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Exponential Organizations Why new organizations are ten times better, faster, and cheaper than yours (and what to do about it) Diversion Books

The #1 New York Times bestseller. Over 3 million copies sold! Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results No matter your goals, Atomic Habits offers a proven framework for improving--every day. James Clear, one of the world's leading experts on habit formation, reveals practical strategies that will teach you exactly how to form good habits, break bad ones, and master the tiny behaviors that lead to remarkable results. If you're having trouble changing your habits, the problem isn't you. The problem is your system. Bad habits repeat themselves again and again not because you don't want to change, but because you have the wrong system for change. You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems. Here, you'll get a proven system that can take you to new heights. Clear is known for his ability to distill complex topics into simple behaviors that can be easily applied to daily life and work. Here, he draws on the most proven ideas from biology, psychology, and neuroscience to create an easy-to-understand guide for making good habits inevitable and bad habits impossible. Along the way, readers will be inspired and entertained with true stories from Olympic gold medalists, award-winning artists, business leaders, life-saving physicians, and star comedians who have used the science of small habits to master their craft and vault to the top of their field. Learn how to: • make time for new habits (even when life gets crazy); • overcome a lack of motivation and willpower; • design your environment to make success easier; • get back on track when you fall off course; ...and much more. Atomic Habits will reshape the way you think about progress and success, and give you the tools and strategies you need to transform your habits--whether you are a team looking to win a championship, an organization hoping to redefine an industry, or simply an individual who wishes to quit smoking, lose weight, reduce stress, or achieve any other goal.

A playbook on product-led strategy for software product teams There's a common strategy used by the fastest growing and most successful businesses of our time. These companies are building their entire customer experience around their digital products, delivering software that is simple, intuitive and delightful, and that anticipates and exceeds the evolving needs of users. Product-led organizations make their products the vehicle for acquiring and retaining customers, driving growth, and influencing organizational priorities. They represent the future of business in a digital-first world. This book is meant to help you transform your company into a product-led organization, helping to drive growth for your business and advance your own career. It provides: A holistic

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view of the quantitative and qualitative insights teams need to make better decisions and shape better product experiences. A guide to setting goals for product success and measuring progress toward meeting them. A playbook for incorporating sales and marketing activities, service and support, as well as onboarding and education into the product Strategies for soliciting, organizing and prioritizing feedback from customers and other stakeholders; and how to use those inputs to create an effective product roadmap The Product-Led Organization: Drive Growth By Putting Product at the Center of Your Customer Experience was written by the co-founder and CEO of Pendo—a SaaS company and innovator in building software for digital product teams. The book reflects the author's passion and dedication for sharing what it takes to build great products. Enterprise architecture defines a firm's needs for standardized tasks, job roles, systems, infrastructure, and data in core business processes. This book explains enterprise architecture's vital role in enabling - or constraining - the execution of business strategy. It provides frameworks, case examples, and more.

Leading Exponential Change (second edition, May 2019) unveils the secrets of Enterprise Agility. The way companies manage change has undergone dramatic shifts, and organizations have tried to adapt to relentless market innovations by using artificial intelligence, Big Data, the Scrum Framework, increasingly connected people, and new mind-sets such as Agile or Lean. But all these approaches have only established disruptive change as a new, relentless reality. In Leading Exponential Change, world-renowned consultant Erich R. Bühler shares the secrets that differentiate truly remarkable companies from those that fail to adapt to today's constantly changing market conditions. During his years on the front lines, the author recognized that no two companies were the same—and that what worked in one enterprise might not work in another. He studied a wide range of organizations to determine the specific behaviors and mind-sets needed to embrace change. One thing became clear: human beings are not physiologically prepared for constant alterations in processes, roles, and ways of working. Realizing that a new approach was needed, Bühler developed a set of revolutionary principles and techniques to create responsive people and organizations that challenged traditional thinking (and many Agile concepts). Drawing on his experience as an international change consultant, the author takes you deep into why companies struggle to adapt even when they have the right people. He also analyzes the reasons some consultants face endless obstacles and resistance to change while others succeed. This groundbreaking book offers new foundations to help company leaders, managers, Agile consultants, HR representatives, mentors, and scrum masters become skilled at helping others to influence change. Here readers find five types of Agility—including Mental Agility and how to increase it! Bühler also explains two game-changing frameworks for increasing adaptability to change: the ELSA framework, ideal for environments where people welcome change, and DeLTA, which helps manage change in companies with hostile work environments.

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Drawing from years of experience and employing an easy-to-follow approach, Bühler also addresses the differences between Agile and Enterprise/Business Agility, explores what happens to the brain during change, explains methods for improving innovation, and teaches important concepts about organizational psychology and the neuroscience of change. Between the first and second editions, Bühler traveled around the world interviewing change consultants from different countries and cultures to verify which of his techniques had a positive impact and which ones needed to be improved. Bolstered by this new data, the second edition of *Leading Exponential Change* is packed with new paradigms, practices, ready-to-use tools, and real-life stories from the author and other industry-revered consultants specializing in innovation, human resources, and coaching. Paperback and ebook editions are available in Spanish (*Lidera el cambio exponencial*) and Portuguese (*Lidere a Mudança Exponencial*), and this second edition is also available on audio for listening on the go.

