

Breaking Through The Status Quo How Innovative Companies Are Changing The Benefits Game To Help Their Employees And Boost Their Bottom Line

THE STORY: Utilizing the simple yet most imaginative theatrical techniques, and taking all of America as its target, the play offers scathing comments on the rigid socioeconomic stratification of modern society. The catalyst is one Horace Elgin, a

Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice is the first text to fully integrate concepts of anti-oppressive practice with generalist practice course content. This comprehensive approach introduces concepts of social justice and offers detailed insight into how those principles intersect with the practice of social work at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels. The book covers ethics, values, and social work theory, and discusses the fundamentals of working with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities. The book also highlights policy and social movement activism and practice within a global context. Maintaining an integrative approach throughout, authors Karen Morgaine and Moshoula Capous-Desyllas effectively bridge the gap between anti-oppressive principles and practice, and offer a practical, comprehensive solution to schools approaching reaccreditation under the mandated CSWE Standards. ? "Provides an important step in the ongoing evolution of generalist practice in social work. It continues a rich tradition [that] challenges the profession to become more and more explicit about the revolutionary aspect of practice." —Christian Itin, Metropolitan State University of Denver "Offers a fresh perspective of social work practice interventions." —Terrence Allen, North Carolina Central University

This book provides an insightful and critical assessment of the state of Canadian water governance and policy. It adopts a multidisciplinary variety of perspectives and considers local, basin, provincial and national scales. Canada's leading authorities from the social sciences, life and natural sciences address pressing water issues in a non-technical language, making them accessible to a wide audience. Even though Canada is seen as a water-rich country, with 7% of the world's reliable flow of freshwater and many of the world's largest rivers, the country nevertheless faces a number of significant water-related challenges, stemming in part from supply-demand imbalances but also a range of water quality issues. Against the backdrop of a water policy landscape that has changed significantly in recent years, this book therefore seeks to examine water-related issues that are not only important for the future of Canadian water management but also provide insights into transboundary management, non-market valuation of water, decentralized governance methods, the growing importance of the role of First Nations peoples, and other topics in water management that are vital to many jurisdictions globally. The book also presents forward-looking approaches such as resilience theory and geomatics to shed light on emerging water issues. Researchers, students and those directly involved in the management of Canadian waters will find this book a valuable source of insight. In addition, this book will appeal to policy analysts, people concerned about Canadian water resources specifically as well as global water issues.

Is Your STATUS QUO Draining Your Energy and Keeping You From Your Dreams? Are you feeling unfulfilled or restless? Does your life no longer feel like it "fits" who you are? Is it time to reinvent yourself and live in alignment with your true self? Take your first step by reading this heartwarming book by Julie Simmons and Andria Corso. The authors share their personal stories of how they reinvented themselves by recognizing and letting go of what no longer worked for them and, bit by bit, creating the lives they were truly meant to live. From starting businesses and leaving a marriage to having babies and moving to the country, journey with the authors and learn: What it feels like and means to recognize and let go of the status quo. How this step-by-step plan can help you leap into the life you truly want to live. How to deal with the inevitable fear and uncertainty on your path. How (and why) to celebrate your life's never-ending evolution. If you are ready to let go of your own status quo and harness your power to change your life, this easy-to-read volume is a must-have for your own inspirational library.

Susy Flory's life was a lot like her couch—comfy, slumberous, and safe. She was a happy suburban wife and mom who enjoyed her couch-like cocoon and avoided suffering and uncomfortable situations at all costs. Then she met Rosie... Eleanor... Elizabeth... and Jane. Now, thanks to their example, her life will never be the same. So Long, Status Quo is the powerful story of how nine amazing historical women inspired a suburban mom to abandon her safe, sheltered, vanilla existence for a life of passion, service, and significance. With challenging insight and honesty, Susy Flory shares about her struggles with selfishness and complacency and tells how the lives of these fascinating women challenged her to get up off her couch and embark on a quest for something more. Venturing into unusual and even dangerous places, she followed their example and found herself serving needy children on a secret humanitarian mission to Cuba, feeding the homeless, sharing her faith in pagan communities, and selling her jewelry to fund freshwater wells in Darfur, Sudan. Inspiring, convicting, and transformational, So Long, Status Quo challenges women to examine their lives and answer this question: what are you doing to get God's work done in the world? Whether it's by sharing your faith like Perpetua or getting your hands dirty like Rosie the Riveter, Susy's story invites women of all ages to say goodbye to their old, couch-comfy lives and become women who make a difference in their world.

