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The Personal MBAA World-class Business Education in a Single VolumePenguin UK

The path to your professional success starts with a critical look in the mirror. If you read nothing else on managing yourself, read these 10 articles (plus the bonus article "How Will You Measure Your Life?" by Clayton M. Christensen). We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles to select the most important ones to help you maximize yourself. HBR's 10 Must Reads on Managing Yourself will inspire you to: Stay engaged throughout your 50+-year work life Tap into your deepest values Solicit candid feedback Replenish physical and mental energy Balance work, home, community, and self Spread positive energy throughout your organization Rebound from tough times Decrease distractibility and frenzy Delegate and develop employees' initiative This collection of best-selling articles includes: bonus article "How Will You Measure Your Life?" by Clayton M. Christensen, "Managing Oneself," "Management Time:

Who's Got the Monkey?" "How Resilience Works," "Manage Your Energy, Not Your Time," "Overloaded Circuits: Why Smart People Underperform," "Be a Better Leader, Have a Richer Life," "Reclaim Your Job," "Moments of Greatness: Entering the Fundamental State of Leadership," "What to Ask the Person in the Mirror," and "Primal Leadership: The Hidden Driver of Great Performance."

Steven Silbiger has distilled the material of the ten most popular business schools in order to teach readers the language of business. At the rate of one easy-to-understand chapter a day, this book will enable readers to absorb the material, speak the language, and, most importantly, acquire the confidence and expertise needed to get ahead in the competitive business world.

The measure of the executive, Peter Drucker reminds us, is the ability to 'get the right things done'. Usually this involves doing what other people have overlooked, as well as avoiding what is unproductive. He identifies five talents as essential to effectiveness, and these can be learned; in fact, they must be learned just as scales must be mastered by every piano student regardless of his natural gifts. Intelligence, imagination and knowledge may all be wasted in an executive job without the acquired habits of mind that convert these into results. One of the talents is the management of time. Another is choosing what to contribute to the particular organization. A third is knowing where and how to apply your strength

to best effect. Fourth is setting up the right priorities. And all of them must be knitted together by effective decision-making. How these can be developed forms the main body of the book. The author ranges widely through the annals of business and government to demonstrate the distinctive skill of the executive. He turns familiar experience upside down to see it in new perspective. The book is full of surprises, with its fresh insights into old and seemingly trite situations. Mega-bestselling author Ken Blanchard and celebrated business leaders Don Hutson and Ethan Willis present an inspiring story that reveals the secrets to becoming a successful entrepreneur. In **THE ONE MINUTE ENTREPRENEUR**, Ken Blanchard (coauthor of the #1 bestselling business classic *The One Minute Manager*), Don Hutson, CEO of U.S. Learning, and Ethan Willis, CEO of Prosper Learning, tell the inspiring story of one man's challenges in creating his own business. Through a powerful and engaging narrative, we confront many of the typical problems all entrepreneurs face in starting up their business, from finding new sources of revenue to securing the commitment of their people and the loyalty of their customers. More important, we learn the secrets to becoming a successful entrepreneur, including how to build a firm foundation, how to ensure a steady cash flow, and how to create legendary service. In addition, the book offers invaluable advice, delivered through One Minute Insights, from such

entrepreneurs and thinkers as Sheldon Bowles, Peter Drucker, Michael Gerber, and Charlie “Tremendous” Jones. Today, in the midst of the largest entrepreneurial surge in U.S. history, four out of five small businesses continue to fail. **THE ONE MINUTE ENTREPRENEUR** offers businesspeople and would-be entrepreneurs a treasure trove of wisdom on how to think, act, and succeed in creating and sustaining a business, no matter what their industry.

Explains what business numbers mean and why they matter, and addresses issues that have become more important in recent years, including questions about the financial crisis and accounting literacy.

