Key Takeaways today! Quickly soak up the essence of Ben Horowitz's deep wisdom.*** Book Summary Overview: This book is different from other management books because it addresses problems that other books don't. It teaches you how to deal with the hard things. So, what are the hard things? Setting a big goal and getting your employees to achieve it is not a hard thing; the hard thing is when you miss that goal and have to lay

people off. Hiring great people or designing an organizational chart is not a hard thing. The hard thing is to deal with people that are difficult to deal with it. The hard thing is to get people to communicate what you have designed within the company. Other management books try to present a recipe for dealing with situations that have no recipes. There are no recipes for building a start-up or composing a hit single, or running for the president of the United States.

That's the thing about hard things, there are no recipes, formulas, or how-to guides for dealing with them. In this book, entrepreneur, CEO, and venture capitalist, Ben Horowitz gives away some useful lessons from his professional life that will help you deal with the hard things. This book serves as an inspiration for people who are struggling to build a technology startup. Click Buy Now to Own your copy today!

[Do the Hard Thing](#) Apress
The next electrifying

novel from the #1 New York Times bestselling author duo behind *The Wife Between Us*. "Propulsive and thrilling....A page-turner that will keep you guessing until the very end." --Taylor Jenkins Reid, author of *Malibu Rising* Wealthy Washington suburbanites Marissa and Matthew Bishop seem to have it all—until Marissa is unfaithful. Beneath their veneer of perfection is a relationship riven by work and a lack of intimacy. She wants to repair things

for the sake of their eight-year-old son and because she loves her husband. Enter Avery Chambers. Avery is a therapist who lost her professional license. Still, it doesn't stop her from counseling those in crisis, though they have to adhere to her unorthodox methods. And the Bishops are desperate. When they glide through Avery's door and Marissa reveals her infidelity, all three are set on a collision course. Because the biggest secrets in the room are still hidden, and it's no

longer simply a marriage that's in danger. More praise for THE GOLDEN COUPLE "An utterly compelling, spellbinding read." --Lisa Jewell, author of Then She Was Gone and Invisible Girl "A propulsive, twisty, unputdownable thriller" -- Laura Dave, author of The Last Thing He Told Me

A Start-up Story Minus the Bullshit Currency Ben Horowitz, cofounder of Andreessen Horowitz and one of Silicon Valley's most respected and experienced entrepreneurs, offers

essential advice on building and running a startup—practical wisdom for managing the toughest problems business school doesn't cover, based on his popular ben's blog. While many people talk about how great it is to start a business, very few are honest about how difficult it is to run one. Ben Horowitz analyzes the problems that confront leaders every day, sharing the insights he's gained developing, managing, selling, buying, investing in, and supervising

technology companies. A lifelong rap fanatic, he amplifies business lessons with lyrics from his favorite songs, telling it straight about everything from firing friends to poaching competitors, cultivating and sustaining a CEO mentality to knowing the right time to cash in. Filled with his trademark humor and straight talk, The Hard Thing About Hard Things is invaluable for veteran entrepreneurs as well as those aspiring to their own new ventures, drawing from Horowitz's

personal and often humbling experiences.

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