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On the night of the wedding, he had brought someone else's woman to make love to her on the wedding bed. In a fit of anger, she had knocked the adulterous couple unconscious with a bottle of wine, leaving behind a warning letter for them to leave. Ling Qiao, you bastard! No matter how unwilling I am to marry you, I can't be cheating so quickly! Ling Qiao, go to hell! I don't have the time to see your passionate show! Ling Qiao, don't tell me you don't deserve to be loved ...

NEW YORK TIMES AND WALL STREET JOURNAL BESTSELLER • Winner of CMI Management Book of the Year 2019 Based on an in-depth analysis of over 2,600 leaders drawn from a database of more than 17,000 CEOs and C-suite executives, as well 13,000 hours of interviews, and two decades of experience advising CEOs and executive boards, Elena L. Botelho and Kim R. Powell overturn the myths about what it takes to get to the top and succeed. Their groundbreaking research was the featured cover story in the May-June 2017 issue of Harvard Business Review. It reveals the common attributes and counterintuitive choices that set apart successful CEOs—lessons that we can apply to our own careers. Much of what we hear about who gets to the top, and how, is wrong. Those who become chief executives set their sights on the C-suite at an early age. In fact, over 70 percent of the CEOs didn't have designs on the corner office until later in their careers. You must graduate from an elite college. In fact, only 7 percent of CEOs in the dataset are Ivy League graduates--and 8 percent didn't graduate from college at all. To become a CEO you need a flawless résumé. The reality: 45 percent of CEO candidates had at least one major career blowup. What those who reach the top do share are four key behaviors that anyone can master: they are decisive; they are reliable, delivering what they promised when the promise it, without exception; they adapt boldly, and they engage with stakeholders without shying away from conflict. Based on this breakthrough study of the most successful people in business, Botelho and Powell offer career advice for everyone who aspires to get ahead. Based on research insights illustrated by real life stories from CEOs and boardrooms, they tell us how to: - Fast-track our career by deploying the career catapults used by those who get to the top quickly - Overcome the hidden handicaps to getting the job we want. - Avoid the 5 hazards that most commonly derail those promoted into a new role. For everyone who aspires to rise up through the organization and achieve their full potential, The CEO Next Door is an essential guide.

Inspirational and informative, The CEO Code shares real-life stories of success and failure from author David Rohlander's personal journey and work as a mentor and coach to CEOs and executives of Fortune 500 companies, mid-sized companies, and start-ups. The book will give you: Practical advice for dealing with people. Proven strategies to increase business profits and growth. Unique and simple solutions to complex problems. The secret to authentic communication.

What avoidable problem destroys more young startups than any other? Why is it a mistake to ask for introductions to investors? When do you play the CEO card? Should you sell out? Author and four-time founder/CEO Dan Shapiro tells the stories of dozens of startups whose companies lived and died by the advice in these pages. From inception to destruction and triumph to despair, this rollercoaster read takes aspiring entrepreneurs from the highs of billion-dollar payouts and market-smashing success to the depths of impostor syndrome and bankruptcy. Hot Seat is divided into the five phases of the startup CEO experience: Founding explains how to formulate your idea, allocate equity, and not argue yourself to death Funding provides the keys to venture capital, angels, and crowdfunding, plus clear advice on which approach to choose Leadership lays out a path to build a strategy and culture for your team that will survive good times and bad Management reveals how to manage your board, argue with your team, and play the CEO card Endgame explains how to finish a company's existence with grace, wealth, and minimal litigation Recognizing the pivotal role of leadership in building sustainable corporations, this book analyzes the key qualities that go into the making of a successful CEO in the Indian business environment. Based on a landmark study which covered some of the most successful business leaders in India, The Indian CEO uses the framework developed by David McClelland of Harvard University, to determine key competencies necessary for Indian business leaders to steer their corporations in the rapidly changing business and social environments. This book is based on in-depth interviews with outstanding Indian business leaders, and includes a detailed study of the most effective behaviors vis-à-vis the most common situations faced by these leaders; and the behaviors and characteristics of Indian CEOs vis-à-vis their global counterparts. The authors discuss qualities such as change and team leadership, accountability, empowerment, networking and executive maturity among other critical dimensions of leadership in this emerging economy.

The Art of the CEO By Bart Jackson Here at last, top chief executive officers from across the globe reveal the proven techniques for those shouldering business' ultimate leadership challenge. Those executives taking aim at the big chair, will discover the full range of training, skills to be cultivated, and methods for career enhancement. For CEOs already walking the command tightrope, this book effectively guides them through the crescendo of responsibility, detailing success techniques for grooming C-suite and board, the army of employees and clients, and the onto the entire community. 'Tis an enjoyable read, told concisely, clearly, with frequent dashes of humor - even cartoons. Paperback, 6" x 9", 160 Pages; \$16.95

Describes how corporations work and reviews the critical elements of business success--growth, return on assets, rate of inventory turnover, understanding customers, and taking advantage of the changing marketplace.