Want to get an MBA? **The Complete MBA For Dummies, 2nd Edition**, is the practical, plain-English guide that covers all the basics of a top-notch MBA program, helping you to navigate today’s most innovative business strategies. From management to entrepreneurship to strategic planning, you’ll understand the hottest trends and get the latest techniques for motivating employees, building global partnerships, managing risk, and manufacturing. This fun, easy-to-access guide is full of useful information, tips, and checklists that will help you lead, manage, or participate in any business at a high level of competence. You’ll find out how to use databases to your advantage, recognize and reward your employees, analyze financial statements, and understand the challenges of

strategic planning in a global business environment. You'll also learn the basic principals of accounting, get a grip on the concepts behind stocks and bonds, and find out how technology has revolutionized everything from manufacturing to marketing. Discover how to: Know and respond to your customers' needs Handle budgets and forecasts Recruit and retain top people Establish and run employee teams Use Sarbanes-Oxley to your company's advantage Negotiate with the best of them Build long-term relationships with clients Avoid common managerial mistakes Improve cash flow Market your products and services Make the most of your advertising dollar Once you know what an MBA knows, the sky's the limit. Read *The Complete MBA For Dummies*, 2nd Edition, and watch your career take off!

Forget the 10,000 hour rule— what if it's possible to learn the basics of any new skill in 20 hours or less? Take a moment to consider how many things you want to learn to do. What's on your list? What's holding you back from getting started? Are you worried about the time and effort it takes to acquire new skills—time you don't have and effort you can't spare? Research suggests it takes 10,000 hours to develop a new skill. In this nonstop world when will you ever find that much time and energy? To make matters worse, the early hours of practicing something new are always the most frustrating. That's why it's difficult to learn how to speak a new language, play an

instrument, hit a golf ball, or shoot great photos. It's so much easier to watch TV or surf the web . . . In *The First 20 Hours*, Josh Kaufman offers a systematic approach to rapid skill acquisition— how to learn any new skill as quickly as possible. His method shows you how to deconstruct complex skills, maximize productive practice, and remove common learning barriers. By completing just 20 hours of focused, deliberate practice you'll go from knowing absolutely nothing to performing noticeably well. Kaufman personally field-tested the methods in this book. You'll have a front row seat as he develops a personal yoga practice, writes his own web-based computer programs, teaches himself to touch type on a nonstandard keyboard, explores the oldest and most complex board game in history, picks up the ukulele, and learns how to windsurf. Here are a few of the simple techniques he teaches: Define your target performance level: Figure out what your desired level of skill looks like, what you're trying to achieve, and what you'll be able to do when you're done. The more specific, the better. Deconstruct the skill: Most of the things we think of as skills are actually bundles of smaller subskills. If you break down the subcomponents, it's easier to figure out which ones are most important and practice those first. Eliminate barriers to practice: Removing common distractions and unnecessary effort makes it much easier to sit down and focus on deliberate practice. Create fast feedback loops: Getting accurate, real-time information about how well you're performing during practice makes it much easier to improve. Whether you want to paint a portrait, launch a start-up, fly an airplane, or juggle flaming

chainsaws, The First 20 Hours will help you pick up the basics of any skill in record time . . . and have more fun along the way.

The along-anticipated work on Perceptual Control Theory (PCT) by the originator of this system of ideas, written for the general public in nontechnical language. Back cover copy by Richard S. Marken, Senior Behavior Scientist, The RAND Corporation. "Some of the best science is done by people who refuse to take the obvious for granted. Copernicuss didn't take the sun's daily trek across the sky for granted, Einstein didn't take the regular tick of time for granted, and William T. Powers didn't take the appearance of behavior for granted...A number of scientists, impressed by the power and beauty of control theory as applied to behavior, have devoted their research efforts to testing and expanding Powers' ideas on living control systems. Obviously, I am one of them. I knew after reading Behavior: the Control of Perception (Powers, 1973) that Powers had something very important to say.

