

## Elastic Leadership Growing Self Organizing Teams

Blending research with real stories from educators, introduces three dimensions of resilience and describes guiding principles that every educator can live by.

Managing Humans is a selection of the best essays from Michael Lopp's popular website Rands in Repose([www.randsinrepose.com](http://www.randsinrepose.com)). Lopp is one of the most sought-after IT managers in Silicon Valley, and draws on his experiences at Apple, Netscape, Symantec, and Borland. This book reveals a variety of different approaches for creating innovative, happy development teams. It covers handling conflict, managing wildly differing personality types, infusing innovation into insane product schedules, and figuring out how to build lasting and useful engineering culture. The essays are biting, hilarious, and always informative.

In a world where web services can make real-time data accessible to anyone, how can the government leverage this openness to improve its operations and increase citizen participation and awareness? Through a collection of essays and case studies, leading visionaries and practitioners both inside and outside of government share their ideas on how to achieve and direct this emerging world of online collaboration, transparency, and participation. Contributions and topics include: Beth Simone Noveck, U.S. Deputy Chief Technology Officer for open government, "The Single Point of Failure" Jerry Brito, senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, "All Your Data Are Belong to Us: Liberating Government Data" Aaron Swartz, cofounder of [reddit.com](http://reddit.com), [OpenLibrary.org](http://OpenLibrary.org), and [BoldProgressives.org](http://BoldProgressives.org), "When Is Transparency Useful?" Ellen S. Miller, executive

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director of the Sunlight Foundation, "Disrupting Washington's Golden Rule" Carl Malamud, founder of Public.Resource.Org, "By the People" Douglas Schuler, president of the Public Sphere Project, "Online Deliberation and Civic Intelligence" Howard Dierking, program manager on Microsoft's MSDN and TechNet Web platform team, "Engineering Good Government" Matthew Burton, Web entrepreneur and former intelligence analyst at the Defense Intelligence Agency, "A Peace Corps for Programmers" Gary D. Bass and Sean Moulton, OMB Watch, "Bringing the Web 2.0 Revolution to Government" Tim O'Reilly, founder and CEO of O'Reilly Media, "Defining Government 2.0: Lessons Learned from the Success of Computer Platforms" Open Government editors: Daniel Lathrop is a former investigative projects reporter with the Seattle Post Intelligencer who's covered politics in Washington state, Iowa, Florida, and Washington D.C. He's a specialist in campaign finance and "computer-assisted reporting" -- the practice of using data analysis to report the news. Laurel Ruma is the Gov 2.0 Evangelist at O'Reilly Media. She is also co-chair for the Gov 2.0 Expo.

This book gathers papers presented at the 13th International Workshop on Self-Organizing Maps, Learning Vector Quantization, Clustering and Data Visualization (WSOM+), which was held in Barcelona, Spain, from the 26th to the 28th of June 2019. Since being founded in 1997, the conference has showcased the state of the art in unsupervised machine learning methods related to the successful and widely used self-organizing map (SOM) method, and extending its scope to clustering and data visualization. In this installment of the AISC series, the reader will find theoretical research on SOM, LVQ and related methods, as well as numerous applications to problems in fields ranging from business and engineering to the life sciences. Given the scope of its coverage, the book will be of interest to machine learning researchers and

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practitioners in general and, more specifically, to those looking for the latest developments in unsupervised learning and data visualization.

Summary The Art of Unit Testing, Second Edition guides you step by step from writing your first simple tests to developing robust test sets that are maintainable, readable, and trustworthy. You'll master the foundational ideas and quickly move to high-value subjects like mocks, stubs, and isolation, including frameworks such as Moq, FakeItEasy, and Typemock Isolator. You'll explore test patterns and organization, working with legacy code, and even "untestable" code. Along the way, you'll learn about integration testing and techniques and tools for testing databases and other technologies. About this Book You know you should be unit testing, so why aren't you doing it? If you're new to unit testing, if you find unit testing tedious, or if you're just not getting enough payoff for the effort you put into it, keep reading. The Art of Unit Testing, Second Edition guides you step by step from writing your first simple unit tests to building complete test sets that are maintainable, readable, and trustworthy. You'll move quickly to more complicated subjects like mocks and stubs, while learning to use isolation (mocking) frameworks like Moq, FakeItEasy, and Typemock Isolator. You'll explore test patterns and organization, refactor code applications, and learn how to test "untestable" code. Along the way, you'll learn about integration testing and techniques for testing with databases. The examples in the book use C#, but will benefit anyone using a statically typed language such as Java or C++. Purchase of the print book includes a free eBook in PDF, Kindle, and ePub formats from Manning Publications. What's Inside Create readable, maintainable, trustworthy tests Fakes, stubs, mock objects, and isolation (mocking) frameworks Simple dependency injection techniques Refactoring legacy code About the

