

The Dip The Extraordinary Benefits Of Knowing When To Quit And When To Stick

The New York Times bestseller that gives readers a paradigm-shattering new way to think about motivation from the author of *When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing* Most people believe that the best way to motivate is with rewards like money—the carrot-and-stick approach. That's a mistake, says Daniel H. Pink (author of *To Sell Is Human: The Surprising Truth About Motivating Others*). In this provocative and persuasive new book, he asserts that the secret to high performance and satisfaction—at work, at school, and at home—is the deeply human need to direct our own lives, to learn and create new things, and to do better by ourselves and our world. Drawing on four decades of scientific research on human motivation, Pink exposes the mismatch between what science knows and what business does—and how that affects every aspect of life. He examines the three elements of true motivation—autonomy, mastery, and purpose—and offers smart and surprising techniques for putting these into action in a unique book that will change how we think and transform how we live.

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World of Warcrafters, LARPerS, Settlers of Catan? Weird. Beliebers, Swifties, Directioners? Weirder. Paleos, vegans, carb loaders, ovo-lacto-vegetarians? Pretty weird. Mets fans, Yankees fans, Bears fans? Definitely weird. Face it. We're all weird. So why are companies still trying to build products for the masses? Why are we still acting like the masses even exist? Weird is the new normal. And only companies that figure that out have any chance of survival. This book shows you how.

Debunking the Top 9 Self-Help Myths Are you tired of traditional self-help literature that always gives the same advice? Would you like to learn why the total opposite of self-help “truths” can actually work much better for you? If so, *Debunking the Top 9 Self-Help Myths* is for you. The book presents 9 self-help myths and shows how the opposite advice can work better. A large part of the book is based on scientific research that proves beyond doubt that some self-help myths are indeed just dangerous myths. **Let's Put an End to Dangerous Self-Help Myths** Some self-help myths are not only wrong, they are outright harmful for you. One of such myths is the myth of waking up early in order to achieve success and the myth that visualizing the goal will help you achieve it. In fact, scientists have proved that visualizing the goal will lead you further away from it. And as for waking up early, at least 20% of us will only feel miserable when following this advice. Here are other things you'll learn from the book: - two types of procrastination and why one of them is great for you - why procrastination can help you evaluate your life choices - why procrastination can help you find a reason why - why hard work is stupid - the story of how ignorant farmers popularized the myth of working hard - three reasons why cutting down your hours will do you good - how to achieve more with less (hint: it's not about working hard) - why sometimes it's better to give up than keep going (persistence doesn't always pay) - why a step-by-step approach isn't always the right choice (and what to do instead) - the myth of getting rich slowly - why there's no single recipe for success and why you shouldn't look for one - the halo effect and its effect on our judgment of successful people - what the Japanese streets can teach you about doing the opposite thing and still being right - two types of perfectionism and why one of them can change your life - why you don't need more discipline (and what you need instead of discipline) - how long it really takes to develop a habit **Would You Like to Achieve Success by Following the Unconventional Path?** By following the unconventional advice from the book you can achieve much better results than by following the traditional way of doing things. Some of the most common self-help tips can actually harm you instead of helping you. *Debunking the Top 9 Self-Help Myths* will help you avoid doing things that have been proven by the scientists to harm you instead of helping you. You too can benefit from the self-help literature – but first you have to learn how to read them critically, and this book will help you achieve this goal. PS. All readers will get access to a bonus chapter of the book that explains why productivity systems are useless. Keywords: procrastination, procrastination cure, procrastination self help, wake up early, waking up early, early riser, self-help that works, self help addiction, self-help ebook, self-help inspirational, motivational, transformational, self-help for overcoming procrastination and being more motivated, procrastination books, self-help books, success principles, how to achieve success, how to be more productive

"How do I know which of all the things I'm excited about in life to focus on? I've been excited about many things over the past two years and it's all gone. I seem to be stuck personally and professionally." "If I Can Just Focus" by Ubong Ekpo shows how to link your relationships and daily activities with meaningful life goals. You'll also see why proven productivity and time management principles don't seem to work for many. The book draws on up-to-date research and over seven years of training and coaching experience helping others to find the vital link between daily activities and life goals. Ubong Ekpo has been privileged to help individuals, business leaders and teams in the US and Europe to discover and execute life and business goals. Without question, this book is for you if you're a mum who wants to build a successful business around the family life you love. Written especially for mums by Nicola Huelin, a mum and award-winning business coach and mentor, *The Invisible Revolution* is an inspirational and practical handbook bringing you precious insights, inspiration and real-world advice on how to start, grow and sustain a successful business – without compromising your quality of family life, health or sanity. Discover the 14 Pillars of Empowered Success every mum in business needs. Join Nicola and a whole host of incredibly successful Mumpreneurs to discover how the women of the Invisible Revolution are carving out a new blueprint for business, achieving a new definition of success and creating a world-changing legacy for their children. Learn what it really takes to turn your dream business into reality. “Nicola has written the essential handbook that every Mumpreneur should read. Inspiring, insightful and packed full of strategies to help us all achieve our dreams.” Jo Davison, founder of Blue Cow Global “These real-life stories straight from the heart inspire mums everywhere.” Dame Mary Perkins, Co-founder of Specsavers, “I believe reading this book will give you the courage to begin... and the courage to succeed.” Lucy Piper, Presenter “The Invisible Revolution is a truly inspiring read - full of practical tools, resources, insight and examples to help you on your Mumpreneur journey.” Lucy Griffin-Stiff, founder of Starting Conversations About the Author Nicola Huelin is a multi-award winning business coach and mentor, founder of Mpower for mums in business, inspirational speaker and author with over 20 years' experience in combining business success with family life. www.mpower.global