What do great enterprises have in common? What sort of person starts them? A single idea can help you find the next big thing, but it takes time to trawl through hundreds of business books to find inspiration. With insightful commentaries on the landmark writings of old and new, 50 Business Classics presents the great entrepreneur stories, the best management thinking and the proven ideas on strategy, innovation and marketing - in one volume. 50 Business Classics presents the key ideas from classic texts such as My Years with General Motors and Michael Gerber's The E-Myth

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Revisited to contemporary business lessons from the rise of tech giants like Google, Apple and Amazon. It contains revealing biographies of luminaries like Steve Jobs and Warren Buffett, as well as lesser-known stories including creation of publishing giant Penguin and Chinese behemoth Alibaba. Here you'll find the texts and ideas that matter in: · Entrepreneurship · Leadership · Management · Strategy · Business history · Personal development · Technology and innovation Summarising the smartest thinking for today's professional success, 50 Business Classics provides inspiration and insights for entrepreneurs, executives and students of business and management alike.

There are three types of companies in the world: Companies that don't yet benefit from data and AI Companies that use data and AI for internal purposes only Companies that harness data and AI as an asset for competitive global growth Where does your business belong? In Growth Reinvented, business innovation expert Mika Ruokonen takes a deep dive into the rich new landscape of data and AI-enabled business models. Building on a framework of dozens of original case studies and company examples, Growth Reinvented teaches ambitious business leaders how to extract value from data and AI as a conduit for systemic change. Like the steam engine or electricity, data and AI are general-purpose technologies with the potential for powerful and disruptive growth. But current literature on the topic is limited to examining benefits contained within a company's existing products or services, with an emphasis on theory rather than pragmatic detail. Growth Reinvented raises the bar with a concrete and easy-to-

use playbook of business model options that leaders can start applying to their data and AI operations. Backed by real-life examples, these models demonstrate options for generating fresh revenue and product/service pathways, including those that open the door to a radically new type of business or industry sector. In a climate of rapidly evolving technologies and fierce global competition, companies must continually interrogate their ability to stay relevant in target markets. Growth Reinvented shows how to do exactly that, with a series of impact-focused and progressive strategies. Get ahead of the competition, understand the challenges and start transforming your data and AI into new, profitable and futureproof business models today. How can Growth Reinvented add value to your business? Build general understanding and awareness Growth Reinvented offers a cohesive, easy-to-follow summary of existing information around data and AI-enabled business models. It brings technology and business thinking together to serve as a synthesis for you to review and apply in real life. Extra online resources are also available for those who want to expand their learning. Deliver financial results and create a competitive edge Growth Reinvented shows how to generate new information using data and AI-enabled business models. For instance, you can learn how to implement models in practice to drive scalable revenue channels and competitive advantage. Avoid common pitfalls and steer towards success: Using clear and detailed case studies, Growth Reinvented highlights the current opportunities and challenges that companies face around data, analytics, machine learning and AI

commercialisation. Who is Growth Reinvented for? Business leaders: build a thorough understanding of the growth opportunities behind different kinds of data and AI-enabled business models. R&D professionals: understand the business potential of your data and AI inventions, to work in harmony with corporate decision-makers. Venture capitalists or financial analysts: decide whether to invest in a company that strives to harness data and AI commercially. Students or recent graduates: kickstart your career in data and AI, dotting the line between key technology and business decisions. Policy makers: Understand the business potential of data and AI so that you can create relevant governmental support programmes.

A surprisingly simple way for students to master any subject--based on one of the world's most popular online courses and the bestselling book *A Mind for Numbers* *A Mind for Numbers* and its wildly popular online companion course "Learning How to Learn" have empowered more than two million learners of all ages from around the world to master subjects that they once struggled with. Fans often wish they'd discovered these learning strategies earlier and ask how they can help their kids master these skills as well. Now in this new book for kids and teens, the authors reveal how to make the most of time spent studying. We all have the tools to learn what might not seem to come naturally to us at first--the secret is to understand how the brain works so we can unlock its power. This book explains:

- Why sometimes letting your mind wander is an important part of the learning process
- How to avoid "rut think" in order to

think outside the box • Why having a poor memory can be a good thing • The value of metaphors in developing understanding • A simple, yet powerful, way to stop procrastinating Filled with illustrations, application questions, and exercises, this book makes learning easy and fun.