In the ever-changing world of business, we've arrived at a point where process has trumped culture, where the race toward efficiency has left us unable to reach our potential. Stuck in the land of status quo, we've forgotten how to think. The very structures put in place to help businesses grow are now holding us back;; it's time to Kill the Company. This book is a call to arms: to start a revolution in how we think and work. But instead of more one-size-fits-all change initiatives forced upon employees, we need to embrace small changes that create ripple effects throughout the organization. Lisa Bodell urges companies to move from "Zombies, Inc." to "Think, Inc." Thinking can no longer be exclusive to the creative team or lead strategists. A culture of curiosity must be fostered among the ranks to shake up our standard practices, from unproductive meetings to go-nowhere strategic planning. This revolution can and will awaken our ability to think, and ultimately, to innovate and grow.

This monograph provides a coherent and systematic explanation of China's regional economic development from the perspective of regional government competition. It gives an almost unknown exposition of the mechanisms of China's regional economic development, with numerous supporting cases drawn from both China and elsewhere. This book is an invaluable resource for anyone interested to learn more particularly the development and transformation of China's regional economy from both the Chinese and global perspectives.

Evolution is killing innovation! "Just trust your gut" is great advice when your instincts tell you to run from a lion in the jungle. But when it comes to thinking innovatively about your business, those same instincts can be your own worst enemy. Cognitive biases—the instinctual mental shortcuts we all have in our brains that shape how we see and respond to the world around us—can also be the archnemeses of innovation/innovative thinking. New ideas appear too risky. Data gets discounted if it doesn't match

the hypothesis of the researcher. And even like-minded innovation enthusiasts can find that enacting disruptive change is tough when they all see things the same way. It's time to let go and learn a new way to think. Created by innovation experts, *Outsmart Your Instincts* cleverly merges behavioral science with business savvy. Using the trademarked Behavioral Innovation™ model, the authors provide an in-depth examination of eight unique biases (Negativity, Confirmation, and Conformity among them) that get in the way of creativity/creative thinking—and show us how we can overcome these barriers and break from the status quo. With clever, thought-provoking activities, accessible writing, and easy-to-follow advice, *Outsmart Your Instincts* shows us how and why we react to new ideas the way we do, and then—helps us rethink what-we-think. Once we learn to outsmart our own instincts, we can take on challenges as true innovators who rely on all of our brains' powers—not just our guts—and be equipped to outsmart the competition.

Continuing to Disrupt the Status Quo? Young and New Women Professors of Educational Leadership was conceptualized as a follow-up to *Breaking Into the All-Male Club: Female Professors of Educational Administration* (Mertz, 2009), a book about and by many women who were the first women faculty admitted into departments of educational administration primarily in the 1970's and 1980's. This book offers narratives of those women new to the field of educational leadership and makes comparisons to those stories shared by the veteran women in the field to highlight both similarities and differences. *Continuing to Disrupt the Status Quo? Young and New Women Professors of Educational Leadership* is a literary way to preserve and continue the tradition of the sharing/addition of voices to the field of educational leadership that was begun with *Breaking Into the All-Male Club*. It begs the question, "If the women from *Breaking Into the All-Male Club* are "firsts," "pioneers," and "groundbreakers," then who are we, the young and new women of the field? If the entrance of women into the field of educational leadership was threatening enough for the veteran women (and still is for many of the young and new women), then the addition of age and ethnicity as confounding factors has likely created a cacophony of dissonance forty years later! *Continuing to Disrupt the Status Quo?* represents a decade of stories (2002-2012) from young and new women to the field of educational leadership.

