

Disrupt By Luke Williams

Sexuality, Religion and the Sacred is a thoughtful collection of bisexual, polysexual and pansexual scholarship on religion and spirituality. It examines how religious and spiritual traditions address sexuality, whilst also exploring the ways in which bisexually-, polysexually-, and pansexually-active people embrace religious and spiritual practice. The volume offers a comprehensive analysis of these prevalent themes by focusing on five main areas of discussion: Christian and Unitarian Discourses; Indigenous and Decolonizing Spiritual Discourses; Feminist Spiritual Discourses; Buddhist Discourses; and Neo/Pagan Discourses. Sexuality, Religion and the Sacred offers an accessible yet scholarly treatment of these topics through a collection of critical essays by academics of theology, humanities, cultural studies and social sciences, as well as sexology professionals and clergy from various faith and spiritual traditions. It gives readers an insight into the intersection of sexualities and spiritualities, and attempts to disrupt this very dichotomy through its careful consideration of a wide variety of discourses. This book was originally published as a special issue of the Journal of Bisexuality.

Every academic discipline has an origin story complicit with white supremacy. Racial hierarchy and colonialism structured the very foundations of most disciplines' research and teaching paradigms. In the early twentieth century, the academy faced rising opposition and correction, evident in the intervention of scholars including W. E. B. Du Bois, Zora Neale Hurston, Carter G. Woodson, and others. By the mid-twentieth century, education itself became a center in the struggle for social justice. Scholars mounted insurgent efforts to discredit some of the most odious intellectual defenses of white supremacy in academia, but the disciplines and their keepers remained unwilling to interrogate many of the racist foundations of their fields, instead embracing a framework of racial colorblindness as their default position. This book challenges scholars and students to see race again. Examining the racial histories and colorblindness in fields as diverse as social psychology, the law, musicology, literary studies, sociology, and gender studies, Seeing Race Again documents the profoundly contradictory role of the academy in constructing, naturalizing, and reproducing racial hierarchy. It shows how colorblindness compromises the capacity of disciplines to effectively respond to the wide set of contemporary political, economic, and social crises marking public life today.

Many companies and executives talk about patents, but few can demonstrate significant returns from them. Who are the elite companies and managers that have created wealth and profit from IP rights, and how have they done it? What do they advise others do to achieve higher profit margins, better returns on costly R&D, and increased shareholder value? This reader-friendly book focuses on ten companies and managers/advisors who have successfully implemented wealth-generating patent programs--and shows you how you can do it too.

Avi Steinberg is stumped. After defecting from yeshiva to attend Harvard, he has nothing but a senior thesis on Bugs Bunny to show for himself. While his friends and classmates advance in the world, Steinberg remains stuck at a crossroads, his "romantic" existence as a freelance obituary writer no longer cutting it. Seeking direction (and dental insurance) Steinberg takes a job running the library counter at a Boston prison. He is quickly drawn into the community of outcasts that forms among his bookshelves—an assortment of quirky regulars, including con men, pimps, minor prophets, even ghosts—all searching for the perfect book and a connection to the outside world. Steinberg recounts their daily dramas with heartbreak and humor in this one-of-a-kind memoir—a piercing exploration of prison culture and an entertaining tale of one young man's earnest attempt to find his place in the world.

The Media Book provides today's students with a comprehensive foundation for the study of the modern media. It has been systematically compiled to map the field in a way which corresponds to the curricular organization of the field around the globe, providing a complete resource for students in their third year to graduate level courses in the U.S. An award-winning Conde Nast executive vice president offers insight into the business ingenuity and innovative branding strategies that have shaped his career, offering advice to readers at any level on how to embrace a results-oriented approach to personal empowerment and professional advancement. 35,000 first printing.

