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Where Good Ideas Come From – Steven Johnson
2010-10-05
A fascinating deep dive on innovation from the New York Times

bestselling author of How We Got To Now and Unexpected Life The printing press, the pencil, the flush toilet, the battery--

these are all great ideas. But where do they come from? What kind of environment breeds them? What sparks the flash of brilliance? How do we generate the breakthrough technologies that push forward our lives, our society, our culture? Steven Johnson's answers are revelatory as he identifies the seven key patterns behind genuine innovation, and traces them across time and disciplines. From Darwin and Freud to the halls of Google and Apple, Johnson investigates the innovation hubs throughout modern time and pulls out the approaches and commonalities that seem to appear at moments of originality.

The Asshole Survival

Guide - Robert I. Sutton
2017-09-12

"This book is a contemporary classic—a shrewd and spirited guide to protecting ourselves from the jerks, bullies, tyrants, and trolls who seek to demean. We desperately need this antidote to

the a-holes in our midst."—Daniel H. Pink, best-selling author of *To Sell Is Human* and *Drive* How to avoid, outwit, and disarm assholes, from the author of the classic *The No Asshole Rule* As entertaining as it is useful, *The Asshole Survival Guide* delivers a cogent and methodical game plan for anybody who feels plagued by assholes. Sutton starts with diagnosis—what kind of asshole problem, exactly, are you dealing with? From there, he provides field-tested, evidence-based, and often surprising strategies for dealing with assholes—avoiding them, outwitting them, disarming them, sending them packing, and developing protective psychological armor. Sutton even teaches readers how to look inward to stifle their own inner jackass. Ultimately, this survival guide is about developing an outlook and personal plan that will help you preserve the sanity in your work

life, and rescue all those perfectly good days from being ruined by some jerk. "Thought-provoking and often hilarious . . . An indispensable resource."—Gretchen Rubin, best-selling author of *The Happiness Project* and *Better Than Before* "At last . . . clear steps for rejecting, deflecting, and deflating the jerks who blight our lives . . . Useful, evidence-based, and fun to read."—Robert Cialdini, best-selling author of *Influence* and *Persuasion*

Innovation in the Media

— Francisco J. Pérez-Latre 2022-03-03
The media are at the end of a cycle and at the beginning of a new model that is still unpredictable. For decades, the industry enjoyed solid profits, a certain tranquillity and clear rules. The presence of high barriers to entry hindered the progress of competitors and several key markets were, in fact, oligopolies. This

book tells how a stable industry was buffeted by winds that seriously threatened its essential pillars. Free access and Internet development caused a dramatic drop of the value of the contents. The public could often find information and entertainment at no cost, therefore beginning to move away from the media that were poorly differentiated and predictable in terms of subjects and approaches. The authors do not restrict themselves to writing a chronicle of those transformations: they deepen the causes and propose solutions. In their view, companies in the sector have lacked the discipline necessary to keep pace with innovation, adapt to change and make learning a constant and priority activity. The industry needs better leaders, managers with vision, who can take risks and break the monotonous cycle of systematic imitation of success formulas that already

belong to the past.

The Myths of Creativity

- David Burkus

2013-10-07

How to get past the most common myths about creativity to design truly innovative strategies We tend to think of creativity in terms reminiscent of the ancient muses: divinely-inspired, unpredictable, and bestowed upon a lucky few. But when our jobs challenge us to be creative on demand, we must develop novel, useful ideas that will keep our organizations competitive. The Myths of Creativity demystifies the processes that drive innovation. Based on the latest research into how creative individuals and firms succeed, David Burkus highlights the mistaken ideas that hold us back and shows us how anyone can embrace a practical approach, grounded in reality, to finding the best new ideas, projects, processes, and programs. Answers questions such as: What causes us to be creative in one moment

and void in the next?

What makes someone more or less creative than

his or her peers? Where

do our flashes of

creative insight come

from, and how can we

generate more of them?

Debunks 10 common myths,

including: the Eureka

Myth; the Lone Creator

Myth; the Incentive

Myth; and The

Brainstorming Myth

Written by David Burkus,

founder of popular

leadership blog LDRLB

For anyone who struggles

with creativity, or who

makes excuses for

delaying the work of

innovation, The Myths of

Creativity will help you

overcome your obstacles

to finding new ideas.

Creative People Must Be

Stopped - David A Owens

2011-11-22

A framework for

overcoming the six types

of innovation killers

Everybody wants

innovation-or do they?

Creative People Must Be

Stopped shows how

individuals and

organizations sabotage

their own best

intentions to encourage

"outside the box"

thinking. It shows that the antidote to this self-defeating behavior is to identify which of the six major types of constraints are hindering innovation: individual, group, organizational, industry-wide, societal, or technological. Once innovators and other leaders understand exactly which constraints are working against them and how to overcome them, they can create conditions that foster innovation instead of stopping it in its tracks. The author's model of constraints on innovation integrates insights from the vast literature on innovation with his own observations of hundreds of organizations. The book is filled with assessments, tools, and real-world examples. The author's research has been featured in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, London Guardian and San Jose Mercury News, as well as on Fox News and on NPR's Marketplace Includes

illustrative examples from leading organizations Offers a practical guide for bringing new ideas to fruition even within a previously rigid organizational culture This book gives people in organizations the conceptual framework and practical information they need to innovate successfully.

