

Built To Sell Creating A Business That Can Thrive Without You John Warrillow

Many of the areas that salespeople struggle with these days have long been the domain of marketers, according to bestselling author John Jantsch. The traditional business model dictates that marketers own the message while sellers own the relationships. But now, Jantsch flips the usual sales approach on its head. It's no longer enough to view a salesperson's job as closing. Today's superstars must attract, teach, convert, serve, and measure while developing a personal brand that stands for trust and expertise. In *Duct Tape Selling*, Jantsch shows how to tackle a changing sales environment, whether you're an individual or charged with leading a sales team. You will learn to think like a marketer as you: Create an expert platform Become an authority in your field Mine networks to create critical relationships within your company and among your clients Build and utilize your Sales Hourglass Finish the sale and stay connected Make referrals an automatic part of your process As Jantsch writes: "Most people already know that the days of knocking on doors and hard-selling are over. But as I travel around the world speaking to groups of business owners, marketers, and sales professionals, the number one question I'm asked is, 'What do we do now?' "I've written this book specifically to answer that question. At the heart of it, marketing and sales have become activities that no longer simply support each other so much as feed off of each other's activity. Sales professionals must think and act like marketers in order to completely reframe their role in the mind of the customer."

Thimblesofplenty ist eine Gruppe von Freunden, die zufällig auch Geschäftsleute und Bücherwürmer sind. Wir wollten zu halten mit den neuesten Geschäfts-Bücher, fand aber Zeit war ein Faktor. So wir haben die Arbeit geteilt und jeder von uns nahm ein Buch und es für die anderen zusammengefasst haben. Wir haben gedacht dass es eine gute Idee wäre, diese Zusammenfassungen mit Ihnen zu teilen. Für einen kleinen Preis und eine 3 Minuten Zeitaufwand unsere Zusammenfassungen bietet Ihnen einige der Weisheit aus dem Buch, einige Denkanstöße und hoffentlich den Anstoß, Zeit machen, das ganze Buch zu lesen!

The #1 New York Times bestseller. Over 2 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.

"This is not a book about charismatic visionary leaders. It is not about visionary product concepts or visionary products or visionary market insights. Nor is it about just having a corporate vision. This is a book about something far more important, enduring, and substantial. This is a book about visionary companies." So write Jim Collins and Jerry Porras in this groundbreaking book that shatters myths, provides new insights, and gives practical guidance to those who would like to build landmark companies that stand the test of time. Drawing upon a six-year research project at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, Collins and Porras took eighteen truly exceptional and long-lasting companies -- they have an average age of nearly one hundred years and have outperformed the general stock market by a factor of fifteen since 1926 -- and studied each company in direct comparison to one of its top competitors. They examined the companies from their very beginnings to the present day -- as start-ups, as midsize companies, and as large corporations. Throughout, the authors asked: "What makes the truly exceptional companies different from other companies?" What separates General Electric, 3M, Merck, Wal-Mart, Hewlett-Packard, Walt Disney, and Philip Morris from their rivals? How, for example, did Procter & Gamble, which began life substantially behind rival Colgate, eventually prevail as the premier institution in its industry? How was Motorola able to move from a humble battery repair business into integrated circuits and cellular communications, while Zenith never became dominant in anything other than TVs? How did Boeing unseat McDonnell Douglas as the world's best commercial aircraft company -- what did Boeing have that McDonnell Douglas lacked? By answering such questions, Collins and Porras go beyond the incessant barrage of management buzzwords and fads of the day to discover timeless qualities that have consistently distinguished out-standing companies. They also provide inspiration to all executives and entrepreneurs by destroying the false but widely accepted idea that only charismatic visionary leaders can build visionary companies. Filled with hundreds of specific examples and organized into a coherent framework of practical concepts that can be applied by managers and entrepreneurs at all levels, *Built to Last* provides a master blueprint for building organizations that will prosper long into the twenty-first century and beyond.