Finally, the book that all professionals frustrated with fleeting client loyalty and relentless price pressure have waited for -- the first in-depth, client-tested guide to developing lasting business relationships. What separates extraordinary professionals from ordinary ones? Why are some professionals always drawn into their clients' inner circle of advisers, while others are employed on a one-shot basis and treated like vendors? Based on groundbreaking research, *Clients for Life* sets forth a comprehensive framework for how professionals in all fields can develop

breakthrough relationships with their clients and enjoy enduring client loyalty. Drawing on insights from extensive interviews with both leading CEOs and today's most prominent client advisers, Jagdish Sheth and Andrew Sobel debunk the conventional wisdom about professional success -- "find a specialty, do good work" -- as hopelessly inadequate in a world where clients have unlimited access to information and expertise. The authors replace these tired conventions with an innovative blueprint, supported by over one hundred case studies and examples drawn from consulting, financial services, law, technology, and other fields, for how you can evolve from an expert for hire -- a commodity -- to an extraordinary adviser. Riveting portraits of both exceptional contemporary professionals and legendary advisers such as Aristotle, Thomas More, Niccolò Machiavelli, and J. P. Morgan reveal how great client relationships are achieved in practice. Readers will learn, for example, to develop selfless independence, which tempers complete emotional, intellectual, and financial independence with a powerful commitment to client needs; to become deep generalists and overcome the narrow perspective caused by specialization; to systematically build lifelong trust; and to cultivate the power of synthesis -- big-picture thinking -- that is so highly valued by clients. Acclaimed by leading management thinkers, *Clients for Life* clearly illustrates the most important attributes and strategies of extraordinary client advisers and shows how you can use them to enrich your own relationships. It provides sophisticated professionals with the tools and insights they need to reap the rewards of lifetime client loyalty.

A New York Times, USA Today, and Wall Street Journal bestseller In this iconic bestseller, popular business blogger and bestselling author Seth Godin proves that winners are really just the best quitters. Godin shows that winners quit fast, quit often, and quit without guilt—until they commit to beating the right Dip. Every new project (or job, or hobby, or company) starts out fun...then gets really hard, and not much fun at all. You might be in a Dip—a temporary setback that will get better if you keep pushing. But maybe it's really a Cul-de-Sac—a total dead end. What really sets superstars apart is the ability to tell the two apart. Winners seek out the Dip. They realize that the bigger the barrier, the bigger the reward for getting past it. If you can beat the Dip to be the best, you'll earn profits, glory, and long-term security. Whether you're an intern or a CEO, this fun little book will help you figure out if you're in a Dip that's worthy of your time, effort, and talents. The old saying is wrong—winners do quit, and quitters do win.

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Building a successful company and career doesn't mean sacrificing your family, health, or life. You check email the moment you lift your head off the pillow in the morning. You bring work with you on vacation, sneak glances at your smart phone during family dinners, and take business calls and texts at your kid's sports games. It's as if you've been forced to make a choice between your company or your life, sacrificing time for yourself and family for the sake of career success. But it doesn't have to be that way. The most successful business leaders have learned to bust through the direct one-to-one relationship between hours worked and value created by refocusing their company, department, or team's best talent and attention on their highest value activities—generating hundreds, even thousands, of hours of value in the process. In *The Freedom Formula*, Wall Street Journal bestselling author and successful entrepreneur David Finkel will help you operationalize working smarter. No fluff, no theory, Finkel shares the detailed blueprint to create maximum value for your company without working nights, weekends, or while on "vacation." You'll learn: • Why working longer and harder doesn't pay off (and what actually does) • Why the 80-20 principle doesn't go far enough (and how to take it to its most productive extreme) • How to escape the Time and Effort Economy • How to structure your day and week so that you reclaim five or more hours each week in usable blocks of your best time • How to leverage the five Freedom Accelerators to get your life back faster And much more! Whether you're a business owner, top executive, key manager—or aspire to be one—*The Freedom Formula* offers a radical new approach to structuring your time and priorities (and your team's) in order to reclaim hours of your day—and the freedom to live your life, not just your job.