Wired for Love - Stan Tatkin 2012-01-02
"What the heck is my partner thinking?" is a common refrain in romantic relationships, and with good reason. Every person is wired for love differently, with different habits, needs, and reactions to conflict. The good news is that most people's minds work in predictable ways and respond well to security, attachment, and rituals, making it possible to actually neurologically prime the brain for greater love and fewer conflicts. **Wired for Love** is a complete insider's guide to understanding a partner's brain and

promoting love and trust within a romantic relationship. Readers learn ten scientific principles they can use to avoid triggering fear and panic in their partners, manage their partners' emotional reactions when they do become upset, and recognize when the brain's threat response is hindering their ability to act in a loving way. By learning to use simple gestures and words, readers can learn to put out emotional fires and help their partners feel more safe and secure. The no-fault view of conflict in this book encourages readers to move past a "warring brain" mentality and toward a more cooperative "loving brain" understanding of the relationship. Based in the sound science of neurobiology, attachment theory, and emotion regulation research, this book is essential reading for couples and others interested in understanding the complex dynamics at work

behind love and trust in intimate relationships. Atomic Habits - James Clear 2018-10-16 The #1 New York Times bestseller. Over 4 million copies sold! Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results No matter your goals, Atomic Habits offers a proven framework for improving—every day. James Clear, one of the world's leading experts on habit formation, reveals practical strategies that will teach you exactly how to form good habits, break bad ones, and master the tiny behaviors that lead to remarkable results. If you're having trouble changing your habits, the problem isn't you. The problem is your system. Bad habits repeat themselves again and again not because you don't want to change, but because you have the wrong system for change. You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems. Here, you'll get a proven system that can take you to new

heights. Clear is known for his ability to distill complex topics into simple behaviors that can be easily applied to daily life and work. Here, he draws on the most proven ideas from biology, psychology, and neuroscience to create an easy-to-understand guide for making good habits inevitable and bad habits impossible. Along the way, readers will be inspired and entertained with true stories from Olympic gold medalists, award-winning artists, business leaders, life-saving physicians, and star comedians who have used the science of small habits to master their craft and vault to the top of their field. Learn how to: make time for new habits (even when life gets crazy); overcome a lack of motivation and willpower; design your environment to make success easier; get back on track when you fall off course; ...and much more. Atomic Habits will reshape the way you

think about progress and success, and give you the tools and strategies you need to transform your habits--whether you are a team looking to win a championship, an organization hoping to redefine an industry, or simply an individual who wishes to quit smoking, lose weight, reduce stress, or achieve any other goal.

Creative Strategy - Chris Bilton 2010-04-26
People tend to think of creativity and strategy as opposites. This book argues that they are far more similar than we might expect. More than this, actively aligning creative and strategic thinking in any enterprise can enable more effective innovation, entrepreneurship, leadership and organizing for the future. By considering strategy as a creative process (and vice versa), the authors define 'creative strategy' as a mindset which switches between opposing processes and characteristics, and

which drives every aspect of the business. The authors draw experiences and cases from across this false divide - from the music industry, sports, fashion, Shakespearean theatre companies, creative and media organizations and dance, as well as what we might regard as more mundane providers of mainstream products and services - to uncover the creative connections behind successful strategy. "Creative Strategy is a talisman for those looking to take a new path" Matt Hardisty, Strategy Director, Mother Advertising "It has been said that business is a hybrid of dancing and calculation - the former incorporating the creative within a firm, the latter the strategic. Bilton and Cummings show how these apparently contradictory processes can be integrated. Their insights about how firms can 'create to strategize' and 'strategize to create'

are informative for managers and management scholars alike." Jay Barney, Professor and Chase Chair of Strategic Management, Fisher College of Business, The Ohio State University "In today's world, new thinking - creativity - is required to tackle long-standing problems or address new opportunities. The trouble is few organizations understand how to foster and apply creativity, at least in any consistent manner. This book provides new insights into just how that can be done. It moves creativity from being just the occasional, and fortuitous, flash of inspiration, to being an embedded feature of the way the organization is run." Sir George Cox, Author of the Cox Review of Creativity in Business for HM Govt., Past Chair of the Design Council
Creative Confidence - Tom Kelley 2013-10-15 IDEO founder and Stanford d.school creator David Kelley and

his brother Tom Kelley, IDEO partner and the author of the bestselling *The Art of Innovation*, have written a powerful and compelling book on unleashing the creativity that lies within each and every one of us. Too often, companies and individuals assume that creativity and innovation are the domain of the "creative types." But two of the leading experts in innovation, design, and creativity on the planet show us that each and every one of us is creative. In an incredibly entertaining and inspiring narrative that draws on countless stories from their work at IDEO, the Stanford d.school, and with many of the world's top companies, David and Tom Kelley identify the principles and strategies that will allow us to tap into our creative potential in our work lives, and in our personal lives, and allow us to innovate in terms of how we approach

and solve problems. It is a book that will help each of us be more productive and successful in our lives and in our careers.

