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Crowdfunding Confidential is a friendly, funny, clear, and EFFECTIVE guide to successfully planning, crafting, and launching a crowdfunding campaign that meets its goal for you or someone in need. Who will you help today and what are you waiting for? Grab this quick yet powerful guide and get your successful crowdfunding campaign off on the right foot so you can help others in need starting today. This easy to follow handbook, written to be conversational and accessible will empower YOU to plan, create, and manage your first successful online crowdfunding campaign even if you have no previous fundraising experience and no idea where to start. Busy working mother, college professor, and serial crowdfunder Kristen Palana, has raised over \$100K online for 90+ housing, health, education, and income generation projects for needy children and their families since 2004 in her so-called spare time. This book delivers eleven years worth of her best hard-won advice and tips for successful online fundraising for a cause so that you can get started helping others in need powerfully and effectively right away. Here's what you'll find inside: An action plan for mapping out a crowdfunding campaign that has the best chance of being funded, even before it goes live A rundown on popular crowdfunding platforms and which is best for

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your project Tips for fundraising from your own website and how to partner with nonprofit organizations and small businesses to extend your reach and influence How to harness the emotional power of text, color, and imagery to win hearts, minds, and donations for your cause Learn the top crowdfunding mistakes to avoid BEFORE you begin Craft compelling email and social media campaigns to jump-start the donation process Maximize every dollar/euro donated with a full array of donor-boosting and fundraising ideas Learn HOW and WHEN to ask for donations, follows, and shares Learn how to engage and interact with your donors and cultivate their trust when fundraising for social change Tips for overcoming the fear of asking people for money Learn clever ways to leverage the power of urgency to help spark momentum How to rebound and relaunch a stalled or flailing campaign Learn best practices for what to do before, during, and after your successful campaign has funded to make a continued impact Learn tried and true fundraising basics and gain insights into successfully fundraising for nonprofits. ...and much more! This book is a companion to Kristen Palana's online Udemy course by the same name.

Documentary films have the power to change the world. And the best part is, you don't need a lot to get started making a film you're proud of that can influence and inspire the masses. In Empowered Filmmaking, Emmy Award-winning documentary filmmaker Sarah Moshman takes you through the step-by-step process of how to make a documentary from developing an idea to all aspects of filmmaking: fundraising, camera, audio and

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lighting basics, post-production tips, marketing, distribution, impact, and lots more. After directing and producing 3 feature-length documentaries ("The Empowerment Project: Ordinary Women Doing Extraordinary Things", "Losing Sight of Shore" and "Nevertheless"), Moshman shares her personal stories and real world examples of how she raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to fund her projects independently, screened her films countless times around the world, as well as landed a six-figure licensing deal with Netflix. If you're wondering how to conduct a great interview, run a successful crowdfunding campaign, bring on investors, and navigate the distribution landscape, this book has something for every aspiring or seasoned filmmaker to feel empowered to tell the stories that matter to them, on their own terms.

How to Find Help for Any Situation Although we live in the age of information and everyone is bombarded with potential sources of help, sifting through those possibilities can be a chore. This is where Help Yourself comes in! With this useful reference, author Jan Yager provides an overview of the various situations that most people have to navigate, from calling customer service or reporting a crime to finding credible and reliable information about a business, health, or legal concern. Each chapter includes a brief discussion of an issue, potential scenarios, and listings of relevant national and international organizations. Yager also instructs readers on researching state agencies, so they can contact appropriate organizations closer to home. Important topics of discussion include: Health insurance Personal

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finances Housing assistance Employment services Family planning K–12 education College selection and funding Small business development Legal services Crime victim resources Substance abuse Emergency preparedness And more

Real Estate Crowdfunding: An Insider's Guide to Investing Online introduces the reader to basic real estate investment concepts and then takes a deep dive into how to invest passively yet wisely in real estate syndications. This book will teach the reader how to:

- invest in crowdfunded real estate syndicates
- understand key financial concepts used in the industry
- diversify their investment portfolios
- read between the lines of investment contracts
- maximize profit while minimizing losses

This book is a guide to the foundational financial concepts upon which all real estate projects are based and explains the language of real estate from an insider's perspective. It provides a road map of what to watch for and how to win at the game of passive real estate investing.

