

Profit From The Core A Return To Growth In Turbulent Times

"The simultaneous pursuit of growth and profitability is one of the most exquisite--and difficult--leadership dilemmas. Bala Chakravarthy and Peter Lorange provide penetrating insights and persuasive real-life examples on how a company can address this dilemma through continuous renewal and internal entrepreneurship. Unusual for books on leadership, their discussion spans from theory through practical implementation."--Nick Shreiber, Former President & CEO, Tetra Pak Group "A continuous renewal of the firm's businesses is essential for driving its profitable growth. This book gives credible insights and rich examples on how these renewal strategies can be shaped and executed successfully. I am recommending it to my key managers and business friends--essential reading!"--Peter Brabeck-Letmathe, Chairman & CEO, Nestle" Drawing on extensive research with world-class companies, this book introduces four proven strategies for continuous renewal. You'll discover powerful ways to protect and extend your core businesses; capture new opportunities distant from them; and "bridge" these two strategies with two others to evolve towards profitable diversification. Then, through real-world case studies from great companies around the world, you'll learn how to execute on these strategies--achieving superior growth and

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profitability in any business environment. -Craft a "shared strategic architecture" for growth and profitability
Protect, extend, transform, build, and leverage -Execute on your renewal strategies successfully
Integrate your efforts, encourage entrepreneurship, and manage risks -Wield the tools of implementation
Utilize organic growth, acquisitions, and alliances more effectively -Share one stage and one script
Find the right roles for leaders, managers, and internal entrepreneurs -Promote continuous renewal from the top
Set vision, values, and culture...and manage the dilemmas of continuous renewal
Sustaining Growth and Profitability: World-Class Strategies, Proven Execution Techniques!
-Mastering the secret of growth and profitability: continuous renewal-
Emerging best practices from today's most successful companies, worldwide-
Protecting, extending, leveraging, building, and transforming your core -Deploying organic growth, acquisitions, and alliances intelligently
Growth and profitability. You need both. This book shows how to get both. It combines a complete strategic framework with start-to-finish execution techniques--all based on advanced research reflecting the best practices of today's most successful companies. Through detailed case studies, the authors show how to sustain growth and profitability by protecting and extending your current market position, evolving to adjacent areas, and entering entirely new markets. You'll discover better ways to integrate organic growth, acquisitions and alliances; task managers at all levels in the organization appropriately; and manage the non-stop dilemmas and tradeoffs you'll face along the way.

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Tap into solutions for the Top 10 Challenges Every Business Encounters and Learn the Keys to Transform Your Business today. The Profit Pattern by John Mautner: Learn the key solutions to solve the ten proven, repeatable and beatable challenges that every business encounters. Whether you are a startup, restructuring or escalating to a higher level, you can grow your business, improve performance, improve efficiency, starting right now with the help of The Profit Pattern. This is an insider's look at the strategies behind authority business coach and serial entrepreneur John Mautner's formula. The Profit Pattern will help you protect, restore and grow your business, just as Mautner personally has done to help thousands of other businesses. Discover the challenges that every business faces and learn how to make a difference, transform your business, improve efficiency, and impact your company's bottom line. Whether you are facing financial challenges or are seeking greater heights, The Profit Pattern will guide you to improve performance, increase productivity and time management through simple steps so you can accomplish all your goals. Inside The Profit Pattern: The Top 10 Tools To Transform Your Business Drive Performance, Empower Your People, Accelerate Productivity and Profitability you will receive access to many downloadable pdf's, quizzes and tools that will help you along as you implement Mautner's proven formula. Author of cult classics The Pumpkin Plan and The Toilet Paper Entrepreneur offers a simple, counterintuitive cash management solution that will help small businesses break out of the doom spiral and achieve instant profitability. Conventional accounting

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uses the logical (albeit, flawed) formula: Sales - Expenses = Profit. The problem is, businesses are run by humans, and humans aren't always logical. Serial entrepreneur Mike Michalowicz has developed a behavioral approach to accounting to flip the formula: Sales - Profit = Expenses. Just as the most effective weight loss strategy is to limit portions by using smaller plates, Michalowicz shows that by taking profit first and apportioning only what remains for expenses, entrepreneurs will transform their businesses from cash-eating monsters to profitable cash cows. Using Michalowicz's Profit First system, readers will learn that:

- Following 4 simple principles can simplify accounting and make it easier to manage a profitable business by looking at bank account balances.
- A small, profitable business can be worth much more than a large business surviving on its top line.
- Businesses that attain early and sustained profitability have a better shot at achieving long-term growth.