101 Weird Ways to Make Money - Steve Gillman
2011-07-26

Find creative ways to make money in businesses with little competition Using interviews with unconventional entrepreneurs, the author's own wide-ranging experience with weird jobs, and extensive research, *101 Weird Ways to Make Money* reveals unusual, sometimes dirty, yet profitable jobs and businesses. Whether you're looking for a job that suits your independent spirit, or want to start a new business, this unique book shows you moneymaking options you haven't considered. Most of these outside-the-box jobs don't require extensive training, and are also scalable as businesses, allowing you to build on your initial success. Jobs and businesses covered

include cricket and maggot farming, environmentally friendly burials, making and selling solar-roasted coffee, daycare services for handicapped children, and many more. Each chapter features a "where the money is" section on how to scale-up and be profitable. Author writes a popular website and email newsletter on unusual ways to make money. Whether you're seeking a new career, an additional revenue stream, or a new business idea, you will want to discover 101 Weird Ways to Make Money.

Be a Great Boss: The Hill Collection (4 Items) - Linda A. Hill
2014-08-19

This digital collection, curated by Harvard Business Review, offers seminal ideas by leadership expert and Harvard Business School professor Linda A. Hill. It includes three of her most popular books—Becoming a Manager, Being the Boss (coauthor), and

Collective Genius (coauthor)—as well as the influential 2011 Harvard Business Review article, "Are You a Good Boss—or a Great One?," which Hill coauthored with Kent Lineback. Hill is an in-demand teacher and mentor to professionals worldwide on the topics of managing change, cross-organizational relationships, global strategy, innovation, talent management, and leadership development. This collection offers the best reading on how to be an effective leader and a better boss—resulting in enhanced personal and professional success and a better-performing organization. All four works included in the set are influential in the field of leadership and have been embraced by practitioners everywhere, who use Hill's advice to become better at what they do. Linda A. Hill is Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School and the faculty chair of

its Leadership Initiative. She has chaired numerous executive education programs at the school. Hill serves on numerous boards of directors, boards of trustees, and advisory boards, and her work and ideas are featured regularly in international media.

We Are All Weird - Seth Godin 2015-09-15
World of Warcrafters, LARPerS, Settlers of Catan? Weird. Beliebers, Swifties, Directioners? Weirder. Paleos, vegans, carb loaders, ovolactovegetarians? Pretty weird. Mets fans, Yankees fans, Bears fans? Definitely weird. Face it. We're all weird. So why are companies still trying to build products for the masses? Why are we still acting like the masses even exist? Weird is the new normal. And only companies that figure that out have any chance of survival. This book shows you how.

Make: Tools - Charles Platt 2016-09-27
Whether you're interested in becoming a

handyman or developing artisanal woodworking skills, the place to begin is by learning the fundamentals of using basic workshop tools correctly. The place to find out how is right here. *Make: Tools* is shop class in a book. Consumer-level 3D printers and CNC machines are opening up new possibilities for makers. But there will always be a need for traditional workshop skills and tools. Charles Platt's *Make: Tools* applies the same approach to its subject matter as his bestselling *Make: Electronics* -- in-depth explanations and hands-on projects that gradually increase in level of challenge. Illustrated in full color with hundreds of photographs and line drawings, the book serves as a perfect introduction to workshop tools and materials for young adults and adults alike. Platt focuses on basic hands tools and assumes no prior experience or knowledge

on the part of the reader. The projects all result in fun games, toys, and puzzles. The book serves as both a hands-on tutorial a reference that will be returned to again and again.

Scaling Up Excellence - Robert I. Sutton
2014-02-04

Wall Street Journal Bestseller "The pick of 2014's management books." -Andrew Hill, Financial Times "One of the top business books of the year." -Harvey Schacter, The Globe and Mail Bestselling author, Robert Sutton and Stanford colleague, Huggy Rao tackle a challenge that determines every organization's success: how to scale up farther, faster, and more effectively as an organization grows. Sutton and Rao have devoted much of the last decade to uncovering what it takes to build and uncover pockets of exemplary performance, to help spread them, and to keep recharging organizations with ever

better work practices. Drawing on inside accounts and case studies and academic research from a wealth of industries-- including start-ups, pharmaceuticals, airlines, retail, financial services, high-tech, education, non-profits, government, and healthcare-- Sutton and Rao identify the key scaling challenges that confront every organization. They tackle the difficult trade-offs that organizations must make between whether to encourage individualized approaches tailored to local needs or to replicate the same practices and customs as an organization or program expands. They reveal how the best leaders and teams develop, spread, and instill the right mindsets in their people-- rather than ruining or watering down the very things that have fueled successful growth in the past. They unpack the principles that help to cascade

excellence throughout an organization, as well as show how to eliminate destructive beliefs and behaviors that will hold them back. *Scaling Up Excellence* is the first major business book devoted to this universal and vexing challenge and it is destined to become the standard bearer in the field.

Big Book of Things to Do

- Ray Gibson 2003

Presents activities in the categories of cooking, costumes, gardening, drawing, painting, and crafts.

Collective Genius -

Linda Annette Hill 2014

Using research findings from top organizations and companies, a group of leaders and thinkers discusses the demands of today's global economy and reveals the relationship between leadership, creativity, and innovation.