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Author Roy Osherove has been coding for over 15 years, and he consults and trains teams worldwide on the gentle art of unit testing and test-driven development. His blog is at [ArtOfUnitTesting.com](http://ArtOfUnitTesting.com). Table of Contents PART 1 GETTING STARTED The basics of unit testing A first unit test PART 2 CORE TECHNIQUES Using stubs to break dependencies Interaction testing using mock objects Isolation (mocking) frameworks Digging deeper into isolation frameworks PART 3 THE TEST CODE Test hierarchies and organization The pillars of good unit tests PART 4 DESIGN AND PROCESS Integrating unit testing into the organization Working with legacy code Design and testability

How do organizations structure themselves? A synthesis of the empirical literature in the field, supported by numerous examples and illustrations, provides images that produce a theory. The author introduces five basic configurations of structure - the simple structure, the machine bureaucracy, the professional bu- reaucracy, the divisionalized form, and the adhocracy. This book reveals that structure seems to be at the root of many questions about organizations and why they function as they do.

Does your leadership style still work?

The legendary Silicon Valley entrepreneur examines how both business and government organizations can harness the power of disruptive technologies. Tom Siebel, the billionaire technologist and founder of Siebel Systems, discusses how four technologies—elastic cloud computing, big data, artificial intelligence, and the internet of things—are fundamentally changing how business and government will operate in the 21st century. While this profound and fast-moving transformation can appear daunting to some, Siebel shows how organizations can not only survive, but thrive in the new digital landscape. In this authoritative yet accessible book, Siebel guides readers through the technologies driving digital

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transformation, and demonstrates how they can strategically exploit their powerful capabilities. He shows how leading enterprises such as Enel, 3M, Royal Dutch Shell, the U.S. Department of Defense, and others are applying AI and IoT with stunning results.

It's not enough to say that the CIO is the geek who wears the suit, IT leaders must, now more than ever, take a seat at the table. In *A Seat at the Table*, CIO Mark Schwartz explores the role of IT leadership as it is now and opens the door to reveal IT leadership as it should be—an integral part of the value creation engine. With wit and an easy style, Schwartz reveals that the only way to become an Agile IT leader is to be courageous—to throw off the attitude and assumptions that have kept CIOs from taking their rightful seat at the table. CIOs, step on up, your seat at the table is waiting for you.

If you create, manage, operate, or configure systems running in the cloud, you're a cloud engineer--even if you work as a system administrator, software developer, data scientist, or site reliability engineer. With this book, professionals from around the world provide valuable insight into today's cloud engineering role. These concise articles explore the entire cloud computing experience, including fundamentals, architecture, and migration. You'll delve into security and compliance, operations and reliability, and software development. And examine networking, organizational culture, and more. You're

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sure to find 1, 2, or 97 things that inspire you to dig deeper and expand your own career. "Three Keys to Making the Right Multicloud Decisions," Brendan O'Leary "Serverless Bad Practices," Manases Jesus Galindo Bello "Failing a Cloud Migration," Lee Atchison "Treat Your Cloud Environment as If It Were On Premises," Iyana Garry "What Is Toil, and Why Are SREs Obsessed with It?", Zachary Nickens "Lean QA: The QA Evolving in the DevOps World," Theresa Neate "How Economies of Scale Work in the Cloud," Jon Moore "The Cloud Is Not About the Cloud," Ken Corless "Data Gravity: The Importance of Data Management in the Cloud," Geoff Hughes "Even in the Cloud, the Network Is the Foundation," David Murray "Cloud Engineering Is About Culture, Not Containers," Holly Cummins

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First published in 1971, *Rules for Radicals* is Saul Alinsky's impassioned counsel to young radicals on how to effect constructive social change and know "the difference between being a realistic radical and being a rhetorical one." Written in the midst of radical political developments whose direction Alinsky was one of the first to question, this volume exhibits his style at its best. Like Thomas Paine before him, Alinsky was able to combine, both in his person and his writing, the intensity of political engagement with an absolute insistence on rational

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political discourse and adherence to the American democratic tradition.