With dozens of case studies, practical, step-by-step advice, and his signature sense of humor, Michalowicz has the game-changing roadmap for any entrepreneur to make money they always dreamed of.

"This book examines how multinationals can use their core business competencies to promote peace and stability in conflict regions and what role - if any - business has in diplomacy. To investigate these questions the authors interviewed CEOs and high-level managers of multinationals working in 'challenging' countries such as Afghanistan, Burma and Rwanda. The interviewees provided extraordinarily candid views on both

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the practical and ethical issues that occur when operating under extremely volatile circumstances. The lessons learned by these managers make the book invaluable for any manager working for a large company in a region of unrest." "The Profit of Peace is based on investigative journalism and contains many examples of best practices worldwide. It will be essential reading for practitioners, policy-makers and students involved with corporate social responsibility, peace studies, development studies and stakeholder management."--BOOK JACKET.

Grow the Core stands conventional wisdom about business growth on its head and provides a proven formula for growing your business in recessionary times. These days, it's a common belief among business leaders across industry sectors that the best way to grow their businesses is to expand into new markets. In reality, virtually all top-performing companies achieve superior results through a leading position in their core business. Unfortunately, there's very little in the way of practical advice on how to do this. Grow the Core shows you how to focus on your core business for brand success, with a program of eight workouts road-tested by the author's consultancy, the brandgym. The book provides inspiration, practical advice and proven tools for building and strengthening your core business. It is packed with case studies from brandgym clients, including Mars, Friesland Campina, SAB Miller and Danone. The book features exclusive brandgym research, in addition to front-line experience on over one hundred brand coaching projects.

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From the school yards of the South Bronx to the tops of the "Billboard" charts, rap has emerged as one of the most influential cultural forces of our time. This pioneering anthology brings together more than 300 lyrics written over 30 years, from the "old school" to the present day.

Is your company delivering products to customers at the right time, place, and price—with the best possible availability and lowest possible cost and working capital? If not, you're probably alienating your customers and suppliers, eroding shareholder value, and losing control of your fixed costs. These dangerous mistakes can put you out of business.

A Financial Times Book of the Year 2020! Should companies be run for profit or purpose? In this ground-breaking book, acclaimed finance professor and TED speaker Alex Edmans shows it's not an either-or choice. Drawing from real-life examples spanning industries and countries, Edmans demonstrates that purpose-driven businesses are consistently more successful in the long-term. But a purposeful company must navigate difficult trade-offs and take tough decisions. Edmans provides a roadmap for company leaders to put purpose into practice, and overcome the hurdles that hold many back. He explains how investors can discern which companies are truly purposeful and how to engage with them to unleash value for both shareholders and society. And he highlights the role that citizens can play in reshaping business to improve our world. This edition has been thoroughly updated to include the pandemic,

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the latest research, and new insights on how to make purpose a reality.

When kindness becomes your primary goal, everything changes: how you look at life, what you get from it, and how others interact with and relate to you. The Profit of Kindness will help you master the art of building trusting, long-lasting relationships through open, nonadversarial interchanges that result in mutually beneficial outcomes. A basic adjustment in attitude and approach can substantially improve virtually every facet of your life. Each chapter provides specific examples for improving skills such as communication, building integrity, team work, influencing others, and more. In order to connect with new clients or future business partners and transform your potential into success, you need to establish trust and build strong relationships. The key is to focus more on giving and working with others rather than simply on “winning.” Because doing so is guaranteed to help you actually win. The Profit of Kindness is a practical guide that teaches you how to connect with others using the global asset known as kindness. You will learn: Kindness does not mean weakness. Kindness can help you stay competitive, anticipate pitfalls, and stay one step ahead of your rivals. Success, achieved through kindness, can indeed be yours.