No CEO can find a point of balance and then stand still--that's not even possible on a tightrope. The expectation is that the business must always move forward. The American CEO walks a tightrope daily . . . many times blindfolded and without a net below. The job of balancing the often-competing interests of a company's constituents is so challenging that the average lifespan of a newly minted CEO is around five years. Why is it that our most successful businesspeople, individuals who have been wildly successful at every other position in their career, often fail when they get to the CEO chair? The job of the CEO is unlike any leadership position, yet many CEOs are unprepared for its challenges. Yes, you must have business acumen and people-management skills, but you'll also need to own the company vision, provide the proper resources, build the culture consistently and in alignment with company goals, make key decisions, and deliver performance that satisfies boards, shareholders, and investors. And, to complicate matters, you must work in an ambiguous environment in which you have absolute responsibility but questionable control. Your biggest challenge will be the balancing act required to be successful--to grow your company in the short term and create a long-term advantage that makes your efforts sustainable. Joel Trammell, successful entrepreneur, CEO, and investor, explores the various points of balance that challenge every CEO. He identifies what it looks like when a CEO is off balance and offers modern techniques and approaches to regain balance, drawn from almost thirty years of study and experience.

You'll learn about the 50+ daily struggles that might pull you off balance, such as how to build credibility while avoiding the cheerleader vs. Eeyore trap; how to identify the right growth opportunities while avoiding the budget blower vs. budget tyrant trap; and how to create strong alignment while avoiding the CIA vs. amateur trap. Trammell has created this resource for aspiring, new, and more experienced CEOs. He shares stories that allow you to identify your own strengths and weaknesses and provides questions that promote self-analysis. Filling a void in the market for a clear, compelling guide for CEOs, *The CEO Tightrope* is certain to become your go-to valued resource.

Reese's dream is to establish her own brokerage agency, so when she hears that the world-famous CEO Nicholas Wainwright is looking for a nanny, she decides to interview for the job. Getting to see how he works may teach her something useful for the future! Nicholas is hesitant to hire such a young woman at first, but he soon sees she's well equipped to take care of his son...and she might even be able to teach him how to be a better father. Will Reese be able to keep her cool living under the same roof as this man?

Are you ready to lead? Will you pass the test? Despite all the effort through the years to understand what it takes to be an effective leader, the challenges of leadership remain enormously difficult and elusive; even today, most CEOs don't last five years in the job. The demands to deliver at a consistently high level can be unforgiving. The loneliness. The weight of responsibility. The relentless second-guessing and criticism. The pressure to build all-star teams. The 24/7 schedule that requires superhuman stamina. The tough decisions that often leave no one happy. The expectation to always have the right answer when it can be hard just to know the right question. These challenges are brought into their highest and sharpest relief in the corner office, but they are hardly unique to chief executives. All leaders face their own version of these tests, and the authors draw on the distilled wisdom, stories, and lessons from hundreds of chief executives to show how every aspiring leader can master these challenges and lead like a CEO. These foundational leadership skills will make all aspiring executives more effective in their roles today and lift the trajectory of their careers. *The CEO Test* is the authoritative, no-nonsense insider's guide to navigating leadership's toughest challenges, brought to you by authors uniquely qualified to tell the stories. Adam Bryant has conducted in-depth interviews with more than 600 CEOs. Kevin Sharer spent more than two decades as president and then CEO of Amgen, where he led its expansion from \$1 billion in annual revenues to nearly \$16 billion. He has served on many boards and is a sought-after mentor for CEOs of global companies. Leadership is getting harder as the speed of disruption across all industries accelerates. *The CEO Test* will better prepare you to succeed, whether you're a CEO or just setting out to become one.

Darien, a billionaire CEO used to have one big secret: his sexuality. Then he met Zach who discovered his secret. Instead of punishing him, Darien makes him an offer. If Zach can make him happy, he will give him anything he desires. It takes Darien less than one week to fall in love with Zach. Now his biggest secret is his love for Zach.

A business leadership book written in story format. *Haunting the CEO* follows the story of failing CIO Brian Kagey, who must learn what it means to become a true business leader in order to save his job and career.