A bold vision about the ways companies will adapt and be reborn in a revolutionary world where business models implode and the search is on for what will work. . . . The fate of newspapers and the music industry is a harbinger of what awaits every company: an aging business model in its death throes as people finally wake up to the grim fact that their products and the way they deliver them are completely out of sync not only with what customers want but how they want it. But Michael Malone—the author who, when the Internet was still the domain of technical experts, enabled his readers to see clearly the opportunities of the then-emerging digital age—is back and once again making sense of a future just around the corner. Business considerations such as the wireless World Wide Web, billions of new consumers, and an entrepreneurial ethos are all converging. How a corporation is organized and how people will be managed and employed will change more quickly than anyone realizes. With technology poised to connect a billion new consumers from the most remote parts of the globe, corporations will enter a volatile economic era marked by unprecedented threats and opportunities. Survival will require companies to be “protean”—nimble shape-shifters able to change direction and identity in response to a rapidly evolving international marketplace. They must, in other words, act like perpetual entrepreneurial start-ups. In our Web 2.0 world “the future arrived yesterday,” since the tools for success already exist and are the means for companies becoming protean. Malone provides remarkable insights into how this emerging corporate form will work and why it’s the key to competitiveness. Find out:

- Why the traditional CEO as master of the universe will be extinct. The CEO will be a chameleon, adapting management style and attitude to each company’s constituency.
- How to identify a core group of employees who will provide stability through their knowledge of the company’s history, values, and culture.
- How to effectively recruit, manage, and retain the best talent in an increasingly nontraditional, entrepreneurial, and peripatetic workforce.
- Who stakeholders are, why they matter, and how they will extend

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beyond any comparable business organization to this point. • Why the rigid boundaries between for-profit and nonprofit ventures are likely to dissolve through alternate forms of value creation, resulting in hybrid enterprises. By embracing impermanence and becoming true shape-shifters, protean businesses will not only endure, they'll come to dominate large segments of the global economy. Provocative and pragmatic, *The Future Arrived Yesterday* is a dynamic blueprint for a tumultuous economic age.

Which kinds of companies will thrive and which will get crushed by the powerful forces in the global business landscape now at work? This groundbreaking new guide will help you adapt and change your business to thrive among digital giants, including Google, Facebook, and Amazon. Drawing on considerable original research and case studies from Wang's acclaimed firm, Constellation Research, this groundbreaking guide reveals which kinds of companies will thrive and which will get crushed by the powerful forces now at work. Ultimately, you will understand how the business world is changing in the face of extreme competition and, most importantly, you will learn how to adapt now to stay relevant and in demand. *Everybody Wants to Rule the World* will help you: Understand the power of Data-Driven Digital Networks and how they have driven the most successful companies of our time. Learn how extreme consolidation is changing the global business landscape and what this means for businesses of all types and sizes in terms of understanding where you fit in the value chain. Gain insights into what innovative companies are doing right now to position themselves in this new reality. Take your business from status quo to market leader.

To survive in the new, competitive digital economy of artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things, companies will have to change their management models. The company of linear, incremental growth is becoming obsolete. Moonshot leaders like Elon Musk or Jeff Bezos aspire to bringing about massive transformations. These visionaries seek radical solutions to big problems through enabling technologies that are easily scalable and yield increasing returns with decreasing marginal costs that in many cases approach zero. In his book *Journey of the Future Enterprise*, Jorge Calvo explains what the disruptive change of the Fourth Industrial Revolution consists of, what moonshot leadership is and what exponential organizations (ExOs) are, and having set out the conceptual framework, explains how to gear companies toward the new economy. In short, this resource-packed book is written for those who want to be part of this change, for those who are suffering the impact of this radical transformation, for those who feel lost as a result of the complexity and speed of the changes that are taking place, and for those who want to better understand the drivers of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Based on unprecedented access to the corporation's archives, *The Intel Trinity* is the first full history of Intel Corporation—the essential company of the digital age—told through the lives of the three most important figures in the company's history: Robert

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Noyce, Gordon Moore, and Andy Grove. Often hailed the “most important company in the world,” Intel remains, more than four decades after its inception, a defining company of the global digital economy. The legendary inventors of the microprocessor—the single most important product in the modern world—Intel today builds the tiny “engines” that power almost every intelligent electronic device on the planet. But the true story of Intel is the human story of the trio of geniuses behind it. Michael S. Malone reveals how each brought different things to Intel, and at different times. Noyce, the most respected high tech figure of his generation, brought credibility (and money) to the company’s founding; Moore made Intel the world’s technological leader; and Grove, has relentlessly driven the company to ever-higher levels of success and competitiveness. Without any one of these figures, Intel would never have achieved its historic success; with them, Intel made possible the personal computer, Internet, telecommunications, and the personal electronics revolutions. The Intel Trinity is not just the story of Intel’s legendary past; it also offers an analysis of the formidable challenges that lie ahead as the company struggles to maintain its dominance, its culture, and its legacy. With eight pages of black-and-white photos.

Exponential Organizations already being hailed as the must-read" book of the year by tech industry insiders delivers groundbreaking analysis and insight, as well as how-to advice for companies of any size. It is poised to become this year's Lean Startup, a big business book about innovation."