Ayios looks at the Western experience of doing business in Russia, and how trust between business partners from East and West is created or destroyed within the business relationship. This book provides the reader with an in-depth look at the key factors that lead international partners to trust each other in a business relationship. Detailed data gathered from practitioners during 1996 and 1997, across a variety of industry sectors, provides a thorough account of the cultural difficulties that are encountered in the Russian context, and methods that can be employed to enhance trust and increase the chances of business success. A final chapter brings the reader up to date with the current business situation and compares the findings from the mid-1990s to the situation today. It aims to provide a good understanding of the literature on trust, to give anyone with an interest in the development of interpersonal trust a firm grounding. This is one of the first attempts to gather data at a cross-cultural level on determinants of trust and will be of interest to people working in cross-cultural business studies, east-west studies, international management, international trust, international business ethics and trust.

Business and employee management are key subjects in business administration. For decades,

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actually for centuries, there has been a discussion about how effective leadership of people or employees can be realized. It has always been a major concern within market-based economic systems to learn how its products and services should be designed in order to generate consumer demand. That the discussion about business and employee management is more relevant than ever is linked to the fact that leadership situations are influenced by a variety of external factors. They include, in particular, political, cultural, social, demographic, economic, and technological developments. It is therefore required for business and employee management to be adapted to those external framework conditions on a permanent basis. In former times, the assumption in mainstream leadership research was that leadership success relied on specific personal characteristics. Later on, the prevailing view was that the decisive factors in employee management lied in specific leadership behavior or leadership styles. Today's research on leadership is dominated by situation-oriented approaches, providing for specific leadership concepts for specific organizational and employee-related structures. The present thesis is an attempt to bundle a variety of approaches to leadership with the aim of providing an overarching framework for concepts of a similar nature. Therefore, the leadership concept to be developed in what follows



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is to be characterized by the principles of holism and sustainability. The first step is to present the fundamentals of leadership and management in order to introduce key terms and concepts and provide an overview of the research on leadership. Chapter 3 deals with separately displaying the business and employee management approaches of various management pioneers, distinguishing between early and con-temporary pioneers. Each approach is presented in consideration of its key elements, its strengths and opportunities, as well as its weaknesses and limitations. The fourth chapter, finally, is devoted to developing a holistic and sustainable leader-ship concept.

Summary Writing Great Specifications is an example-rich tutorial that teaches you how to write good Gherkin specification documents that take advantage of the benefits of specification by example. Foreword written by Gojko Adzic.

Purchase of the print book includes a free eBook in PDF, Kindle, and ePub formats from Manning Publications. About the Technology The clearest way to communicate a software specification is to provide examples of how it should work. Turning these story-based descriptions into a well-organized dev plan is another matter. Gherkin is a human-friendly, jargon-free language for documenting a suite of examples as an executable specification. It fosters efficient collaboration between business and

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dev teams, and it's an excellent foundation for the specification by example (SBE) process. About the Book Writing Great Specifications teaches you how to capture executable software designs in Gherkin following the SBE method. Written for both developers and non-technical team members, this practical book starts with collecting individual feature stories and organizing them into a full, testable spec. You'll learn to choose the best scenarios, write them in a way that anyone can understand, and ensure they can be easily updated by anyone.management. What's Inside Reading and writing Gherkin Designing story-based test cases Team Collaboration Managing a suite of Gherkin documents About the Reader Primarily written for developers and architects, this book is accessible to any member of a software design team. About the Author Kamil Nicieja is a seasoned engineer, architect, and project manager with deep expertise in Gherkin and SBE. Table of contents Introduction to specification by example and Gherkin PART 1 - WRITING EXECUTABLE SPECIFICATIONS WITH EXAMPLES The specification layer and the automation layer Mastering the Given-When-Then template The basics of scenario outlines Choosing examples for scenario outlines The life cycle of executable specifications Living documentation PART 2 - MANAGING SPECIFICATION SUITES Organizing scenarios into a specification suite

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Refactoring features into abilities and business needs  
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Summary Companies small and large are initiating AI projects, investing vast sums of money on software, developers, and data scientists. Too often, these AI projects focus on technology at the expense of actionable or tangible business results, resulting in scattershot results and wasted investment.

Succeeding with AI sets out a blueprint for AI projects to ensure they are predictable, successful, and profitable. It's filled with practical techniques for running data science programs that ensure they're cost effective and focused on the right business goals. Purchase of the print book includes a free eBook in PDF, Kindle, and ePub formats from Manning Publications. About the technology  
Succeeding with AI requires talent, tools, and money. So why do many well-funded, state-of-the-art projects fail to deliver meaningful business value? Because talent, tools, and money aren't enough: You also need to know how to ask the right questions. In this unique book, AI consultant Veljko Kronic reveals a tested process to start AI projects right, so you'll get the results you want. About the book  
Succeeding with AI sets out a framework for planning and running cost-effective, reliable AI projects that produce real business results. This practical guide reveals secrets forged during the