From the creator of *Product Launch Formula: A new edition of the #1 New York Times best-selling guide that's redefined online marketing and helped countless entrepreneurs make millions.* The revised and updated edition of the #1 New York Times bestseller *Launch* will build your business - fast. Whether you've already got an online business or you're itching to start one, this is a recipe for getting more traction and a fast start. Think about it: What if you could launch like Apple or the big Hollywood studios? What if your prospects eagerly counted down the days until they could buy your product? And you could do it no matter how humble your business or budget? Since 1996, Jeff Walker has been creating hugely successful online launches. After bootstrapping his first Internet business from his basement, he quickly developed a process for launching new products and businesses with unprecedented success. And once he started teaching his formula to other entrepreneurs, the results were simply breathtaking. Tiny, home-based businesses started doing launches that brought in tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, and even millions of dollars. Whether you have an existing business or you're starting from scratch, this is how you start fast. This formula is how you engineer massive success. Now the question is this: Do you want to start slow, and fade away from there? Or

are you ready for a launch that will change the future of your business and your life?

This book helps business owners and entrepreneurs understand how to build and sell a business for maximum value. It demystifies the world of mergers & acquisitions, private equity, and institutional deal making. Readers will understand how businesses are valued, how to build a scalable and profitable business, and how to avoid the 19 biggest mistakes business owners make.

MBA MEETS MAIN STREET Finally, the positive economic news every businessperson is waiting to hear. Jack Garson says the long economic downturn will give way to a major buying spree by cash-rich companies—and they could be in the market to purchase your small or medium-sized business. It's the ultimate payday for everyone who wants to live the American dream, whether they're starting a business or already own one. Millions of dollars are on the table. But will you and your business be ready? How to Build a Business and Sell it for Millions is a must-read for every business owner and would-be entrepreneur. In entertaining and elaborate detail, Garson outlines the vital moves your company needs to make to become an attractive acquisition by other firms: • Do you have a competitive edge that sets you apart from your competition? • Are both you and your company sustainable and able to outlast the bad times to become a success? • Can you stop being a "Derek," the boss who suffers from "Founder's Dilemma," micromanaging everything big and small? How to Build a Business and Sell it for Millions uses real life examples to explain how the goal of selling your company needs to be linked to every business decision you make: hiring, compensation, contracts, financial reporting and dozens of other areas often overlooked by busy entrepreneurs. While many business owners struggle to get to the next day, Garson has the inside scoop on achieving the opportunity of a lifetime— selling your company for vast riches. In How to Build a Business and Sell It for Millions, MBA meets Main Street, with a combination of inspiration and invaluable practical advice.

More than 100,000 entrepreneurs rely on this book for detailed, step-by-step instructions on building successful, scalable, profitable startups. The National Science Foundation pays hundreds of startup teams each year to follow the process outlined in the book, and it's taught at Stanford, Berkeley, Columbia and more than 100 other leading universities worldwide. Why? The Startup Owner's Manual guides you, step-by-step, as you put the Customer Development process to work. This method was created by renowned Silicon Valley startup expert Steve Blank, co-creator with Eric Ries of the "Lean Startup" movement and tested and refined by him for more than a decade. This 608-page how-to guide includes over 100 charts, graphs, and diagrams, plus 77 valuable checklists that guide you as you drive your company toward profitability. It will help you: • Avoid the 9 deadly sins that destroy startups' chances for success • Use the Customer Development method to bring your business idea to life • Incorporate the Business Model Canvas as the organizing principle for startup hypotheses • Identify your customers and determine how to "get, keep and grow" customers profitably • Compute how you'll drive your startup to repeatable, scalable profits. The Startup Owner's Manual was originally published by K&S Ranch Publishing Inc. and is now available from Wiley. The cover, design, and content are the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product.

Too many entrepreneurs push off planning for the sale of their business until the last moment. But for a business to sell for what it's really worth—or even more—owners need to prepare for the sale from the very start. In Exit Rich, author and mergers and acquisitions authority Michelle Seiler Tucker joins forces with Sharon Lechter, finance expert and author of Rich Dad Poor Dad, to create a must-have guide for all business owners—whether they're gearing up to sell a business now or just getting started building out their company into something to sell for a profit in the future. Seiler Tucker's twofold approach to selling your business for maximum profit combines two of the most powerful elements of her mergers and acquisitions toolkit: the "ST GPS Exit Model" to help business owners set goals for the sale before their business hit the market, and the "6 P Method" to help them objectively evaluate their business's worth, before their potential buyers do. Combined, these tools provide invaluable insight into the process of preparing a business for sale, finding the right buyers, and staging the sale itself. Throughout the book, Sharon Lechter's wisdom peppers each chapter in the "Mentoring Corner" section, providing forward-thinking entrepreneurs with the perspective that they need to take control of their business's future and exit rich. This book is a rich resource for any business owner looking to: • Objectively evaluate their business before a sale • Improve their chances of finding the right buyer • Sell their business for maximum profit