It Doesn't Have to Be Crazy at Work

- Jason Fried 2018-10-04

Jason Fried and David Heinemeier Hansson, the authors of the New York Times bestseller *Rework*,

are back with a manifesto to combat all your modern workplace worries and fears.

Creativity in Museum Practice - Linda Norris
2016-06-16

With this book, museum professionals can learn how to unleash creative potential throughout their institution.

Drawing from a wide range of research on creativity as well as insights from today's most creative museum leaders, the authors present a set of practical principles about how museum workers at any level—not just those in “creative positions”—can make a place for creativity in their daily practice. Replete with creativity exercises and stories from the field, the book guides readers in developing an internal culture of creative learning, as well as delivering increased value to museum audiences.

Create Your Successful Agile Project

- Johanna Rothman 2017-10-18

You think agile

techniques might be for you, but your projects and organization are unique. An "out-of-the-box" agile approach won't work. Instead, unite agile and lean principles for your project. See how to design a custom approach, reap the benefits of collaboration, and deliver value. For project managers who want to use agile techniques, managers who want to start, and technical leaders who want to know more and succeed, this book is your first step toward agile project success. You've tried to use an off-the-shelf approach to agile techniques, and it's not working. Instead of a standard method or framework, work from agile and lean principles to design your own agile approach in a way that works for you. Build collaborative, cross-functional teams. See how small batch sizes and frequent delivery create an environment of trust and transparency

between the team, management, and customers. Learn about the interpersonal skills that help agile teams work together so well. In addition to seeing work and knowing what "done" means, you'll see examples of many possible team-based measurements. Look at tools you can use for status reporting, and how to use those measurements to help your managers understand what agile techniques buy them. Recognize the traps that prevent agile principles from working in too many organizations, and what to do about those traps. Use agile techniques for workgroups, and see what managers can do to create and nurture an agile culture. You might be surprised at how few meetings and rituals you need to still work in an agile way. Johanna's signature frankness and humor will get you on the right track to design your agile project to succeed. What You Need: No technical expertise or experience

needed, just a desire to know more about how you might use agile in your project.

Summary: Weird Ideas that Work - BusinessNews Publishing 2014-09-29

The must-read summary of Robert Sutton's book:

"Weird Ideas that Work: 11 1/2 Practices for Promoting, Managing and Sustaining Innovation". This summary of the ideas from Robert Sutton's book "Weird Ideas that Work" shows that almost all highly creative companies do weird things and refuse to do the same as everyone else. By doing this, creative companies consistently develop new ways of thinking and acting. In his book, the author presents 11 1/2 weird ideas for sparking business innovation. He also explains concrete ways to build an organisation where innovation flourishes and becomes a way of life. This summary will teach you the importance of creativity in your company and how you can start changing the way you do things in order

to stay ahead. Added-value of this summary: • Save time • Understand key concepts • Expand your business knowledge To learn more, read "Weird Ideas that Work" and find out why you should become an expert in the art of innovation in order to stay on top.

A Technique for Producing Ideas

(thINKing Classics) -

James Wood Young 2011 THIS BOOK has become essential reading for anyone-whether in marketing, advertising, sales, finance, or the pure artist-who is seriously interested in the creative business of generating good ideas. It is a concise, clear, but above all practical book, and all those willing to put forth the mental energy to read, understand, and-most importantly-implement its instructions will be richly rewarded. I hope you'll find this to be an amazing gem and another appropriate inclusion in the thINKing cata-logue. I've read its words and absorbed its teachings

many times and finally had the wisdom to implement its lessons.

Weird Ideas That Work -

Bob Sutton 2002-02

There is a concern - even obsession - with creativity in the workplace. This book begins by demystifying creativity at work and goes on to show how companies have managed and mismanaged the creative potential of their staff.

The Power of Onlyness -

Nilofer Merchant

2017-08-29

An 800-CEO-READ Staff Pick Shortlisted for the Thinkers50 Breakthrough Idea Award A Financial Times Business Book of the Month "For any would-be activists who hear the voice: 'not me' or 'not now,' Merchant makes the strong case for 'yes you' and 'yes now'—and even shows you how to jump in." —Van Jones, host of CNN's The Messy Truth, author of Rebuild the Dream and The Green Collar Economy "The Power of Onlyness is a book for our times. . . . Merchant forces us to dig deep, into the

book and ourselves, and it goes beyond self-knowledge and self-empowerment, obliterating the fear of otherness with an understanding of the onlyness of us all." —Sally Haldorson, 800-CEO-READ An innovation expert illuminates why your power to make a difference is no longer bound by your status If you're like most people, you wish you had the ability to make a difference, but you don't have the credentials, or a seat at the table, can't get past the gatekeepers, and aren't high enough in any hierarchy to get your ideas heard. In The Power of Onlyness, Nilofer Merchant, one of the world's top-ranked business thinkers, reveals that, in fact, we have now reached an unprecedented moment of opportunity for your ideas to "make a dent" on the world. Now that the Internet has liberated ideas to spread through networks instead of hierarchies, power is no longer