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author's experience with dozens of startups, established businesses, and Fortune 500 giants that will help you establish meaningful, achievable goals. In it you'll master a repeatable process to maximize the return on data-scientist hours and learn to implement effectiveness metrics for keeping projects on track and resistant to calcification. What's inside

Where to invest for maximum payoff How AI projects are different from other software projects Catching early warnings in time to correct course Exercises and examples based on real-world business dilemmas About the reader For project and business leadership, result-focused data scientists, and engineering teams. No AI knowledge required. About the author Veljko Kronic is a data science consultant, has a computer science PhD, and is a certified Six Sigma Master Black Belt. Table of Contents: 1. Introduction 2. How to use AI in your business 3. Choosing your first AI project 4. Linking business and technology 5. What is an ML pipeline, and how does it affect an AI project? 6. Analyzing an ML pipeline 7. Guiding an AI project to success 8. AI trends that may affect you

Employees bring their beliefs and religious values to work, and this can be a source of either positive performance or negative conflict. Social conflicts around religion impact more than societies and communities. They also impact organizations. 'Anti-religion' sentiments tend to be based on the perception that religion can be

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neatly separated from the 'more acceptable/palatable' spirituality, but this ignores the fact that - for most people - the two are intimately intertwined and inseparable. As religious identity is salient for a majority of the world's population, it is thus an important aspect of organizations - particularly those with a large and diverse body of employees. This handbook provides a timely and necessary analysis of religious diversity in organizations, investigating the role of national context, the intersections of religion with ethnicity and gender, and approaches to diversity management.

"Shift is a powerful work full of insight stemming from Haydn Shaughnessy's formidable powers of observation and research." -Patrick Reynolds, Chief Strategy Officer, Triton Digital There is a new economy growing all around us. Whether you own a business or lead one, are a freelancer or employee, are beginning a career or working your way up the ladder, Shift provides a guide to the major changes that are reshaping the economy and our lives. Haydn Shaughnessy spells out why the current economic transformation is different from anything that preceded it. The digital economy is not just about new technology. Dramatic changes are taking place in how people work together, how they think about society and wealth, and the risks and options they face in employment and business. Haydn draws a detailed picture of new power groups that are driving this new economy-turning rapid innovation into real-time disruption. These power groups are rendering governments increasingly irrelevant in their traditional job creation and economic growth roles, and putting more

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demands on companies, online communities, and individuals. *Shift* is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the digital revolution that is changing economic policy, work, and prosperity for the vast majority of people. It is a survival guide for the 21st-century economy.

"A transfixing book on how to sustain peak performance and avoid burnout" —Adam Grant, New York Times bestselling author of *Option B*, *Originals*, and *Give and Take* "An essential playbook for success, happiness, and getting the most out of ourselves." Arianna Huffington, author of *Thrive* and *The Sleep Revolution* "I doubt anyone can read *Peak Performance* without itching to apply something to their own lives." —David Epstein, New York Times bestselling author of *The Sports Gene* A few common principles drive performance, regardless of the field or the task at hand. Whether someone is trying to qualify for the Olympics, break ground in mathematical theory or craft an artistic masterpiece, many of the practices that lead to great success are the same. In *Peak Performance*, Brad Stulberg, a former McKinsey and Company consultant and writer who covers health and the science of human performance, and Steve Magness, a performance scientist and coach of Olympic athletes, team up to demystify these practices and demonstrate how you can achieve your best. The first book of its kind, *Peak Performance* combines the inspiring stories of top performers across a range of capabilities—from athletic to intellectual and artistic—with the latest scientific insights into the cognitive and neurochemical factors that drive performance in all

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domains. In doing so, Peak Performance uncovers new linkages that hold promise as performance enhancers but have been overlooked in our traditionally-siloed ways of thinking. The result is a life-changing book in which you can learn how to enhance your performance via myriad ways including: optimally alternating between periods of intense work and rest; priming the body and mind for enhanced productivity; and developing and harnessing the power of a self-transcending purpose. In revealing the science of great performance and the stories of great performers across a wide range of capabilities, Peak Performance uncovers the secrets of success, and coaches you on how to use them. If you want to take your game to the next level, whatever "your game" may be, Peak Performance will teach you how. Are you an architect? Scrum Master? team leader? project manager? If you are any of these, you will find that leadership, done right, is a very tough job. This book deals with the hard parts. Not with tools, but with people. Here is the manifesto that drives this book: For us as team leaders, the goal and the way we measure our work is the overall growth in skills of self-organization and self-maintenance in each member of our team and the team as a whole. To that end: We accept that the team's needs from us change continuously based on their skills for handling the current reality of work, so we embrace a continuously changing leadership style over a one-style-fits-all leadership approach. We believe in challenging ourselves and our teams to always get better, so: \* We create slack time for the team to learn and be challenged. \* We embrace taking risks for our