Your lack of focus on Procurement is limiting your profits. Multiply them by making Procurement a company-wide priority. Profit from Procurement: Add 30% to Your Bottom Line by Breaking Down Silos delivers an insightful, compelling, and fresh take on a subject that typically comprises 50% of a business's total costs: Procurement. Alex Klein, Simon Watson and Jose Oliveira, leaders at the world's largest dedicated Procurement consultancy, highlight the limitations of the traditional, functionally siloed approach to Procurement, and demonstrate how significant EBITDA gains can be made by lifting Procurement out of the back office and

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enabling it to fundamentally reset a company's cost base. Its accessible, frank, and refreshing style, combined with practical, actionable advice, based on the authors' extensive real-life experience, make it a must read for any executive looking to make an impact through Procurement. The book offers readers a practical and concrete roadmap to optimizing, integrating, and deploying a company's Procurement capabilities, creating a less siloed, more impactful function. Readers will learn how to: Plan their company's Procurement transformation Reskill teams for the coming change Reposition the Procurement function to become the driver of cross-functional change Integrate new topics such as digitalization and sustainability into their Procurement roadmaps Ensure that Procurement efficiencies are fully reflected in bottom-line profits Perfect for C-Suite executives and Procurement professionals at companies of all sizes, Profit from Procurement belongs on the bookshelves of every employee and leader tasked with company operations and profit strategy.

A Washington Post Bestseller Three Principles for Managing—and Avoiding—the Problems of Growth Why is profitable growth so hard to achieve and sustain? Most executives manage their companies as if the solution to that problem lies in the external environment: find an attractive market, formulate the right strategy, win new customers. But when Bain & Company's Chris Zook and James Allen, authors of the bestselling Profit from the Core, researched this question, they found that when companies fail to achieve their growth targets, 90 percent of the time the root causes are internal, not external—increasing distance from the front lines, loss of accountability, proliferating processes and bureaucracy, to name only a few. What's more, companies experience a set of predictable internal crises, at predictable stages, as they grow. Even for healthy companies, these crises, if not managed properly, stifle the

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ability to grow further—and can actively lead to decline. The key insight from Zook and Allen’s research is that managing these choke points requires a “founder’s mentality”—behaviors typically embodied by a bold, ambitious founder—to restore speed, focus, and connection to customers:

- An insurgent’s clear mission and purpose
- An unambiguous owner mindset
- A relentless obsession with the front line

Based on the authors’ decade-long study of companies in more than forty countries, *The Founder’s Mentality* demonstrates the strong relationship between these three traits in companies of all kinds—not just start-ups—and their ability to sustain performance. Through rich analysis and inspiring examples, this book shows how any leader—not only a founder—can instill and leverage a founder’s mentality throughout their organization and find lasting, profitable growth.

How will you determine if your company has succeeded if you can’t base its performance on a well-defined business strategy? A strategic plan, established at your venture’s birth, helps crystalize the future of the organization--mapping a clear path from where the company stands today to where you wish it to be. Renowned business author Brian Tracy has provided a simple path to creating the specific business strategy needed for your company’s success. Readers of *Business Strategy* will discover how to:

- Ask the five key questions vital to any strategic plan
- Determine a corporate mission that lifts and inspires people
- Define themselves in relation to their competition
- Anticipate crises
- Reposition their business with new products, services, and technology
- And more

Incorporating wide-ranging examples--from Alexander the Great to IBM to General Electric--this concise, practical guide gives readers proven ideas for increasing their company’s bottom line and maximizing their strengths and opportunities. The path to success starts at the beginning!

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Learn the secrets of transformation management from the man who turned National Semiconductor around in just three years. Amelio reveals how he took the reins of the failing company in 1991 and transformed it into a \$2 billion dollar organization. With William Simon, he tells readers how to create a viable action plan, establish excellence as the standard, and make the customer a friend. Illustrations.

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charities—with purpose. With the tips inside this book, you, your business, or your charity can: Find a cause that drives you and your career goals to new heights Create a job that you love and be celebrated by your peers, boss, and industry Inspire brand fanatics to stay loyal to you, your company, and your cause Add a halo to your product, grow your geographic reach, innovate for “the next big thing,” engage Boomers to Gen Z, and much more! This is your blueprint for living by your personal values, achieving career success, and changing the world. Purpose and profit are the greatest human motivators. This is the definitive roadmap for bringing the power of both forces together—achieving purpose with profit in your career, company, and changing the world. Do you crave more meaning in your job? This book will give you the roadmap. Are you seeking to inspire employees? CEOs are discovering that purpose is the secret to increasing productivity and retaining top workers. If you’re in sales, unleash the power of purpose to inspire customers to be passionate brand ambassadors. Everyone wants more meaning. We all inherently know that purpose is powerful, but this is the ground-breaking book to unleashing the purpose within your career, company, and life goals. This book will show you how to profit with purpose, whether you’re the one calling the shots or a junior employee looking to advance. Get paid to change the world – who wouldn’t want to be the person doing that?