“When I was first starting out, I had to learn many things by trial and error, and I know I could have saved myself a lot of grief if someone had given me advice on what to do. I hope this book will help and inspire you to pursue your passion while avoiding some of the mistakes I made.” It’s easier than ever before to launch a startup. But in a world where barriers to entry are virtually nonexistent and everyone wants to be the next Facebook, competition is fierce. If you’re just beginning and lack the money and clout to make an automatic splash, how do you differentiate yourself from all the rest? Jason Baptiste knows firsthand what it takes. After launching his first company while still in college, he cofounded his current venture, Onswipe, in his early twenties, turning it into a multimillion-dollar company in less than a year. Now, drawing on his own experience as a bootstrapping but hungry entrepreneur, as well as on examples from today’s most famous companies, he guides would-be tech moguls through every stage of the process—from testing a concept to acquiring customers to determining the best pricing model—in a cheap, practical way. Among his strategies: • Build the product you wish you had: Foursquare founder Dennis Crowley created an early version of his product because he wanted to keep in touch with former colleagues. • It doesn’t have to be

sexy to make money: Dropbox took the world by storm by offering a great solution to a mundane problem—online storage. • Be bold when promoting yourself: Online payment service WePay capitalized on dissatisfaction with industry leader PayPal by dumping six hundred pounds of ice in front of a developer conference. • Attract fans to attract customers: Budget tracking site Mint.com created its initial user base by offering original and useful content about personal finance. Baptiste shows you don't need an MBA, a trust fund, or even experience running your own company to become a star in the tech world. The Ultralight Startup is a comprehensive, easy-to-follow guide that will prepare any entrepreneur to take his or her idea to the next level.

'Anyone who has ever wished they attended a top-ten MBA school now has an alternative. Silbiger's The 10-Day MBA. It distils the basics of a top MBA programme. It's interesting, informative and certainly cheaper. I recommend it!' Tom Fischgrund, author of The Insider's Guide to the Top Ten Business Schools A business classic, The 10-Day MBA provides an invaluable guide for all the people who do not have the time or resources to take a full-time business degree, or who require a short revision aid. Internationally acclaimed, this carefully structured and easy-to-read course will enable you to understand the concepts and jargon used in the business world without having to leave your desk. Here is your chance to become familiar with the key tools and theories taught at Harvard and Stanford and other leading business schools - in just ten days! If you want to be the best, you have to have the right skillset. From finance and strategy

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to leadership and marketing, THE ULTIMATE MBA BOOK is a dynamic collection of tools, techniques, and strategies for success. Discover the main themes and key ideas you need and bring it all together with practical exercises. This is your complete MBA course. ABOUT THE SERIES ULTIMATE books are for managers, leaders, and business executives who want to succeed at work. From marketing and sales to management and finance, each title gives comprehensive coverage of the essential business skills you need to get ahead in your career. Written in straightforward English, each book is designed to help you quickly master the subject, with fun quizzes embedded so that you can check how you're doing.

Learn an entire MBA course without spending thousands and waving goodbye to two years of your life. If you want to succeed in business then an MBA programme is the best way to build expertise, knowledge and experience. But an MBA programme at any top school is an enormous investment in time, effort and money. In *The Visual MBA*, Jason Barron offers a radical solution, explaining all key business school concepts through illustrations. When Barron started his MBA course, he decided to draw all his notes so that other people could benefit from them. And it's a good thing he did, because research shows that more than 65% of us are visual learners and that our brains process illustrations 60,000 times faster than text. From Marketing, Ethics and Accounting to Organisational Behaviour, Finance, Operations and Strategy, *The Visual MBA* distils the most important principles of an MBA into an accessible, informative and easily-digestible guide. Jason Barron is a product manager and illustrator who helps people realise their creative ideas through visual learning. He spent 516 hours in class

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and countless hours studying at home completing his MBA. Along the way, rather than taking notes that he would never read again, Jason created sketchnotes for each class and has turned them into an interesting and engaging resource so that you don't have to sit through another class again!