Wall Street Journal Bestseller "The pick of 2014's management books." —Andrew Hill, Financial Times "One of the top business books of the year." —Harvey Schacter, The Globe and Mail Bestselling author, Robert Sutton and Stanford colleague, Huggy Rao tackle a challenge that determines every organization's success: how to scale up farther, faster, and more effectively as an organization grows. Sutton and Rao have devoted much of the last decade to uncovering what it takes to build and uncover pockets of exemplary performance, to help spread them, and to keep recharging organizations with ever better work practices. Drawing on inside accounts and case studies and academic research from a wealth of industries-- including start-ups, pharmaceuticals, airlines, retail, financial services, high-tech, education, non-profits, government, and healthcare-- Sutton and Rao identify the key scaling challenges that confront every organization. They tackle the difficult trade-offs that organizations must make between whether to encourage individualized approaches tailored to local needs or to replicate the same practices and customs as an organization or program expands. They reveal how the best leaders and teams develop, spread, and instill the right mindsets in their people-- rather than ruining or watering down the very things that have fueled successful growth in the past. They unpack the principles that help to cascade excellence throughout an organization, as well as show how to eliminate destructive beliefs and behaviors that will hold them back. *Scaling Up Excellence* is the first major business book devoted to this universal and vexing challenge and it is destined to become the standard bearer in the field.

Martin Griffin and Jon Mayhew's *Storycraft: How to teach narrative writing* is an inspiring and practical resource to support secondary school teachers in developing their students' creative writing. This book is not a style manual. Authors Martin Griffin and Jon Mayhew think there are plenty of those about. Instead, it picks apart the craft of narrative writing and equips teachers with activities designed to help their students overcome the difficulties they experience when tasked with creating something from nothing. Written by two fiction writers and English teachers with over forty years' combined experience in education, *Storycraft* packs in expert guidance relating to idea generation and the nature of story and provides off-the-peg writing prompts that teachers can immediately adopt and adapt in the classroom. The book breaks down the simple components that must be in place for a narrative to work the crafting of character, setting, shape and structure and shares fifty-one stimulating activities that will get students writing narratives regularly, more creatively and with greater confidence. Martin and Jon also include helpful advice in a chapter dedicated to the process of editing in which they provide activities designed to help students diagnose and improve misfiring narratives, and they close the book with invaluable tips for GCSE exam preparation written directly for students and with an impending creative writing exam in mind. Suitable for English teachers of students aged eleven to eighteen.

Made for dipping into again and again, *Whatcha Gonna Do with That Duck?* brings together the very best of Seth Godin's acclaimed blog and is a classic for fans both old and new. 'Getting your ducks in a row is a fine thing to do. But deciding what you are going to do with that duck is a far more important issue' Seth Godin is famous for bestselling books such as *Purple Cow* and cool entrepreneurial ventures such as *Squidoo* and the *Domino Project*. But to millions of loyal readers, he's best known for the daily burst of insight he provides every morning, rain or shine, via *Seth's Blog*. Since he started blogging in the early 1990s, he has written more than two million words and shaped the way we think about marketing, leadership, careers, innovation, creativity, and more. Much of his writing is inspirational and some is incendiary. Collected here are six years of his best, most entertaining, and most poignant blog posts, plus a few bonus ebooks. From thoughts on how to treat your customers to telling stories and spreading

ideas, Godin pushes us to think smarter, dream bigger, write better, and speak more honestly. Highlights include: -A marketing lesson from the Apocalypse -No, everything is not going to be okay -Organized bravery -Choose your customers, choose your future -Paying attention to the attention economy -Bandits and philanthropists Godin writes to get under our skin. He wants us to stand up and do something remarkable, outside the standards of the industrial system that raised us. Seth Godin is the author of thirteen international bestsellers that have changed the way people think about marketing, the ways ideas spread, leadership and change including Permission Marketing, Purple Cow, All Marketers are Liars, The Dip and Tribes. He is the CEO of Squidoo.com and a very popular lecturer. His blog, www.sethgodin.typepad.com, is the most influential business blog in the world, and consistently one of the 100 most popular blogs on any subject.

A recent survey of more than 700 CEOs showed that 98% prefer job candidates with a sense of humour and 84% think that funny employees do better work. Psychologist Dr Jennifer Aaker and comedian Naomi Bagdonas' research has shown that humour makes us feel more competent and confident, strengthens relationships and boosts resilience during difficult times. Based on the popular course 'Humour: Serious Business' at Stanford's Graduate School of Business, where Aaker and Bagdonas help some of the world's most hard-driving, blazer-wearing business minds build levity into their organisations and lives, this book will show you how to use humour to: enhance creativity and problem-solving; influence and motivate others; build bonds and defuse tension within teams; create a culture where colleagues feel safe, appreciated and joyful.