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team over staying safe. \* We embrace fear and discomfort while learning new skills over keeping people within their comfort zone. \* We embrace experimentation as a constant practice over maintaining the status quo: \* With people \* With tools \* With processes \* With the environment \* We believe our core practice is leading people, not wielding machines, so: \* We embrace spending more time with our team than in meetings. \* We embrace treating software problems as people problems. \* We learn people skills and communication techniques. About the notes The second part of this book allows a peek into the minds of some of the best leaders, consultants, and managers as they give advice to a new team leader. Hear from Johanna Rothman, Kevlin Henney, Dan North, Uncle Bob Martin, and many others about the one thing they would like to teach you if you ever become a team leader, Scrum Master, project manager, or architect.

One day it happens. You end up in charge of a team as a manager, technical team leader, architect, or scrum master. The team is looking to you for guidance. Personality clashes need to be worked out. Heated debates need to be mediated, and the team is constantly putting out fires instead of doing the right things, the right way. Everyone wants to do the right thing, but nobody seems to doing it. This is where leaders can get stuck and need the guidance that elastic leadership offers. This framework and philosophy of leadership can help as they strive to manage day-to-day and long term challenges, and create the elusive self-organizing team by coming to understand that their leadership needs to



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change based on the needs and goals of the team. Elastic Leadership offers a set of values, techniques, and practices to consider in current or future leadership roles. First, it looks at the elastic leadership philosophy—a way of navigating the leadership world that provides a moral compass when making decisions, large and small. It includes the leader manifesto, and the elastic leadership framework phases (survival mode, learning, and self organization). Readers will discover a set of techniques and practices the author has acquired along his own journey that will complement and support their moral compass. Next, the book provides a set of thoughts and notes from other leaders, with accompanying annotations from the author about how they fit into the overall framework and compass. Purchase of the print book includes a free eBook in PDF, Kindle, and ePub formats from Manning Publications.

In the years following her role as the lead author of the international bestseller, *Limits to Growth*—the first book to show the consequences of unchecked growth on a finite planet—Donella Meadows remained a pioneer of environmental and social analysis until her untimely death in 2001. *Thinking in Systems*, is a concise and crucial book offering insight for problem solving on scales ranging from the personal to the global. Edited by the Sustainability Institute's Diana Wright, this essential primer brings systems thinking out of the realm of computers and equations and into the tangible world, showing readers how to develop the systems-thinking skills that thought leaders across the globe consider critical for 21st-century life. Some of the biggest

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problems facing the world—war, hunger, poverty, and environmental degradation—are essentially system failures. They cannot be solved by fixing one piece in isolation from the others, because even seemingly minor details have enormous power to undermine the best efforts of too-narrow thinking. While readers will learn the conceptual tools and methods of systems thinking, the heart of the book is grander than methodology. Donella Meadows was known as much for nurturing positive outcomes as she was for delving into the science behind global dilemmas. She reminds readers to pay attention to what is important, not just what is quantifiable, to stay humble, and to stay a learner. In a world growing ever more complicated, crowded, and interdependent, *Thinking in Systems* helps readers avoid confusion and helplessness, the first step toward finding proactive and effective solutions.

An exploration of corporate purpose - a company's expressed overriding reason for existing - and its effect upon strategy, executive leadership, employees, and ultimately, on competitive performance. It argues that the path to financial success lies in a customer-focused corporate purpose.

“Read this book to learn how to create a company as powerful as Apple.”—Guy Kawasaki, former chief evangelist of Apple  
In *Escape Velocity* Geoffrey A. Moore, author of the marketing masterwork *Crossing the Chasm*, teaches twenty-first century enterprises how to overcome the pull of the past and reorient their organizations to meet a new era of competition. The world’s leading high-tech business strategist, Moore

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connects the dots between bold strategies and effective execution, with an action plan that elucidates the link between senior executives and every other branch of a company. For readers of Larry Bossidy's Execution, Clay Christensen's Innovator's Solution, and Gary Vaynerchuk's Crush It!, and for anyone aiming for the pinnacle of business success, Escape Velocity is an irreplaceable roadmap to the top.

What is the future of the enterprise? In this groundbreaking book Vitalari and Shaughnessy explore that question and what it means for you. From 2007 onwards a small number of companies began to enjoy exceptional growth. They not only performed well, but also performed better and differently from companies before them and around them. These companies are elastic enterprises. Enabled by a new kind of elasticity, elastic enterprises scale and operate in a completely novel way. This same elasticity allows individuals around the world to find new roles in the fast evolving economy. For two hundred years enterprises worked off an operating model described by Adam Smith in the 18th century. It was based on the division of labor and the gradual elimination of individual creativity. Today's high performers have moved beyond Smith's craft-inspired model of scale. They grow in new ways. "While other companies were laying staff off, these were hiring and creating opportunity for vast ecosystems of creative people.