Ben Casnocha discovered he was entrepreneur at age 12 and hasn't slowed down since. In this remarkably instructive book, Ben dissects the entrepreneurship "gene," explaining that everyone has inherited it if they have an idea to make the world a better place. In Casnocha's case, he found a better way for city governments to communicate with constituents on the Web. Six years later, Comcate has dozens of municipal clients, a growing staff, and a record of excellence. This book is the story of his start-up, but also a conversation with his mentors, clients and fellow entrepreneurs about how to make a business idea work?and how to have the time of your life trying. From Pat Lencioni to Marc Benioff of salesforce.com, Ben has won over the best and brightest of the business world?now it's your turn!

Jason Barron spent 516 hours in class, completed mountains of homework and shelled out tens of thousands of dollars to complete his MBA at the BYU Marriott School of Business. Along the way, rather than taking boring notes that he would never read (nor use) again, Jason created sketch notes for each class—visually capturing the essential points of his education—and providing an engaging and invaluable resource. Once finished with his MBA, Jason launched a widely successful Kickstarter campaign distilling these same notes into a self-published book to help aspiring business leaders of all backgrounds and income levels understand the critical concepts one learns in business school. Whether you are thinking about applying to business school, are currently in college studying business, or have always

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wondered what is taught in an MBA program, this highly entertaining and visual book is for you.

The best minds in business—at your service *MBA in a Box* brings together some of the best brains in business who show how the core curriculum of an MBA program works in the real world. People like Michael Porter, Rosabeth Moss Kanter, Adrian J. Slywotzky, Warren Bennis, and Bill George give you a box full of ideas and tools that can boost your career and help you add value to your organization. For example:

- Why finance is not just about manipulating numbers but of immense importance in sustaining growth, building widespread wealth, and creating jobs.
- The profit zone and how to tell if a business is in one.
- The skill of turning an idea or invention into a product that solves a problem for a market.
- Merging the need of business to produce and grow with the environment so they are both sustained.
- The latest thinking in marketing about branding, pricing, reversing a product's life cycle, and turning what has become a commodity into a specialty.
- And much more.

The Effective Manager is a hands-on practical guide to great management at every level. Written by the man behind *Manager Tools*, the world's number-one business podcast, this book distills the author's 25 years of management training expertise into clear, actionable steps to start taking today.

This is a Summary of Josh Kaufman's *the personal MBA: master the art of business*. Getting an MBA is an expensive choice—one almost impossible to justify regardless of the state of the economy. Even the elite schools like Harvard and Wharton offer outdated, assembly-line programs that teach you more about PowerPoint presentations and unnecessary financial models than what it takes to run a real business. You can get better results (and save

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hundreds of thousands of dollars) by skipping business school altogether. True leaders aren't made by business schools - they make themselves, seeking out the knowledge, skills, and experience they need to succeed. Read this book and you will learn the principles it takes most business professionals a lifetime of trial and error to master. This summary provides the essentials of entrepreneurship, marketing, sales, negotiation, operations, productivity, systems design, and much more, in one comprehensive volume. The Personal MBA distills the most valuable business lessons into simple, memorable mental models that can be applied to real-world challenges. Available in a variety of formats, it is aimed for those who want to capture the gist of the book but don't have the current time to devour all 464 pages. You get the main summary along with all of the benefits and lessons the actual book has to offer. This is a summary that is not intended to be used without reference to the original book.

This is the road map to a seven-figure business . . . in one year or less The word "entrepreneur" is today's favorite buzzword, and any aspiring business owner has likely encountered an overwhelming number of so-called "easy paths to success." The truth is that building a real, profitable, sustainable business requires thousands of hours of commitment, grit, and hard work. It's no wonder why more than half of new businesses close within six years of opening, and fewer than 5 percent will ever earn more than \$1 million annually. 12 Months to \$1 Million condenses the startup phase into one fast-paced year that has helped hundreds of new entrepreneurs hit the million-dollar level by using an exclusive and foolproof formula. By cutting out the noise and providing a clear and proven plan, this roadmap helps even brand-new entrepreneurs make decisions quickly, get their product up for sale, and launch it to a crowd that is ready and waiting to buy. This one-year plan will guide you through the three