Business systems undergo a number of transitions as the needs and demands of society change. With heightened connectivity driven by the development of the Internet, new opportunities for venture development and creation have become available to business owners and entrepreneurs. **Crowdfunding for Sustainable Entrepreneurship and Innovation** is a pivotal reference source for the latest scholarly research and business practices on the opportunities and benefits gained from the use of crowdfunding in modern society, discussing its socio-economic impact, in addition to its business

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implications. Featuring current trends and future directions for crowdfunding initiatives, this book is ideally designed for students, researchers, practitioners, entrepreneurs, and policy makers. New financing models such as crowdfunding are democratizing access to credit, offering individuals and communities the opportunity to support, co-create, contribute and invest in public and private initiatives. This book relates to innovation in its essence to anticipate future needs and in creating new business models without losing revenue. There are tremendous unexplored opportunities in crowdsourcing and crowdfunding; two sides of the same coin that can lead to a revolution of current social and economic models. The reading of this book will provide insight on the changes taking place in crowdfunding, and offer strategic opportunities and advantages.

Want to know how to crowdfund projects that make hundreds of thousands of dollars? This is how. **HOW THE HELL DO YOU CROWDFUND \$100,000? HERE'S THE ULTIMATE HANDBOOK.** In this bold, irreverent, hilarious how-to guide, bestselling Kickstarter campaign manager Derek Miller takes his millions of dollars of supercrowdfunding experience and delivers everything you need to know about being a modern entrepreneur in today's global marketplace. In other words, this ain't your dad's business book. Embrace community and learn how to maximize your **MESSAGE, MECHANICS, and MARKETING** so you can successfully: - Get people to give a damn about you and your crazy idea so you can stand out from the noise. - Avoid the mistakes the rest of us made. - Discover your creative freedom and

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make that sweet, sweet cash. Accompanied by laugh-out-loud illustrations by cartoonist Joy Ho, enjoy an

exhaustive look into what it takes to manage and execute a successful six-figure crowdfunding campaign with over \$20 million worth of collective advice and pro-tips from the world class asskickers who brought you:

Dude Bro Party Massacre 3 (\$241,071) Augie and the Green Knight (\$384,410) OrganATTACK! (\$526,274) The Cyanide & Happiness Show (\$770,309) Superbook (\$2,952,508) Joking Hazard (\$3,246,588) G-RO (\$3,307,773) Pillars of Eternity (\$3,986,929)

HOW THE HELL DO YOU CROWDFUND \$100,000?

HERE'S THE ULTIMATE HANDBOOK! In this bold, irreverent, hilarious how-to guide, bestselling Kickstarter campaign manager Derek Miller takes his millions of dollars of supercrowdfunding experience and delivers everything you need to know about being a modern entrepreneur in today's global marketplace. In other words, this ain't your parent's business book.

Accompanied by laugh-out-loud illustrations by cartoonist Joy Ho, enjoy an exhaustive look into what it takes to manage and execute a successful six-figure crowdfunding campaign.

The book is informative, apt details for both beginners and experienced Fundraisers. This book covers the basic idea of Reward Based Crowdfunding and Donation Based Crowdfunding. The main headlines of this book are:-

- Reward-based crowdfunding: This type of Crowdfunding is also known as the non-equity way of funding your project. It has been widely used for funding campaigns like supporting a free development of

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software, promotion of motion pictures, aiding scientific research and development of inventions, etc. The people who are funding are hopeful of returns from the project. •

• Donation-based Crowdfunding: The best example for this would be raising funds from individuals to support personal or social causes. Applications Of Crowdfunding

1. Crowdfunding for personal & Individual Use 2.

Crowdfunding for real estate 3. Crowdfunding for

startups 4. Crowdfunding for businesses 5.

Crowdfunding loans 6. Crowdfunding college debt

The Entrepreneur's Guide to a Powerful (and Profitable) Crowdfunding Campaign

63% of Kickstarter campaigns fail. Do this one thing, and you'll be among the 37% who succeed. The one thing is pre-launch. Ask any crowdfunding creator, and they will confirm that it is the key to success.

You will learn how to prepare for your first crowdfunding campaign and do pre-launch with a minimal budget by using personal efforts and delegating some work to others. This book is for Kickstarter newbies and first-time creators. It will teach and show you how to collect potential backers early, in advance, and how to plan a Kickstarter campaign from start to finish with the aim of ensuring that you get fully funded. You will understand the basics of crowdfunding, the main difference between the two most popular reward-based crowdfunding platforms: Kickstarter and Indiegogo, how to turn your idea, passion or skill into a product and how to