There are approximately 35 million business to business sales reps in the country selling everything from books and computers to furniture and flooring. They know as well as anyone that selling to other businesses is not the same as selling to consumers. Businesses have different budgets, needs, demands, and expectations from those of general consumers. That means an entirely different skill set is required of business to business sales reps. How to Say It: Business to Business Selling is the only book of its kind that caters exclusively to business to business sales professionals. Its short chapters provide tips and strategies tailored especially for the unique business to business selling process. You'll learn how to: Motivate Yourself to Sell Craft an Elevator Pitch Find Hot Sales Leads Make a Cold Call Use Voicemail to Sell Give a Sales Presentation Write a Sales Proposal Give a Product Demo Negotiate the Best Deal Close a Sale Create a Powerful Sales Process Sell to Top Executives Build Sales Partnerships Get a Customer Referral Accelerate Your Sales Cycle With How to Say It: Business to Business Selling you can sell business to business like a seasoned pro.

Harris, one of the most powerful and respected women in business, shares advice, tips, and strategies for surviving in any workplace environment.

A business parable about how to build a start-up that can operate independently from its creator introduces the fictional character of small business owner Alex, who when he is unable to sell his advertising agency learns from an entrepreneurial friend three defining criteria of a sell-ready company. 15,000 first printing.

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According to John Warrillow, the number one mistake entrepreneurs make is to build a business that relies too heavily on them. Thus, when the time comes to sell, buyers aren't confident that the company—even if it's profitable—can stand on its own. To illustrate this, Warrillow introduces us to a fictional small business owner named Alex who is struggling to sell his

advertising agency. Alex turns to Ted, an entrepreneur and old family friend, who encourages Alex to pursue three criteria to make his business sellable: * Teachable: focus on products and services that you can teach employees to deliver. * Valuable: avoid price wars by specializing in doing one thing better than anyone else. * Repeatable: generate recurring revenue by engineering products that customers have to repurchase often.

In *The Partnership Charter*, psychologist and business mediation expert David Gage offers a comprehensive guide to the art of establishing and maintaining a business partnership. The centerpiece of his approach is the Partnership Charter, a document that clearly outlines the goals, expectations, responsibilities, and relationships of the principals. The charter identifies potential sources of conflict and how they will be resolved, while addressing such sensitive issues as personal styles, values, money, and power. Illustrating every principle through engaging stories drawn from Gage's front-line experience consulting to business partners, as well as interviews with the founding partners of such successful businesses as Progressive Insurance Company and Manpower, Inc., *The Partnership Charter* dispels common myths and presents a practical framework for launching, building, and sustaining a thriving business partnership.

80% of small businesses never sell. In *The Ultimate Sale*, award-winning certified financial planner Justin Goodbread reveals the challenges small business owners face, including that only 30% of family-run businesses survive into the second generation. The good news is, Justin can help you beat the odds and prepare your business for a final sale by teaching you: The three types of capital you may be missing when it comes to knowing what your business is worth. How to identify which appraisal method you must use to get the most value out of your business. The surprising and vital role "human capital" plays in the ability to sell for maximum profit. Who you need on your business Dream Team and why these key players are worth it. How to pinpoint your ideal buyer with breakdowns of the most important types of customers. Discover the exit strategies Justin Goodbread teaches business owners to use sell their businesses and rise above dismal industry statistics. *The Ultimate Sale* is your guide to navigating business sales, mergers, or buyouts ultimately to prepare you for the next chapter in your life.

From the Publisher: America's 27 million business owners want to build sellable companies so that they can retire, travel, cash out, or just sleep well at night knowing they could sell. Unfortunately, just 1 out of 100 business owners are successful in selling their company each year because too many have built unsellable companies. Readers of *Built To Sell* will learn: -The 8 steps to creating a sellable company -How to attract multiple strategic bidders for their business -How to maximize their valuation and get the highest possible price for their business -The secret to getting their cash up front and avoiding a lengthy earn out Described by one reader as "John Grisham meets Jim Collins", John Warrillow's new book provides business owners with a blueprint for creating a sellable company.