"A novel for our time, a courageous and necessary book." —Jennifer Haigh, author of Heat and Light In this stunning novel about judgment, courage, heartbreak, and change, author Silas House wrestles with the limits of belief and the infinite ways to love. In the aftermath of a flood that washes away much of a small Tennessee town, evangelical preacher Asher Sharp offers shelter to two gay men. In doing so, he starts to see his life anew—and risks losing everything: his wife, locked into her religious prejudices; his congregation, which shuns Asher after he delivers a passionate sermon in defense of tolerance; and his young son, Justin, caught in the middle of what turns into a bitter custody battle. With no way out but ahead, Asher takes Justin and flees to Key West, where he hopes to find his brother, Luke, whom he'd turned against years ago after Luke came out. And it is there, at the southernmost point of the country, that Asher and Justin discover a new way of thinking about the world, and a new way of understanding love. Southernmost is a tender and affecting book, a meditation on love and its consequences.

A smuggler's discovery of a rich treasure sparks a competition involving the Republic, the Empire, the Hutts, and the Jedi High Council, all of whom are manipulated by an enigmatic spy.

An up-to-the-minute collection of techniques for jumpstarting innovation in any market, product, service, or process Hot new ideas for supercharging business innovation in any market, right now: 4 extraordinary books from world-renowned pioneers in all facets of innovation! This 4-book package brings together today's fastest, most powerful, most realistic solutions for jumpstarting innovation -- whatever you sell, whatever industry you're in! You'll discover how to change the playing field, leverage your customers' insights and expertise, uncover huge unmet needs, craft great customer experiences, and make innovation repeatable throughout your organization. In Predictable Magic, veteran industrial designer Ravi Sawhney and business strategist Deepa Prahalad introduce a breakthrough approach for systematically creating deep emotional connections between consumers and brands... seamlessly integrating corporate strategy with design... transcending the utilitarian (or even the "beautiful") to build products that powerfully connect, touch, and move people... again and again! Next, in Do You

Matter?, legendary industrial designer Robert Brunner (who laid the groundwork for Apple's brilliant design language) and Stewart Emery help you use design to consistently create products, services, and experiences that matter to customers' lives -- and thereby drive powerful, sustainable improvements in business performance. Through case studies from leaders like Nike, Apple, BMW and IKEA, they introduce design-driven techniques for managing your entire experience chain... defining effective design strategies and languages... managing design... using (and not abusing) research... extending design values into marketing and manufacturing... encouraging design innovations that open entirely new markets! Then, in *Disrupt: Think the Unthinkable to Spark Transformation in Your Business*, frog design's Luke Williams shows how to start generating (and executing on) a steady stream of disruptive strategies and unexpected solutions. Williams combines the fluid creativity of "disruptive thinking" with the analytical rigor that's indispensable to business success. The result: a simple yet complete five-stage process for imagining a powerful market disruption, and transforming it into a reality that catches your entire industry by surprise. Finally, in the highly-anticipated Second Edition of *Creating Breakthrough Products: Revealing the Secrets that Drive Global Innovation*, Jonathan Cagan and Craig Vogel offer an indispensable roadmap for uncovering new opportunities, identifying what customers really value today, and building products and services that transform markets. This edition contains brand-new chapters on service design and global innovation, new insights and best practices, and new case studies ranging from Navistar's latest long-haul truck to P&G's reinvention of Herbal Essence. You know how crucial innovation has become... this 4 book package will help you infuse it throughout your entire organization! From world-renowned business innovation experts Deepa Prahalad, Ravi Sawhney, Robert Brunner, Stewart Emery, Russ Hall, Luke Williams, Jonathan Cagan, and Craig M. Vogel

This Element is an excerpt from *Disrupt: Think the Unthinkable to Spark Transformation in Your Business* (9780137025145) by Luke Williams. Available in print and digital formats. Where revolutionary innovations begin: How to create your own "unreasonable provocation." It starts with a wild question: In Hollywood, it might be, "What would happen if a shark swam into a resort and attacked a swimmer?" Jaws. In video rentals, "What would happen if we eliminated late fees?" Netflix. These revolutionary innovations began with a disruptive hypothesis, a crazy way to end the question, "I wonder what would happen if we...."