Frost & Sullivan's 2014 Growth, Innovation, and Leadership Book of the Year

"EXPONENTIAL ORGANIZATIONS should be required reading for anyone interested in the ways exponential technologies are reinventing best practices in business." —Ray Kurzweil, Director of Engineering at Google
In business, performance is key. In performance, how you organize can be the key to growth. In the past five years, the business world has seen the birth of a new breed of company—the Exponential Organization—that has revolutionized how a company can accelerate its growth by using technology. An ExO can eliminate the incremental, linear way traditional companies get bigger, leveraging assets like community, big data, algorithms, and new technology into achieving performance benchmarks ten times better than its peers. Three luminaries of the business world—Salim Ismail, Yuri van Geest, and Mike Malone—have researched this phenomenon and documented ten characteristics of Exponential Organizations. Here, in EXPONENTIAL ORGANIZATIONS, they walk the reader through how any company, from a startup to a multi-national, can become an ExO, streamline its performance, and grow to the next level. "EXPONENTIAL ORGANIZATIONS is the most pivotal book in its class. Salim examines the future of organizations and offers readers his insights on the concept of Exponential Organizations, because he himself embodies the strategy, structure, culture, processes, and systems of this new breed of company." —John Hagel, The Center for the Edge Chosen by Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, to be one of Bloomberg's Best Books of 2015

Today's managers encounter tremendous resistance in getting others to buy-in to change. The ongoing rounds of downsizing and upheaval have taken their toll, leaving a legacy of skepticism. Therefore, managers must not only have ideas, but must be experts at "selling" the correct answers, information, and measurements to address issues of change.

Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and Publishers Weekly bestseller The prospect of

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living to 200 years old isn't science fiction anymore. A leader in the emerging field of longevity offers his perspective on what cutting-edge breakthroughs are on the horizon, as well as the practical steps we can take now to live healthily to 100 and beyond. In *The Science and Technology of Growing Young*, industry investor and insider Sergey Young demystifies the longevity landscape, cutting through the hype and showing readers what they can do now to live better for longer, and offering a look into the exciting possibilities that await us. By viewing aging as a condition that can be cured, we can dramatically revolutionize the field of longevity and make it accessible for everyone. Join Sergey as he gathers insights from world-leading health entrepreneurs, scientists, doctors, and inventors, providing a comprehensive look into the future of longevity in two horizons:

- The Near Horizon of Longevity identifies the technological developments that will allow us to live to 150—some of which are already in use—from AI-based diagnostics to gene editing and organ regeneration.
- The Far Horizon of Longevity offers a tour of the future of age reversal, and the exciting technologies that will allow us to live healthily to 200, from Internet of Bodies to digital avatars to AI-brain integration.

In a bonus chapter, Sergey also showcases 10 longevity choices that we already know and can easily implement to live to 100, distilling the science behind diet, exercise, sleep, mental health, and our environments into attainable habits and lifestyle hacks that anyone can adopt to vastly improve their lives and workplaces. Combining practical advice with an incredible overview of the brave new world to come, *The Science and Technology of Growing Young* redefines what it means to be human and to grow young.

Rethink your business for the digital age. Every business begun before the Internet now faces the same challenge: How to transform to compete in a digital economy? Globally recognized digital expert David L. Rogers argues that digital transformation is not about updating your technology but about upgrading your strategic thinking. Based on Rogers's decade of research and teaching at Columbia Business School, and his consulting for businesses around the world, *The Digital Transformation Playbook* shows how pre-digital-era companies can reinvigorate their game plans and capture the new opportunities of the digital world. Rogers shows why traditional businesses need to rethink their underlying assumptions in five domains of strategy—customers, competition, data, innovation, and value. He reveals how to harness customer networks, platforms, big data, rapid experimentation, and disruptive business models—and how to integrate these into your existing business and organization. Rogers illustrates every strategy in this playbook with real-world case studies, from Google to GE, from Airbnb to the New York Times. With practical frameworks and nine step-by-step planning tools, he distills the lessons of today's greatest digital innovators and makes them usable for businesses at any stage. Many books offer advice for digital start-ups, but *The Digital Transformation Playbook* is the first complete treatment of how legacy businesses can transform to thrive in the digital age. It is an indispensable guide for executives looking to take their firms to the next stage of profitable growth. Transform your organization into a constantly learning, ever-evolving industry leader with the proven operating model of leading global firms. For decades, leaders of large, complex organizations have been rightfully encouraged to run their organizations like lean, agile startups. More often than not, they place their bets on trends like digital transformation or design thinking. Well-intended, yet in isolation they are not enough.

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There's another, better way to drive durable, effective change in your organization, and it's been proven effective by global IT and business consulting leader Infosys. The Live Enterprise operating model provides a clear path to transform large complex businesses into agile, digital ecosystems that evolve with changing market needs and scale to any size. You'll learn how to apply the benefits of the startup operating model—but go much further. This groundbreaking guide addresses issues critical to transform large organizations, such as: Create an organizational structure that drives collaboration, innovation, strategic alignment, and new culture across distributed interconnected teams Respond quickly yet thoughtfully—and scientifically—to opportunities to create valuable new employee and customer experiences Reengineer your value chain to see what's missing, what can be improved, and what can be eliminated to generate exponential value Automate systems so routine decisions can be acted upon with maximum human intuition and minimum human intervention Groundbreaking in theory and long-term strategy, this game-changing guide includes practical steps you can take now—for immediate, concrete results—while laying the groundwork to operate with agility in the future. The application of Live Enterprise enabled Infosys to make the kinds of changes during the COVID crisis to not only survive but drive outstanding financial results. Now, you can use this innovative approach to position your company for the highly unpredictable future ahead.