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evaluate if there's a market demand for it. The core part of this book is about preparation for the crowdfunding campaign: How to set crowdfunding goals and why it is important to set a low goal How to analyze similar campaigns How to define your target audience How to gather your crowd using free methods How to create a landing page that turns visitors into subscribers What are the best tools to build landing pages How to integrate your landing page with your mailing list How to "warm-up" leads with automated email sequence How to engage your audience How to run Facebook Ads to collect leads How to use "smoke testing" method to see if someone buys your product What is a pre-launch funnel and what stages it has Conversion rates that you can expect How to do media and influencer outreach How to submit your video to viral video publishers You will also learn and be exposed to best practices when it comes to selecting attractive project images, how to create a title that sells, how to build engaging project video and how to brainstorm ideas for your rewards. Finally, the book explains how to launch and manage a Kickstarter campaign, when it's live: Why project launch timing is important The steps you need to do during the launch day Prepare to refuse offers Communication with backers (project updates and direct messages) Stretch goals Get traffic from Kickstarter ("Projects we love," trending, popularity rankings) Last days of

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your project Wrap-up and action plan

Harness the power of the crowd to turn your dreams into reality! Crowdfunding is the newest way to fund projects and start businesses. You don't need to hit up family and friends, max out your credit cards, or get a second mortgage--there are perfect strangers out there who will help you fund your idea. You just have to know how to find them. The Everything Guide to Crowdfunding is a step-by-step handbook to harnessing the power of social media to raise funds. Inside, you'll find real-life case studies and techniques for creating a successful campaign, including: Gaining an online presence Tapping into the crowd Understanding the different crowdfunding platforms Designing a successful campaign plan Promoting your campaign with social media, search engine optimization, and affiliate marketing Dealing with donors after your campaign ends Almost 50 percent of crowdfunding ventures fail to get funded. With this guide, you will learn how to be in the 50 percent that succeed. Whatever your dream or business idea, there is no reason it can't become a reality with the power of crowdfunding.

Crowdfunding is a major source of funding for independent films and over \$250 million has been raised for films just on Kickstarter alone. This book will guide you through every stage of planning, creating and running your film crowdfunding campaign. This book is based on extensive data

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research and interviews which include: Data research on over 50,000 film crowdfunding campaigns Interviews with over 50 filmmakers who have run crowdfunding campaigns Interviews with some of the top people at major crowdfunding platforms and services Praise for Stephen Follows 'Stephen drills down on data to discover truths about the film industry. Totally worth a read' - Ted Hope, Head of Production, Amazon Original Movies 'Stephen's research is brilliant. No-one is doing data-driven analysis of the film industry quite like Stephen Follows. His detailed research and reporting about the film industry is unique and invaluable' - Jonathan Wolf, Head of The American Film Market 'Stephen is one of the most gifted producers I know. His mind operates at an entirely different speed to almost everyone I know, solving problems, offering solutions and innovating new opportunities at breakneck speed' - Chris Jones, author of The Guerrilla Filmmakers Handbook Please note that this is a fixed-format ebook file.

Crowdfunding is the springboard your project needs. From theatre to virtual reality headsets, small businesses to international corporations, crowdfunding has helped entrepreneurs and project leaders across the world to raise money, build their customer bases and prove that there is a market for their product. how to: use crowdfunding gives you the guidance and advice you need, taking you step

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by step all the way from planning your crowdfunding campaign to getting the money in the bank.

Entrepreneur Julian Costley shares key tips to make your campaign a roaring success, and includes the essential facts on company and regulatory law, tax and risk.

The keys to growing a YouTube channel that took me from zero to 75,000 subscribers in 18 months. If you're serious about starting a YouTube business and want to make money on YouTube, I can show you the way. I've doubled my monthly income by creating a YouTube channel. Thousands of people watch each video and I've built a community that supports and motivates me every day...and that's all in less than two years! Is it Too Late to Start a YouTube Business? I've been developing online businesses since 2012 but was late to the game on YouTube. By the time I started my YouTube channel, people were already saying, "YouTube is dead!" People were saying you couldn't grow on YouTube anymore and that small channels couldn't win in the YouTube algorithm. I'm living proof you CAN start a YouTube business and be successful. I average \$3,500 a month on ads alone (June 2019) and another three- to four-thousand on sponsorships, affiliates and my own products. In fact, I believe we're just coming into the Age of YouTube with the rollout of 5G and every business owner needs a video presence. A YouTube How-To from

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Someone that's Been There I've seen the frustration for small YouTubers, trying to compete and get views against the million-subscriber monsters. I know what it's like to start a channel from nothing. I'll not only show you how to set up your channel to look professional, I'll reveal the secrets even some of the biggest YouTube creators don't know. In this book, you'll learn: -How to get YouTube video ideas and hack the most popular videos for viral success (Pg 49)-Five steps to building a YouTube channel brand that creates an army of supporters (Pg 69)-The easy way to record videos, even if you don't like to be on camera (Pg 85)-Five income streams that guarantee you WILL make money on YouTube (Pg 135) Since starting my YouTube channel, I've consulted and helped other video influencers grow their channels for millions of views. I've helped them find sponsorships and make enough money to quit their day job to make YouTube a full-time business. I can do the same for you with this book. I can show you the way but YOU have to get started. Scroll back up and click Buy Now to create your YouTube business and start making money on YouTube.