The new and updated edition of the classic work on Disruptive HR. The way we work is changing fast, and traditional HR is no longer fit for purpose. Equipping our organizations to meet today's demands requires something very different. This book provides HR professionals with: a compelling case for changing HR practical people solutions for a disrupted world strategies to make the changes they need ways to equip HR with the right capabilities and mindset

In the United States, health among racial and ethnic minorities, as well as poor people, is significantly worse than the overall U.S. population. Health disparities are reflected by indices such as excess mortality and morbidity and shorter life expectancy. Examining the Health Disparities Research Plan of the National Institutes of Health is an assessment of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Strategic Research Plan and Budget to Reduce and Ultimately Eliminate Health Disparities. It focuses on practical solutions to remedy the state of the current health disparity crisis. The NIH has played the leading role in conducting extensive research on minority health and health disparities for more than two decades. Although additional research is critical to facilitating a better understanding of the overarching social, economic, educational, and environmental factors that predispose groups to specific diseases and conditions, there is also a great need to translate the existing and new information into best care practices. This means increasing communication with affected populations and their communities. Examining the Health Disparities Research Plan of the National Institutes of Health presents solutions to improving the health disparities nationwide and evaluates the NIH strategy plan designed to actively correct and combat the ongoing health disparities dilemma.

Taking its title from *The Face of Battle*, John Keegan's canonical book on the nature of warfare, *The Other Face of Battle* illuminates the American experience of fighting in "irregular" and "intercultural" wars over the centuries. Sometimes known as "forgotten" wars, in part because they lacked triumphant clarity, they are the focus of the book. David Preston, David Silbey, and Anthony Carlson focus on, respectively, the Battle of Monongahela (1755), the Battle of Manila (1898), and the Battle of Makuan, Afghanistan (2020)--conflicts in which American soldiers were forced to engage in "irregular" warfare, confronting an enemy entirely alien to them. This enemy rejected the Western conventions of warfare and defined success and failure--victory and defeat--in entirely different ways. Symmetry of any kind is lost. Here was not ennobling engagement but atrocity, unanticipated insurgencies, and strategic stalemate. War is always hell. These wars, however, profoundly undermined any sense of purpose or proportion. Nightmarish and existentially bewildering, they nonetheless characterize how Americans have experienced combat and what its effects have been. They are therefore worth comparing for what they hold in common as well as what they reveal about our attitude toward war itself. *The Other Face of Battle* reminds us that "irregular" or "asymmetrical" warfare is now not the exception but the rule. Understanding its roots seems more crucial than ever.

This is the era of Luke Skywalker's legacy: the Jedi Master has unified the order into a cohesive group of powerful Jedi Knights. However, as this era begins, planetary interests threaten to disrupt this time of relative peace and Luke is plagued by visio

This book features a special subsection of Nanomedicine, an application of nanotechnology to achieve breakthroughs in healthcare. It exploits the improved and often novel physical, chemical and biological properties of materials only existent at the nanometer scale. As a consequence of small scale, nanosystems in most cases are efficiently uptaken by cells and appear to act at the intracellular level. Nanotechnology has the potential to improve diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of diseases, and includes targeted drug delivery and regenerative medicine; it creates new tools and methods that impact significantly upon existing conservative practices. This volume is a collection of authoritative reviews. In the introductory section we define the field (intracellular delivery). Then, the fundamental routes of nanodelivery devices, cellular uptake, types of delivery devices, particularly in terms of localized cellular delivery, both for small drug molecules, macromolecular drugs and genes; at the academic and applied levels, are covered. The following section is dedicated to enhancing delivery via special targeting motifs followed by the introduction of different types of intracellular nanodelivery devices (e.g. a brief description of their chemistry) and ways of producing these different devices. Finally, we put special emphasis on particular disease states and on other biomedical applications, whilst diagnostic and sensing issues are also included. Intracellular delivery / therapy is a highly topical which will stir great interest. Intracellular delivery enables much more efficient drug delivery since the impact (on different organelles and sites) is intracellular as the drug is not supplied externally within the blood stream. There is great potential for targeted delivery with improved localized delivery and efficacy.