At this critical junction in the history of humankind, leaders that are proficient in magical thinking aren't going to solve our problems. Creating alternative realities is not the answer. We need a very different kind of leadership leaders who can resist the calls of regression and whose outlook is firmly based in reality. We need leaders who analyze and draw conclusions from, or use their own experiences as a development tool, face their strengths and weaknesses, and critique their own experiences in order to build new understandings.

The Mind Of The CEO: The World's Business Leaders Talk About Leadership, Responsibility The Future Of The Corporation, And What Keeps Them Up At Night Basic Books

Whether you're a new CEO trying to navigate chaotic workdays or a veteran of the C-Suite trying to reignite your passion, focus is your most important asset. Many owners and CEOs think they have to be involved in every aspect of their business. They spend valuable brainpower on low-priority decisions. Before long, they're overworked and burned out. Instead of doing everything, it's time to focus on the right things. *A CEO Only Does Three Things* zeroes in on the three pillars of business: culture, people, and numbers. Steeped in twenty-plus years of practical knowledge, training, and consulting with some of the world's largest companies, this indispensable guide shows how to articulate the right culture for your business, hire people with the right mindsets, and inspire your teams to produce optimal results. Hundreds of CEOs have used Taylor's methods to create fulfilled, efficient, professional lives, and you can join them. Learn how to focus on the work you love-and avoid CEO burnout.

WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T MIX BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE? As the CEO of a large tech company and a semi-reformed bad boy, Ethan Hill is used to calling the shots. But when he's sentenced to work two hundred hours of community service-for reckless driving, of all things-this chief executive needs to keep his real identity under wraps. Which gets increasingly difficult when he can't stop thinking about his sexy new (temporary) boss. The moment Graciela Ramirez meets Ethan, she's tempted to throw all professionalism out the window. She can't afford to get emotionally involved, but after a steamy session behind office doors, a no-strings-attached fling might be exactly what they need. He'll protect his secret. She'll protect her heart. What could possibly go wrong? *** *The Suits Undone* series Book 1 - *Unbuttoning the CEO* (Gracie and Ethan) Book 2 - *One Night with the CEO* (Karen and Mark) Book 3 - *Getting Dirty with the CEO* (Mimi and Daniel)

The "Corner Office" columnist and head of a Pulitzer Prize-winning national reporting team draws on the insights of such leading CEOs as Microsoft's Steve Ballmer, Yahoo's Carol Bartz and DreamWorks's Jeffrey Katzenberg to identify proven leadership principles as well as the qualities that CEOs most value in their employees. 40,000 first printing. *The Mind of the CEO* offers unprecedented access to the most dynamic business leaders of our time. Reading this book is like being at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland -- not at the formal presentations but in the hotel bar afterward, where the microphones are turned off and world-famous business leaders say what they really think. Better

still, their confidant, Jeffrey Garten, interprets what they say, telling you how their views relate to each other and the world economy, and noting the many important things left unsaid. A revealing glimpse into the future of business, *The Mind of the CEO* captures as no other book before it what is in the minds of top business leaders and what it means for all of us. A commemorative edition of the landmark book from Patrick Lencioni. When it was published ten years ago, *The Five Temptations of a CEO* was like no other business book that came before. Highly sought-after management consultant Patrick Lencioni deftly told the tale of a young CEO who, facing his first annual board review, knows he is failing, but doesn't know why. Refreshingly original and utterly compelling, this razor-sharp novelette plus self-assessment (written to be read in one sitting) serves as a timeless and potent reminder that success as a leader can come down to practicing a few simple behaviors—behaviors that are painfully difficult for each of us to master. Any executive can learn how to recognize the mistakes that leaders can make and how to avoid them. The lessons of *The Five Temptations of a CEO*, are as relevant today as ever, and this special anniversary edition celebrates ten years of inspiration and enlightenment with a brand new introduction and reflections from Lencioni on the new challenges in business and leadership that have occurred in the past ten years.

Jade - The job is exactly what I want. I know I can do it well. I'm excited until the woman at the agency says there's no point applying since, the essential but unspoken qualifications are being either married, or middle-aged, and I'm neither. Apparently, Luke Remington, the CEO is a workaholic who's sick of having his young secretaries fall in love with him and lose concentration on their job. Turns out unattractiveness is considered a bonus since he didn't want to be distracted either. But I'm not giving up that easy. I convince the agency to send me for the interview. I ditch my cosmetics, invest in a cheap wedding ring, put on some dowdy clothes. For good measure, I add a pair of ugly glasses, pull my hair into an unflattering bun, and voila. Married and unattractive. Yeah, I got the job, Oh, and guess what? I now understand why the other secretaries couldn't concentrate on this job. Luke Remington...the hottest CEO alive - Luke - My new secretary is super-efficient, but even better she doesn't fawn over me. I guess she could be attractive, but she doesn't make much of herself. The woman is still wearing coke bottle glasses and her fashion choices might look better as curtains. Well, not my problem. We've just arrived for a conference in Thailand. If I'm really hot I could potentially cut a couple of big ticket deals at the same time. Jade made all the arrangements, and so far, so good. Then I hear a scream coming from the room next door. Her room. I rush in through the connecting door and she's in the bathroom. Yeah, I see the massive spider. But that's the least of my problems. Jade is in a towel. Without her thick glasses. Or her granny clothes. And her long thick hair is loose and tumbling down her silky back. Damn, the agency screwed up after all. I'm so f**ked!