Freedom. It's the ability to do whatever you want, whenever you want. It's the ultimate reward of selling your business. But selling a company can be confusing, and one wrong step can easily cost you dearly. *The Art of Selling Your Business: Winning Strategies & Secret Hacks for Exiting on Top* is the last in a trilogy of books by author John Warrillow on building value. The first, *Built to Sell*, encouraged small business owners to begin thinking about their business as more than just a job. The *Automatic Customer* tagged recurring revenue as the core element in a valuable company and provided a blueprint for transforming almost any business into one with an ongoing annuity stream. Warrillow completes the set with *The Art of Selling Your Business*. This essential guide to monetizing a business is based on interviews the author conducted on his podcast, *Built to Sell Radio*, with hundreds of successfully cashed-out founders. What's the secret for harvesting the value you've created when it's time to sell? *The Art of Selling Your Business* answers important questions facing any founder, including— • What's your business worth? • When's the best time to sell? • How do you create a bidding war? • How can you position your company to maximize its attractiveness? • Who will pay the most for your business? • What's the secret for punching above your weight in a negotiation to sell your company? *The Art of Selling Your Business* provides a sleeves-rolled-up action plan for selling your business at a premium by an author with consummate credibility.

This is the road map to a seven-figure business . . . in one year or less The word "entrepreneur" is today's favorite buzzword, and any aspiring business owner has likely encountered an overwhelming number of so-called "easy paths to success." The truth is that building a real, profitable, sustainable business requires thousands of hours of commitment, grit, and hard work. It's no wonder why more than half of new businesses close within six years of opening, and fewer than 5 percent will ever earn more than \$1 million annually. *12 Months to \$1 Million* condenses the startup phase into one fast-paced year that has helped hundreds of new entrepreneurs hit the million-dollar level by using an exclusive and foolproof formula. By cutting out the noise and providing a clear and proven plan, this roadmap helps even brand-new entrepreneurs make decisions quickly, get their product up for sale, and launch it to a crowd that is ready and waiting to buy. This one-year plan will guide you through the three stages to your first \$1 million: • The Grind (Months 0-4): This step-by-step plan will help you identify a winning product idea, target customers that are guaranteed to buy, secure funding, and take your first sale within your first four months. • The Growth (Months 5 - 8): Once you're in business, you will discover how to use cheap and effective advertising strategies to get your product to at least 25 sales per day, so you can prove you have a profitable business. • The Gold (Months 9-12): It's time to establish series of products available for sale, until you are averaging at least 100 sales per day, getting you closer to the million-dollar mark every single day. Through his training sessions at *Capitalism.com*, Ryan Daniel Moran has helped new and experienced entrepreneurs launch scalable and sustainable online businesses. He's seen more than 100 entrepreneurs cross the seven-figure barrier, many of whom go on to sell their businesses. If your goal is to be a full-time entrepreneur, get ready for one chaotic, stressful, and rewarding year. If you have the guts to complete it, you will be the proud owner of a million-dollar business and be in a position to call your own shots for life.

Most people wake up and drive to a job that they hate. Think about your five closest friends. Are they happy? Do they live

their lives with purpose? Do you? We put on a fake front for what we want people to see and think about us, but the reality is most people aren't happy. We're lost. We settle. We aren't happy with where we are. You can't be happy if you don't know your purpose. It's not possible. You want more but you don't even know where to start. You know there is more out there. You see others having success and you want it, too; there is nothing wrong with that. You just need help finding your purpose so you can find the success you see all around you. You can be productive, crush your goals, pretend that all the things that you've acquired actually mean something...but at the end of the day, if you don't know your purpose, you'll always feel like there's something missing. You'll know that you're capable of more and that you're not living the life you should be. You might be fooling the world, but you're not fooling the person looking back at you in the mirror. You need to find your actual power source. Your purpose is your source of power. Once you find your purpose it'll fuel you for life. You'll do things that you never thought you were capable of. Achieving your purpose will force you to morph into a stronger version of yourself. You'll have to push through fears, insecurities, and doubts that held you back. But somehow it'll all feel possible and necessary because you're purpose-driven now...and that's the only thing you'll ever need.