The book that answers the most fundamental question in business: Where Will I Make a Profit Tomorrow? Why do some companies create sustained, superior profits year after year? Why are they always far ahead of their competitors in discovering the ever-changing profit zones of their industry? Why do others languish as their traditional way of doing business turns into a no-profit zone? The Profit Zone provides the answers. It is a brilliant, original, and practical

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explanation of how and why high profit happens.

Challenging the wisdom about the way capitalism and colonialism joined forces to transform Hong Kong into one of the world's great cities, this book deploys case studies of the clash of interests between alien colonials and their Chinese constituents and the conflict between a pro-business government and its political and social responsibilities.

Outlines numerous expansion strategies for businesses and includes interviews from twenty-five CEO's.

Over the next decade, two out of every three companies will face the challenge of their corporate lives: redefining their core business. Buffeted by global competition and facing an uncertain future, more and more executives will realize that they must make fundamental changes in their core even as they continue delivering the goods and services that keep them in business today. Unstoppable shows these managers how to look deep within their organizations to find undervalued, unrecognized, or underutilized assets that can serve as new platforms for sustainable growth. Drawing on more than thirty interviews with CEOs from companies such as De Beers, American Express, and Samsung, it shows readers how to recognize when the core needs reinvention and how to deploy the "hidden assets" that can be the basis for tomorrow's growth. Building on the author's previous books, Profit from the Core and Beyond the Core, this book shows how any company in crisis can transform itself to become truly unstoppable. Exploring how cross-sector collaboration can solve seemingly intractable societal

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problems Many people tend to think of the public, non-profit and private sectors as being distinctive components of the economy and broader society—each with its own missions and problems to address. This book describes how the three sectors can work together toward common purposes, accomplishing much more than if they work alone. With the nation reeling from multiple challenges, more than ever the United States needs these sectors to collaborate to address what might seem to be intractable problems. Cross-sector collaborations and partnerships are more crucial than in the past as the country tries to recover from the economic, health, and broad social dislocations caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. At a time when trust in institutions, both public and private, is at an all-time low, cooperation among the sectors can be a confidence-inspiring approach to addressing public problems. This book reviews the state of cross-sector collaborations, identifies emerging practices, and offers a range of perspectives from experts in the field. Practitioners show how cooperation among sectors is relevant to their core missions. Scholars from a wide range of disciplines discuss both the broad and specific concepts that advance understanding of cross-sector collaboration. At a time when the United States must recover from and address new challenges, the book shows how cross-sector collaborations can help ensure a brighter future. Its core conclusions should be of particular interest to leaders in each of the broad sectors, as well as educators and students at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

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Britain makes more money from music than from its car industry. In the United States the core copyright industries achieved foreign sales and exports of \$60.18 billion - a figure which surpasses, for the first time, every other export sector, including automobiles, agriculture and aircraft. Howkins sets out to explore how we can harness creativity and the industry it sustains to our common interests. This book is not about information and the information society. It is about more basic matters, what we humans want and what we are good at.

Less than 0.5 per cent of all data is currently analysed and used. However, business leaders and managers cannot afford to be unconcerned or sceptical about data. Data is revolutionizing the way we work and it is the companies that view data as a strategic asset that will survive and thrive. Bernard Marr's Data Strategy is a must-have guide to creating a robust data strategy. Explaining how to identify your strategic data needs, what methods to use to collect the data and, most importantly, how to translate your data into organizational insights for improved business decision-making and performance, this is essential reading for anyone aiming to leverage the value of their business data and gain competitive advantage. Packed with case studies and real-world examples, advice on how to build data competencies in an organization and crucial coverage of how to ensure your data doesn't become a liability, Data Strategy will equip any organization with the tools and strategies it needs to profit from big data, analytics and the Internet of Things.