CEO Branding advances our understanding of the importance and impact that CEOs have on companies. In recent years, there has been a growing body of interdisciplinary literature on this powerful aspect of branding, and Fetscherin has invited a leading panel of international scholars and practitioners to contribute original chapters in their area of expertise. The book introduces the concept of the CEO as a brand, and outlines the "4Ps" of this branding mix – the CEO (person), personality, prestige (reputation), and performance. It discusses the CEO branding process, and demonstrates the many ways in which this 'human brand' affects the company in financial terms (such as performance, profit, and stock returns), as well as non-financial terms (reputation, trust, and firm strategy). The book also includes 'lessons learned' and many examples that illustrate how companies can measure and manage the CEO brand. This comprehensive, authoritative volume will give students, researchers, marketing and communication managers, and CEOs themselves a thorough understanding of all aspects of the CEO brand. A must read for any CEO who is serious about developing, managing and measuring their own brand. For more information, visit www.ceobranding.org

Radical Advice for Reinventing Talent--and HR Most executives today recognize the competitive advantage of human capital, and yet the talent practices their organizations use are stuck in the twentieth century. Typical talent-planning and HR processes are designed for predictable environments, traditional ways of getting work done, and organizations where "lines and boxes" still define how people are managed. As work and organizations have become more fluid--and business strategy is no longer about planning years ahead but about sensing and seizing new opportunities and adapting to a constantly changing environment--companies must deploy talent in new ways to remain competitive. Turning conventional views on their heads, talent and leadership experts Ram Charan, Dominic Barton, and Dennis Carey provide leaders with a new and different playbook for acquiring, managing, and deploying talent--for today's agile, digital, analytical, technologically driven strategic environment--and for creating the HR function that business needs. Filled with examples of forward-thinking companies that have adopted radical new approaches to talent (such as ADP, Amgen, BlackRock, Blackstone, Haier, ING, Marsh, Tata Communications, Telenor, and Volvo), as well as the juggernauts and the startups of Silicon Valley, this book shows leaders how to bring the rigor that they apply to financial capital to their human capital--elevating HR to the same level as finance in their organizations. Providing deep, expert insight and advice for what needs to change and how to change it, this is the definitive book for reimagining and creating a talent-driven organization that wins.

Former-Swiss Guard, CEO and business leader, Andreas Widmer gives a behind-the-scenes look into Pope John Paul II, "the most authentically human person I've ever met," and reveals how those memories shaped and forged his success as a corporate executive.

The 7 Secret Weapons of Successful CEOs Unveiled Within! Mike Myatt, America's Top CEO Coach has filled the pages of this book with a definitive road map which incorporates everything that it takes to become a great CEO. Whether you're an existing or aspiring chief executive, the insider secrets shared in this book will provide you with a clear strategic advantage. If you want to develop the savvy and sophistication of the world's greatest business leaders enabling you to successfully navigate the ever changing and complex world of a CEO then this book is a must-read. See what others are saying about "*Leadership Matters..The CEO Survival Manual*"

Eve Bryant finds herself moving across the country with only one goal—to rediscover herself and get her life back on track... Leaving a disastrous marriage, she swears off men and relationships, but when she meets sexy, charismatic Grant Mitchell, her new rules fly right out the window. Grant is a born and bred businessman, and he always gets what he wants... The moment he lays eyes on Eve, Grant is determined she will be his. She's different from other women he knows—too stiff, too prim—but her smile pierces his heart and he longs to see what she's like when she lets her hair down. They discover a powerful and undeniable connection, leading to a fast-moving relationship that leaves Eve whirling in its wake. The odds are stacked against them, and trust is hard to come by. A woman scorned, a troubled ex-husband, and a mother bent on orchestrating her son's future to suit her own agenda make for a very rocky road. The new couple may not last, no matter how strong their feelings for each other are. Grant is willing to fight to keep Eve in his life, but after recent events, Eve isn't sure she has any fight left to give. Will outside forces drive Eve and Grant apart? Or will they learn there's no love greater than the one you fight the hardest to keep?