Entrepreneurs have a problem: startups. Almost all startups either fail or never truly reach a sustainable size. Despite the popularity of entrepreneurship, we haven't engineered a better way to start. ...Until now. What if you could skip the startup phase and generate profitable revenue on day one? In *Buy Then Build*, acquisition entrepreneur Walker Deibel shows you how to begin with a sustainable, profitable company and grow from there. You'll learn how to: ? Buy an existing company rather than starting from scratch? Use ownership as a path to financial independence? Spend a fraction of the time raising capital? Find great brokers, generate your own "deal flow," and see new listings early? Uncover the best opportunities and biggest risks of any company? Navigate the acquisition process? Become a successful acquisition entrepreneur? And more *Buy Then Build* is your guide to outsmart the startup game, live the entrepreneurial lifestyle, and reap the financial rewards of ownership now.

The proven, effective strategy for reinventing your business in the age of ever-present disruption Disruption by digital technologies? That's not a new story. But what is new is the "wise pivot," a replicable strategy for harnessing disruption to survive, grow, and be relevant to the future. It's a strategy for perpetual reinvention across the old, now, and new elements of any business. Rapid recent advances in technology are forcing leaders in every business to rethink long-held beliefs about how to adapt to emerging technologies and new markets. What has become abundantly clear: in the digital age, conventional wisdom about business transformation no longer works, if it ever did. Based on Accenture's own experience of reinventing itself in the face of disruption, the company's real world client work, and a rigorous two-year study of thousands of businesses across 30 industries, *Pivot to the Future* reveals methodical and bold moves for finding and releasing new sources of trapped value-unlocked by bridging the gap between what is technologically possible and how technologies are being used. The freed value enables companies to simultaneously reinvent their legacy, and current and new businesses. *Pivot to the Future* is for leaders who seek to turn the existential threats of today and tomorrow into sustainable growth, with the courage to understand that a wise pivot strategy is not a one-time event, but a commitment to a future of perpetual reinvention, where one pivot is followed by the next and the next.

When COVID-19 became a global pandemic, somebody hit a reset button on the economy. Literally. Economists have begun referring to the 2020 event as the Great Reset as lockdowns and health scares caused dramatic shifts in the business and economic landscape across the world. In *Survive and Thrive*, readers learn what this reset means for their world and their place in the economy as they build (or rebuild) a business in 2020 and beyond. *Survive and Thrive* paves the path for any entrepreneur to start from scratch and build a profitable business in any economy, including this one, with a series of marketing, sales, and finance strategies that integrate together to help business owners survive and create a thriving business with lasting, long-term success.

If you are thinking about starting your own consultancy; have started one and hit your first round of growing pains, or are a veteran looking at an exit, this book is for you.

The Challenge Built to Last, the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the very beginning. But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? The Study For years, this question preyed on the mind of Jim Collins. Are there companies that defy gravity and convert long-term mediocrity or worse into long-term superiority? And if so, what are the universal distinguishing characteristics that cause a company to go from good to great? The Standards Using tough benchmarks, Collins and his research team identified a set of elite companies that made the leap to great results and sustained those results for at least fifteen years. How great? After the leap, the good-to-great companies generated cumulative stock returns that beat the general stock market by an average of seven times in fifteen years, better than twice the results delivered by a composite index of the world's greatest companies, including Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric, and Merck. The Comparisons The research team contrasted the good-to-great companies with a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to make the leap from good to great. What was different? Why did one set of companies become truly great performers while the other set remained only good? Over five years, the team analyzed the histories of all twenty-eight companies in the study. After sifting through mountains of data and thousands of pages of interviews, Collins and his crew discovered the key determinants of greatness -- why some companies make the leap and others don't. The Findings The findings of the Good to Great study will surprise many readers and shed light on virtually every area of management strategy and practice. The findings include: Level 5 Leaders: The research team was shocked to discover the type of leadership required to achieve greatness. The Hedgehog Concept (Simplicity within the Three Circles): To go from good to great requires transcending the curse of competence. A Culture of Discipline: When you combine a culture of discipline with an ethic of entrepreneurship, you get the magical alchemy of great results. Technology Accelerators: Good-to-great companies think differently about the role of technology. The Flywheel and the Doom Loop: Those who launch radical change programs and

wrenching restructurings will almost certainly fail to make the leap. "Some of the key concepts discerned in the study," comments Jim Collins, "fly in the face of our modern business culture and will, quite frankly, upset some people." Perhaps, but who can afford to ignore these findings?