The New York Times, BusinessWeek, and Wall Street Journal Bestseller that redefined what it means to be a leader. Since it was first published almost a decade ago, Seth Godin's visionary book has helped tens of thousands of leaders turn a scattering of followers into a loyal tribe. If you need to rally fellow employees, customers, investors, believers, hobbyists, or readers around an idea, this book will demystify the process. It's human nature to seek out tribes, be they religious, ethnic, economic, political, or even musical (think of the Deadheads). Now the Internet has eliminated the barriers of geography, cost, and time. Social media gives anyone who wants to make a difference the tools to do so. With his signature wit and storytelling flair, Godin presents the three steps to building a tribe: the desire to change things, the ability to connect a tribe, and the willingness to lead. If you think leadership is for other people, think again—leaders come in surprising packages. Consider Joel Spolsky and his international tribe of scary-smart software engineers. Or Gary Vaynerhuck, a wine expert with a devoted following of enthusiasts. Chris Sharma led a tribe of rock climbers up impossible cliff faces, while Mich Mathews, a VP at Microsoft, ran her internal tribe of marketers from her cube in Seattle. Tribes will make you think—really think—about the opportunities to mobilize an audience that are already at your fingertips. It's not easy, but it's easier than you think.

What keeps so many of us from doing what we long to do? Why is there a naysayer within? How can we avoid the roadblocks of any creative endeavor—be it starting up a dream business venture, writing a novel, or painting a masterpiece? The War of Art identifies the enemy that every one of us must face, outlines a battle plan to conquer this internal foe, then pinpoints just how to achieve the greatest success. The War of Art emphasizes the resolve needed to recognize and overcome the obstacles of ambition and then effectively shows how to reach the highest level of creative discipline. Think of it as tough love . . . for yourself.

What Doesn't Kill Us, a New York Times bestseller, traces our evolutionary journey back to a time when survival depended on how well we adapted to the environment around us. Our ancestors crossed deserts, mountains, and oceans without even a whisper of what anyone today might consider modern technology. Those feats of endurance now seem impossible in an age where we take comfort for granted. But what if we could regain some of our lost evolutionary strength by simulating the environmental conditions of our ancestors? Investigative journalist and anthropologist Scott Carney takes up the challenge to find out: Can we hack our bodies and use the environment to stimulate our inner biology? Helping him in his search for the answers is Dutch fitness guru Wim Hof, whose ability to control his body temperature in extreme cold has sparked a whirlwind of scientific study. Carney also enlists input from an Army scientist, a world-famous surfer, the founders of an obstacle course race movement, and ordinary people who have documented how they have cured autoimmune diseases, lost weight, and reversed diabetes. In the process, he chronicles his own transformational journey as he pushes his body and mind to the edge of endurance, a quest that culminates in a record-bending, 28-hour climb to the snowy peak of Mt. Kilimanjaro wearing nothing but a pair of running shorts and sneakers. An ambitious blend of investigative reporting and participatory journalism, What Doesn't Kill Us explores the true connection between the mind and the body and reveals the science that allows us to push past our perceived limitations.

In The Student Mindset: A 30-item toolkit for anyone learning anything, Steve Oakes and Martin Griffin provide clear, effective and engaging tools designed to help students plan, organise and execute successful learning. Successful students find a way to succeed. They get the results they want. And they achieve this not by superior ability, but by sticking to habits, routines and strategies that deliver those results. By cutting through the noise surrounding academic success and character development, bestselling authors Steve Oakes and Martin Griffin have identified the five key traits and behaviours that all students need in order to achieve their goals: vision, effort, systems, practice and attitude (VESPA). These characteristics beat cognition hands down, and in The Student Mindset Steve and Martin provide a ready-made series of study strategies, approaches and tactics designed to nurture these qualities and transform your motivation, commitment and productivity. The book's thirty activities, while categorised thematically under the VESPA umbrella, have been organised around six key phases of learning so that you can recognise which phase you're in before choosing from the range of tools and techniques to help you get through it. The six co-existing key phases are: preparation; starting study; collecting and shaping; adapting, testing and performing; flow and feedback; and dealing with the dip. At each phase you'll experience challenges and discover new ways of working, and this book's activities have been designed to help you gain control and become a better learner by sharing workload management tactics and revision strategies associated with calm, purposeful study and ultimately getting good results. These tools include a range of effective prioritisation, stress reduction, procrastination-busting and mindset development approaches all neatly packaged into this outstanding practical guide to becoming a successful and confident student. Suitable for all students. Shortlisted for the Non Obvious Book Award.

How to find the soft innovation that will make your product, service, school, church, or career worth talking about. We live in an era of too much noise, too much clutter, too many choices, and too much spam. And as Seth Godin's 200,000-copy bestseller Purple Cow taught the business world, the old ways of marketing simply don't work anymore. The best way to sell anything these days is through word of mouth and the only real way to get word of mouth is to create something remarkable. Free Prize Inside, the sequel to Purple Cow, explains how to do just that. It's jammed with practical ideas you can use right now to make your product or service remarkable, so that it will virtually sell itself. Remember when cereal came with a free prize inside? Even if you already liked the cereal, it was the little plastic toy that made it irresistible. Godin explains how you can think of a bonus that will make your customers feel just as excited, no matter what business you're in. Consider these free prizes: • The Tupperware party, which turned buying plastic bowls into a social event • Flintstones vitamins, which turned a serious product into

something fun • The free change-counting machine at every Commerce Bank branch • The little blue box from Tiffany, which makes people happy before they even open it This book offers a way to create free prizes quickly, cheaply, and reliably and persuade others in your organization to help you bring them to life.