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A fully updated follow-up to Peter Schiff's bestselling financial survival guide-Crash Proof, which described the economy as a house of cards on the verge of collapse, with over 80 pages of new material. The economic and monetary disaster which seasoned prognosticator Peter Schiff predicted is no longer hypothetical-it is here today. And nobody understands what to do in this situation better than the man who saw it coming. For more than a decade, Schiff has not only observed the economy, but also helped his clients restructure their portfolios to reflect his outlook. What he sees today is a nation facing an economic storm brought on by growing federal, personal, and corporate debt; too little savings; and a declining dollar. Crash Proof 2.0 picks up right where the first edition-a bestselling book that predicted the current market mayhem-left off. This timely guide takes into account the dramatic economic shifts that are reshaping the world and provides you with the insights and information to navigate the dangerous terrain. Throughout the book, Schiff explains the factors that will affect your future financial stability and offers a specific three step plan to battle the current economic downturn. Discusses the measures you can take to protect yourself-as well as profit-during these difficult times. Offers an insightful examination of the structural weaknesses underlying the economic meltdown. Outlines a plan that will allow you to preserve wealth and protect the purchasing power of your savings. Filled with in-depth insights and expert advice, Crash Proof 2.0 will help you survive and thrive during the coming years of economic uncertainty.

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What people get out of social media—and how businesses can get more out of it Almost no one had heard of social media a decade ago, but today websites such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn have more than 1 billion users and account for almost 25 percent of Internet use. Practically overnight, social media seems indispensable to our lives—from friendship and dating to news and business. What makes social media so different from traditional media? Answering that question is the key to making social media work for any business, argues Miko?aj Piskorski, one of the world's leading experts on the business of social media. In *A Social Strategy*, he provides the most convincing answer yet, one backed by original research, data, and case studies from companies such as Nike and American Express. Drawing on his analysis of proprietary data from social media sites, Piskorski argues that the secret of successful ones is that they allow people to fulfill social needs that either can't be met offline or can be met only at much greater cost. This insight provides the key to how companies can leverage social platforms to create a sustainable competitive advantage. Companies need to help people interact with each other before they will promote products to their friends or help companies in other ways. Done right, a company's social media should benefit customers and the firm. Piskorski calls this "a social strategy," and he describes how companies such as Yelp and Zynga have done it. Groundbreaking and important, *A Social Strategy* provides not only a story- and data-driven explanation for the explosion of social media but also an invaluable, concrete road map for any company that wants

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to tap the marketing potential of this remarkable phenomenon.

An innovation classic. From Steve Jobs to Jeff Bezos, Clay Christensen's work continues to underpin today's most innovative leaders and organizations. A seminal work on disruption—for everyone confronting the growth paradox. For readers of the bestselling *The Innovator's Dilemma*—and beyond—this definitive work will help anyone trying to transform their business right now. In *The Innovator's Solution*, Clayton Christensen and Michael Raynor expand on the idea of disruption, explaining how companies can and should become disruptors themselves. This classic work shows just how timely and relevant these ideas continue to be in today's hyper-accelerated business environment. Christensen and Raynor give advice on the business decisions crucial to achieving truly disruptive growth and propose guidelines for developing your own disruptive growth engine. The authors identify the forces that cause managers to make bad decisions as they package and shape new ideas—and offer new frameworks to help create the right conditions, at the right time, for a disruption to succeed. This is a must-read for all senior managers and business leaders responsible for innovation and growth, as well as members of their teams. Based on in-depth research and theories tested in hundreds of companies across many industries, *The Innovator's Solution* is a necessary addition to any innovation library—and an essential read for entrepreneurs and business builders worldwide.

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All companies must grow to survive--but only one in five growth strategies succeeds. In *Profit from the Core*, strategy expert Chris Zook revealed how to grow profitably by focusing on and achieving full potential in the core business. But what happens when your core business provides insufficient new growth or even hits the wall? In *Beyond the Core*, Zook outlines an expansion strategy based on putting together combinations of adjacency moves into areas away from, but related to, the core business, such as new product lines or new channels of distribution. These sequences of moves carry less risk than diversification, yet they can create enormous competitive advantage, because they stem directly from what the company already knows and does best. Based on extensive research on the growth patterns of thousands of companies worldwide, including CEO interviews with 25 top performers in adjacency growth, *Beyond the Core* 1) identifies the adjacency pattern that most dramatically increases the odds of success: "relentless repeatability;" 2) offers a systematic approach for choosing among a range of possible adjacency moves; and 3) shows how to time adjacency moves during a variety of typical business situations. *Beyond the Core* shows how to find and leverage the best avenues for growth--without damaging the heart of the firm.