In just twenty years, Amazon.com has gone from a start-up internet bookseller to a global company revolutionizing and disrupting multiple industries, including retail, publishing, logistics, devices, apparel, and cloud computing. But what is at the heart of Amazon's rise to success? Is it the tens of millions of items in stock, the company's technological prowess, or the many customer service innovations like "one-click"? As a leader at Amazon who had a front-row seat during its formative years, John Rossman understands the iconic company better than most. From the launch of Amazon's third-party seller program to their foray into enterprise services, he witnessed it all--the amazing successes, the little-known failures, and the experiments whose outcomes are still in doubt. In *The Amazon Way*, Rossman introduces readers to the unique corporate culture of the world's largest Internet retailer, with a focus on the fourteen leadership principles that have guided and shaped its decisions and its distinctive leadership culture. Peppared with humorous and enlightening firsthand anecdotes from the author's career at Amazon, this revealing business guide is also filled with the valuable lessons that have served Jeff Bezos's "everything store" so well--providing expert advice for aspiring entrepreneurs, CEOs, and investors alike.

I landed myself a hot Grinch for Christmas. And it's my new boss! I was kind of desperate, So, I hired her. She might not be nanny

material. She might burn food faster than I can grunt. She might talk back to me like she is the boss. She might even be on the brink of becoming my archnemesis. But my son adores her and that's all that counts. So, that puts Miss Saucy Nanny with curves for miles in a specific category, The Absolute No Touch Zone. I have no damn business wanting to unwrap her like a Christmas gift. Or crush those full lips of hers with mine whenever she swings me a smirk. Plus, when she finds out about my secret, She'll be out of here faster than I can say Ho. And I would not be the only one left to suffer. So, this Christmas, the nanny has a strike and takes top spot on my no-wish list. SIZZLING NEW SERIES READY TO LIT YOUR LADY BITS LIKE A HOT BLAZING INFERNO! Each book in this series is a standalone and can be read in any order. And don't forget, we are team HEA all the way!

Luke Williams flies to Kuala Lumpur coming down off crystal meth without plans or much cash. He is in Asia for three years. He spends time working as a prostitute in Pattaya, eats snake heart in Vietnam, consults an American medium in Ubud, and explores the eye-popping red light scenes in Jakarta and the Philippines. Along the way, he encounters other Westerners who go to Asia for the things they can't find at home - riches, wives, ladyboys, cheap living and even cheaper drugs, cults, spices, mountains, tropical beaches, beach gigolos, 'self-esteem' necklaces, and ascended masters. Luke fully immerses himself in every environment and encounter, going far beyond reportage, while aspects of his own history - his dreams, disappointments, urges, and his inherited struggle with mental illness - begin to catch up with him. He becomes addicted to Valium, is haunted by the past, and ends up in jail. Ultimately, Luke is confronted by what is and what was, and his own footprint upon it all.

The best of Clayton Christensen's seminal work on disruptive innovation, all in one place. No business can afford to ignore the theory of disruptive innovation. But the nuances of Clayton Christensen's foundational thinking on the subject are often forgotten or misinterpreted. To achieve continuing growth in your business while defending against upstarts, you need to understand clearly what disruption is and how it works, and know how it applies to your industry and your company. In this collection of Christensen's most influential articles—carefully selected by Harvard Business Review's editors—his incisive arguments, clear theories, and readable stories give you the tools you need to understand disruption and what to do about it. The collection features Christensen's newest article looking back on 20 years of disruptive innovation: what it is, and what it isn't. Covering a broad spectrum of topics—business model innovation, mergers and acquisitions, value-chain shifts, financial incentives, product development—these articles illuminate the impact and implications of disruptive innovation as well as Christensen's broader thinking on management theory and its application in business and in life. This collection of best-selling articles includes: "Disruptive Technologies: Catching the Wave," by Joseph L. Bower and Clayton M. Christensen, "Meeting the Challenge of Disruptive Change," by Clayton M. Christensen and Michael Overdorf, "Marketing Malpractice: The Cause and the Cure," by Clayton M. Christensen, Scott Cook, and Taddy Hall, "Innovation Killers: How Financial Tools Destroy Your Capacity to Do New Things," by Clayton M. Christensen, Stephen P. Kaufman, and Willy C. Shih, "Reinventing Your Business Model," by Mark W. Johnson, Clayton M. Christensen, and Henning Kagermann, "The New M&A Playbook," by Clayton M. Christensen, Richard Alton, Curtis Rising, and Andrew Waldeck, "Skate to Where the Money Will Be," by Clayton M. Christensen, Michael E. Raynor, and Matthew Verlinden, "Surviving Disruption," by Maxwell Wessel and Clayton M. Christensen, "What Is Disruptive Innovation?" by Clayton M. Christensen, Michael E. Raynor, and Rory McDonald, "Why Hard-Nosed Executives Should Care About Management Theory," by Clayton M. Christensen and Michael E. Raynor, and "How Will You Measure Your Life?" by Clayton M. Christensen.