Alex, the CEO of a large corporation, has fallen in love at first sight with the illustrious Olivia. With his father threatening to sell the company if he does not marry within six months, he is delighted that the ideal woman has appeared. Olivia's heart is set aflutter at the sight of Alex, but she worries that fraternizing with such a dangerous man is like playing with fire. So what is she to think when Alex asks her to marry him at the end of their dinner?

"The pay gap between chief executive officers of major U.S. firms and their workers is higher than ever before—depending on the method of calculation, CEOs get paid between 300 and 700 times more than the average worker. Such outsized pay is a relatively recent phenomenon, but ... few detractors truly understand the numerous factors that have contributed to the dizzying upward spiral in CEO compensation. Steven Clifford, a former CEO who has also served on many corporate boards, has a name for these procedures and practices: 'The CEO Pay Machine.' [This book] is Clifford's ... explanation of the 'machine'—how it works, how its parts interact, and how every step pushes CEO pay to higher levels"--

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The founder and co-CEO of Salesforce delivers an inspiring vision for successful companies of the future—in which changing the world is everyone's business. "The gold standard on how to use business as a platform for change at this urgent time."—Ray Dalio, founder of Bridgewater Associates and author of *Principles: Life and Work* What's the secret to business growth and innovation and a purpose-driven career in a world that is becoming vastly more complicated by the day? According to Marc Benioff, the answer is embracing a culture in which your values permeate everything you do. In *Trailblazer*, Benioff gives readers a rare behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of one of the world's most admired companies. He reveals how Salesforce's core values—trust, customer success, innovation, and equality—and commitment to giving back have become the company's greatest competitive advantage and the most powerful engine of its success. Because no matter what business you're in, Benioff says, values are the bedrock of a resilient company culture that inspires all employees, at every level, to do the best work of their lives. Along the way, he shares insights and best practices for anyone who wants to cultivate a company culture positioned to thrive in the face of the inevitable disruption ahead. None of us in the business world can afford to sit on the sidelines and ignore what's going on outside the walls of our workplaces. In the future, profits and progress will no longer be sustainable unless they serve the greater good. Whether you run a company, lead a small team, or have just draped an ID badge around your neck for the first time, *Trailblazer* reveals how anyone can become an agent of change. Praise for *Trailblazer* "A guide for what every business and organization must do to thrive in this period of profound political and economic change."—Jamie Dimon, chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase "In *Trailblazer*, Benioff explores how companies can nurture a values-based culture to become powerful platforms for change."—Susan Wojcicki, CEO of YouTube

How do you turn your dreams into reality? How do you make things happen for you, rather than let things happen to you? Don't be humble about who you are and what you are capable of. Stand tall and stand out. Be known. Be recognized as a leader, and most of all, know you are a leader," is Susan Bulkeley Butler's call to action for her readers to take responsibility for their lives. In this updated second edition of the best-selling *Become the CEO of You, Inc.*, Susan has provided strategies for improving your life and new techniques for advancing your career. The book is focused around her "Make it Happen" model, which is based on three decades of experience working with Fortune 500 companies. The steps include: Develop a clear aspiration for You, Inc.; build your board of directors; develop your plan to make your aspiration happen; and navigate your day-to-day journey. The second edition is completely revised and includes new topics such as: The importance of executive coaching; developing your image in today's world; taking a long-term view of your life and career; new opportunities for balancing career and family; use of social networking techniques... the good, bad and ugly; and preparing for promotion.