We are in the midst of what may well be the most confusing, turbulent period in the history of modern medicine. This book seeks to cut through the fog and confusion that enshrouds the health care industry to provide clarity on where the industry stands today and where it is headed. The book defines the major challenges in health care through the journey of Northwell Health, one of the largest provider organizations in the country. The central issues in what is nearly one-fifth of the United States economy are played out daily within this not-for-profit organization. Northwell is New York state's largest workers, and \$11 billion in annual revenue. The book candidly portrays key leaders within Northwell on the most vexing challenges in health care: How to provide primary and specialty care spending; how to create and sustain an internal system of continuous learning to enable employees at all levels to stay current in an industry that is changing at warp speed; how to provide emergency services in a world where natural disasters and acts of terrorism are inevitable; how to identify new revenue streams to offset reductions from Medicare and Medicaid; and how to push outside the walls of hospitals and clinics to improve the overall health of individuals and communities by working on determinants of health beyond the typical medical practice. The book exists at the intersection of medicine, business, social and public policy. Harvard's Michael Porter has written widely on health care arguing that it is time "for a fundamentally new strategy," but what, exactly? Where is the industry headed? What do the changes and the turbulence mean for patients, doctors, nurses? This book is the product of a learning journey both humbling and rewarding. Over time, lessons learned, improvements made, innovations conceived, have advanced Northwell Health in ways that, some years ago, might not have seemed possible. Northwell has become a national leader not because it is perfect, but because it remains steadfast in its journey to remain humble enough to know that whatever success may be achieved, the journey is about continuous learning and improvement. The goal of the book is to provide a deeper, clearer understanding of what is happening in health care and why; to help illuminate a pathway forward for patients and caregivers most of all, but also for policy-makers and the employers and others who pay for care.

One chance encounter. Two opposites. And a connection that could change everything. Heath Palmer—presumed CEO and heir to a billion-dollar business—might have shoulders broad enough to bear the responsibility of keeping his family out of the press, but that doesn't mean he can't dream of a night off. After a potential PR disaster forces him to attend his family's New Year's Eve masquerade gala, he decides to don the disguise of a valet, leading to a chance meeting at midnight with a woman he could never forget. Maia Weaver has worked the Palmer gala as a server since she was old enough to carry a silver platter, but this New Year's Eve is different. This year, she's going to find a story worth writing. Something to kick-start her career as a journalist. When she figures out the masked valet with the soulful, dark eyes is actually Heath Palmer, she gets the opportunity she was looking for—even if she would trade it all for a New Year's kiss. When the moment is interrupted, Heath fears he's lost the feisty beauty who made him feel alive, but he knows he can't afford another distraction. Not when the stakes for taking control of the company are this high. So when Maia turns up as a stewardess on his family's yacht, he has two choices: admit to wearing a disguise to his own family's party or lie and pretend they've never met. Maia's keeping secrets too, and when Heath surprises her by asking for her help as a translator on a trip across Europe, she accepts—but with an agenda of her own. As the secrets between them continue to mount, can these two opposites really expect to work together as a team? Especially when the secret they're both keeping is the one that could ruin everything—that this just might be love. *Status Quo* is the first book in a series of stand-alone contemporary romances. If you like glittery locales and destinations, grumpy billionaires afraid to admit their feelings, and plenty of slow-burn sexual tension and banter, then you'll love this first installment in Nina Hatch's new travel-themed series. Pre-order *Status Quo* to sail away with this opposites attract romance soon!