How maverick companies have passed up the growth treadmill — and focused on greatness instead. It's an axiom of business that great companies grow their revenues and profits year after year. Yet quietly, under the radar, a small number of companies have rejected the pressure of endless growth to focus on more satisfying business goals. Goals like being great at what they do, creating a great place to work, providing great customer service, making great contributions to their communities, and finding great ways to lead their lives. In *Small Giants*, veteran journalist Bo Burlingham takes us deep inside fourteen remarkable companies that have chosen to march to their own drummer. They include Anchor Brewing, the original microbrewer; CitiStorage Inc., the premier independent records-storage business; Clif Bar & Co., maker of organic energy bars and other nutrition foods; Righteous Babe Records, the record company founded by singer-songwriter Ani DiFranco; Union Square Hospitality Group, the company of restaurateur Danny Meyer; and Zingerman's Community of Businesses, including the world-famous Zingerman's Deli of Ann Arbor. Burlingham shows how the leaders of these small giants recognized the full range of choices they had about the type of company they could create. And he shows how we can all benefit by questioning the usual definitions of business success. In his new afterward, Burlingham reflects on the similarities and learning lessons from the small giants he covers in the book.

Whether you're thinking about starting a new business or growing an existing one, *Ready, Fire, Aim* has what you need to succeed in your entrepreneurial endeavors. In it, self-made multimillionaire and bestselling author Masterson shares the knowledge he has gained from creating and expanding numerous businesses and outlines a focused strategy for guiding a small business through the four stages of entrepreneurial growth. Along the way, Masterson teaches you the different skills needed in order to excel in this dynamic environment.

thimblesofplenty is a group of friends who also happen to be business people and avid readers. We wanted to keep up with the latest business books but found that time was a factor. So we divided out the work and each of us took a book and summarised it for the others. We thought it might be a great idea to share these summaries with you. For a small price and a 3 minute time investment, our summary gives you some of the wisdom from the book, some food for thought and hopefully the impetus to make some time to read the whole book!

Offers an organizational design model for service organizations, covering such topics as funding mechanisms, employee management systems, and customer management systems.

"An astonishing 94.6% of businesses fail to sell, closing at an enormous cost to the owner, their family, their staff and the economy. It's a shocking realisation to many business owners that after all the courage it took to start, the creativity and care it took to build, every business faces only two possible ends: a sale or closure. So you've got to build to \$ell. Sweat, Scale, \$ell shares real business-building stories about how ordinary business owners changed their fate using the Asset of Value™ method, a practical approach to building a winning business. With Pavlo Phitidis, they Sweated to reshape their business to be relevant to a changing world; they built a solid foundation for Scale; and then they pressed hard on the accelerator to ramp up growth in preparation for \$ale to create a business any buyer would want. Phitidis draws on 25 years of direct experience in conceptualising and building businesses across four continents. He has developed and brought to market business assets in excess of US\$300 million through a combination of business start-ups, turnarounds, sales and acquisitions. Phitidis started, built and sold 12 businesses in nine years and took the lessons from the two failures, two IPOs and eight sales to build a business that builds businesses. As a co-founder of Aurik he has worked with over 1 500 established businesses across most sectors in the economy, including family businesses, partnerships and lone business owners."--Back cover.

George Hedley owns a \$50 million construction and real estate development business as well as HARDHAT Presentations. Over the last five years, as a much-requested popular professional speaker, George speaks 50 times per year to business audiences, conventions, associations and at company meetings. As many as 25,000 people see him present keynote speeches or seminars every year. George is based in Costa Mesa, Calif.