Stay relevant, stay connected, STAY AHEAD OF THE GAME. When it comes to getting ahead today, your talent and experience matter. The problem is, someone else going for the promotion or business opportunity has a résumé that's as good as, if not better than, yours. If you want to get ahead, you have to be different. You have to stand out from the crowd. You have to get decision makers to talk about you. No one understands what it takes to succeed in today's business landscape better than D. A. (Debra) Benton. A globally recognized consultant, Benton has spent more than 20 years helping business professionals like you perform better and achieve more. In *The CEO Difference*, Benton gives you the insight and tools to make subtle changes in your presentation, attitude, and leadership style that will dramatically increase your leadership effectiveness—and, consequently, help you enjoy work and life. Learn how to differentiate yourself with tangible steps to get where you want to go: Authentically and effectively differentiate yourself in appropriate ways Inspire teams and organizations to be more productive and prosperous Understand yourself, change your mindset, and present yourself in a way that people are receptive to Create, manage, and mentor successful individuals and teams Remain intellectually curious while making meaningful contributions to your organization Competition for the top spot has never been fiercer. "Today, you have to exceed in a group of 'exceeders,'" Benton writes. But it's not all about improving your job performance. You are already knowledgeable, competent, and hard-working. It's about doing typical things in atypical ways. It's about doing things that add organizational value—without being asked. It's about having what your competitors don't: *The CEO Difference*. Praise for *The CEO Difference* "In our competitive world, finding a way to differentiate oneself is a key to success. Benton profiles a range of tried-and-true differentiators that can make all the difference." —Jim Goldman, President and CEO, Godiva Chocolatier "After reading this book, you'll understand why D. A. Benton is ranked one of the world's Top 10 CEO coaches. She provides a succinct, real-world summary of what it takes for senior executives to differentiate themselves in an ever more competitive world." —Daryl Brewster, CEO, CECP (Committee for Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy); former CEO, Krispy Kreme; and former President, Nabisco "Benton does it again! A great how-to book to boost you the last little way to the top (and be loved while doing it!)." —Reuben Mark, retired Chairman and CEO, Colgate-Palmolive Company "Benton offers practical advice to aspiring leaders to help them authentically and effectively differentiate themselves in the workplace. A very worthy read." —Doug Las R. Conant, Chairman, Avon Products, and former President, CEO, and Director, Campbell Soup Company "D. A. Benton is a trusted advisor for CEOs and leaders. She coaches her clients to not only be the best leader they can be, but also on how they can best create, manage, and mentor successful individuals and teams."

—Deanna Mulligan, President and CEO, The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

Matt Mochary coaches the CEOs of many of the fastest-scaling technology companies in Silicon Valley. With *The Great CEO Within*, he shares his highly effective leadership and business-operating tools with any CEO or manager in the world. Learn how to efficiently scale your business from startup to corporation by implementing a system of accountability, effective problem-solving, and transparent feedback. Becoming a great CEO requires training. For a founding CEO, there is precious little time to complete that training, especially at the helm of a rapidly growing company. Now you have the guidance you need in one book.

You're only a startup CEO once. Do it well with *Startup CEO*, a "master class in building a business." —Dick Costolo, Former CEO, Twitter
Being a startup CEO is a job like no other: it's difficult, risky, stressful, lonely, and often learned through trial and error. As a startup CEO seeing things for the first time, you're likely to make mistakes, fail, get things wrong, and feel like you don't have any control over outcomes. Author Matt Blumberg has been there, and in *Startup CEO* he shares his experience, mistakes, and lessons learned as he guided Return Path from a handful of employees and no revenues to over \$100 million in revenues and 500 employees. *Startup CEO* is not a memoir of Return Path's 20-year journey but a thoughtful CEO-focused book that provides first-time CEOs with advice, tools, and approaches for the situations that startup CEOs will face. You'll learn: How to tell your story to new hires, investors, and customers for greater alignment How to create a values-based culture for speed and engagement How to create business and personal operating systems so that you can balance your life and grow your company at the same time How to develop, lead, and leverage your board of directors for greater impact How to ensure that your company is bought, not sold, when you exit *Startup CEO* is the field guide every CEO needs throughout the growth of their company.

A definitive book for any CEO—first time or otherwise—of a high-growth company While big company CEOs are usually groomed for the job for years, startup CEOs aren't—and they're often young and relatively inexperienced in business in general. Author Matt Blumberg, a technology and marketing entrepreneur, knows this all too well. Back in 1999, he started a company called Return Path, which later became the driving force behind the creation of his blog, OnlyOnce—because "you're only a first time CEO once." Now, more than a decade later, he's written *Startup CEO*. As the fifth book in the StartUp Revolution series, this reliable resource is based on Blumberg's experience as a startup CEO and covers a number of issues he's faced over the dozen years he's been a CEO. Offers valuable insights into how the CEO sets the overall vision and strategy of the company and communicates it to all stakeholders Discusses how to build a company's human capital by recruiting, hiring, and retaining the very best talent Examines how a CEO must align available resources with the company's strategy in order to ensure success Addresses what it takes to master the "How" of being a CEO—from leading an executive team to managing in any type of market Engaging and informative, this book is essential reading for any, and every, CEO.