As one of today's most influential business thinkers, Seth Godin helps his army of fans stay focused, stay connected, and stay dissatisfied with the status quo, the ordinary, the boring. His books, blog posts, magazine articles, and speeches have inspired countless entrepreneurs, marketing people, innovators, and managers around the world. Now, for the first time, Godin has collected the most provocative short pieces from his pioneering blog—ranked #70 by Feedster (out of millions published) in worldwide readership. This book also includes his most popular columns from Fast Company magazine, and several of the short e-books he has written in the last few years. A sample: • Bon Jovi And The Pirates • Christmas Card Spam • Clinging To Your Job Title? • How Much Would You Pay to Be on Oprah's Show? • The Persistence of Really Bad Ideas • The Seduction of "Good Enough" • What Happens When It's All on Tape? • Would You Buy Life Insurance at a Rock Concert? Small is the New Big is a huge bowl of inspiration that you can gobble in one sitting or dip into at any time. As Godin writes in his introduction: "I guarantee that you'll find some ideas that don't work for you. But I'm certain that you're smart enough to see the stuff you've always wanted to do, buried deep inside one of these riffs. And I'm betting that once inspired, you'll actually make something happen."

A full-color book about art, bravery and doing work that matters

The multimillion-copy bestselling book of spiritual wisdom about the importance of slowing down in our fast-paced world, by the Buddhist author of Love for Imperfect Things "Wise advice on how to reflect and slow down." —Elle Is it the world that's busy, or is it my mind? The world moves fast, but that doesn't mean we have to. This bestselling mindfulness guide by Haemin Sunim (which means "spontaneous wisdom"), a renowned Buddhist meditation teacher born in Korea and educated in the United States, illuminates a path to inner peace and balance amid the overwhelming demands of everyday life. By offering guideposts to well-being and happiness in eight areas—including relationships, love, and spirituality—Haemin Sunim emphasizes the importance of forging a deeper connection with others and being compassionate and forgiving toward ourselves. The more than twenty full-color illustrations that accompany his teachings serve as calming visual interludes, encouraging us to notice that when you slow down, the world slows down with you.

The global economy is a mess. Big business, aided by bad government, has spoiled the party for everyone, yet it is individuals and small companies that are really paying the price. With the depressed state of the economy, companies are not giving much in the way of increases, vacant positions are not being filled, and contracts are not being awarded or renewed. Employees and contractors have to work harder for the same, or even less, money. How can individuals, entrepreneurs, small business owners and even civil servants and homemakers make the best of a bad situation? Armed with the same expert level of dealmaking skills as the captains of industry, you, too, can substantially improve your personal wealth and financial future. This is dealonomics. Fun to read, easily accessible and with loads of practical examples, this book will equip you with the world-class dealmaking expertise you need to get the income you want. An essential read for everyone who wants to improve their income or financial position in today's recession-prone world.

A groundbreaking, holistic approach to transformation through money making, which not only teaches you what it means to contain, but also how to spot and repair leaks and blocks in your money flow, using Kiki Theo's signature Money Well process.

You're either a Purple Cow or you're not. You're either remarkable or invisible. Make your choice. What do Apple, Starbucks, Dyson and Pret a Manger have in common? How do they achieve spectacular growth, leaving behind former tried-and-true brands to gasp their last? The old checklist of P's used by marketers - Pricing, Promotion, Publicity - aren't working anymore. The golden age of advertising is over. It's time to add a new P - the Purple Cow. Purple Cow describes something phenomenal, something counterintuitive and exciting and flat-out unbelievable. In his new bestseller, Seth Godin urges you to put a Purple Cow into everything you build, and everything you do, to create something truly noticeable. It's a manifesto for anyone who wants to help create products and services that are worth marketing in the first place. If you enjoyed reading this, check out Seth Godin's business classic This is Marketing.