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We noticed these companies were not just good for employment opportunities; they were creating new markets as well. We are talking here about real change, along many dimensions, baked into one coherent model for how business should be done," explain the authors. The book describes the key dynamics of the elastic enterprise and how new leaders combine them. They also describe what it means to work in the new, high invention environment. And how Elastic Enterprises are transforming how we create wealth. We believe the techniques that the best performers have invented will spur a new era of growth and their lessons are applicable to companies of all sizes. A new manifesto for business revolution is emerging. Policy makers, executives, employees, small businesses around the world are asking how we create a different kind of engine for growth. What's next? Our shorthand answer to these pressing questions is to become an elastic enterprise. In the shortest possible space we will explain what that means and the difference it makes to executives, employees, partners and customers. Elastic Enterprises are the ones inventing the future. People adore them for it. For anybody who wants to build a better future, they are the best game in town.

Summary Elastic leadership is a framework and philosophy that can help you as you manage day-to-day and long-term challenges and strive to create

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the elusive self-organizing team. It is about understanding that your leadership needs to change based on which phase you discover that your team is in. This book provides you with a set of values, techniques, and practices to use in your leadership role. Purchase of the print book includes a free eBook in PDF, Kindle, and ePub formats from Manning Publications. About the Technology Your team looks to you for guidance. You have to mediate heated debates. The team is constantly putting out fires instead of doing the right things, the right way. Everyone seems to want to do things correctly, but nobody seems to be doing so. This is where leaders get stuck. It's time to get unstuck! Elastic leadership is a novel approach that helps you adapt your leadership style to the phase your team is in, so you can stay in step as things change. About the Book Elastic Leadership is a practical, experience-driven guide to team leadership. In it, you'll discover a set of values, techniques, and practices to lead your team to success. First, you'll learn what elastic leadership is and explore the phases of this results-oriented framework. Then, you'll see it in practice through stories, anecdotes, and advice provided by successful leaders in a variety of disciplines, all annotated by author and experienced team leader, Roy Osherove. What's Inside Understanding why people do what they do Effective coaching Influencing team members and managers Advice

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from industry leaders About the Reader This book is for anyone with a year or more of experience working on a team as a lead or team member. About the Author Roy Osherove is the DevOps process lead for the West Coast at EMC, based in California. He is also the author of *The Art of Unit Testing* (Manning, 2013) and *Enterprise DevOps*. He consults and trains teams worldwide on the gentle art of leadership, unit testing, test-driven development, and continuous-delivery automation. He frequently speaks at international conferences on these topics and others.

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Spread your workload Making your team manage their own work Go see, ask why, show respect Keep developers happy, reap high-quality work Stop doing their work Write code, but not too much Evolving from manager to leader Affecting the pace of change Proximity management Babel Fish You're the lead, not the know-it-all Actions speak louder than words #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. “The kind of book that can be life-changing.” —The New York Times “Deserves a place on the same shelf with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank.” —USA Today DON'T MISS

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BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK'S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.

An essential guide for leaders who want to use social media to be "open" while maintaining control "Be Open, Be Transparent, Be Authentic" are the current leadership mantras-but companies often push back. Business is premised on the concept of control and yet the new world order demands openness-leaders do not know how to be open and be in control. This must-have resource will help the modern leader understand how to lead in the new open world-where blogging, twittering, facebooking, and digging are becoming the norm. the author lays out the steps that leaders must take to transform their organizations and themselves into being "open" -and exactly what that will mean. Shows how to use social media to become an open organization Offers basic advice for leaders who are adapting to the new era of openness in the marketplace The author Charlene Li is one of the foremost experts on social media and technologies In easy-to-understand language, this book will help leaders orient themselves to social networking and other technological advances.

. Renewal of Life by Transmission. The most notable distinction between living and inanimate things is that the former maintain themselves by renewal. A stone when struck resists. If its resistance is greater than the force of the blow struck, it remains



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outwardly unchanged. Otherwise, it is shattered into smaller bits. Never does the stone attempt to react in such a way that it may maintain itself against the blow, much less so as to render the blow a contributing factor to its own continued action. While the living thing may easily be crushed by superior force, it none the less tries to turn the energies which act upon it into means of its own further existence. If it cannot do so, it does not just split into smaller pieces (at least in the higher forms of life), but loses its identity as a living thing. As long as it endures, it struggles to use surrounding energies in its own behalf. It uses light, air, moisture, and the material of soil. To say that it uses them is to say that it turns them into means of its own conservation. As long as it is growing, the energy it expends in thus turning the environment to account is more than compensated for by the return it gets: it grows. Understanding the word "control" in this sense, it may be said that a living being is one that subjugates and controls for its own continued activity the energies that would otherwise use it up. Life is a self-renewing process through action upon the environment.