The Next Step: Exponential Life presents essays on the potential of what are known as "exponential technologies"—those whose development is accelerating rapidly, such as robotics, artificial intelligence or industrial biology—considering their economic, social, environmental, ethical and even ontological implications. This book's premise is that humanity is at the beginning of a technological revolution that is evolving at a much faster pace than earlier ones—a revolution is so far-reaching it is destined to generate transformations we can only begin to imagine. Contributors include Aubrey D.N.J. de Grey, Jonathan Rossiter, Joseph A. Paradiso, Kevin Warwick, Huma Shah, Ramón López de Mántaras, Helen Papagiannis, Jay David Bolter, Maria Engberg, Robin Hanson, Stuart Russell, Darrell M. West, Francisco González, Chris Skinner, Steven Monroe Lipkin, S. Matthew Liao, James Giordano, Luciano Floridi, Seán Ó Héigeartaigh and Martin Rees.

Today's top business challenge is adapting to accelerating technological change. We are in the early stages of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, characterized by the convergence of new exponentially advancing technologies that blur the lines between physical, digital and biological realms. The results are a complete uprooting of industries the world over as entire production, management, and governance systems are impacted. The best-selling book Exponential Organizations by Salim Ismail explained why we are seeing the emergence of a new kind of organization—the Exponential Organization—that thrives in the face of industry disruption and achieves its own exponential growth. Since the release of Exponential Organizations in 2014, Salim Ismail, Francisco Palao, and Michelle Lapierre have been working with leading organizations around the world (including Procter & Gamble, Unilever, Visa, Stanley Black & Decker and Hewlett Packard) to help them apply Exponential Organization principles to avoid being disrupted and to take the lead in disrupting their own and other industries. The result is a ten-week process called the ExO Sprint that speeds up transformation while blocking the natural immune system response that organizations

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must overcome in order to successfully transform themselves. Salim's first bestseller was focused on why Exponential Organizations exist today. Exponential Transformation is a detailed handbook for applying Exponential Organization principles, giving individuals and organizations a step-by-step approach to follow to become their own ExO.

The definitive leadership book on digital adaptation and solving major global crises. Former Procter & Gamble Vice President for IT and Shared Services, Tony Saldanha gives you the keys to a successful digital transformation: a proven five-stage model and a disciplined process for executing it. Digital transformation is more important than ever now that we're in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, where the lines between the physical, digital, and biological worlds are becoming ever more blurred. But fully 70 percent of digital transformations fail. Why? Tony Saldanha, a globally awarded industry thought-leader who led operations around the world and major digital changes at Procter & Gamble, discovered it's not due to innovation or technological problems. Rather, the devil is in the details: a lack of clear goals and a disciplined process for achieving them. In this book, Saldanha lays out a five-stage process for moving from digitally automating processes here and there to making digital technology the very backbone of your company. For each of these five stages, Saldanha describes two associated disciplines vital to the success of that stage and a checklist of questions to keep you on track. You want to disrupt before you are disrupted—be the next Netflix, not the next Blockbuster. Using dozens of case studies and his own considerable experience, Saldanha shows how digital transformation can be made routinely successful, and instead of representing an existential threat, it will become the opportunity of a lifetime.

From the Nobel Prize-winning author of *Thinking, Fast and Slow* and the coauthor of *Nudge*, a revolutionary exploration of why people make bad judgments and how to make better ones—"a tour de force" (*New York Times*). Imagine that two doctors in the same city give different diagnoses to identical patients—or that two judges in the same courthouse give markedly different sentences to people who have committed the same crime. Suppose that different interviewers at the same firm make different decisions about indistinguishable job applicants—or that when a company is handling customer complaints, the resolution depends on who happens to answer the phone. Now imagine that the same doctor, the same judge, the same interviewer, or the same customer service agent makes different decisions depending on whether it is morning or afternoon, or Monday rather than Wednesday. These are examples of noise: variability in judgments that should be identical. In *Noise*, Daniel Kahneman, Olivier Sibony, and Cass R. Sunstein show the detrimental effects of noise in many fields, including medicine, law, economic forecasting, forensic science, bail, child protection, strategy, performance reviews, and personnel selection. Wherever there is judgment, there is noise. Yet, most of the time, individuals and organizations alike are unaware of it. They neglect noise. With a few simple remedies, people can reduce both noise and bias, and so make far better decisions. Packed with original ideas, and offering the same kinds of research-based insights that made *Thinking, Fast and Slow* and *Nudge* groundbreaking *New York Times* bestsellers, *Noise* explains how and why humans are so susceptible to noise in judgment—and what we can do about it.

Bold is a radical how-to guide for using exponential technologies, moonshot thinking,

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and crowd-powered tools to create extraordinary wealth while also positively impacting the lives of billions. A follow-up to the authors' *Abundance* (2012).

A history of Hewlett-Packard chronicles the efforts of its Stanford graduate founders to build their first product in a small California garage through its rise to a legendary Silicon Valley company, in an account that credits the company's objectives, employee trust, and firm self-appraisals with enabling its successes.