This year (2012) marks ten years of No Child Left Behind and the U.S. federal government's official designation of what qualifies as "scientifically based research" (SBR) in education. Combined, these two policies have resulted in a narrowing of education via standardization and high stakes testing (Au, 2007) as well as the curtailment of forms of inquiry that are deemed legitimate for examining education (Wright, 2006). While there has been much debate about the benefits and limitations of the NCLB legislation (e.g., Au, 2010) and SBR (e.g., Eisenhart & Towne, 2003), critical researchers have held strong to their position: The reductionistic narrowing of education curricula and educational research cannot solve the present and historical inequities in society and education (Shields, 2012). Contrarily, reductionism (via standardization and/or methodological prescription) exacerbates the challenges we face because it effectively erases the epistemological, ontological, and axiological diversity necessary for disrupting hegemonic social structures that lie at the root of human suffering (Kincheloe, 2004). Not only has NCLB proven incapable of overcoming inequalities, but there seems to be sufficient evidence to suggest it was never really intended to eliminate poverty and human suffering. That is, it seems NCLB, despite its lofty title and public discourse, is actually designed to advance the agenda of handing public education over to for-profit corporations to manage and privatize thereby intensifying the capitalist class' war on those who rely on a wage to survive (Malott, 2010). In the present ethos, reductionism upholds and retrenches the status quo (i.e. the basic structures of power), and it puts at risk education and educational research as means of working toward social justice (Biesta, 2007). Because social justice can be interpreted in multiple ways, we might note that we understand critical social justice as oriented toward action and social change. Thus, critical education and research may have potential to contribute to a number of social justice imperatives, such as: redistributing land from the neo-colonizing settler-state to Indigenous peoples, halting exploitative labor relations and hazardous working conditions for wage-earners, and engaging in reparations with formerly enslaved communities.

Read Free Breaking Through The Status Quo How Innovative Companies Are Changing The Benefits Game To Help Their Employees And Boost Their Bottom Line

Proven strategies and methods from leading business consultants and NextGeneration Benefits Advisers to control and reduce healthcare costs and improve employee benefits

Kevin Lane discusses the tension existed between China's traditional claim to sovereignty over Hong Kong. He believes that on historical track record China has the capacity for flexibility on Hong Kong that would enable arrangements about its future to work successfully.

It was a dark and stormy night in Santa Barbara. January 19, 2017. The next day's inauguration drumroll played on the evening news. Huddled around a table were nine Corwin authors and their publisher, who together have devoted their careers to equity in education. They couldn't change the weather, they couldn't heal a fractured country, but they did have the power to put their collective wisdom about EL education upon the page to ensure our multilingual learners reach their highest potential. Proudly, we introduce you now to the fruit of that effort: *Breaking Down the Wall: Essential Shifts for English Learners' Success*. In this first-of-a-kind collaboration, teachers and leaders, whether in small towns or large urban centers, finally have both the research and the practical strategies to take those first steps toward excellence in educating our culturally and linguistically diverse children. It's a book to be celebrated because it means we can throw away the dark glasses of deficit-based approaches and see children who come to school speaking a different home language for what they really are: learners with tremendous assets. The authors' contributions are arranged in nine chapters that become nine tenets for teachers and administrators to use as calls to actions in their own efforts to realize our English learners' potential: 1. From Deficit-Based to Asset-Based 2. From Compliance to Excellence 3. From Watering Down to Challenging 4. From Isolation to Collaboration 5. From Silence to Conversation 6. From Language to Language, Literacy, and Content 7. From Assessment of Learning to Assessment for and as Learning 8. From Monolingualism to Multilingualism 9. From Nobody Cares to Everyone/Every Community Cares Read this book; the chapters speak to one another, a melodic echo of expertise, classroom vignettes, and steps to take. To shift the status quo is neither fast nor easy, but there is a clear process, and it's laid out here in *Breaking Down the Wall*. To distill it into a single line would go something like this: if we can assume mutual ownership, if we can connect instruction to all children's personal, social, cultural, and linguistic identities, then all students will achieve.