"Toine Knipping has taken to heart the statement, 'One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure that it is worth watching.' In a very engaging, lucid style, he draws the reader not only into his philosophy of entrepreneurship but also explains how to live a well-rounded life. This is a book full of wisdom—highly recommended to anyone interested in acquiring a deeper understanding of the inner theatre of the entrepreneur." —Manfred F. R. Kets de Vries, Clinical Professor of Leadership and Organizational Change, The Raoul de Vitry d'Avaucourt Chaired Professor of Leadership Development "While you may or may not agree with everything Toine Knipping says, one thing is for sure: he is an inspiration to all entrepreneurs. Mind Your Business is a practical and necessary read for anyone who wants to succeed in business." —Chip Conley, Founder of Joie de Vivre Hotels and author of PEAK and Emotional Equations "Mind Your Business is a rare book that combines eminently practical and valuable advice for would-be entrepreneurs with wise reflections that imbue the whole activity with a larger purpose. Toine Knipping is a hugely successful entrepreneur who has valuable observations not only about business but also about the business of life. Mind Your Business should not only be read by budding entrepreneurs but by everyone who is involved in business life and is struggling to give this life more meaning." —Sudhir Kakar, World-renowned Psychoanalyst and Author of numerous books including The Inner World

The historical figures responsible for today's global economy

From the bestselling author of Linchpin, Tribes, and The Dip comes an elegant little book that will inspire artists, writers, and entrepreneurs to stretch and commit to putting their best work out into the world. Creative work doesn't come with a guarantee. But there is a pattern to who succeeds and who doesn't. And engaging in the consistent practice of its pursuit is the best way forward. Based on the breakthrough Akimbo workshop pioneered by legendary author Seth Godin, The Practice will help you get unstuck and find the courage to make and share creative work. Godin insists that writer's block is a myth, that consistency is far more important than authenticity, and that experiencing the imposter

syndrome is a sign that you're a well-adjusted human. Most of all, he shows you what it takes to turn your passion from a private distraction to a productive contribution, the one you've been seeking to share all along. With this book as your guide, you'll learn to dance with your fear. To take the risks worth taking. And to embrace the empathy required to make work that contributes with authenticity and joy.

Osho is one of the best-known spiritual teachers of our time. The Sunday Times named him one of the '1,000 makers of the twentieth century'; the novelist Tom Robbins has called him 'the most dangerous man since Jesus Christ'. Nearly two decades after his death in 1990, the influence of his teachings continues to grow, reaching seekers around the world. This inspiring compendium of spiritual wisdom and insight offers a way for everyone to access the enlightening message of the Buddha as Osho offers his unique take on his teachings, with a wisdom and wit that make it a wonderful read. When you engage with Osho's writing, you feel as if he is speaking to you. His conversational style is fluid and engaging, and while his acute perception often comes as a delight and a surprise, his shrewd insights will stay with you always. Whether he is discussing a complex philosophy, or the teachings of a great mystic, Osho always approaches the subject with his own distinctively irreverent, thought-provoking and inspiring perspectives. Covering subjects including Belief, Responsibility, Relationships, Doing Good and the Power of Consciousness, this is a book that offers real insight into leading a more spiritual life now. V is for Vulnerable by Seth Godin is a full-color ABC book for grown-ups, with a powerful message about doing great work. V is for Vulnerable looks and feels like a classic picture book. But it's not for kids, it's for hardworking adults. It highlights twenty-six of Seth Godin's principles about treating your work as a form of art, with illustrations by acclaimed cartoonist Hugh MacLeod. A sample: A is for Anxiety, which is experiencing failure in advance. Tell yourself enough vivid stories about the worst possible outcome and you'll soon come to believe them. Worry is not preparation, and anxiety doesn't make you better. F is for Feedback, which can be either a crutch or a weapon. Use it to make your work smaller, safer, and more likely to please everyone (and fail in the long run). Or use it as a lever to further push you to embrace what you fear and what you're capable of. This is unlike any previous Godin book and makes a great gift, both for loyal fans and those who've never read him before. Seth Godin is the author of thirteen international bestsellers that have changed the way people think about marketing, the ways ideas spread, leadership and change including Permission Marketing, Purple Cow, All Marketers are Liars, The Dip and Tribes. He is the CEO of Squidoo.com and a very popular lecturer. His blog, www.sethgodin.typepad.com, is the most influential business blog in the world, and consistently one of the 100 most popular blogs on any subject.