If Owen Chase can't find a way to turn his company around in the next nine days, he'll be forced to shut it down and lay off all of his employees. He has incurred substantial debt and his marriage is on shaky ground. Through pure happenstance, Owen finds himself pondering this problem while advancing steadily as a contestant at the World Series of Poker. His Las Vegas path quickly introduces him to Samantha, a beautiful and mysterious mentor with a revolutionary approach to entrepreneurship. Sam is a fountain of knowledge that may save his company, but her sexual advances might prove too much for Owen's struggling marriage. *All In Startup* is more than just a novel about eschewing temptation and fighting to save a company. It is a lifeline for entrepreneurs who are thinking about launching a new idea or for those who have already started but can't seem to generate the traction they were expecting.

Entrepreneurs who achieve success in the new economy do so using a new "scientific method" of innovation. *All In Startup* demonstrates why four counterintuitive principles separate successful entrepreneurs from the wanna-preneurs who bounce from idea to idea, unable to generate real revenue. You will likely get only one opportunity in your life to go "all in" on an idea: to quit your job, talk your spouse into letting you drain the savings account, and follow your dream. *All In Startup* will prepare you for that "all in" moment and make sure that you push your chips into the middle only when the odds are in your favor. This book holds the keys to significantly de-risking your idea so that your success appears almost lucky. Join Owen and Sam for this one-of-a-kind journey that will set you on the right path for when it's your turn to put everything on the line.

A bold exploration and call-to-arms over the widening gap between AI, automation, and big data—and our ability to deal with its effects. We are living in the first exponential age. High-tech innovations are created at dazzling speeds; technological forces we barely understand remake our homes and workplaces; centuries-old tenets of politics and economics are upturned by new technologies. It all points to a world that is getting faster at a dizzying pace. Azeem Azhar, renowned technology analyst and host of the *Exponential View* podcast, offers a revelatory new model for understanding how technology is evolving so fast, and why it fundamentally alters the world. He roots his analysis in the idea of an "exponential gap" in which technological developments rapidly outpace our society's ability to catch up. Azhar shows that this divide explains many problems of our time—from political polarization to ballooning inequality to unchecked corporate power. With stunning clarity of vision, he delves into how the exponential gap is a near-inevitable consequence of the rise of AI, automation, and other exponential technologies, like renewable energy, 3D printing, and synthetic biology, which loom over the horizon. And he offers a set of policy solutions that can prevent the growing exponential gap from fragmenting, weakening, or even destroying our societies. The result is a wholly new way to think about technology, one that will transform our understanding of the economy, politics, and the future.

Buddhist and Taoist Systems Thinking explores a radical new conception of business

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and management. It is grounded on the reconnection of humans with nature as the new competitive advantage for living organizations and entrepreneurs that aspire to regenerate the economy and drive a positive impact on the planet, in the context of the Anthropocene. Organizations today struggle in finding a balance between maximizing profits and generating value for their stakeholders, the environment and the society at large. This happens in a paradigm shift characterized by unprecedented levels of exponential change and the emergence of disruptive technologies. Adaptability, thus, is becoming the new business imperative. How can, then, entrepreneurs and organizations constantly adapt and, at the same time, design the sustainable futures they'd like? This book uniquely explores the benefits of applying Buddhist and Taoist Systems Thinking to sustainable management. Grounded in Taoist and Zen Buddhist philosophies, it offers a modern scientific perspective fundamentally based on the concepts of bio-logical adaptability and lifefulness amidst complexity and constant change. The book introduces the new concept of the Gaia organization as a living organism that consciously helps perpetuate the conditions for life on the planet. It is subject to the natural laws of transformation and the principles of oneness, emptiness, impermanence, balance, self-regulation and harmonization. Readers will find applied Eastern systems theories such as the Yin-Yang and the Five Elements operationalized through practical methodologies and tools such as T-Qualia and the Zen Business model. They are aimed at guiding Gaia organizations and entrepreneurs in leading sustainable transformations and qualifying economic growth. The book offers a vital toolkit for purpose-driven practitioners, management researchers, students, social entrepreneurs, evaluators and change-makers to reinvent, create and mindfully manage sustainable and agile organizations that drive systemic transformation.

“This timely book reminds us that innovation is agnostic about where it's created.”

—Satya Nadella, CEO, Microsoft Over and over, we see big legacy businesses getting beaten to the punch by energetic little start-ups. It seems like innovation can come from only the bottom up or from the outside in. But tech experts Vivek Wadhwa and Ismail Amla are here to tell you that “big equals slow and stodgy” is a myth. Based on decades of experience working with both the world's leading brands and disruptive start-ups, this book explores the opportunity legacy companies have to create new markets, supercharge growth, and remake their businesses by combining the mindset and tool belt of start-ups with the benefits of incumbency: boatloads of customer data, decades of brand equity, robust distribution channels, enormous financial assets, and more. Wadhwa and Amla go deeply into why the pace and dynamics of innovation have changed so dramatically in recent years and show how companies can overcome obstacles like the Eight Deadly Sins of Stasis. Equally important, they provide a playbook on how to use their insights in your own company, team, or career. This fast-paced, anecdote-rich story rethinks modern innovation—a book every manager, executive, and ambitious employee will want to read.