For more and more companies in a world that's changing fast, there's only one way to win the game: transform it entirely. For anyone who wants to thrive in this new order, this requires a revolution in thinking--a steady stream of disruptive strategies and unexpected solutions. Disrupt: Think the Unthinkable to Spark Transformation in Your Business shows how to generate and execute those solutions--a disruptive approach for a disruptive age. Author Luke Williams demonstrates his experience creating disruptive products and services at frog design, one of the world's leading innovation firms. Williams combines the fluid creativity of "disruptive thinking" with the analytical rigor that is indispensable to business success. The result is a simple yet complete five-stage process for imagining a powerful market disruption and transforming it into reality. Using many examples and a book-length case study of Little Miss Matched, Williams shows how the more unexpected an idea, the smaller the number of competitors, and the more successful the company that brings it to market. He walks through generating a disruptive hypothesis, defining a disruptive market opportunity, creating multiple disruptive ideas, shaping them into an actionable solution, and persuading key stakeholders to adopt or invest in the solution. Disrupt offers readers a systematic way to redefine the future of a company, catch entire industries by surprise, and leave competitors scrambling to catch up.

Writing Interactive Fiction with Twine: Play Inside a Story If you've ever dreamed about walking through the pages of a book, fighting dragons, or exploring planets then Twine is for you. This interactive fiction program enables you to create computer games where worlds are constructed out of words and simple scripts can allow the player to pick up or drop objects, use items collected in the game to solve puzzles, or track injury in battle by reducing hit points. If you've clicked your way through 80 Days, trekked through the underground Zorkkingdom, or attempted to save an astronaut with Lifeline, you're already familiar with interactive fiction. If not, get ready to have your imagination stretched as you learn how to direct a story path. The best part about interactive fiction stories is that they are simple to make and can serve as a gateway into the world of coding for the nonprogrammer or new programmer. You'll find expert advice on everything from creating vivid characters to building settings that come alive. Ford's easy writing prompts help you get started, so you'll never face a blank screen. Her "Try It Out" exercises go way beyond the basics, helping you bring personal creativity and passion to every story you create! · Get familiar with the popular Twine scripting program · Learn how to design puzzles · Build your own role-playing game with stat systems · Maintain an inventory of objects · Learn game design and writing basics · Change the look of your story using CSS and HTML · Discover where you can upload your finished games and find players

The former chief marketing officer at Coca-Cola laments the demise of advertising--a business killed by over-emphasis on art and entertainment. Reprint.

Compiled by Springwise, the global innovation discovery engine, Disrupt! explains and highlights the best, most disruptive and most useful innovation ideas of the 21st Century. The book shares which themes underpin their success and which ideas can best be used to drive creativity in your workplace, office or industry. Springwise has a huge online readership (700k page impressions a month, 31k FB followers, 62k Twitter followers and an email database of 160k names) and a reputation as the number one engine for collating and sharing cutting edge business ideas. Dan Pink describes Springwise as: 'An amazing roundup of new business ideas and surprising business models from around the world'. Seth Godin says: 'Almost too good to share!' This attractively

designed book draws on their vast archive and the expertise of their editorial team to create a practical, themed overview of contemporary innovation with simple, implementable strategies for bringing more creativity to your business or idea and more disruption to your industry. It is an indispensable handbook to modern innovation.

Bringing together scholars, public intellectuals, and activists from across the field of education, the Handbook of Public Pedagogy explores and maps the terrain of this burgeoning field. For the first time in one comprehensive volume, readers will be able to learn about the history and scope of the concept and practices of public pedagogy. What is 'public pedagogy'? What theories, research, aims, and values inform it? What does it look like in practice? Offering a wide range of differing, even diverging, perspectives on how the 'public' might operate as a pedagogical agent, this Handbook provides new ways of understanding educational practice, both within and without schools. It implores teachers, researchers, and theorists to reconsider their foundational understanding of what counts as pedagogy and of how and where the process of education occurs. The questions it raises and the critical analyses they require provide curriculum and educational workers and scholars at large with new ways of understanding educational practice, both within and without schools.