A guide to using the best business principles to build a crowd-funding campaign on kickstarter.

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Fund and Fuel Your Dreams! You're an entrepreneur with a great idea. But your business needs money. So,

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do you max out your credit cards, borrow from friends and family, and do everything yourself? Or do you make a devil's bargain with some venture capitalist who'll demand a tenfold return and could easily take your business out from under you? No and no! You don't have to bootstrap, and you don't have to sell out! Jenny Kassan says the landscape of investment capital is far larger and more diverse than most people realize. She illuminates the vast range of capital-raising strategies available to mission-driven entrepreneurs and provides a six-step process for finding and enlisting investors who are a match with your personal goals and aspirations. The plan you create will inspire you, excite you, and help you achieve your dreams!

The world of crowdfunding can be a confusing one. Right now, for many of the most innovative ideas, crowdfunding is the most viable option, giving entrepreneurs the opportunity to reach out to a number of potential investors rather than just one. In *Crowdfunding Myth*, Jillian enumerates on the falsehoods that people tend to believe about crowdfunding and points entrepreneurs in the right direction. Whether you are trying to raise capital for your first real estate deal or syndicate your first film, Jillian, along with industry contributors, will give you clear direction on how to meet your fundraising goals while staying within the letter of the law. "The crowdfunding myth is deconstructed. You must read this to understand the nuances and it will make you an overnight expert crowdfunder. Nobody has broken the crowd funding equity phenomena yet and with this book can allow you

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to be the first. Buy it now." - David Drake, founder of U.S.

Crowdfund Professional Association and CIFRA "It has been a pleasure to work with Jillian on multiple occasions given her knowledge on crowdfunding securities law. She has been an invaluable resource for both our company and the industry at large." - Amy Wan, Chief Legal Counsel, Patch of Land

"A MUST READ BEFORE YOU VENTURE INTO REGULATION CROWDFUNDING! Jillian Sidoti gives very important and practical advice on how to raise capital using the new crowdfunding laws. Small business owners should explore these new options, as there are many and this book helps them make the decision that best suits them."

-Ruth Hedges, pioneer of crowdfunding legislation and producer the Global Crowdfunding Convention.

In "FUNDED! A Simple, Step-by-Step Roadmap to Crowdfunding Over \$60,000", I've organized absolutely everything I learned while raising over \$63,000 in my first Kickstarter campaign and have stripped it down into a simple, easy to read checklist-style guide that will take creators from broke to FUNDED! in three short months. Using down-to-earth, basic language for the complete beginner, this eBook includes it all! First, we start with everything I learned during my months of preparation and consulting with many other successful \$60K Kickstarter campaign creators, so that you'll know how to prepare and exactly when you're ready to hit that big LAUNCH button on your own campaign! From there, the book is packed with graphics, images, exact messages and email blurbs I used, daily checklists for both you (the creator) and your team, complete tips for every phase of

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the process, and my biggest mistakes so you'll know exactly where to avoid them during your own campaign. Print it out, mark it up, and use this eBook as it was intended: a complete, simple fifty-six-page to-do list for running the epic crowdfunding campaign of your dreams!

CROWDFUNDING—raising capital in small increments from a large number of people— will inject over \$5 billion into the economy this year and is becoming a powerful way to fund new ideas and generate buzz for new products and ventures. Although crowdfunding has the potential to be an amazing boost to entrepreneurs, only 40% of projects succeed in reaching their funding goal. Crowdfunding platform founder Sally Outlaw reveals how entrepreneurs can shift these odds in their favor. Want to know which marketing efforts result in a 35% higher rate of contributions? OR, what is the best time and day to launch or promote a campaign? The answers to these and more are here.

In this step-by-step guide, you will find the actual process you need from idea conception through pre-launch and fulfillment to make your crowdfunding campaign a success. I skip all the history of crowdfunding and why it is a great tool for your business to go straight to the point, how to put your campaign on the path to beating its funding goal. * How to put your idea together and avoid budget or timeline pitfalls* How to research prior campaigns to find your campaign's magic number* How to find journalists, bloggers and other influencers that will spread the word about your crowdfunding campaign* How to get the most bang for your crowdfunding

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marketing buck* How to build community and keep your backers motivated* And more...I have been consulting with crowdfunding campaigns for years, from business ready for equity crowdfunding to small projects just looking for a few thousand to get off the ground. Check out my blog at Crowd101 and you'll see what I mean. If you are ready to get your crowdfunding campaign started right and don't want to risk wasting months of your time by not meeting your crowdfunding goal, you MUST know the process. Skip the libraries worth of books talking about the history of crowdfunding or why it is such a revolution in finance. Buy the only book that offers a step-by-step approach to crowdfunding.