The authors document how four forces--exponential technologies, the DIY innovator, the Technophilanthropist, and the Rising Billion--are conspiring to solve our biggest problems. "Abundance" establishes hard targets for change and lays out a strategic roadmap for governments, industry and entrepreneurs, giving us plenty of reason for optimism.

A practical handbook for using Exponential Organization to transform your

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organization—and disrupt your industry—in 10 weeks Today's top business challenge is adapting to accelerating technological and global change. In his bestselling book *Exponential Organizations*, author Salim Ismail described a new type of organization that thrives amidst industry disruption. Since then, he has helped organizations disrupt their own industries—by applying Exponential Organization (ExO) principles. From this work emerged the 10-week transformation process explained in this book, called the ExO Sprint. *Exponential Transformation* is the detailed implementation handbook for becoming an Exponential Organization. The book enables organizations to speed up their transformation and overcome the obstacles to success. Lead a 10-week ExO Sprint Evolve in order to navigate industry disruption Become an Exponential Organization Block the immune-system response of organizations during transformation Companies such as Visa, Procter & Gamble, HP, and Black & Decker have already benefited from ExO process. *Exponential Transformation* is a must-have resource for participants of any ExO Sprint, as well as those seeking to apply Exponential principles in their organizations.

“Startling in scope and bravado.” —Janet Maslin, *The New York Times* “Artfully envisions a breathtakingly better world.” —*Los Angeles Times* “Elaborate, smart and persuasive.” —*The Boston Globe* “A pleasure to read.” —*The Wall Street Journal* One of CBS News's Best Fall Books of 2005 • Among *St Louis Post-Dispatch's* Best Nonfiction Books of 2005 • One of Amazon.com's Best Science Books of 2005 A radical and optimistic view of the future course of human development from the bestselling author of *How to Create a Mind* and *The Singularity is Nearer* who Bill Gates calls “the best person I know at predicting the future of artificial intelligence” For over three decades, Ray Kurzweil has been one of the most respected and provocative advocates of the role of technology in our future. In his classic *The Age of Spiritual Machines*, he argued that computers would soon rival the full range of human intelligence at its best. Now he examines the next step in this inexorable evolutionary process: the union of human and machine, in which the knowledge and skills embedded in our brains will be combined with the vastly greater capacity, speed, and knowledge-sharing ability of our creations.

Expert guidance on how to grow innovation and optimize already-successful areas of established organizations *Transforming Legacy Organizations* provides real-world advice and research-based information on how to grow innovation by employing new technologies, improving processes, and establishing a culture of creativity and forward momentum. Conventional business wisdom views innovation as the biggest advantage startups have over large, established organizations, often referred to as legacy organizations. This belief is false, especially when considering that 70% of all startups fail within 20 months of their first venture round. The truth is innovation initiatives of legacy organizations have far better chances of succeeding. Organizations with superior resources—money, customers, suppliers, data, employees, infrastructure—can overcome challenges from new entrepreneurial ventures: knowing how to leverage their underutilized advantage is key for achieving sustained, long-term innovation success. Author Kris Oestergaard has been teaching established organizations around the world for over 15 years. *Transforming Legacy Organizations* illustrates how to best pursue innovation to create future success. This book helps leaders to: Incorporate proven strategies and research-based information into your organization's overall innovation

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initiatives Use new technologies to improve processes and increase innovation Learn to capitalize on your organization's existing resources to beat startups at their own game Transform innovative concepts into specific products, services, and business models Reinvent your organization to overcome disruptions in the market and challenges from new competitors Transforming Legacy Organizations: Turn your Established Business into an Innovation Champion to Win the Future is a valuable resource for leaders of established companies such as C-Suite executives, senior managers, and heads of business development, innovation, and digital teams.

Achieving Successful Business Outcomes: Driving High Performance & Effective Transformations in a Continuously Evolving Business Environment

(978-1-003-00939-9, 346640) "The missing manual for CXOs who want to understand the reasons their growth strategies are faltering and how to reinvigorate them." Steven Sonsino, London Business School, author of Leadership Unplugged and The Seven Failings of Really Useless Leaders "A valuable and important contribution to our future relevance toolkit!" Anton Musgrave, Futurist and Senior Partner, Future World International "A timely and compelling book that demystifies what it takes to drive change in a volatile and turbulent business environment." Sudhanshu Palsule, author of Rehumanizing Leadership, The Social Leader and Managing in Four Worlds "Not just a compendium of practical business lessons but also a new and powerful extendable model that can be used to evolve, evaluate and execute risk-calibrated business strategies. Piyush Sharma, School of Marketing, Faculty of Business and Law, Curtin University, Australia; Associate Editor, Marketing – Journal of Business Research; Regional Editor – Journal of Knowledge Management "The framework is very innovative and relevant in today's highly competitive business environments. An important and valuable contribution to improving managerial and organizational effectiveness." Vinod Singhal, Charles W. Brady Chair, Scheller College of Business, Georgia Institute of Technology Navigating in space is exponentially more difficult than navigating on the road – because there are too many directions to investigate, too many unknowns to be prepared for and infinite pathways to chart in the galactic system. So it is with business. Business environments are extremely demanding and change continuously, precipitated by innumerable actors and conditions. Business success cannot be predicated on the pedigree of a leader or a prescribed theory alone, as start-ups have amply proven. Large companies have tried to copy nimble-footed start-ups while start-ups, after achieving a certain size, have been forced to adapt to uncharted territory. Disruptions seems to be the order of the day. This book is about achieving successful business outcomes. An aircraft has a complex dashboard of dials, where only a critical few need to be monitored continuously, and other subsets warrant attention only during specific phases of the flight. A well-modeled business can be managed successfully using a similar strategy. But the larger question is how to model a business, with closely correlated variables, to represent the reality of the environment and to allow for devising, formulating and adjusting business strategy and actions in real-time. The author uses a simple but well-researched STA-Triangle (space, time and action) model to achieve this purpose. The core of the STA model is to help navigate effectively in a rapidly changing business environment. Unlike traditional business studies that use a single lens to define business rules or organizational practices, it uses the combination of space, time and action as the driver of outcomes – something