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Make customer value a C-Suite priority for lasting profits and growth While the Great Recession ravaged the balance sheets of long-standing leaders in their respective industries, many companies have actually gained market share, grown revenues and profits, and created more value for customers. These are not flash-in-the-pan companies—world-beaters one year and stragglers the next. They are companies like Johnson & Johnson, Procter & Gamble, Fidelity, Cisco, Philips, Walmart, and Amazon. The success of these organizations isn't the result of a brilliant strategy for bad times; it's the outcome of a highly effective long-term strategy that manages the company from the outside in. In *Strategy from the Outside In*, George S. Day and Christine Moorman explain that the key to such lasting and highly profitable success is the ability to compete on and profit from customer value. It means operating from the outside in. It means always building strategy on market insight, and ensuring that every part of the company puts customer value first. Applying years of research, Day and Moorman illustrate that an outside-in view requires constant vigilance and focus on four customer value imperatives: Be a customer value leader Innovate new value for customers Capitalize on the customer as an asset Capitalize on the brand as an asset Day and Moorman take you from theory to practice, with an emphasis on real world stories, practical models, and useable metrics so that you can profit from

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customer value. From the outside in.

Jay Steinfeld, Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year and the founder and CEO of Blinds.com (acquired by Home Depot), never planned to create the biggest online window blinds retailer in the world. Against all odds to succeed, Steinfeld's journey in business included failed acquisitions, partnerships gone wrong, perpetual self-doubt, deaths in his family, budget-limited guerilla marketing, corporate buy-outs, brutal market competition, and a complete disruption of industry leaders, including Amazon and big-box retailers. To build something meaningful like Steinfeld, you need to do more than dream about it. You need to Lead from the Core. Learn Steinfeld's "Four Es"—a set of guiding principles that help overcome any obstacle to your organization's success: Evolve Continuously, Experiment Without Fear of Failure, Express Yourself, and Enjoy the Ride. In these pages, you'll also learn specific, actionable tactics, including:

- How to start a business with little money and experience
- Ways to avoid the early failure that plagues many businesses
- Strategies to scale beyond the startup phase
- Exactly how to communicate with boards and investors
- Proven lessons to attract potential acquirers of your company

Told with humor and heart, Lead from the Core is not just a roadmap to make your company a resounding success. It's a masterclass for leaders looking to prevent

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costly business mistakes, no matter where you are in your journey.

An intimate, beautifully written coming-of-age memoir recounting a young girl's journey from war-torn Vietnam to Ridgewood, Queens, and her struggle to find her voice amid clashing cultural expectations. Ly Tran is just a toddler in 1993 when she and her family immigrate from a small town along the Mekong river in Vietnam to a two-bedroom railroad apartment in Queens. Ly's father, a former lieutenant in the South Vietnamese army, spent nearly a decade as a POW, and their resettlement is made possible through a humanitarian program run by the US government. Soon after they arrive, Ly joins her parents and three older brothers sewing ties and cummerbunds piece-meal on their living room floor to make ends meet. As they navigate this new landscape, Ly finds herself torn between two worlds. She knows she must honor her parents' Buddhist faith and contribute to the family livelihood, working long hours at home and eventually as a manicurist alongside her mother at a nail salon in Brownsville, Brooklyn, that her parents take over. But at school, Ly feels the mounting pressure to blend in. A growing inability to see the blackboard presents new challenges, especially when her father forbids her from getting glasses, calling her diagnosis of poor vision a government conspiracy. His frightening temper and paranoia leave an indelible mark on Ly's sense of self. Who is she outside of everything her family