determined by your status, but by “onlyness”—that spot in the world only you stand in, a function of your distinct history and experiences, visions and hopes. If you build upon your signature ingredient of purpose and connect with those who are equally passionate, you have a lever by which to move the world. This new ability is already within your grasp, but to command it, you need to know how to meaningfully mobilize others around your ideas. Through inspirational and instructive stories, Merchant reveals proven strategies to unleash the centrifugal force of a new idea, no matter how weird or wild it may seem. Imagine how much better the world could be if every idea could have its shot, not just the ones that come from expected people and places. Which long-intractable problems would we solve, what new levels of creativity would be unlocked, and

who might innovate a breakthrough that could benefit ourselves, our communities, and especially our economy. This limitless potential of onlyness has already been recognized by Thinkers 50, the Oscars of management, which cited it one of the five ideas that will shape business for next twenty years. Why do some individuals make scalable impact with their ideas, regardless of their power or status? The Power of Onlyness unravels this mystery for the first time so that anyone can make a dent. Even you.

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close - Jonathan Safran Foer 2005

Jonathan Safran Foer emerged as one of the most original writers of his generation with his best-selling debut novel, *Everything Is Illuminated*. Now, with humor, tenderness, and awe, he confronts the traumas of our recent history. What he discovers is solace in that most human quality,

imagination. Meet Oskar Schell, an inventor, Francophile, tambourine player, Shakespearean actor, jeweler, pacifist, correspondent with Stephen Hawking and Ringo Starr. He is nine years old. And he is on an urgent, secret search through the five boroughs of New York. His mission is to find the lock that fits a mysterious key belonging to his father, who died in the World Trade Center on 9/11. An inspired innocent, Oskar is alternately endearing, exasperating, and hilarious as he careens from Central Park to Coney Island to Harlem on his search. Along the way he is always dreaming up inventions to keep those he loves safe from harm. What about a birdseed shirt to let you fly away? What if you could actually hear everyone's heartbeat? His goal is hopeful, but the past speaks a loud warning in stories of those who've lost loved ones before. As Oskar roams New York, he encounters a motley

assortment of humanity who are all survivors in their own way. He befriends a 103-year-old war reporter, a tour guide who never leaves the Empire State Building, and lovers enraptured or scorned. Ultimately, Oskar ends his journey where it began, at his father's grave. But now he is accompanied by the silent stranger who has been renting the spare room of his grandmother's apartment. They are there to dig up his father's empty coffin.

The Five Love Languages
- Gary Chapman
2009-12-17

Marriage should be based on love, right? But does it seem as though you and your spouse are speaking two different languages? #1 New York Times bestselling author Dr. Gary Chapman guides couples in identifying, understanding, and speaking their spouse's primary love language- quality time, words of affirmation, gifts, acts of service, or physical touch. By learning the

five love languages, you and your spouse will discover your unique love languages and learn practical steps in truly loving each other. Chapters are categorized by love language for easy reference, and each one ends with simple steps to express a specific language to your spouse and guide your marriage in the right direction. A newly designed love languages assessment will help you understand and strengthen your relationship. You can build a lasting, loving marriage together. Gary Chapman hosts a nationally syndicated daily radio program called A Love Language Minute that can be heard on more than 150 radio stations as well as the weekly syndicated program Building Relationships with Gary Chapman, which can both be heard on fivelovelanguages.com. The Five Love Languages is a consistent New York Times bestseller - with over 5 million copies sold and translated into

38 languages. This book is a sales phenomenon, with each year outselling the prior for 16 years running! *Own Your Weird* - Jason Zook 2019-09-10 Tired of all the "shoulds" that guide your life? Want to create a life full of meaning? Work on your own terms? See the world a little differently? Then it's time to Own Your Weird. Creative entrepreneur Jason Zook certainly walks the walk of "owning his weird." He's had some crazy yet successful schemes -- he's made over a million dollars by having more than 1,600 companies pay him to wear their t-shirt (a project called I WearYour Shirt). Later he auctioned off his last name twice, for \$50K each time. He then self-published his first book Creativity for Sale by nabbing sponsors and generating \$75K in revenue. Now Own Your Weird is targeted to other potential "out of the box" thinkers who dream not only of doing work on their own terms,

but also creating a meaningful life. Consider Jason your spirit guide, offering strategies for honing in on what makes you weird, recognizing when feedback is just another form of procrastination, and how to stop with social media already. There's a specific set of strategies and exercises that can help you prioritize your life over your business, by identifying your MMM (Minimum Monthly Magic) number. He also offers examples from his own life (how he got out of \$124K worth of debt, escaped the pressure to have a big wedding, and has thrived on social media by primarily ignoring it). Own Your Weird is the permission slip you need to take that big risk. To finally chase down that big idea. And to let go of "supposed to" thoughts. See how life opens up when you break out of the blueprint.