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fundamental and core to human thinking across the ages. This book contains both theoretical and practical applications – the former helps propel further research and analysis and the latter helps practicing leaders confidently drive their firms forward in any environmental conditions. It will also help causal readers understand how the future is evolving and how different organizations are responding to this change. The author includes more than a hundred supporting examples and tools that help create highly incisive and unique views for calibrating strategy and execution.

This book analyses prevailing approaches and policies in innovative entrepreneurship. It explores the ways in which entrepreneurs learn and develop innovation-based businesses to drive increased regional competitiveness. Specifically, the contributions propose that sustainable innovation ecosystems booster innovative entrepreneurship and thus create a competitive advantage for smart and sustainable growth. It also examines the current state of entrepreneurship education, where the development of entrepreneurial abilities is considered a process of value creation—both economic and social—with the final aim to create both new start-ups and entrepreneurial mind-sets. Featuring theoretical approaches and empirical evidences, this title is appropriate for scholars, academics, students and policy makers in technology and innovation management, economics of innovation and entrepreneurship.

Praise for *The Exponential Era* "The Exponential Era turns strategic planning from a stagnant limited application exercise to an active thoughtful process that can yield benefits for all companies and executives. Every company leader can find a gem in the Exponential Era to apply to their business big or small." —Michael Splinter, Chairman of the Board, NASDAQ and Retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Applied Materials "I count this among the very best business books I have read. The authors have managed to synthesize a vast array of thinking and methodologies and deployed them in a practical and easily understood planning process (SPX) that addresses today's exponential pace of change." —James B. Stake, former Executive Vice President, Enterprise Services, 3M Company and Chairman, Ativa Medical Corporation "The Exponential Era is an essential read for our times." —John Puckett, Owner of Punch Pizza and Co-founder of Caribou Coffee "The Exponential Era does a great job of not only describing exponential technologies, but how they likely converge to transform our world." —Frank Diana, Managing Partner, Futurist, TATA Consultancy Services "The Exponential Era is a must-read for business leaders, entrepreneurs, and virtually anyone navigating our highly complex and rapidly changing world." —General (Ret. 4 Star) Joseph L. Votel, President and CEO, Business Executives for National Security (BENS)

How companies can adapt in an era of continuous disruption: a guide to responding to such acute crises as COVID-19. When COVID-19 hit, businesses had to respond almost instantaneously--shifting employees to remote work, repairing broken supply chains, keeping pace with dramatically fluctuating customer demand. They were forced to adapt to a confluence of multiple disruptions inextricably linked to a longer-term, ongoing digital disruption. This book shows that companies that use disruption as an opportunity for innovation emerge from it stronger. Companies that merely attempt to "weather the storm" until things go back to normal (or the next normal), on the other hand, miss an opportunity to thrive. The authors, all experts on business and technology strategy, show that transformation is not a one-and-done event, but a

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continuous process of adapting to a volatile and uncertain environment. Drawing on five years of research into digital disruption—including a series of interviews with business leaders conducted during the COVID-19 crisis—they offer a framework for understanding disruption and tools for navigating it. They outline the leadership traits, business principles, technological infrastructure, and organizational building blocks essential for adapting to disruption, with examples from real-world organizations. Technology, they remind readers, is not an end in itself, but enables the capabilities essential for surviving an uncertain future: nimbleness, scalability, stability, and optionality.

How do markets evolve? Why are some innovations picked up straightaway whilst others take years to be commercialized? Are there first-mover advantages? Why do we behave with 'irrational exuberance' in the early evolution of markets as was the case with the dot.com boom? Paul Geroski is a leading economist who has taught economics to business school students, managers, and executives at the London Business School. In this book he explains in a refreshingly clear style how markets develop. In particular he stresses how the early evolution of markets can significantly shape their later development and structure. His purpose is to show how a good grasp of economics can improve managers' business and investment decisions. Whilst using the development of the Internet as a case in point, Geroski also refers to other sectors and products, for example cars, television, mobile phones, and personal computers. This short book is an ideal introduction for managers, MBA students, and the general reader wanting to understand how markets evolve.