If you're looking for a step-by-step launch framework for your upcoming Kickstarter or Indiegogo campaign, this is the handbook for you! I'll teach you how to use crowdfunding to raise money online and bring your project to life. You see, we're at the beginning of a movement as transformative as the industrial revolution. Never before in history have authors, musicians, artists, and film producers been able to connect with massive online audiences and get funding for their creative work. The outdated media gatekeepers are quickly disappearing. You can now get funding directly from your fans and distribute your content online. If you're a creative type, this is the BEST time to be alive. But, it doesn't stop there. This major change has also given rise to six and seven-figure online businesses. As a fellow entrepreneur, I know that one of the most common excuses for not quitting your job and launching that startup company is because you don't have the money.

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Now, in a few short weeks, you can have all of the capital you need to launch and grow a thriving ecommerce business. It's no longer a crazy idea to pursue your passion. In fact, more and more millennials are doing just that. I should know, I'm one of them! When I first started blogging about Kickstarter in 2012, I had no idea that crowdfunding would become a multi-billion-dollar industry. I was just a Junior in college, writing a mini-thesis on how different variables affected fundraising success on Kickstarter (for you nerds out there, it was a logistic regression). Flash forward several years, and I'm now one of the top experts in the crowdfunding industry. I started the blog, CrowdCrux, which did over one million views in 2015. I set up a forum called KickstarterForum, which has attracted over six thousand members. I even launched a popular podcast called Crowdfunding Demystified, which has racked up more than 100 positive reviews in iTunes. Finally, I also put out training videos on YouTube and I am proud to say that the channel is experiencing rapid growth. That all sounds impressive, but actually, when I first stumbled on the website, Kickstarter, I didn't have a clue how it worked. It seemed super confusing and I had SO MANY questions. Since 2012, I've come to master the platform and discover the ins and outs of how crowdfunding really works. I've published many of my findings online and I've been being linked to by sites like CNN, The New York Times, The Huffington Post, and even The Wall Street Journal. In this guide, I'm going to share with you the step-by-step launch strategy for absolutely crushing it on Kickstarter. In no time at all, you'll be raising money for

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your startup or creative project. I'll make it super easy to copy and implement these tactics and strategies. I'll also share some Jedi Mind Tricks that most marketers don't know about. Before you know it, you'll be a crowdfunding expert! Now, I bet you're thinking... "boy this all sounds like a lot of work. Do I really have to learn all of this? I just want to get funding for my project." Truth be told, it is A LOT to master, which is why having the right teacher can make all of the difference. I'll make sure that you master this material as quickly as possible, so that you can stop fundraising and get back to doing what you love! Either way, whether you decide to run your own Kickstarter campaign, or outsource certain aspects, it pays to know what you're doing. I want to help you smash your Kickstarter goal and then I hope you come on my podcast as a crowdfunding success story. It's time to get serious about making that business you've been dreaming about a reality. It's finally time to get paid for your creative work. Let's get started!

This book is for Kickstarter newbies and first-time creators. It will teach and show you how to collect potential backers early, in advance, and how to plan a Kickstarter campaign from start to finish with the aim of ensuring that you get fully funded.

This book aims to take stock and systemize existing knowledge on crowdfunding while providing overview of the industry, its regulatory environment and advancing the insight into the role of crowdfunding in the startup lifecycle. It is adopting an exploratory and phenomenon-based approach which is deemed appropriate when investigating rather new phenomena. Furthermore, the

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research combines survey and interview methodologies to assess the opinion and real-world behavior of different stakeholders in crowdfunding marketplace and identify gaps requiring further academic consideration. Empirical data was gathered using multiple interactive web-based questionnaires distributed to different stakeholders and “informed general public” mainly through the social networks (Linkedin, Facebook and Twitter) and direct solicitation of entrepreneurial associations, networks and online communities. The study conducted relies on both qualitative and quantitative analysis in attempt to find data patterns useful in future research and establish some managerial and policymaker recommendations based on limited evidence collected. The work adds value to this field through a 3-fold contribution: Taking a look at crowdfunding through the prism of SWOT analysis of the practice itself and Porter’s 5 forces analysis of crowdfunding platforms industry. Providing evidence in favor of implementing various degrees of regulation based on different crowdfunding categories, using the Italian case of equity-based crowdfunding regulation as a model. Finally, it yields some interesting findings on relevance of crowdfunding in the venture startup while pointing out key motivators which make entrepreneurs consider this fundraising option. In addition, related policymaker/managerial implications are exposed and academic literature updated with reference to contemporary developments in this dynamic field. Crowdfunding sites such as Kickstarter, Indiegogo, and GoFundMe can not only help you raise money to fund your idea or cause, they can also help establish a

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community of enthusiastic supporters. This crowdfunding book by author and crowdfunding expert Michael J. Epstein will show you how!