There's one thing holding you back. It's you. Your instincts compel you to hide in comfort instead of facing life-limiting fears. In *Cubicle Apocalypse*, Ryan Gillespie peels back the layers, helping you to discover the fears we all face as human beings. With this welcome paradigm shift, your new comfort zone will be taking risks and seeking change to drastically improve your life. The journey in *Cubicle Apocalypse* begins with discovering yourself. There are straightforward tips and ideas that help to turn your fears into motivation and strength building opportunities. Then a straightforward blueprint is presented, complete with interactive Take Action sections, that will allow you to grow exponentially within your career or business. If you want to elevate your life, find success, and grow, *Cubicle Apocalypse* is a must read! Cover Art Credit: Raeghan Rebstock

This volume surveys the new global landscape for democratic civic education. Rooted in qualitative research, the contributors explore the many ways that notions of democracy and citizenship have been implemented in recent education policy, curriculum, and classroom practice around the world. From Indonesia to the Spokane Reservation and El Salvador to Estonia, these chapters reveal a striking diversity of approaches to political socialization in varying cultural and institutional contexts. By bringing to bear the methodological, conceptual and theoretical perspectives of qualitative research, this book adds important new voices to one of education's most critical debates: how to form democratic citizens in a changing world.

Thinking Jewish Culture in America argues that Jewish thought extends our awareness and deepens the complexity of American Jewish culture. This volume stretches the disciplinary boundaries of Jewish thought so that it can productively engage expanding arenas of culture by drawing Jewish thought into the orbit of cultural studies. The eleven contributors to *Thinking Jewish Cultures*, together with Chancellor Arnold Eisen's postscript, position Jewish thought within the dynamics and possibilities of contemporary Jewish culture. These diverse essays in Jewish thought re-imagine cultural space as a public and sometimes contested performance of Jewish identity, and they each seek to re-enliven that space with reflective accounts of cultural meaning. How do Jews imagine themselves as embodied actors in America? Do cultural obligations limit or expand notions of the self? How should we imagine Jewish thought as a cultural performance? What notions of peoplehood might sustain a vibrant Jewish collectivity in a globalized economy? How do programs in Jewish studies work within the academy? These and other questions engage both Jewish thought and culture, opening space for theoretical works to broaden the range of cultural studies, and to deepen our understanding of Jewish cultural dynamics. *Thinking Jewish Culture* is a work about Jewish cultural identity reflected through literature, visual arts, philosophy, and theology. But it is more than a mere reflection of cultural patterns and choices: the argument pursued throughout *Thinking Jewish Culture* is that reflective sources help produce the very cultural meanings and performances they purport to analyze.

It's certainly easy to understand why mediocrity seems to be the new norm in our country. After all, take a look around. As you read this we find ourselves burdened with immense national debt, polarized political parties, sky high unemployment, and increasing levels of hunger, homelessness, and hopelessness. All while our discontent with leaders across all segments of society leaves us scratching our heads and searching our hearts to understand, "how did we end up here?" The more important question, of course, is where do we go from here? And, as importantly, what role will you play? This is where I have some good news to offer. *Mediocre Me* reminds us the solution to the current mess we're in is already present—"invisible" in plain sight. It's not found in another government program nor can it be dictated merely by expert opinions. Rather, the answer to our individual and collective challenges is found in the inspiring example of those citizen-leaders in our midst who are hard at work trying to move things solidly forward in their spheres of influence. And, best of all, they are waiting for more of us to join them. Sound frightening? Challenging? Too difficult to pull off, you say? Think again.

Challenging the Status Quo offers the latest cutting-edge scholarship in the subfield of sociology of diversity and inclusion. After their initial inception as a schoolboy band named The Scorpions in 1962, and following a number of band name and personnel changes, Status Quo eventually hit the charts in 1968 with the massive hit single 'Pictures of Matchstick Men'. However, it wasn't until they ditched their psychedelic duds and took on the denim, accompanied by a radical gear-shift from teenage-friendly pop to out-and-out electric boogie that they came into their own, defining the rock music genre for many throughout the 1970s. A raft of hugely successful albums followed that are still held in awe by an army of loyal fans; the release of *Piledriver* in 1972 heralded a purple patch in which twelve consecutive long-players charted in the UK top 10. The classic 'Frantic Four' lineup of Rossi, Parfitt, Lancaster and Coghlan started to disintegrate in 1981 and eventually imploded after Live Aid in 1985. Although Quo have gone on to post over sixty UK chart hits in no less than six separate decades, this publication focuses on those days of glory, song by song from their earliest recordings until the demise of the classic lineup.