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Experts from NYU Stern School of Business analyze new financial regulations and what they mean for the economy The NYU Stern School of Business is one of the top business schools in the world thanks to the leading academics, researchers, and provocative thinkers who call it home. In *Regulating Wall Street: The New Architecture of Global Finance*, an impressive group of the Stern school's top authorities on finance combine their expertise in capital markets, risk management, banking, and derivatives to assess the strengths and weaknesses of new regulations in response to the recent global financial crisis. Summarizes key issues that regulatory reform should address Evaluates the key components of regulatory reform Provides analysis of how the reforms will affect financial firms and markets, as well as the real economy The U.S. Congress is on track to complete the most significant changes in financial regulation since the 1930s. *Regulating Wall Street: The New Architecture of Global Finance* discusses the impact these new laws will have on the U.S. and global financial architecture.

This requires a revolution in thinking: a steady stream of disruptive strategies and unexpected solutions. In *Disrupt*, Luke Williams shows exactly how to generate those strategies and deliver those solutions. This book reflects Williams' immense experience creating breakthrough solutions at frog design, one of the world's leading innovation firms. Williams shows how to combine fluid creativity with analytical rigor in a simple five-stage process for successfully disrupting any market. You'll learn why the most unexpected ideas draw the least competitors---and offer the greatest potential. Then, using many examples and a case study, you'll walk through every step of transforming disruptive ideas from conception to breakthrough business strategy.

Disrupt: Think the Unthinkable to Spark Transformation in Your Business Financial Times/Prentice Hall

Master a complete five-step program for identifying and executing on disruptive business opportunities! Now updated and even more effective, Luke Williams' *Disrupt, Second Edition* combines the design industry's most powerful "disruptive thinking" techniques with real business implementation discipline. Drawing on his pioneering experience innovating at the legendary frog design (and teaching innovation at NYU), Williams shows exactly how to generate and execute on a steady stream of disruptive strategies. Using updated examples and a book-length case study, Williams shows how the more unexpected an idea, the smaller the number of competitors, and the more successful the company that brings it to market. You'll walk through generating your disruptive hypothesis, defining your disruptive market opportunity, creating multiple disruptive ideas, shaping them into an actionable solution, and persuading key stakeholders to adopt or invest in your solution. *Disrupt, Second Edition* is for all entrepreneurs, product and marketing managers, R and D specialists, strategists, and senior executives seeking to create disruptive products, services, and customer experiences. It offers you a systematic and proven way to redefine your company's future, stun your industry, and leave your competitors scrambling to catch up.

From the bestselling author of *A More Beautiful Question*, hundreds of big and small questions that harness the magic of inquiry to tackle challenges we all face--at work, in our relationships, and beyond. When confronted with almost any demanding situation, the act of questioning can help guide us to smart decisions. By asking questions, we can analyze, learn, and move forward in the face of uncertainty. But "questionologist" Warren Berger says that the questions must be the right ones; the ones that cut to the heart of complexity or enable us to see an old problem in a fresh way. In *The Book of Beautiful Questions*, Berger shares illuminating stories and compelling research on the power of inquiry. Drawn from the insights and expertise of psychologists, innovators, effective leaders, and some of the world's foremost creative thinkers, he presents the essential questions readers need to make the best choices when it truly counts, with a particular focus in four key areas: decision-making, creativity, leadership, and relationships. The powerful questions in this book can help you: - Identify opportunities in your career or industry - Generate fresh ideas in business or in your own creative pursuits - Check your biases so you can make better judgments and decisions - Do a better job of communicating and connecting with the people around you Thoughtful, provocative, and actionable, these beautiful questions can be applied immediately to bring about change in your work or your everyday life.

This book provides a comprehensive overview of each of the sourcing business model. Readers will master the art and science of strategic sourcing by being able to chart a unique path that fits their capacity to apply more the full continuum of strategic sourcing concepts and tools.