Master the art of crowdfunding to launch your product on Indiegogo and Kickstarter. Whether you're just starting out or already have a booming business, this is the exact playbook the most innovative companies are using to launch successful products today. What if you could build a community that eagerly counted down the days until they could buy your product? What if you could develop such powerful positioning in your market that you rose above your competition? And what if you could actually feel confident your product was going to be successful before you pressed the launch button?

CROWDFUNDED is not just another "how-to" book on launching products. There is no fluff here. No feel good stories without substance. No claims without data. This is a no BS blueprint for launching a successful crowdfunding campaign. Mark Pecota, CEO and co-founder of the most successful crowdfunding agency LaunchBoom, reveals the system his team has developed since 2015 - a system that has raised over \$50 million on Indiegogo and Kickstarter. Stop waiting for the right opportunity to launch your crowdfunding campaign. This is it and this book will show you how. REVIEWS FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS "Mark Pecota has been in the crowdfunding space since 2015 and it really shows. The sheer amount of million dollar campaigns that LaunchBoom has been a part of is staggering. Mark's data driven approach for pre-launch and launch are second to none. If you want to crowdfund

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an innovative product, you want to have him on your team." - Mark Regal, Director of Hardware and Technology @ Indiegogo "The Internet is riddled with one-off information on how select campaigns succeed, but this book goes over the exact framework LaunchBoom has used to successfully launch hundreds of campaigns." - Scott Adamson, Co-Founder @ Kickbooster "Listen to LaunchBoom. Whether you're a first-timer or a seasoned creator, this book will teach you something new about how crowdfunding works complimented by proven strategies to reach success." - Jason Furie, Content and Community @ BackerKit

The world no longer defines successful businesspeople by their suit and ties. Today we live in a world where any entrepreneur can create a successful, profitable, enjoyable business in whatever style suits him or her the best. And hey, if putting on a suit and heading for your corporate office is what works best for you, that's great. But if throwing on your favorite pair of blue jeans and heading for the beach works better, that's cool too. In *Business in Blue Jeans: How to Have a Successful Business on Your Own Terms, in Your Own Style*, you'll learn how to create and grow a business that works for you. More than just a "how to" guide, *Business in Blue Jeans*, contains actionable, practical that show you how to: Break through the "brain junk" that's been getting in your way to starting a business. Develop a business idea (or hone the one you already have) with real potential for success. Package your idea to attract the people who want what you have to offer and will pay for it. Become visible to your potential customers and clients so that

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they think of you first. Stand head and shoulders above your competitors without spending an extra dime. Build a community and network that includes the support and the connections you need, drawing people in instead of pushing them away. Hire, train, and manage a team as your business grows so that it's never out of control (and so you can hit the beach!). We live in an ever-changing economy and that can make starting and growing a business seem daunting. But with the right guidance, you, too, can have successful business that makes everything else that you want in life possible.

"Neil Young's Pono campaign was the third most successful hardware campaign of all time, and Alex deserves much of the credit, second only to Neil, of course. The Crowdsourceress will give you everything you need to make your campaign a success." --Phil Baker, COO, Pono "Owning The Crowdsourceress is like having Alex Daly's 'special sauce' right at your fingertips."--Jesse Reed, cofounder, Standards Manual

In recent years, the crowdfunding industry has generated several billions in funding. But the harsh reality is that around 60 percent of Kickstarter campaigns fail. Enter Alex Daly, a crowdfunding expert who has raised over \$20 million for her clients' campaigns. She has run some of Kickstarter's biggest projects-TLC's newest album, Neil Young's audio player, and Joan Didion's documentary. In this book, Daly takes readers deep inside her most successful campaigns, showing you how to Get fans and influencers excited about your launch Build an appealing and powerfully designed campaign Access proven video tips, pitching tactics, press

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releases, and rewards ideas Avoid the most common headaches and pitfalls Here you'll get tangible tools to run your own crowdfunding campaigns and fully connect with the crowd, get people to pay attention, and inspire them to act.