Breaking Through Your Own Glass Ceiling offers simple, proven prosperity practices to address power dynamics faced by BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) and other underrepresented communities. You can begin today to identify and uproot

unhealthy patterns and replace them with consistent thoughts and behaviors to embrace a full-hearted life—even in environments that do not support your well-being. Many people attempt to navigate glass ceilings by reading self-help and motivational books that send the message that vision boards, meditation apps, and affirmations will compensate for exclusionary policies and laws. This book rejects the “one size fits all” approach to career development and self-care that leads people to internalize their own glass ceiling. If you are ready to have a full-hearted breakthrough, this book can be your daily guide and inspiration.

From award-winning ProPublica reporter Marshall Allen, a primer for anyone who wants to fight the predatory health care system--and win. Every year, millions of Americans are overcharged and underserved while the health care industry makes record profits. We know something is wrong, but the layers of bureaucracy designed to discourage complaints make pushing back seem impossible. At least, this is what the health care power players want you to think. *Never Pay the First Bill* is the guerilla guide to health care the American people and employers need. Drawing on 15 years of investigating the health care industry, reporter Marshall Allen shows how companies and individuals have managed to force medical providers to play fair, and shows how you can, too. He reveals the industry's pressure points and how companies and individuals have fought overbilling, price gouging, insurance denials, and more to get the care they deserve. Laying out a practical plan for protecting yourself against the system's predatory practices, Allen offers the inspiration you need and tried-and-true strategies such as: Analyze and contest your medical bills, so you don't pay more than you should Obtain the billing codes for a procedure in advance Write in an appropriate treatment clause before signing financial documents Get your way by suing in small claims court Few politicians and CEOs have been willing to stand up to the medical industry. It is up to the American people to equip ourselves to fight back for the sake of our families--and everyone else.

"If the messages in this book were read and acted upon by every pastor and church member, we would have the revival for which Dr. Tozer fervently prayed, and for which many of us are praying today." — Warren Wiersbe "The church should be a healthy, fruitful vineyard that will bring honor to Christ," says A. W. Tozer. But to do so, we as individuals must stop accepting the status quo and get out of our spiritual ruts. In *Rut, Rot, or Revival*, Tozer describes the signs of being in a spiritual rut, the reasons we get into them, how to get out, and, most importantly, why we need to get out now.

Like Volume one, Volume two of *The Russo-Japanese War in Global Perspective* examines the Russo-Japanese War in its military, diplomatic, social, political, and cultural context. In this volume East Asian contributors focus on the Asian side of the war to flesh out the assertion that the Russo-Japanese War was, in fact, World War Zero, the first global conflict of the 20th century. The contributors demonstrate that the Russo-Japanese War, largely forgotten in the aftermath of World War I, actually was a precursor to the catastrophe that engulfed the world less than a decade after the signing of the Treaty of Portsmouth. This study also helps us better understand Japan as it emerged at the beginning of its fateful 20th century.

Focus on what matters most—and intentionally remove the rest. Logically, we all know our purpose in life is not wrapped up in accumulating possessions, wealth, power, and prestige—Jesus is very clear about that—but society tells us otherwise. *Christian Minimalism* attempts to cut through our assumptions and society's lies about what life should look like and invites readers into a life that Jesus calls us to live: one lived intentionally, free of physical, spiritual, and emotional clutter. Written by a woman who simplified her own life and practices these principles daily, this book gives readers a fresh perspective on how to live out God's grace for us in new and exciting ways and live out our faith in a way that is deeply satisfying.