Despite all the high-tech tools available to salespeople today, the most personal method still works best. Through storytelling, a salesperson can explain products or services in ways that resonate, connect people to the mission, and speak to the part of the brain where decisions are made. The well-crafted story can pack the emotional punch to turn routine presentations into productive relationships. In *Sell with a Story*, author Paul Smith, one of the world's leading experts in organizational storytelling, focuses his wildly popular and proven formula to the sales arena. He identifies the ingredients of the most effective sales stories and reveals how to:

- Select the right story
- Craft a compelling and memorable narrative
- Incorporate challenge, conflict, and resolution
- And more

Learning from model stories, skill-building exercises, and enlightening examples from Microsoft, Costco, Xerox, Abercrombie & Fitch, Hewlett-Packard, and other top companies, readers will soon be able to turn their personal experiences into stories that introduce yourself, build rapport, address objections, add value to the product, bring data to life, create a sense of urgency . . . and most importantly, sell! "If you're serious about increasing your effectiveness as a communicator and looking to transform your sales results, *Sell with a Story* is for you. This book empowered and energized me, and I know it will do the same for you." --Mike Weinberg, consultant, speaker, and author

Produced by BizBuySell, the Internet's largest marketplace for businesses for sale, and written in conjunction with Small Business Strategist, Barbara Findlay Schenck, author of best-selling business books including *Selling Your Business For Dummies*, this guide provides a comprehensive overview of the small business sales process including actionable advice and step-by-step instructions to help maximize selling success.

"No two exit experiences are exactly alike. Some people wind up happy with the process and satisfied with the way it turned out while others look back on it as a nightmare. The question I hope to answer in this book is why. What did the people with 'good' exits do differently from those who'd had 'bad' exits?" When pioneering business journalist and *Inc.* magazine editor at large Bo Burlingham wrote *Small Giants*, it became an instant classic for its original take on a common business problem—how to handle the pressure to grow. Now Burlingham is back to tackle an even more common problem—how to exit your company well. Sooner or later, all entrepreneurs leave their businesses and all businesses get sold, given away, or liquidated. Whatever your preferred outcome, you need to start planning for it while you still have time and options. The beautiful part is that if you start early enough, the process will lead you to build a better, stronger, more resilient company, as well as one with a higher market value.

Unfortunately, most owners don't start early enough—and pay a steep price for their procrastination. Burlingham interviewed

dozens of entrepreneurs across a range of industries and identified eight key factors that determine whether owners are happy after leaving their businesses. His book showcases the insights, exit plans, and cautionary tales of entrepreneurs such as Ray Pagano: founder of a leading manufacturer of housings for security cameras. He turned down a bid for his company and instead changed his management style, resulting in a subsequent sale for four times the original offer. Bill Niman: founder of the iconic Niman Ranch, which revolutionized the meat industry. He learned about unhappy exits when he was forced to sell to private equity investors, leaving him with nothing to show for his thirty-five years in business. Gary Hirshberg: founder of organic yogurt pioneer Stonyfield Farm. He pulled off the nearly impossible task of finding a large company that would buy out his 275 small investors at a premium price while letting him retain complete control of the business. Through such stories, Burlingham offers an illuminating and inspirational guide to one of the most stressful, and yet potentially rewarding, processes business owners must go through. And he explores the emotional challenges they face at every step of the way. At the end of the day, owning a business is about more than selling goods and services. It's about making choices that shape your entire life, both professional and personal. Finish Big helps you figure out how to face your future with confidence and be able to someday look back on your journey with pride. Unearth the lucrative opportunities of the small business market The new entrepreneurial explosion has many Fortune 500 companies pinning their hopes for prosperity on the small business sector. But most blue chip behemoths simply don't know how to reach small businesses-they don't understand this segment's diversity and how to effectively reach out to its various parts. Drilling for Gold will show the big companies just how small businesses tick. John Warrillow reveals the enormous size of the small business marketing opportunity and shows readers various ways to reach this vast, yet seemingly hidden sector. He covers how to address the small business market, managing cost control, and segmenting the customer base, along with numerous case studies.

The must-read summary of John Warrillow's book: "Built to Sell: Creating a Business that Can Thrive Without You". This complete summary of the ideas from John Warrillow's book "Built to Sell" shows how difficult it can be for business owners to become less involved in their business. In his book, the author explains an eight-step process that entrepreneurs can use to ensure that the business can run without them and become a valuable asset that can be sold. By following this plan, you can increase the value of your business and ensure it is successful in its own right. Added-value of this summary: • Save time • Understand key principles • Expand your business knowledge To learn more, read "Built to Sell" and follow the eight-step process to make your company more independent and a high-value asset.

A book about how to make work pay and not just in cash, but in experience, satisfaction, and joy.

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