I've watched the emergence and quick rise of real estate crowdfunding and I have to tell you, I've been dying to write this book. So many of my readers have reached out with questions about this growing new industry. Whether you are an investors, real estate developer, or entrepreneur, this new sector is a game changer. My name's Salvador Briggman and I've been blogging about crowdfunding since 2012. On my main website, CrowdCrux.com, I bring awareness to crowdfunding success stories and demystify this alternative financial tool. I'm lucky enough to have impacted over 1 million website visitors in the past year and have been cited by the New York Times, Wallstreet Journal, and more. In this ebook, my co-author Krystine Therriault and I bring tremendous clarity to real estate crowdfunding. We break down everything you need to know to get started raising money for a new property or investing in real estate online. Along with answering many of your questions, our biggest hope is that this comprehensive guide will get you pointed you in the right direction. We want you to succeed in this changing industry. If you enjoy this ebook, please take a second to leave a review on Amazon. Now...it's time to get ready to dive into the world of real estate crowdfunding!

Crowdfunding Best Practices: Steps & Stories to Help You Launch a Successful Campaign provides a roadmap

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for anyone who wants to run a crowdfunding campaign. You will gain valuable insights into the world of crowdfunding with a special focus on raising funds for medical causes. This book is a resource highlighting the key elements of a campaign from start to finish with advice from industry experts and campaign organizers who ran highly successful campaigns. This step-by-step guide starts with the basics, and develops all aspects of a campaign. You will learn about a pre-game plan before the campaign launch, messaging, tools to reach your target audience, creating a video, effective use of social media, and much more. Crowdfunding offers a unique opportunity to engage your network to support your cause.

So you want to produce a short film. Or design a new line of jewelry. Or manufacture a revolutionary solar-powered garden sprinkler. There's just one catch: You need \$100,000 to bankroll your dream, and your checking account has barely enough to cover the rent. Enter Kickstarter.com—the phenomenal “crowdfunding” website launched in 2009 that brings venture capital to the masses. At Kickstarter, it's not uncommon for entrepreneurs to raise \$50,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, or more. All you need is a great idea—and The Kickstarter Handbook. Business journalist Don Steinberg has interviewed dozens of artists and inventors who launched their passion projects online. Through their voices, you'll explore all the strategies of a successful Kickstarter campaign. You'll learn the elements of a compelling Kickstarter video, innovative ways to market your projects, tips for getting donors onboard, and the

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secrets of irresistible Kickstarter “rewards.” You’ll also discover what to do in a best-case scenario—when your project goes viral and the cash starts flowing in. On Kickstarter, it happens to a few lucky visionaries every week. Here’s how to be one of them.

The easy way to get started in crowdfund investing
Crowdfund investing (CFI) is going to be the next big thing on Wall Street. U.S. investment banks, brokerage houses, and law firms are gearing up for the creation and regulation of new financial products that will be available to the general public starting in early 2013. The introduction of these products will revolutionize the financing of small businesses and startups for these key reasons: Entrepreneurs and small business owners, who have had difficulty obtaining capital through traditional means (such as bank loans and angel investors) in recent years, will have access to investors around the world through social media. For the first time, investors (so-called unqualified investors) will be able to purchase an equity stake in a business or new investment vehicle. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) is overseeing the creation of online portals that will allow entrepreneurs and small investors to connect. When these portals go live in 2013, Crowdfund Investing For Dummies will be on the front line to educate business owners, other entrepreneurs, and investors alike. Crowdfund Investing For Dummies will walk entrepreneurs and investors, like yourself, through this new investing experience, beginning with explaining how and why CFI developed and what the 2012 JOBS says about CFI. Entrepreneurs will find out how much funding

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they can realistically raise through CFI; how to plan and launch a CFI campaign; how to manage the crowd after a campaign is successful; and how to work within the SEC's regulations at every stage. Investors will discover: the benefits and risks of CFI ;how much they can invest; how a CFI investment may fit into a broader investment portfolio; how to provide value to the business or project being funded; and how to bow out of an investment when the time is right. Crowdfund Investing For Dummies is an indispensable resource for long time investors and novice investors alike.

More Than Money Jamey Stegmaier knows crowdfunding. He's a veteran of seven successful Kickstarter campaigns (and counting) that have raised over \$1.4 million, and he's the proprietor of the widely read Kickstarter Lessons blog. In this book he offers a comprehensive guide to crowdfunding, demonstrating that it can be a powerful way for entrepreneurs to grow their businesses by building community and putting their customers first. This book includes over forty stories of inspiring successes and sobering disasters. Stegmaier uses these examples to demonstrate how to (and how not to) prepare for a campaign, grow a fan base, structure a pitch, find new backers, and execute many other crucially important "nuts and bolts" elements of a successful crowdfunding project. But Stegmaier emphasizes that the benefits of crowdfunding are much more about the "crowd"