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stages to your first \$1 million: • **The Grind (Months 0-4):** This step-by-step plan will help you identify a winning product idea, target customers that are guaranteed to buy, secure funding, and take your first sale within your first four months. • **The Growth (Months 5 - 8):** Once you're in business, you will discover how to use cheap and effective advertising strategies to get your product to at least 25 sales per day, so you can prove you have a profitable business. • **The Gold (Months 9-12):** It's time to establish series of products available for sale, until you are averaging at least 100 sales per day, getting you closer to the million-dollar mark every single day. Through his training sessions at Capitalism.com, Ryan Daniel Moran has helped new and experienced entrepreneurs launch scalable and sustainable online businesses. He's seen more than 100 entrepreneurs cross the seven-figure barrier, many of whom go on to sell their businesses. If your goal is to be a full-time entrepreneur, get ready for one chaotic, stressful, and rewarding year. If you have the guts to complete it, you will be the proud owner of a million-dollar business and be in a position to call your own shots for life.

The acclaimed bestseller about visual problem solving-now bigger and better "There is no more powerful way to prove that we know something well than to draw a simple picture of it. And there is no more powerful way to see hidden solutions than to pick up a pen and draw out the pieces of our problem." So writes Dan Roam in *The Back of the Napkin*, the international bestseller that proves that a simple drawing on a humble napkin can be more powerful than the slickest PowerPoint presentation. Drawing on twenty years of experience and the latest discoveries in vision science, Roam teaches readers how to clarify any problem or sell any idea using a simple set of tools. He reveals that everyone is born with a talent for visual thinking, even those who swear they can't draw. And he shows how thinking with pictures can

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help you discover and develop new ideas, solve problems in unexpected ways, and dramatically improve your ability to share your insights. Take Herb Kelleher and Rollin King, who figured out how to beat the traditional hub-and-spoke airlines with a bar napkin and a pen. Three dots to represent Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio. Three arrows to show direct flights. Problem solved, and the picture made it easy to sell Southwest Airlines to investors and customers. Now with more color, bigger pictures, and additional content, this new edition does an even better job of helping you literally see the world in a new way. Join the teachers, project managers, doctors, engineers, assembly-line workers, pilots, football coaches, marine drill instructors, financial analysts, students, parents, and lawyers who have discovered the power of solving problems with pictures.

THE ULTIMATE BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO STARTING A BUSINESS! Have you ever dreamt of starting your own business and living life on your terms? This book shows you **EXACTLY** what you need to know to stand out from the crowd! Do you have an idea for an amazing product or service but you aren't sure how to build a business around it? Then you **NEED** this book. Buy now and start reading today! Are you a current business owner who struggles to identify your customers and deliver true world-class value? Everything you need to know is included in these pages! Do you want to build your hobby business into a fully-fledged venture that will help you build the life you deserve? Then you **NEED** this book. Buy now and start reading today! The most comprehensive guide ever developed for starting and growing a business! In the highly competitive world of business, what makes or breaks a new entrepreneur? Sourced

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from over twenty years of firsthand experience working with entrepreneurs, new ventures, and high-growth startups, author Ken Colwell, PHD, MBA has the answers. In his comprehensive Starting a Business QuickStart Guide, Ken Colwell concisely presents the core fundamentals that all new entrepreneurs need to know to get started, find success, and live the life of their dreams. Business and entrepreneurship students, small business owners, managers, and soon-to-be entrepreneurs will all find a wealth of value within the pages of the Starting a Business QuickStart Guide. From the very first steps conceptualizing your venture to winning your first customers, delivering value, and turning a profit, this book acts as an invaluable blueprint for your path to entrepreneurial success. Colwell's clear voice, extensive experience, and easy-to-understand presentation come together to make this book a must-have resource in the library of every budding entrepreneur! Starting a Business QuickStart Guide is Perfect For: - Would-Be Entrepreneurs With a Ton of Passion! - Entrepreneurial Students of All Ages! - Beginners with Zero Prior Experience! - Managers, Business Owners, and Decisions Makers Growing into a New Role! You'll Discover: - The Difference Between an Idea and an Opportunity! - What Makes an Entrepreneurial Opportunity Great! - The Very First Steps You Need To Take To Get Your Venture Off The Ground! - Pricing, Competition, Customer Identification, Marketing, and Distribution Demystified! - The REAL Components of an Entrepreneurial Mindset! - Exactly How To Craft Your Value Proposition! - How to Write a Comprehensive Business Plan! ****LIFETIME ACCESS TO**