The Regulatory Technology Handbook The transformational potential of RegTech has been confirmed in recent years with US\$1.2 billion invested in start-ups (2017) and an expected additional spending of US\$100 billion by 2020. Regulatory technology will not only provide efficiency gains for compliance and reporting functions, it will radically change market structure and supervision. This book, the first of its kind, is providing a comprehensive and invaluable source of information aimed at corporates, regulators, compliance professionals, start-ups and policy makers. The REGTECH Book brings into a single volume the curated industry expertise delivered by subject matter experts. It serves as a single reference point to understand the RegTech eco-system and its impact on the industry. Readers will learn foundational notions such as:

- The economic impact of digitization and datafication of regulation
- How new technologies (Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain) are applied to compliance
- Business use cases of RegTech for cost-reduction and new product origination
- The future regulatory landscape affecting financial institutions, technology companies and other industries

Edited by world-class academics and written by compliance professionals, regulators, entrepreneurs and business leaders, the RegTech Book represents an invaluable resource that paves the way for 21st century regulatory innovation. How is academia portrayed in children's literature? This Element ambitiously surveys fictional professors in texts marketed towards children, who are overwhelmingly white and male, tending to be elderly scientists. Professors fall into three stereotypes: the vehicle to explain scientific facts, the baffled genius, and the evil madman. By the late twentieth century, the stereotype of the male, mad, muddlehead, called Professor SomethingDumb, is formed in humorous yet pejorative fashion. This Element provides a publishing history of the role of academics in children's literature, questioning the book culture which promotes the enforcement of stereotypes regarding intellectual expertise in children's media. This title is also available, with additional material, as Open Access.

An evocative and exquisitely written debut novel about family, empire and money. Impressive in its scope and ambition, this first novel is at once a family saga, a book that reimagines the myth of the empire, and a history of objects. The Echo Chamber is narrated by fifty-four-year-old Evie Steppman, who grew up in Nigeria in the 1950s during the last decade of British rule. As a child, Evie exhibited extraordinarily acute powers of hearing; now, alone in an attic in Scotland that is filled with objects from her past and with her powers of hearing starting to fade, she sets out to record her history before it all disintegrates into a meaningless din. Tales of the twelfth-century mapmaker in Palermo, stories whispered by embittered expatriates, and eyewitness accounts from Nigeria's civil war mingle with Evie's memories of her childhood, of her grandfather, a watchmaker who attempted to forge a mechanical likeness of his dead wife, and of her travels across America. Williams's interest in history and storytelling and his talent for evoking multiple voices will remind readers of the work of David Mitchell, Peter Carey, and Jonathan Safran Foer.

From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Kristen Proby comes a new story in her With Me In Seattle series... Sabrina Harrison hates being famous. She walked away from show business, from the flashing bulbs and prying eyes years ago, and is happy in her rural Oregon home, dedicating her life to her non-profit. Until Hollywood calls, offering her the role of a lifetime. In more than ten years, she's never felt the pull to return to the business that shunned her, but this role is everything Sabrina's ever longed for. Now she has to get in shape for it. Benjamin Demarco's gym, Sound Fitness, continues making a name for itself in Seattle. And now, he finds himself with the task of training Sabrina, getting her in shape for the role of her life. He's trained hundreds of women. This is his job. So why does he suddenly see Sabrina as more than just another client? His hands linger on her skin, his breath catches when she's near. He knows better. Soon, she'll be gone, living her life. A life that doesn't include him. **Every 1001 Dark Nights novella is a standalone story. For new readers, it's an introduction to an author's world. And for fans, it's a bonus book in the author's series. We hope you'll enjoy each one as much as we do.**

Interested in the Genetic Algorithm? Simulated Annealing? Ant Colony Optimization? Essentials of Metaheuristics covers these and other metaheuristics algorithms, and is intended for undergraduate students, programmers, and non-experts. The book covers a wide range of algorithms, representations, selection and modification operators, and related topics, and includes 71 figures and 135 algorithms great and small. Algorithms include: Gradient Ascent techniques, Hill-Climbing variants, Simulated Annealing, Tabu Search variants, Iterated Local Search, Evolution Strategies, the Genetic Algorithm, the Steady-State Genetic Algorithm, Differential Evolution, Particle Swarm Optimization, Genetic Programming variants, One- and Two-Population Competitive Coevolution, N-Population Cooperative Coevolution, Implicit Fitness Sharing, Deterministic Crowding, NSGA-II, SPEA2, GRASP, Ant Colony Optimization variants, Guided Local Search, LEM, PBIL, UMDA, cGA, BOA, SAMUEL, ZCS, XCS, and XCSF.