than the “funding.” He shows that if you treat your backers as people, not pocketbooks—communicate regularly and transparently with them, ask their opinions, attend to their needs—they'll become advocates as well as funders, exponentially increasing your project's chances of succeeding. Crowdsourcing funding is the new way to finance start-ups in a networked world. Entrepreneurs, small business owners, investors, artisans, or those who merely have a good idea for a business venture have a new and attainable means of securing capital to grow their dreams. Gone are the days when the only options to raise funds for a new business were venture capitalists, angel investors, or Wall Street. Web-based crowdfunding services are now plentiful and offer a variety of options for the aspiring entrepreneur. However, these services are not typically as well-understood as the more traditional means of raising capital. In *The Crowdsourcing Funding Services Handbook*, author Jason R. Rich offers a step-by-step overview of the various crowdsourcing funding services available on the Web, as well as the necessary documentation required to launch a successful crowdfunding campaign. Contains details on how to evaluate and select the best online platform for crowdfunding efforts. Provides details on creating a business plan to the specifications required to raise capital via crowdfunding. Provides an overview of the financial

projections that will be required for a crowdfunding initiative Proposes a specific approach to creating a "pitch video" to succeed with a crowdsourcing campaign The Crowdsourcing Funding Services Handbook is a thorough, well-developed resource for those seeking to raise capital to start a business or fund the development of an innovative idea. Author and crowdfunding expert Jason R. Rich provides this definitive, hands-on guide to raising capital in the new economy.

Raise Money Without a Bank Or a VC, Through The Crowd! For many startups and growing companies, gaining marketing exposure and raising external funding from investors are #1 and #2 on their priority list. But, until recently, they were always separate activities - first you would raise the money, and then you would spend it on marketing. The advent of equity crowdfunding means these two critical tasks can be done at the same time. This is a game-changer. Equity Crowdfunding - A Hybrid of Venture Capital and Kickstarter. Unlike venture capital, the company founders get to set their own offer terms, retain their company culture, and bring on dozens, or even hundreds of shareholders rather than just a tiny handful - and gain all the promotional benefits that come with this. And unlike the crowdfunding offered by sites like Kickstarter and Indiegogo, equity crowdfunding allows a company to offer shares in itself, instead of a pre-ordered product. This means

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equity crowdfunding can be used by far more types of businesses, and typically attracts a lot more money. Companies regularly raise hundreds of thousands, or even millions of dollars through equity crowdfunding. This Book Will Show You How! Equity crowdfunding offers amazing potential for startups and growing companies, but it is also a very steep learning curve. Many companies begin with no real idea of how to choose a platform, how to craft their pitch, or what they should be doing to drive people to their offer page and invest. In this step-by-step guide, you will learn: The forces which have brought equity crowdfunding to where it is today How to tell whether equity crowdfunding will be a good fit for your company The biggest mistakes that can kill an offer before it has even begun How to build critical momentum - one company raised 1 million in 96 seconds! How to construct a marketing plan to get people literally counting down to your launch How to salvage an offer which is "stuck," and re-ignite the momentum What past campaigns wished they had known before they had started The incredible impact equity crowdfunding can have on your business and profile The World's First Comprehensive Resource Featuring the very best strategies from 20 real companies who have used equity crowdfunding to raise millions of dollars, euros and pounds. And the expert advice from 12 market-leading platforms at the forefront of the equity crowdfunding revolution.

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This book is truly global in scope, featuring contributions from the United Kingdom, the United States, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Canada, the Middle East, Australia and New Zealand. This is THE complete guide, with no prior knowledge assumed, and will teach you equity crowdfunding from the ground up. "

Yes, it's true, crowdfunding is a NEW way to help pay for personal expenses. These could include medical bills, emergency costs, and memorial funds. Crowdfunding can also be used to help pay for your education expenses or volunteer efforts. But, that's not all. Crowdfunding isn't just for charity or personal cause campaigns. Believe it or not, more and more newlyweds are turning to crowdfunding to pay for their honeymoon! Some are even using it to pay for travel expenses! I've been writing about crowdfunding since 2012 and have seen more campaigns that you can imagine. Last year alone, I helped nearly 400,000 individuals raise money from the crowd through my website, podcast, newsletter, and forum. Even though crowdfunding is an amazing tool, there's a right and a wrong way to raise funds online. That's where I come in. I'm going to guide you through the murky waters and share with you the best techniques, strategies, and give you the inside scoop on some of the crowdfunding platforms or websites out there. I'll also give you a heads up on costly MISTAKES TO AVOID when launching your

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first campaign. Believe me, you don't want to make a fool of yourself or learn the hard way. I'm going to make it dead simple and give you the step-by-step guide for raising money online. All you'll have to do is copy it!

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