The Fourth Dimension: The Next Level of Personal and Organizational Achievement As the latest wave of corporate downsizing, streamlining, and reengineering initiatives continues to mount in intensity, the traditional employer-employee relationship is experiencing a massive shakeup, and a new work paradigm is struggling to be born. At the same time that employers are finding that they can no longer offer the traditional carrots of job security and lavish compensation packages, they are coming to recognize the need to forge closer partnerships with their employees-partnerships defined by shared risks, responsibilities, and rewards. But a paradigm shift of this magnitude cannot occur without considerable effort on the parts of both employers and employees. Such a successful fusion of personal and organizational visions requires a radical change in attitudes, expectations, and work patterns, and those who are quickest to make those changes are sure to be the big winners in the years ahead. *The Fourth Dimension* provides a comprehensive program for managers challenged to do more with less and individuals seeking to improve the quality of their worklives. It offers proven techniques to help you excel in the three primary work dimensions outlined in the authors' acclaimed *MetaWork System(TM)*: * *PowerWork(TM)*: efficiency, effectiveness, and the achievement of the right results * *NetWork(TM)*: sharing competence and knowledge with others and developing more dynamic working relationships * *ValueWork(TM)*: achieving more frequent breakthroughs in performance and value added based on individual and group ideas You'll learn how to integrate these three primary dimensions into an incredibly potent Fourth Dimension, a newly defined workspace within which individuals, teams, and entire companies continually exceed their best hopes and expectations. Throughout *The Fourth Dimension*, the authors provide vivid real-life illustrations of the astonishing results that have been achieved with the techniques they describe. Personal profiles of leaders such as Rebecca Matthias of Mothers Work and Steve Wiggins of Oxford Health Plans, as well as case studies of top companies, including Hewlett-Packard, Compaq, and Microsoft, lead you to a fuller understanding of the revolutionary changes now reshaping the work world and how many of today's business leaders have learned to use fourth dimensional thinking to gain the competitive edge. Offering a complete program for achieving higher levels of performance by combining personal and organizational vision, *The Fourth Dimension* is must reading for executives, managers, team leaders, entrepreneurs, and virtually anyone interested in achieving a more fulfilling and meaningful destiny in the postindustrial work world.

In her first book, *From Status Quo to Creativity*, Ijeoma Nwankwo encourages her readers to push past complacency and strive for something greater. “The goal here,” she writes, “is to be bold while staying aware of the importance of creativity, which can advance you as an individual and add greater value to the overall work you take part in.” Through a

straightforward, step-by-step process, readers explore the keys to creativity, learn how to conquer everyday obstacles, and embrace innovation. With in-depth explanations on ROI, customer—unsung hero, automation, problem solving and SMART goals, *From Status Quo to Creativity* guides the reader through exercises designed to help everyone from beginners to experts dig deeper and reach higher. For those looking to push ahead in the business world and break through the barriers of the mundane, Nwankwo has a powerful message: “You can do it!”

Offers advice on how to lead an organization into change, including establishing a sense of urgency, developing a vision and strategy, and generating short-term wins.

The New York Times, BusinessWeek, and Wall Street Journal Bestseller that redefined what it means to be a leader. Since it was first published almost a decade ago, Seth Godin's visionary book has helped tens of thousands of leaders turn a scattering of followers into a loyal tribe. If you need to rally fellow employees, customers, investors, believers, hobbyists, or readers around an idea, this book will demystify the process. It's human nature to seek out tribes, be they religious, ethnic, economic, political, or even musical (think of the Deadheads). Now the Internet has eliminated the barriers of geography, cost, and time. Social media gives anyone who wants to make a difference the tools to do so. With his signature wit and storytelling flair, Godin presents the three steps to building a tribe: the desire to change things, the ability to connect a tribe, and the willingness to lead. If you think leadership is for other people, think again—leaders come in surprising packages. Consider Joel Spolsky and his international tribe of scary-smart software engineers. Or Gary Vaynerhuck, a wine expert with a devoted following of enthusiasts. Chris Sharma led a tribe of rock climbers up impossible cliff faces, while Mich Mathews, a VP at Microsoft, ran her internal tribe of marketers from her cube in Seattle. Tribes will make you think—really think—about the opportunities to mobilize an audience that are already at your fingertips. It's not easy, but it's easier than you think.