Tempted to Give Up? Here's How to Keep Going If you browse through the interviews with some of the most successful people on Earth, you'll find one common piece of advice shared by virtually all of them: They never give up on their big goals. Research shows that grit is a better predictor for success than any other factor. The ability to keep going despite setbacks is more important than your IQ, character or other external factors like your upbringing or surroundings. But what does it really mean to "never give up"? What exactly is grit? How do you persevere when faced with larger than life difficulties? How do you keep going when you're at the brink of exhaustion and all your hard work hasn't been rewarded yet? I wrote this book to explore the subject of persistence from a more scientific point of view than cliché self-help sayings. I want to share with you how exactly to stick to your goals according to peak performers and science – not vague motivational advice that assumes we have unlimited strength once we're motivated enough. Here are just a couple of things you will learn from the book: - A crucial piece of advice you can learn from the first people who reached the South Pole. If you make the wrong choice, you'll burn out – guaranteed. - What famous American comic Jerry Seinfeld did in his early days of career to keep going. It's a simple trick that provides huge results. - What a study on top musicians, athletes, actors and chess players can teach you about achieving results and persistence. The elite performers practice much fewer hours than you believe. - Five of the most common ways you lead yourself to self-sabotage. Usually, you're not even aware of how many of your efforts go for naught simply because of the five things I discuss in this book. - According to studies, this one trait is strongly associated with grit and persistence. Learn what it is and how to develop it in five different ways. - Five focusing questions to keep going. Asking yourself these questions will help you boost your motivation when you're at the brink of giving up. - How listening to others whining makes a part of your brain shrink and affects your ability to persevere when faced with setbacks. - Six bestselling authors and bloggers share their best techniques on how to keep going when you want to give up: Stephen Guise (author of "Mini Habits: Smaller Habits, Bigger Results"), Joel Runyon (blogger at ImpossibleHQ.com), Serena Star-Leonard (bestselling author of "How to Retire in 12 Months: Turning Passion into Profit") Derek Doepker (bestselling author of "Why You're Stuck"), Michal Stawicki (bestselling author of "Trickle-Down Mindset: The Missing Element In Your Personal Success"), and Hung Pham (bestselling author of "Break Through: 12 Powerful Steps to Destroy Your Mental Barriers and Achieve Success"). There's no reason why you should give up if you're working on the right goal. Learn how to make sure you'll reach your objectives. Scroll up and buy the book now. For more free resources, sign up for my self-improvement newsletter: <http://www.profoundselfimprovement.com/grita> Keywords: How not to give up, persistence, grit, how to keep going, how to reach your goals, how to achieve goals, how to achieve success, how to be resilient, how to be strong, how to be tough, success mindset, success tips, psychology of success, success psychology, self-discipline, self-help books, personal development ebooks, personal development books, personal growth success, personal growth and inspiration

The best-selling author of Big Data is back, this time with a unique and in-depth insight into how specific companies use big data. Big data is on the tip of everyone's tongue. Everyone understands its power and importance, but many fail to grasp the actionable steps and resources required to utilise it effectively. This book fills the knowledge gap by showing how major companies are using big data every day, from an up-close, on-the-ground perspective. From technology, media and retail, to sport teams, government

agencies and financial institutions, learn the actual strategies and processes being used to learn about customers, improve manufacturing, spur innovation, improve safety and so much more. Organised for easy dip-in navigation, each chapter follows the same structure to give you the information you need quickly. For each company profiled, learn what data was used, what problem it solved and the processes put it place to make it practical, as well as the technical details, challenges and lessons learned from each unique scenario. Learn how predictive analytics helps Amazon, Target, John Deere and Apple understand their customers Discover how big data is behind the success of Walmart, LinkedIn, Microsoft and more Learn how big data is changing medicine, law enforcement, hospitality, fashion, science and banking Develop your own big data strategy by accessing additional reading materials at the end of each chapter

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

Great Days at Work will enable you to become more enthusiastic at work, feel more positive and work more effectively with others. Drawing on the latest insights from positive psychology, and based on hard business results, it outlines the practical day-to-day changes you can make immediately for instant benefit, as well as helping you develop a longer term strategy that means you'll get more out of work. This easily applicable book reveals how to develop an effective perspective on time, embed productive new habits, gain a clear sense of self and build better working relationships. As a result you will make a bigger contribution to your organization, as well as feel more engaged, satisfied and in control of your own work and career. Discover how to have a great day at work, every day!

"A modern and fresh look at the diverse world of beans and pulses, including 125 recipes for globally inspired vegetarian mains, snacks, soups, and even desserts"--

The Wall Street Journal bestseller—a Financial Times Business Book of the Month and named by The Washington Post as “One of the 11 Leadership Books to Read in 2018”—is “a refreshingly data-based, clearheaded guide” (Publishers Weekly) to individual performance, based on a groundbreaking study. Why do some people perform better at work than others? This deceptively simple question continues to confound professionals in all sectors of the workforce. Now, after a unique, five-year study of more than 5,000 managers and employees, Morten Hansen reveals the answers in his “Seven Work Smarter Practices” that can be applied by anyone looking to maximize their time and performance. Each of Hansen’s seven practices is highlighted by inspiring stories from individuals in his comprehensive study. You’ll meet a high school principal who engineered a dramatic turnaround of his failing high school; a rural Indian farmer determined to establish a better way of life for women in his village; and a sushi chef, whose simple preparation has led to his unassuming restaurant being awarded the maximum of three Michelin stars. Hansen also explains how the way Alfred Hitchcock filmed Psycho and the 1911 race to become the first explorer to reach the South Pole both illustrate the use of his seven practices. Each chapter “is intended to inspire people to be better workers...and improve their own work performance” (Booklist) with questions and key insights to allow you to assess your own performance and figure out your work strengths, as well as your weaknesses. Once you understand your individual style, there are mini-quizzes, questionnaires, and clear tips to assist you focus on a strategy to become a more productive worker. Extensive, accessible, and friendly, Great at Work will help us “reengineer our work lives, reduce burnout, and improve performance and job satisfaction” (Psychology Today).