Complete your leadership toolkit with this inside look at high-level, executive positions *Hidden Truths: What Leaders Need to Hear But Are Rarely Told* delivers profound and rarely discussed insights about C-suite jobs that provide aspiring leaders with practical, new skills that will equip them for the immense challenges of their desired jobs. Through 14 illuminating chapters, accomplished Harvard Business School faculty member and former Senior Partner of McKinsey & Company sets out the essential habits that help leaders create success, time and time again. You'll learn: How to recognize the limits of monetary incentives for employees and colleagues To manage your relationships with members of the Board of Directors How to value and realize true diversity How to manage mergers and acquisitions properly, one of the most difficult parts of business leadership Perfect for managers, executives, and other business leaders with an eye on the C-suite, *Hidden Truths* also belongs on the bookshelves of people who already find themselves in a C-level position and wish to learn how to better manage the stresses and challenges of the job.

Charan has seen the business world from both ends of the spectrum. While growing up in India, working in his family shoe business, he came to understand how a business works and the critical elements of success. A powerful lesson in what is really important in business, this remarkable book takes the lessons of the peddler and reveals how they can be used by the rest of us.

Are you ready to lead? Will you pass the test? Despite all the effort through the years to understand what it takes to be an effective leader, the challenges of leadership remain enormously difficult and elusive; even today, most CEOs don't last five years in the job. The demands to deliver at a consistently high level can be unforgiving. The loneliness. The weight of responsibility. The relentless second-guessing and criticism. The pressure to build all-star teams. The 24/7 schedule that requires superhuman stamina. The tough decisions that often leave no one happy. The expectation to always have the right answer when it can be hard just to know the right question. These challenges are brought into their highest and sharpest relief in the corner office, but they are hardly unique to chief executives. All leaders face their own version of these tests, and the authors drawing on the distilled wisdom, stories and lessons from hundreds of chief executives to show how every aspiring leader can master these challenges and lead like a CEO. These foundational leadership skills will make all aspiring executives more effective in their role today, and to lift the trajectory of their career. *The CEO Test* is the authoritative, no-nonsense insider's guide to navigating leadership's toughest challenges, brought to you by authors uniquely qualified to tell the stories. Adam Bryant has conducted in-depth interviews with more than 600 CEOs. Kevin Sharer spent more than two decades as president and then CEO of Amgen, where he led its expansion from \$1 billion in annual revenues to nearly \$16 billion. He has served on many boards and is a sought-after mentor for CEOs of global companies. Leadership is getting harder as the speed of disruption across all industries accelerates. *The CEO Test* will better prepare you to succeed whether you're a CEO or just setting out to become one.

At this critical junction in the history of humankind, leaders that are proficient in magical thinking aren't going to solve our problems. Creating alternative realities is not the answer. We need a very different kind of leadership—leaders who can resist the calls of regression and whose outlook is firmly based in reality. We need leaders who analyze and draw conclusions from, or use their own experiences as a development tool, face their strengths and weaknesses, and critique their own experiences in order to build new understandings. In this very personal and entertaining book, Manfred Kets de Vries, one of the "gurus" in the field of leadership studies offers his thoughts on leadership and life, reflections written for executives and the people who deal with them. As a psychoanalyst and leadership professor let loose in the world of renowned global organizations—as a passionate educator and scholar, or just a human being at the receiving end of heart-rending emails—he examines the pitfalls of leadership and the challenges for the professionals who work with senior executives in today's AI-focused world. He points out why leaders can derail, and what steps they can take to prevent this from happening. Ultimately, this book encourages you to "Know yourself," but makes no bones about the challenge it represents. Understanding our "inner theatre" will always be an uphill struggle. Kets de Vries points out why deep dives into our inner world are always fraught with many anxieties. Included in the many subjects covered by the author are the loneliness of command, the management of disappointment, the destructive role of greed, the impact of stubbornness, the role of storytelling, the importance of wellness, and the role of corporate culture. In addition, the book addresses the important topic of how to create great teams and best places to work. Furthermore, the book touches on endings—the ending of our career and the growing realization of the inevitable ending of our life. As time grows short, Kets de Vries emphasizes that we have no time to lose in dealing with our anxieties, regrets, and the things we spend much of our life determined not to see. Taking a deep dive into self-knowledge requires courage and support, and he is here to guide you through it.

Every year, companies spend billions of dollars in board time and headhunter fees on CEO searches. In fact, by many accounts, the selection of the next CEO is the single most important task of the board of directors. Yet, despite the huge amount of time, money, and attention given to the task, many CEO changes fail, with disastrous consequences for all concerned. With so much at stake, it is natural to ask what