Cut through the "mush" to sustain and improve the quality of your partnerships at work. Gervase R. Bushe named one of HR Magazine's Most Influential Thinkers 2016 What happened to that win-win partnership with your boss, colleague, or direct report

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that suddenly dissolved into mistrust and suspicion? Despite your best intentions, how did hidden agendas, unresolved conflicts, and miscommunication get in the way? With new research, fresh insight, and up-to-date examples of what it takes to collaboratively organize and sustain healthy relationships at work, this newly revised edition of *Clear Leadership* tackles these issues head-on. Building on the powerful concepts that made the first edition such a success, Gervase Bushe explains why even the most promising partnerships get derailed and what you can do about it.

A master class in strategic thinking, distilled from the legendary program the author has co-taught at Yale for decades. For almost two decades, Yale students have competed for admission each year to the "Studies in Grand Strategy" seminar taught by John Lewis Gaddis, Paul Kennedy, and Charles Hill. Its purpose has been to prepare future leaders for responsibilities they will face, through lessons drawn from history and the classics. Now Gaddis has distilled that teaching into a succinct, sharp and potentially transformational book, surveying statecraft from the ancient Greeks to Franklin D. Roosevelt and beyond. An unforgettable guide to the art of leadership, *On Grand Strategy* is, in every way, its own master class.

When many companies lose their CEO, they go into

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a tailspin. But when Roberto Goizueta died, Coca-Cola didn't even hiccup. Why? Before his death, Goizueta lived by the Law of Legacy.

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How did American Military leaders in the brutal POW camps of North Vietnam inspire their followers for six, seven, or eight years to remain committed to the mission, resist a cruel enemy, and return home with honor? What leadership principles engendered such extreme devotion, perseverance, and teamwork? In this powerful and practical book, Lee Ellis, a former Air Force pilot, candidly talks about his five and a half years of captivity and the fourteen key leadership principles behind this amazing story. As a successful executive coach and corporate consultant, he helps leaders of Fortune 500 companies, healthcare executives, small business owners, and entrepreneurs utilize these same pressure-tested principles to increase their personal and organizational success. In *Leading with Honor:*

*Leadership Lessons from the Hanoi Hilton*, you will learn:

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of any organization. He highlights lessons and principles that can be applied to every leadership situation." This book is ideal for individual or group study as a personal development, coaching, human resource development, or executive training resource.

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and models for a new world, this book should be required reading for strategists and innovators across disciplines. "Refreshing. A book that does not follow today's push to be 'innovative' just to snag attention because of the current hot trending keyword. Matter of fact, Cecily Sommers' book works to get us away from simply identifying and going for a ride on the latest trend(s) in our respective industries. Quite the contrary, rather than avoid a scientific or tactical discussion of trend identification, she works to give us the ability to go beyond trends and into the future. Cecily has drafted a book providing a nice blend of practical reality, philosophy, and practical execution. It speaks well to current discussions about how to drive 'innovation' or, better, creativity within your businesses—however large or small. All in, this is a book 254 pages long, including index, that is written at a practical level that, after closer study following an initial read-through, provides a methodology for anticipating the future and taking action to meet it. Provides a methodology for anticipating the future and taking action to meet it. Think Like a Futurist is a good read for anyone struggling with how to move their organization forward. Business leaders, product and program managers, service providers will all find the concepts Cecily introduces to be well laid-out with a reasonable amount of supporting content."—The source is a blog: <http://jtpedersen.net/2012/11/15/what-ive-read-lately-think-like-a-futurist/>

THE INSIDE STORY OF THE EPIC TURNAROUND OF FORD MOTOR COMPANY UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CEO ALAN MULALLY. At the end of 2008, Ford