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER USA TODAY BESTSELLER Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google are the four most influential companies on the planet. Just about everyone thinks they know how they got there. Just about everyone

is wrong. For all that's been written about the Four over the last two decades, no one has captured their power and staggering success as insightfully as Scott Galloway. Instead of buying the myths these companies broadcast, Galloway asks fundamental questions. How did the Four infiltrate our lives so completely that they're almost impossible to avoid (or boycott)? Why does the stock market forgive them for sins that would destroy other firms? And as they race to become the world's first trillion-dollar company, can anyone challenge them? In the same irreverent style that has made him one of the world's most celebrated business professors, Galloway deconstructs the strategies of the Four that lurk beneath their shiny veneers. He shows how they manipulate the fundamental emotional needs that have driven us since our ancestors lived in caves, at a speed and scope others can't match. And he reveals how you can apply the lessons of their ascent to your own business or career. Whether you want to compete with them, do business with them, or simply live in the world they dominate, you need to understand the Four.

Gail Blanke's Mission: To Change The World's Focus From "How Bad Could It Get To How GOOD COULD YOU MAKE IT? Not long ago a woman wrote on my website that she'd been driving through a small town somewhere in the southwest, as part of a "solo journey" to find herself. She drove by a small church and in front of the church was a sign. The sign read: "If you've been waiting for the sign...this is it." She screeched to a stop and just stared at it. She had absolutely no doubt that somehow the sign was put there for her. "It's time," she told herself. "It's time to do it! What in the world have I been waiting for?" The woman returned to NYC on fire. She re-read her answer to a question I'd asked her months earlier: "How good could you make it?" And she acted. Not only did she act, she became unstoppable. She rediscovered her courage and re-embraced her resolve. She re-invented herself-from the inside out. And she's fallen back in love...with life. Gail Blanke's Inspiration: I've written this book for her. And for the thousands of other wonderful, loyal people who have been reading "The Monday Morning Motivator" blog every Monday for five years. They - you - are my inspiration. It's your affection, encouragement and email messages ("Whatever you do, don't stop writing these!" or "I know you wrote this one for me!") that have fueled my determination to keep them coming Monday after Monday. Look, for sure these are tough times. But not surprisingly, they are exactly the right times to lift our heads, raise our hands, open our hearts and put ourselves and our egos on the line for an outrageous, best-idea-this-lifetime vision of what's possible. My mission is to help you turn that vision into reality. Because, as our "solo traveler" friend discovered, it's time... Gail Blanke Says..."It's Time!" * time to know who you are, what you're made of and what the heck you're doing here. * time to look for, find and love the simple thrills in life. time to turn your own particular vision of "good" into a glorious reality. * time to be one hundred percent you, not some watered down version - to find your song and sing it at the top of your lungs! * time to be there...for the people you love...and for yourself. * time to let go of anything that holds you back, saps your energy or curbs your enthusiasm. * time to get back in the game - and play it for all your worth. Yes, this book's for you. So allow me to be your coach, your muse, your Auntie Mame (a part I played in college. Remember when Mame told the hapless Agnes Gooch to "Live, live, live!") Allow me to take you by the hand and the heart, Monday by Monday and to prove to you how good life is, how good you are...and how good you can make it.. Oh, and if you've been waiting for the "sign"...this is it. "It's now a habit. Every Monday morning I must reach for my fix. I got used to sunshine and wisdom. It comes from the brilliant Gail Blanke. Originally in email form, now in a book. It revs up my mind and my soul. Yes, today and this week I have a chance to be a better person. Thank you Gail." Peter Georgescu, Chairman Emeritus of Young & Rubicam, Inc

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