Super Founders uses a data-driven approach to understand what really differentiates billion-dollar startups from the rest—revealing that nearly everything we thought was true about them is false! Ali Tamaseb has spent thousands of hours manually amassing what may be the largest dataset ever collected on startups, comparing billion-dollar startups with those that failed to become one—30,000 data points on nearly every factor: number of competitors, market size, the founder's age, his or her university's ranking, quality of investors, fundraising time, and many, many more. And what he found looked far different than expected. Just to mention a few: Most unicorn founders had no industry experience; There's no disadvantage to being a solo founder or to being a non-technical CEO; Less than 15% went through any kind of accelerator program; Over half had strong competitors when starting--being first to market with an idea does not actually matter. You will also hear the stories of the early days of billion-dollar startups first-hand. The book includes exclusive interviews with the founders/investors of Zoom, Instacart, PayPal, Nest, Github, Flatiron Health, Kite Pharma, Facebook, Stripe, Airbnb, YouTube, LinkedIn, Lyft, DoorDash, Coinbase, and Square, venture capital investors like Elad Gil, Peter Thiel, Alfred Lin from Sequoia Capital and Keith Rabois of Founders Fund, as well as previously untold stories about the early days of ByteDance (TikTok), WhatsApp, Dropbox, Discord, DiDi, Flipkart, Instagram, Careem, Peloton, and SpaceX. Packed with counterintuitive insights and inside stories from people who have built massively successful companies, Super Founders is a paradigm-shifting and actionable guide for entrepreneurs, investors, and anyone interested in what makes a startup successful.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER If you want to build a better future, you must believe in secrets. The great secret of our time is that there are still uncharted frontiers

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to explore and new inventions to create. In *Zero to One*, legendary entrepreneur and investor Peter Thiel shows how we can find singular ways to create those new things. Thiel begins with the contrarian premise that we live in an age of technological stagnation, even if we're too distracted by shiny mobile devices to notice. Information technology has improved rapidly, but there is no reason why progress should be limited to computers or Silicon Valley. Progress can be achieved in any industry or area of business. It comes from the most important skill that every leader must master: learning to think for yourself. Doing what someone else already knows how to do takes the world from 1 to n, adding more of something familiar. But when you do something new, you go from 0 to 1. The next Bill Gates will not build an operating system. The next Larry Page or Sergey Brin won't make a search engine. Tomorrow's champions will not win by competing ruthlessly in today's marketplace. They will escape competition altogether, because their businesses will be unique. *Zero to One* presents at once an optimistic view of the future of progress in America and a new way of thinking about innovation: it starts by learning to ask the questions that lead you to find value in unexpected places.

World-renowned economist Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, explains that we have an opportunity to shape the fourth industrial revolution, which will fundamentally alter how we live and work. Schwab argues that this revolution is different in scale, scope and complexity from any that have come before. Characterized by a range of new technologies that are fusing the physical, digital and biological worlds, the developments are affecting all disciplines, economies, industries and governments, and even challenging ideas about what it means to be human. Artificial intelligence is already all around us, from supercomputers, drones and virtual assistants to 3D printing, DNA sequencing, smart thermostats, wearable sensors and microchips smaller than a grain of sand. But this is just the beginning: nanomaterials 200 times stronger than steel and a million times thinner than a strand of hair and the first transplant of a 3D printed liver are already in development. Imagine "smart factories" in which global systems of manufacturing are coordinated virtually, or implantable mobile phones made of biosynthetic materials. The fourth industrial revolution, says Schwab, is more significant, and its ramifications more profound, than in any prior period of human history. He outlines the key technologies driving this revolution and discusses the major impacts expected on government, business, civil society and individuals. Schwab also offers bold ideas on how to harness these changes and shape a better future--one in which technology empowers people rather than replaces them; progress serves society rather than disrupts it; and in which innovators respect moral and ethical boundaries rather than cross them. We all have the opportunity to contribute to developing new frameworks that advance progress. This book takes its inspiration from the potential that the Xponential 21st Century offers to any company or individual that wants to grow their business faster. Namely, it is applicable for: 1. Established companies that need to make a shift from past business practices and successfully embrace innovation, Xponential growth and in general, the potential of the 21st Century; 2. Start-ups that are struggling to scale their business and need inspiration and strategy to scale faster; 3. Anyone who is interested about how to grow a business faster or create Xponential growth in the 21st Century. *Xponential Growth* is full of inspiring, real world examples of what is changing in the 21st Century;

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how leaders have disrupted industries or created totally new markets and/or expanded boundaries of industries. Xponential Growth guides you step-by-step to create Xponential growth for your company. What you will learn:* WHY we live in times of Xponential growth; * WHAT is the mindset of growth & abundance and WHY it is possible to achieve improvement and/or growth of 10X or more instead of just 10% or 30%;* HOW to leverage technologies that are already growing Xponentially to create Xponentially-growing businesses or become Xponentially more efficient; * HOW to design digital business models enabling Xponential growth; * HOW to find and implement new pathways of growth, resulting in Xponential growth.After a 30-year career in innovation and leadership roles with multinational corporations and start-ups in various stages (founding, incubating and scaling), the subject of growth has always been part of my life. The book explains why and what is happening in innovation in the 21st Century, how to analyse existing businesses, which innovation approaches to use, how to find pathways/options to grow and finally decide which pathways to use and how to execute them to create exponential growth. A lot of times, asking the right questions is essential for success, and this book has a wealth of questions to support your growth. It includes a lot of examples to understand the "how-to", and it follows a step-by-step approach to apply it to your business! Wishing you a lot of success in your journey with innovation and Xponential growth.

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