companies and their boards can do to increase the odds of success. Illustrated with an abundance of real-life examples from interviews with CEOs, C-suite members, members of the boards, and headhunters supporting CEO searches, *The Next CEO* explains how boards can improve the odds of success with CEO succession by identifying clear CEO mandates and associated CEO profiles and by selecting CEOs that are fit for purpose. It further explains how the CEOs of leading corporations effectively take charge and create results, providing a roadmap for incoming CEOs. These ideas are brought to life with case studies and interviews with well-known corporations such as ABB, Alibaba, Freudenberg, GE, Google, HNA, HP, Microsoft, Nestle, Nike, Nokia, Novartis, Roche, Sony, Tata, and Zurich Insurance. The book is invaluable practical reading for board members of medium-to-large-size firms involved with CEO succession, and for those preparing for their first CEO position. It is also relevant to headhunters who are involved in the process of CEO succession as a working tool for them and their clients. In addition, the book will be relevant to courses on corporate governance and strategic transformation at the executive and MBA levels.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A memoir of leadership and success: The executive chairman of Disney, Time's 2019 businessperson of the year, shares the ideas and values he embraced during his fifteen years as CEO while reinventing one of the world's most beloved companies and inspiring the people who bring the magic to life. **NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY NPR** Robert Iger became CEO of The Walt Disney Company in 2005, during a difficult time. Competition was more intense than ever and technology was changing faster than at any time in the company's history. His vision came down to three clear ideas: Recommit to the concept that quality matters, embrace technology instead of fighting it, and think bigger—think global—and turn Disney into a stronger brand in international markets. Today, Disney is the largest, most admired media company in the world, counting Pixar, Marvel, Lucasfilm, and 21st Century Fox among its properties. Its value is nearly five times what it was when Iger took over, and he is recognized as one of the most innovative and successful CEOs of our era. In *The Ride of a Lifetime*, Robert Iger shares the lessons he learned while running Disney and leading its 220,000-plus employees, and he explores the principles that are necessary for true leadership, including: • Optimism. Even in the face of difficulty, an optimistic leader will find the path toward the best possible outcome and focus on that, rather than give in to pessimism and blaming. • Courage. Leaders have to be willing to take risks and place big bets. Fear of failure destroys creativity. • Decisiveness. All decisions, no matter how difficult, can be made on a timely basis. Indecisiveness is both wasteful and destructive to morale. • Fairness. Treat people decently, with empathy, and be accessible to them. This book is about the relentless curiosity that has driven Iger for forty-five years, since the day he started as the lowliest studio grunt at ABC. It's also about thoughtfulness and respect, and a decency-over-dollars approach that has become the bedrock of every project and partnership Iger pursues, from a deep friendship with Steve Jobs in his final years to an abiding love of the Star Wars mythology. "The ideas in this book strike me as universal" Iger writes. "Not just to the aspiring CEOs of the world, but to anyone wanting to feel less fearful, more confidently themselves, as they navigate their professional and even personal lives." Drawing on in-depth interviews with hundreds of the nation's top executives, D. A. Benton explains the 22 vital traits that make a CEO - the leader responsible for making decisions, guiding teams, selling ideas, managing crises, and conquering the mountains before them. You'll penetrate the mystery of why some people make it to the top and some don't, when they're all equally good at their jobs. You'll learn how to avoid getting fired and how to get promoted more quickly, how to enjoy the quality of life you want and deserve, and - if you decide you want to be the Big Boss - how to have the right character traits to get there. These are some of the traits that make a CEO. Are you ready to make them yours? You're gutsy and a little wild - yet modest and in control. You're competitive and tenacious - yet flexible and generous. You're willing to admit mistakes - yet unapologetic. You're secure in yourself - yet constantly improving. You're original and straightforward - yet think before you talk. Make your ascent not only gratifying, but also exhilarating and fun. This is how chiefs run the show - and how you can act like a chief to become a chief, even sooner than you dreamed.

Pricing--The New CEO Imperative, the 11th volume by Stephan M. Liozu on the topic of pricing and customer value management, is a message from the pricing profession to the C-suite. It aims to promote pricing and encourage CEOs and C-suite executives to pay greater attention to pricing and to increase their investments in their pricing initiatives. In the context of digital transformations and a post-COVID-19 new normal, pricing is a strategic capability that no CEO should ignore-and a driver of competitive advantage and a strong profit lever. Pricing has 21 chapters organized in five sections: Pricing Lessons and Myths, Pricing Impact and Pricing Power, Pricing Testimonials, Pricing Maturity and Capabilities, and Pricing as a Force of Transformation. This book was made possible through the financial contribution of ten companies: Boston Consulting Group Deloitte Consulting LLP INSIGHT2PROFIT Manchon & Company Miller Advisors Pricefx Pros Holdings Simon Kucher & Partners Vendavo Zilliant This collection is also endorsed by the Professional Pricing Society (PPS) and the Coalition for the Advancement of Pricing (CAP). Be bold: join the pricing revolution!

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