When LaBelle Nambangi immigrated to America from Cameroon, one thing remained a constant among the vast cultural changes she experienced: the patriarchy. She was dismayed by the ingrained sexism present in both countries, but also inspired by the women she met on either side of the Atlantic who defied their cultures and succeeded despite the societal biases that attempted to hold them down. *Women Who Soar* shares the stories of these inspirational figures--leaders, entrepreneurs, visionaries, mothers, sisters--and their fight against patriarchal culture. LaBelle passionately explores how far we've come and how far we still have to go to dispel deeply ingrained sexism, whether it's through the stories we tell our children, the educational opportunities we provide, or the support we lend to one another. No matter the country, no matter the society, the battle of breaking the patriarchy is far from over. But when women band together, there's no height they can't reach.

Victorian science changed language from a tool into a natural phenomenon, evolving independently of its speakers. Will Abberley explores how science and fiction interacted in imagining different stories of language evolution. Popular narratives of language progress clashed with others of decay and degeneration. Furthermore, the blurring of language evolution with biological evolution encouraged Victorians to re-imagine language as a mixture of social convention and primordial instinct. Abberley argues that fiction by authors such as Charles Kingsley, Thomas Hardy and H. G. Wells not only reflected these intellectual currents, but also helped to shape them. Genres from utopia to historical romance supplied narrative models for generating thought experiments in the possible pasts and futures of language. Equally, fiction that explored the instinctive roots of language intervened in debates about language standardisation and scientific objectivity. These textual readings offer new perspectives on twenty-first-century discussions about language evolution and the language of science.

The way we solve problems is broken—we're trapped by techniques and assumptions of a prior era. Challenges are emerging at an ever-accelerating rate and we struggle to find the imaginative answers we crave. And, even when we do, biology and culture conspire to obstruct our progress. *Thinking Wrong: How to Conquer the Status Quo and Do Work That Matters* teaches you how to use our radical problem solving system to reliably produce surprising, ingenious, and seemingly magical answers to your most wicked questions. The book provides you with the new language, frameworks, and tools you'll need to conquer the status quo and drive change. Inside? Think Wrong, designers and innovators John Bielenberg, Mike Burn, and Greg Galle show how pioneering teams have cultivated ways to challenge both their brains and the culture at large. These game-changers learned to think wrong, and so can the rest of us. An introduction offers the fundamental groundwork of *Think Wrong*. The subsequent chapters present six practices developed by the authors: Be Bold, Get Out, Let Go, Make Stuff, Bet Small, and Move Fast. Using first hand case studies of success, and offering Think Wrong Drills that readers may use, *Think Wrong* is a field guide for applying this highly effective problem-solving system to challenges big and small. In addition to the drills provided in the book, *Think Wrong* readers are provided access to free online resources.

Semper Fidelis. Always Faithful. This book contains some unpopular ideas. Each chapter presents an idea on a subject that you thought you had already wrapped your head around only to have the author challenge that understanding. The concepts and ideas are a little weird. If you choose to threaten the status quo that you have followed up until now, well, that will make you weird too. This is not the normal way, challenging mass beliefs goes against cultural wisdom, the status quo, our peers, and sometimes even our parents. It can be scary, hard, frustrating and emotional to challenge what you thought you believed. However, it is incredibly satisfying, peaceful and worth it to come to your own conclusions. Therefore, think outside the box, question everything, press on, OORAH! *Semper Fi. I'll be ever faithful to my calling. May you be ever faithful to yours.*

As consumers wrestle with tightening credit, inflation, economic slowdown and uncertainties, unemployment, debt, the housing crises, global unrest, mortgage foreclosures, and prognostications of doom and gloom, doing something different is more important than ever. Repositioning, reengineering, renewing, rejuvenating and reenergizing are all rising in priority as they relate to improving businesses, careers, hopes, dreams, personal development and life in general. As a result, Life improvement, battling status quo, ambition, the pursuit of happiness, dealing with change, or exploring the possibilities, are all or in part, on the mind of many today. All of these are related to change, improvement, doing things again or different or re-_____ (insert your Re: word of choice here). This book is the response to the point in time, life and history that our generation is in. It boils down to Re-newing, Re-viving, Re-inventing, Re-engineering, Re-positioning, Rejuvenating your business and life.

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