White Fragility - Dr. Robin DiAngelo
2018-06-26
The New York Times best-

selling book exploring the counterproductive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality. In this "vital, necessary, and beautiful book" (Michael Eric Dyson), antiracist educator Robin DiAngelo deftly illuminates the phenomenon of white fragility and "allows us to understand racism as a practice not restricted to 'bad people'" (Claudia Rankine). Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. In this in-depth exploration, DiAngelo examines how white fragility

develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

Weird Ideas That Work -

Robert I. Sutton 2002
Sutton is a sought-after consultant, speaker and Stanford professor. This book brings together 11 of his proven, counter intuitive ideas that work, from hiring people that make employers squirm to encouraging projects likely to fail.

Good Boss, Bad Boss -

Robert I. Sutton
2010-09-07
Now with a new chapter that focuses on what great bosses really do. Dr. Sutton reveals new insights that he's learned since the writing of Good Boss, Bad Boss. Sutton adds revelatory thoughts about such legendary bosses as Ed Catmull, Steve Jobs, A.G. Lafley, and many more, and how you can implement their techniques. If you are a boss who wants to do great work, what can you do about it? Good Boss, Bad Boss is devoted to answering that question.

Stanford Professor Robert Sutton weaves together the best psychological and management research with compelling stories and cases to reveal the mindset and moves of the best (and worst) bosses. This book was inspired by the deluge of emails, research, phone calls, and conversations that Dr. Sutton experienced after publishing his blockbuster bestseller The No Asshole Rule. He realized that most of these stories and studies swirled around a central figure in every workplace: THE BOSS. These heart-breaking, inspiring, and sometimes funny stories taught Sutton that most bosses - and their followers - wanted a lot more than just a jerk-free workplace. They aspired to become (or work for) an all-around great boss, somebody with the skill and grit to inspire superior work, commitment, and dignity among their charges. As Dr. Sutton digs into the nitty-gritty of what the best (and worst) bosses

do, a theme runs throughout Good Boss, Bad Boss - which brings together the diverse lessons and is a hallmark of great bosses: They work doggedly to "stay in tune" with how their followers (and superiors, peers, and customers too) react to what they say and do. The best bosses are acutely aware that their success depends on having the self-awareness to control their moods and moves, to accurately interpret their impact on others, and to make adjustments on the fly that continuously spark effort, dignity, and pride among their people.

Design Thinking for Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses - Beverly Rudkin Ingle 2014-01-09 Having met Beverly Ingle and hearing her speak about design thinking, I was enlightened and enthused. With a depth of knowledge and obvious passion for the usage of design thinking, she has already helped many

business people, myself included, inject greater creativity into problem solving to deliver better results—something that is a must for left-brainers! She has an amazingly refreshing ability to create deep understanding within her audience, and a hands-on, practical approach ensures that the results are manageable and within your grasp. —Jill Robb, CEO, Ambition Digital; Belfast, United Kingdom Design Thinking for Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses: Putting the Power of Design to Work is the first book on the subject for smaller businesses. Until now, design thinking—a methodology for solving business problems and identifying opportunities—has been the playground for companies with big budgets, giving them the advantage of the innovation that comes from using the latest design thinking tools emerging from Stanford, Harvard, Northwestern, and elsewhere. Now,

thanks to design thinking expert Beverly Ingle, entrepreneurs and small-business owners can make the design thinking playground their own—and on a much smaller budget. Ingle provides the tools entrepreneurs need as well as step-by-step processes that show how to use design thinking methods to transform your business and drive organizational success. *Design Thinking for Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses* offers just enough theory to provide you with working knowledge of design thinking, but its value lies in the practical, proven, hands-on information that you can put to use immediately. You will learn: How to incorporate design thinking processes into everyday operations, and in what areas of business the approach is most valuable. How to use the most prevalent and popular design thinking tools (like ideation, prototyping, and rapid branding) effectively. How to use design

thinking to identify and achieve your business goals and create new business models. How to create revenue-boosting new products and services using design thinking. How to improve the customer/user experience to create more loyal, profitable customers. By the time you've finished reading the last chapter of *Design Thinking for Entrepreneurs and Small Businesses*, you will not just be thinking about producing new products and services, boosting customer service, or developing new business opportunities—you'll be doing it. Best, it'll show up in the top and bottom lines.

Principles - Ray Dalio
2018-08-07

#1 New York Times
Bestseller

“Significant...The book is both instructive and surprisingly moving.”

—The New York Times
Ray Dalio, one of the world's most successful investors and entrepreneurs, shares the unconventional principles that he's

developed, refined, and used over the past forty years to create unique results in both life and business—and which any person or organization can adopt to help achieve their goals. In 1975, Ray Dalio founded an investment firm, Bridgewater Associates, out of his two-bedroom apartment in New York City. Forty years later, Bridgewater has made more money for its clients than any other hedge fund in history and grown into the fifth most important private company in the United States, according to Fortune magazine. Dalio himself has been named to Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world. Along the way, Dalio discovered a set of unique principles that have led to Bridgewater's exceptionally effective culture, which he describes as "an idea meritocracy that strives to achieve meaningful work and meaningful relationships through radical transparency."