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expects of her? Told in a spare, evocative voice that, with flashes of humor, weaves together her family's immigration experience with her own fraught and courageous coming of age, *House of Sticks* is a timely and powerful portrait of one girl's struggle to reckon with her heritage and forge her own path. Clear-headed advice on strategy from the international consulting firm Bain & Company restores a timely and refreshing "back-to-basics" approach to growth. When *Profit from the Core* was published in 2001, it became an international bestseller, helping hundreds of companies find their way back to profitable growth after the bursting of the Internet bubble. The 2007 global financial meltdown reaffirmed the perils of pursuing heady growth through untested strategies, as firms in industries from finance to retailing to automobiles strayed too far from their core businesses and suffered the consequences. In this updated edition of *Profit from the Core*, authors Chris Zook and James Allen show that a renewed focus on the core is more critical than ever as firms seek to rebuild their competitive advantage coming out of the downturn—and that a strong core will be the foundation for successful expansion as the economy recovers. Based on more than ten years of Bain & Company research and analysis and fresh examples from firms responding to the current downturn, the book outlines what today's executives and managers need to do now to revitalize their core,

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identify the next wave of profitable growth, and build on it successfully. Zook and Allen explain how companies can:

- Develop a strong, well-defined core and use it to establish a leadership position
- Follow the golden rule of strategy: discourage competitors from investing in your core
- Assess whether your core is operating at its full potential
- Uncover hidden assets in your core that provide the seeds for new growth
- Find a repeatable formula to apply core business strengths in adjacent markets

Building on powerful and proven ideas to meet today's formidable business challenges, Profit from the Core is the back-to-basics strategy field guide no manager should be without.

Avoiding prejudice will be critical to economic success in the fourth industrial revolution. It is not the new and innovative technology that will matter in the next decade, but what we do with it. Using technology properly, with diverse decision making, is the difference between success and failure in a changing world. This will require putting the right person in the right job at the right time. Prejudice stops that happening. Profit and Prejudice takes us through the relationship between economic success and prejudice in labour markets. It starts with the major changes that occur in periods of economic upheaval. These changes tend to be unpopular and complex – and complexity encourages people to turn to the simplistic arguments of 'scapegoat economics' and prejudice. Some of the

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changes of the fourth industrial revolution will help fight prejudice, but some will make it far worse. The more prejudice there is, the harder it will be for companies and countries to profit from the changes ahead. Profit is not the main argument against prejudice, but can certainly help fight it. This book tells a story of the damage that prejudice can do. Using economics without jargon, students, investors and the public will be able to follow the narrative and see how prejudice can be opposed. Prejudice is bad for business and the economy. Profit and Prejudice explains why.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Learn how to apply the principles of Charles Koch's revolutionary Market-Based Management® system to generate good profit in your organization, company, and life "This book helps show you the way to good profit—whether you work for an international supermarket chain, a medium-sized regional business, or your own start-up."—John Mackey, co-founder and co-CEO, Whole Foods Market The technological innovations, extreme politics, civil unrest, cyber attacks, demographic shifts, and global pandemic that have affected all businesses since this book was published have only confirmed Charles Koch's belief that "the only reason a business should exist (and the only way it can legitimately survive long term) is to create value in a responsible way." Hence, the principles in Good Profit are more important

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today than ever before. What exactly does Koch Industries, Inc., do and why is it so remarkably profitable? Koch's name may not be on your home's plywood, vehicle's grille, smartphone's connectors, or baby's ultra-absorbent diapers but it makes them all. And Koch's Market-Based Management® (MBM) system is what drives these innovations and many more. The core objective of MBM is to generate good profit. Good profit results from products and services that customers vote for freely with their dollars. It results from a bottom-up culture where employees are empowered to act entrepreneurially to discover customers' preferences and the best ways to improve their lives. Drawing on six decades of interdisciplinary studies, experimental discovery, and practical implementation across Koch businesses worldwide, Charles Koch walks the reader through the five dimensions of MBM to show how to apply its framework in any business, industry, or organization of any size. Readers will learn how to:

- Craft a vision for how to thrive in spite of increasingly rapid disruption and ever-changing consumer values
- Select and retain a workforce possessing both virtue and talent
- Create an environment of knowledge sharing that prizes respectful challenges from everyone at every level
- Award employees with ownership and decision rights based on their comparative advantages and proven contributions, not job title
- Motivate all employees to maximize their contributions by

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structuring incentives so compensation is limited only by the value they create A must-read for any leader, entrepreneur, or student, as well as anyone who wants a more civil, fair, and prosperous society, Good Profit is one of the greatest management books of all time.