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Motor Company was just months away from running out of cash. With the auto industry careening toward ruin, Congress offered all three Detroit automakers a bailout. General Motors and Chrysler grabbed the taxpayer lifeline, but Ford decided to save itself. Under the leadership of charismatic CEO Alan Mulally, Ford had already put together a bold plan to unify its divided global operations, transform its lackluster product lineup, and overcome a dysfunctional culture of infighting, backstabbing, and excuses. It was an extraordinary risk, but it was the only way the Ford family—America's last great industrial dynasty—could hold on to their company. Mulally and his team pulled off one of the greatest comebacks in business history. As the rest of Detroit collapsed, Ford went from the brink of bankruptcy to being the most profitable automaker in the world. American Icon is the compelling, behind-the-scenes account of that epic turnaround. On the verge of collapse, Ford went outside the auto industry and recruited Mulally—the man who had already saved Boeing from the deathblow of 9/11—to lead a sweeping restructuring of a company that had been unable to overcome decades of mismanagement and denial. Mulally applied the principles he developed at Boeing to streamline Ford's inefficient operations, force its fractious executives to work together as a team, and spark a product renaissance in Dearborn. He also convinced the United Auto Workers to join his fight for the soul of American manufacturing. Bryce Hoffman reveals the untold story of the covert meetings with UAW leaders that led to a game-changing contract, Bill Ford's battle to

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hold the Ford family together when many were ready to cash in their stock and write off the company, and the secret alliance with Toyota and Honda that helped prop up the American automotive supply base. In one of the great management narratives of our time, Hoffman puts the reader inside the boardroom as Mulally uses his celebrated Business Plan Review meetings to drive change and force Ford to deal with the painful realities of the American auto industry. Hoffman was granted unprecedented access to Ford's top executives and top-secret company documents. He spent countless hours with Alan Mulally, Bill Ford, the Ford family, former executives, labor leaders, and company directors. In the bestselling tradition of *Too Big to Fail* and *The Big Short*, *American Icon* is narrative nonfiction at its vivid and colorful best.

#1 New York Times Bestseller Legendary venture capitalist John Doerr reveals how the goal-setting system of Objectives and Key Results (OKRs) has helped tech giants from Intel to Google achieve explosive growth—and how it can help any organization thrive. In the fall of 1999, John Doerr met with the founders of a start-up whom he'd just given \$12.5 million, the biggest investment of his career. Larry Page and Sergey Brin had amazing technology, entrepreneurial energy, and sky-high ambitions, but no real business plan. For Google to change the world (or even to survive), Page and Brin had to learn how to make tough choices on priorities while keeping their team on track. They'd have to know when to pull the plug on losing propositions, to fail fast. And they needed timely, relevant data to track

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their progress—to measure what mattered. Doerr taught them about a proven approach to operating excellence: Objectives and Key Results. He had first discovered OKRs in the 1970s as an engineer at Intel, where the legendary Andy Grove ("the greatest manager of his or any era") drove the best-run company Doerr had ever seen. Later, as a venture capitalist, Doerr shared Grove's brainchild with more than fifty companies. Wherever the process was faithfully practiced, it worked. In this goal-setting system, objectives define what we seek to achieve; key results are how those top-priority goals will be attained with specific, measurable actions within a set time frame. Everyone's goals, from entry level to CEO, are transparent to the entire organization. The benefits are profound. OKRs surface an organization's most important work. They focus effort and foster coordination. They keep employees on track. They link objectives across silos to unify and strengthen the entire company. Along the way, OKRs enhance workplace satisfaction and boost retention. In *Measure What Matters*, Doerr shares a broad range of first-person, behind-the-scenes case studies, with narrators including Bono and Bill Gates, to demonstrate the focus, agility, and explosive growth that OKRs have spurred at so many great organizations. This book will help a new generation of leaders capture the same magic. Master the art of communication to improve outcomes in any scenario *Simply Said* is the essential handbook for business communication. Do you ever feel as though your message hasn't gotten across? Do details get lost along the way? Have tense situations ever escalated



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unnecessarily? Do people buy into your ideas? It all comes down to communication. We all communicate, but few of us do it well. From tough presentations to everyday transactions, there is no scenario that cannot be improved with better communication skills. This book presents an all-encompassing guide to improving your communication, based on the Exec|Comm philosophy: we are all better communicators when we focus less on ourselves and more on other people. More than just a list of tips, this book connects skills with scenarios and purpose to help you hear and be heard. You'll learn the skills to deliver great presentations and clear and persuasive messages, handle difficult conversations, effectively manage, lead with authenticity and more, as you discover the secrets of true communication. Communication affects every interaction every day. Why not learn to do it well? This book provides comprehensive guidance toward getting your message across, and getting the results you want. Shift your focus from yourself to other people Build a reputation as a good listener Develop your written and oral communications for the greatest impact Inspire and influence others Communicate more effectively in any business or social situation Did that email come across as harsh? Did you offend someone unintentionally? Great communication skills give you the power to influence someone's thinking and guide them to where you need them to be. Simply Said teaches you the critical skills that make you more effective in business and in life.

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