It is these principles, and not anything special about Dalio—who grew up an ordinary kid in a middle-class Long Island neighborhood—that he believes are the reason behind his success. In Principles, Dalio shares what he's learned over the course of his remarkable career. He argues that life, management, economics, and investing can all be systemized into rules and understood like machines. The book's hundreds of practical lessons, which are built around his cornerstones of "radical truth" and "radical transparency," include Dalio laying out the most effective ways for individuals and organizations to make decisions, approach challenges, and build strong teams. He also describes the innovative tools the firm uses to bring an idea meritocracy to life, such as creating "baseball cards" for all employees that distill their strengths and weaknesses, and employing computerized

decision-making systems to make believability-weighted decisions. While the book brims with novel ideas for organizations and institutions, *Principles* also offers a clear, straightforward approach to decision-making that Dalio believes anyone can apply, no matter what they're seeking to achieve. Here, from a man who has been called both "the Steve Jobs of investing" and "the philosopher king of the financial universe" (CIO magazine), is a rare opportunity to gain proven advice unlike anything you'll find in the conventional business press.

Creativity Sucks - Phil Hansen 2020-10-20

An essential guide for artists of all levels, on how to live and work as a creative, from a popular artist and TED speaker. When we're kids, our parents tell us that being creative is fun, fun, fun. But when you decide to turn art into your career, whether that's painting, writing, drawing, or

sculpting Edgar Allan Poe out of earthworms, that's when things get tough. Let's be honest. Creativity isn't always fun. It's also hard work. In this insightful and heartfelt guide, artist and speaker Phil Hansen shares his hard-won wisdom from the frontlines of life as a professional creative. Paired with his edgy art, Hansen provides advice for the difficult moments--the slumps, the creative blocks, the times when something you love doesn't resonate with the world--and gives you the pep talk you need to get through the tough times. He also shares helpful tips on how to put yourself in the prime creative mindset, how to build a support system, and how to create art that sells.

Wired to Create - Scott Barry Kaufman 2016-12-27
Is it possible to make sense of something as elusive as creativity? Based on psychologist Scott Barry Kaufman's groundbreaking research and Carolyn Gregoire's

popular article in the Huffington Post, *Wired to Create* offers a glimpse inside the "messy minds" of highly creative people. Revealing the latest findings in neuroscience and psychology, along with engaging examples of artists and innovators throughout history, the book shines a light on the practices and habits of mind that promote creative thinking. Kaufman and Gregoire untangle a series of paradoxes—like mindfulness and daydreaming, seriousness and play, openness and sensitivity, and solitude and collaboration - to show that it is by embracing our own contradictions that we are able to tap into our deepest creativity. Each chapter explores one of the ten attributes and habits of highly creative people:

- Imaginative Play *
- Passion *
- Daydreaming *
- Solitude *
- Intuition *
- Openness to Experience *
- Mindfulness *
- Sensitivity *
- Turning Adversity into Advantage

* *Thinking Differently* With insights from the work and lives of Pablo Picasso, Frida Kahlo, Marcel Proust, David Foster Wallace, Thomas Edison, Josephine Baker, John Lennon, Michael Jackson, musician Thom Yorke, chess champion Josh Waitzkin, video-game designer Shigeru Miyamoto, and many other creative luminaries, *Wired to Create* helps us better understand creativity - and shows us how to enrich this essential aspect of our lives.

The No Asshole Rule -

Robert I. Sutton
2007-02-22

The definitive guide to working with -- and surviving -- bullies, creeps, jerks, tyrants, tormentors, despots, backstabbers, egomaniacs, and all the other assholes who do their best to destroy you at work. "What an asshole!" How many times have you said that about someone at work? You're not alone! In this groundbreaking book, Stanford University professor Robert I.

Sutton builds on his acclaimed Harvard Business Review article to show you the best ways to deal with assholes...and why they can be so destructive to your company. Practical, compassionate, and in places downright funny, this guide offers: Strategies on how to pinpoint and eliminate negative influences for good Illuminating case histories from major organizations A self-diagnostic test and a program to identify and keep your own "inner jerk" from coming out The No Asshole Rule is a New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today and Business Week bestseller.

Rebel Talent - Francesca Gino 2018-05-01

"In this groundbreaking book, Francesca Gino shows us how to spark creativity, excel at work, and become happier: By learning to rebel." - Charles Duhigg, New York Times bestselling author of The Power of Habit and Smarter Faster Better Do you want to follow a

script - or write your own story? Award-winning Harvard Business School professor Francesca Gino shows us why the most successful among us break the rules, and how rebellion brings joy and meaning into our lives. Rebels have a bad reputation. We think of them as troublemakers, outcasts, contrarians: those colleagues, friends, and family members who complicate seemingly straightforward decisions, create chaos, and disagree when everyone else is in agreement. But in truth, rebels are also those among us who change the world for the better with their unconventional outlooks. Instead of clinging to what is safe and familiar, and falling back on routines and tradition, rebels defy the status quo. They are masters of innovation and reinvention, and they have a lot to teach us. Francesca Gino, a behavioral scientist and professor at Harvard Business School, has

spent more than a decade studying rebels at organizations around the world, from high-end boutiques in Italy's fashion capital, to the World's Best Restaurant, to a thriving fast food chain, to an award-winning computer animation studio. In her work, she has identified leaders and employees who exemplify "rebel talent," and whose examples we can all learn to embrace. Gino argues that the future belongs to the rebel – and that there's a rebel in each of us. We live in turbulent times, when competition is fierce, reputations are easily tarnished on social media, and the world is more divided than ever before. In this cutthroat environment, cultivating rebel talent is what allows businesses to evolve and to prosper. And rebellion has an added benefit beyond the workplace: it leads to a more vital, engaged, and fulfilling life. Whether you want to inspire others to action, build

a business, or build more meaningful relationships, Rebel Talent will show you how to succeed – by breaking all the rules.