LONGLISTED FOR THE 2019 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST, 2020 PULITZER PRIZE IN HISTORY By the late 1960s and early 1970s, reeling from a wave of urban uprisings, politicians finally worked to end the practice of redlining. Reasoning that the turbulence could be calmed by turning Black city-dwellers into homeowners, they passed the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and set about establishing policies to induce mortgage lenders and the real estate industry to treat Black homebuyers equally. The disaster that ensued revealed that racist exclusion had not been eradicated, but rather transmuted into a new phenomenon of predatory inclusion. Race for Profit uncovers how exploitative real estate practices continued well after housing discrimination was banned. The same racist structures and individuals remained intact after redlining's end, and close relationships between regulators and the industry created incentives to ignore improprieties. Meanwhile, new policies meant to encourage low-income homeownership created new methods to exploit Black homeowners. The federal government guaranteed urban mortgages in an

attempt to overcome resistance to lending to Black buyers – as if unprofitability, rather than racism, was the cause of housing segregation. Bankers, investors, and real estate agents took advantage of the perverse incentives, targeting the Black women most likely to fail to keep up their home payments and slip into foreclosure, multiplying their profits. As a result, by the end of the 1970s, the nation's first programs to encourage Black homeownership ended with tens of thousands of foreclosures in Black communities across the country. The push to uplift Black homeownership had descended into a goldmine for realtors and mortgage lenders, and a ready-made cudgel for the champions of deregulation to wield against government intervention of any kind. Narrating the story of a sea-change in housing policy and its dire impact on African Americans, *Race for Profit* reveals how the urban core was transformed into a new frontier of cynical extraction.

While there is enormous public interest in biodiversity, food sourcing, and sustainable agriculture, romantic attachments to heirloom seeds and family farms have provoked misleading fantasies of an unrecoverable agrarian past. The reality, as Courtney Fullilove shows, is that seeds are inherently political objects transformed by the ways they are gathered, preserved, distributed, regenerated, and improved. In *The Profit of the Earth*, Fullilove unearths the history of

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American agricultural development and of seeds as tools and talismans put in its service. Organized into three thematic parts, *The Profit of the Earth* is a narrative history of the collection, circulation, and preservation of seeds. Fullilove begins with the political economy of agricultural improvement, recovering the efforts of the US Patent Office and the nascent US Department of Agriculture to import seeds and cuttings for free distribution to American farmers. She then turns to immigrant agricultural knowledge, exploring how public and private institutions attempting to boost midwestern wheat yields drew on the resources of willing and unwilling settlers. Last, she explores the impact of these cereal monocultures on biocultural diversity, chronicling a fin-de-siècle Ohio pharmacist's attempt to source Purple Coneflower from the diminishing prairie. Through these captivating narratives of improvisation, appropriation, and loss, Fullilove explores contradictions between ideologies of property rights and common use that persist in national and international development—ultimately challenging readers to rethink fantasies of global agriculture's past and future.

Based on a multiyear study of such firms as Apple, IKEA, and Vanguard, the authors warn against complexity as a strategy for business planning, advocating instead for a simple, repeatable model that provides for constant improvement. The first consumer credit bureaus appeared in the 1870s and quickly amassed

huge archives of deeply personal information. Today, the three leading credit bureaus are among the most powerful institutions in modern life—yet we know almost nothing about them. Experian, Equifax, and TransUnion are multi-billion-dollar corporations that track our movements, spending behavior, and financial status. This data is used to predict our riskiness as borrowers and to judge our trustworthiness and value in a broad array of contexts, from insurance and marketing to employment and housing. In *Creditworthy*, the first comprehensive history of this crucial American institution, Josh Lauer explores the evolution of credit reporting from its nineteenth-century origins to the rise of the modern consumer data industry. By revealing the sophistication of early credit reporting networks, *Creditworthy* highlights the leading role that commercial surveillance has played—ahead of state surveillance systems—in monitoring the economic lives of Americans. Lauer charts how credit reporting grew from an industry that relied on personal knowledge of consumers to one that employs sophisticated algorithms to determine a person's trustworthiness. Ultimately, Lauer argues that by converting individual reputations into brief written reports—and, later, credit ratings and credit scores—credit bureaus did something more profound: they invented the modern concept of financial identity. *Creditworthy* reminds us that creditworthiness is never just about economic "facts." It is fundamentally

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concerned with—and determines—our social standing as an honest, reliable, profit-generating person.

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