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The only definitive book authored by Wim Hof on his powerful method for realizing our physical and spiritual potential. “This method is very simple, very accessible, and endorsed by science. Anybody can do it, and there is no dogma, only acceptance. Only freedom.” —Wim Hof Wim Hof has a message for each of us: “You can literally do the impossible. You can overcome disease, improve your mental health and physical performance, and even control your physiology so you can thrive in any stressful situation.” With The Wim Hof Method, this trailblazer of human potential shares a method that anyone can use—young or old, sick or healthy—to supercharge their capacity for strength, vitality, and happiness. Wim has become known as “The Iceman” for his astounding physical feats, such as spending hours in freezing water and running barefoot marathons over deserts and ice fields. Yet his most remarkable achievement is not any record-breaking performance—it is the creation of a method that thousands of people have used to transform their lives. In his gripping and passionate style, Wim shares his method and his story, including: • Breath—Wim’s unique practices to change your body chemistry, infuse yourself with energy, and focus your mind • Cold—Safe, controlled, shock-free practices for using cold exposure to enhance your cardiovascular system and awaken your body’s untapped strength • Mindset—Build your willpower, inner clarity, sensory awareness, and innate joyfulness in the miracle of living • Science—How users of this method have redefined what is medically possible in study after study • Health—True stories and testimonials from people using the method to overcome disease and chronic illness • Performance—Increase your endurance, improve recovery time, up your mental game, and more • Wim’s Story—Follow Wim’s inspiring personal journey of discovery, tragedy, and triumph • Spiritual Awakening—How breath, cold, and mindset can reveal the beauty of your soul Wim Hof is a man on a mission: to transform the way we live by reminding us of our true power and purpose. “This is how we will change the world, one soul at a time,” Wim says. “We alter the collective consciousness by awakening to our own boundless potential. We are limited only by the depth of our imagination and the strength of our conviction.” If you’re ready to explore and exceed the limits of your own potential, The Wim Hof Method is waiting for you.

* Our summary is short, simple and pragmatic. It allows you to have the essential ideas of a big book in less than 30 minutes. By reading this summary, you will discover what the DIP (challenge impossible or possible) is and what are the tools proposed by Seth Godin to identify it, prepare to face it and determine if and when to give it up. You will also discover that : you must always try to be the best: even if it's easier and more comfortable, you can't be satisfied with being average; the defended project must be superior to the others, and be on the right scale; whatever the project, at one time or another, we are confronted with a DIP; there are tools to learn how to take up this DIP and to achieve its ends. We all, at one time or another, have the desire to give up, and this can be legitimate, it can be the right thing to do. Winners also give up: they just do it at the right time. Giving up can be the right strategy, as long as it is done at the right time. The important thing about the DIP is to define the limits and the framework

within which you can be the best, and the goal to be set. *Buy now the summary of this book for the modest price of a cup of coffee!

Duncan Bannatyne reveals how to set up a business and make it a great success. Having started out with ice cream van, he knows exactly how it can be done - and how to avoid the pitfalls along the way. In a series of clear and easy-to-follow chapters, Duncan removes the barriers to getting started as an entrepreneur, and helps to plan a way forward through those potentially difficult early days. He shows that there is no substitute for hard work, and insists that you must be completely honest with yourself about your own strengths and weaknesses if you are to succeed. He outlines the key attributes you will need and how you can develop them to achieve your dreams. Backed with fascinating examples from his own career and case studies from a wide range of other entrepreneurs, this book provides the perfect wake-up call for you to change your life for the better.

Most organizations are stuck in a rut. On one hand, they understand all the good things that will come with growth. On the other, they're petrified that growth means change, and change means risk, and risk means death. Nobody wants to screw up and ruin a good thing, so most companies (and individuals) just keep trying to be perfect at the things they've always done. In 2003, Seth Godin's Purple Cow challenged organizations to become remarkable—to drive growth by standing out in a world full of brown cows. It struck a huge chord and stayed on the Business-Week bestseller list for nearly two years. You can hear countless brainstorming meetings where people refer to purple cows and say things like, "That's not good enough. We need to create a big moo!" But how do you create a big moo—an insight so astounding that people can't help but remark on it, like digital TV recording (TiVo) or overnight shipping (FedEx), or the world's best vacuum cleaner (Dyson)? Godin worked with thirty-two of the world's smartest thinkers to answer this critical question. And the team—with the likes of Tom Peters, Malcolm Gladwell, Guy Kawasaki, Mark Cuban, Robyn Waters, Dave Balter, Red Maxwell, and Randall Rothenberg on board—created an incredibly useful book that's fun to read and perfect for groups to share, discuss, and apply. The Big Moo is a simple book in the tradition of Fish and Don't Sweat the Small Stuff. Instead of lecturing you, it tells stories that stick to your ribs and light your fire. It will help you to create a culture that consistently delivers remarkable innovations.

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