Zero to One - Peter Thiel 2014-09-16
#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "This book delivers completely new and refreshing ideas on how to create value in the world."—Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Meta
"Peter Thiel has built multiple breakthrough companies, and Zero to One shows how."—Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and Tesla
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.

The WEIRDest People in the World - Joseph

Henrich 2020-09-08

A New York Times Notable Book of 2020 A Bloomberg Best Non-Fiction Book of 2020 A Behavioral Scientist Notable Book of 2020 A Human Behavior & Evolution Society Must-Read Popular Evolution Book of 2020 A bold, epic account of how the co-evolution of psychology and culture created the peculiar Western mind that has profoundly shaped the modern world. Perhaps you are WEIRD: raised in a society that is Western, Educated, Industrialized, Rich, and Democratic. If so, you're rather psychologically peculiar. Unlike much of the world today, and most people who have ever lived, WEIRD people are highly individualistic, self-obsessed, control-oriented, nonconformist, and analytical. They focus on themselves—their

attributes, accomplishments, and aspirations—over their relationships and social roles. How did WEIRD populations become so psychologically distinct? What role did these psychological differences play in the industrial revolution and the global expansion of Europe during the last few centuries? In *The WEIRD People in the World*, Joseph Henrich draws on cutting-edge research in anthropology, psychology, economics, and evolutionary biology to explore these questions and more. He illuminates the origins and evolution of family structures, marriage, and religion, and the profound impact these cultural transformations had on human psychology. Mapping these shifts through ancient history and late antiquity, Henrich reveals that the most fundamental institutions of kinship and marriage changed dramatically under pressure from the Roman Catholic Church. It was

these changes that gave rise to the WEIRD psychology that would coevolve with impersonal markets, occupational specialization, and free competition—laying the foundation for the modern world.

Provocative and engaging in both its broad scope and its surprising details, *The WEIRD People in the World* explores how culture, institutions, and psychology shape one another, and explains what this means for both our most personal sense of who we are as individuals and also the large-scale social, political, and economic forces that drive human history. Includes black-and-white illustrations. *How to Be Comfortable with Being Uncomfortable* — Ben Aldridge
2020-06-09

'A really great and novel way to encourage people to push themselves beyond their comfort zone and engender self-reliance.' -- Levison Wood After debilitating anxiety and panic

attacks began to impact his daily life, Ben Aldridge decided to tackle his mental health issues in a creative way. His journey led him on a year of completing weird and wonderful challenges in the name of self-improvement. By deliberately leaving his comfort zone and enduring difficulties, Ben completely changed his life. Ice-cold showers, eating repulsive insects, running marathons, sleeping in unusual places, wearing ridiculous clothes and learning to solve the Rubik's cube in under a minute are some of the ways Ben has pushed his body and mind to learn more, endure more and conquer more. Varying in length, difficulty and category, Ben explains how to complete each challenge, how it changed his life and how you can push yourself with this practical method of self-development. From learning a new language to climbing a mountain, see how far you can

challenge yourself to overcome your fears and self-imposed limitations. Packed with useful tips and tricks from Stoicism, Buddhism, CBT and popular psychology, this book encourages us to face our fears, embrace adversity and leave our comfort zones. Are you ready to get uncomfortable and build a more resilient mindset?

The Innovation Paradox -

Tony Davila 2014-06-30

From the bestselling authors of Making Innovation Work (30,000 copies sold and translated into ten languages) comes a book that questions everything about how organizations innovate. Key takeaway: classical business management and corporate structures by their very nature will kill, not create, breakthroughs. The authors describe a new kind of organization--the startup corporation--that will make established companies as innovative as startups.

The 48 Laws of Power -

Robert Greene 2000-09-01
Amoral, cunning,
ruthless, and
instructive, this multi-
million-copy New York
Times bestseller is the
definitive manual for
anyone interested in
gaining, observing, or
defending against
ultimate control - from
the author of The Laws
of Human Nature. In the
book that People
magazine proclaimed
"beguiling" and
"fascinating," Robert
Greene and Joost Elffers
have distilled three
thousand years of the
history of power into 48
essential laws by
drawing from the
philosophies of
Machiavelli, Sun Tzu,

and Carl Von Clausewitz
and also from the lives
of figures ranging from
Henry Kissinger to P.T.
Barnum. Some laws teach
the need for prudence
("Law 1: Never Outshine
the Master"), others
teach the value of
confidence ("Law 28:
Enter Action with
Boldness"), and many
recommend absolute self-
preservation ("Law 15:
Crush Your Enemy
Totally"). Every law,
though, has one thing in
common: an interest in
total domination. In a
bold and arresting two-
color package, The 48
Laws of Power is ideal
whether your aim is
conquest, self-defense,
or simply to understand
the rules of the game.