FREE RESOURCES & BUSINESS SUPPORT* Each book comes with free lifetime access to tons of exclusive online resources to help you become a better business owner such as workbooks, cheat sheets and reference guides. You also receive lifetime access to our online coaching community to help you achieve all of your financial goals!.* ***GIVING BACK:** * ClydeBank Media proudly supports the non-profit AdoptAClassroom whose mission is to advance equity in K-12 education by supplementing dwindling school funding for vital classroom materials and resources.* ***CLASSROOM ADOPTION:*** Teachers and professors are encouraged to contact the publisher for test banks and classroom presentation materials.

When Hugh MacLeod was a struggling young copywriter, living in a YMCA, he started to doodle on the backs of business cards while sitting at a bar. Those cartoons eventually led to a popular blog - gapingvoid.com - and a reputation for pithy insight and humor, in both words and pictures. MacLeod has opinions on everything from marketing to the meaning of life, but one of his main subjects is creativity. How do new ideas emerge in a cynical, risk-averse world? Where does inspiration come from? What does it take to make a living as a creative person? Now his first book, *Ignore Everyone*, expands on his sharpest insights, wittiest cartoons, and most useful advice. A sample: ***Selling out is harder than it looks. Diluting your product to make it more commercial will just make people like it less. *If your plan depends on you suddenly being "discovered" by some big shot, your plan will probably fail. Nobody suddenly discovers anything.**

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Things are made slowly and in pain. *Don't try to stand out from the crowd; avoid crowds altogether. There's no point trying to do the same thing as 250,000 other young hopefuls, waiting for a miracle. All existing business models are wrong. Find a new one. *The idea doesn't have to be big. It just has to be yours. The sovereignty you have over your work will inspire far more people than the actual content ever will. After learning MacLeod's 40 keys to creativity, you will be ready to unlock your own brilliance and unleash it on the world.

** ACCORDING TO BUSINESS INSIDER: "Getting your MBA has never been easier. Haroun is one of the highest rated professors on Udemy, so you can expect to be in good hands through the course of your education." ** This is the book version of the popular Udemy.com course called "An Entire MBA in 1 Course." From the Author of "101 Crucial Lessons They Don't Teach You in Business School," which Forbes magazine calls "1 of 6 books that all entrepreneurs need to read right now." This book will teach you everything you need to know about business....from starting a company to taking it public. Most business books are significantly outdated. This book leverages many online resources and makes the general business, accounting and finance process very easy to understand (and enjoyable too)! There are many incredibly engaging and entertaining video links in the book to YouTube and other sources; 'edutainment' works! Although this book is close to 400 pages, I tried to visualize the content of this book as much as possible as this is a more impactful and enjoyable way

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to learn (think Pinterest versus the tiny words in the Economist)! The contents of this book are all based on my work experience at several firms, including Goldman Sachs, the consulting industry at Accenture, a few companies I have started, the hedge fund industry where I worked at Citadel and most recently, based on my experience at a prominent San Francisco based venture capital firm. I also included many helpful practical business concepts I learned while I did an MBA at Columbia University and a Bachelor of Commerce degree at McGill University. Think of this book as a "greatest hits" business summary from my MBA, undergraduate business degree, work experience in consulting, equities, hedge funds, venture capital and starting my own companies. As the title of this book suggests, this is an entire MBA in one book; it's also a practical manual to help you accomplish your business career goals. I have minimized "boring theoretical concepts" in this book in order to keep it as close to reality as possible. I hope you enjoy it! In addition to teaching at 4 universities in the San Francisco Bay Area, you can find other courses that I teach online at www.udemy.com/user/chris-haroun/.

#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.

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