

The Real Life Mba

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.

A totally revised new edition of the bestselling guide to business school basics The bestselling book that invented the "MBA in a book" category, The Portable MBA Fifth Edition is a reliable and information-packed guide to the business school curriculum and experience. For years, professionals who need MBA-level information and insight-but don't need the hassle of business school-have turned to the Portable MBA series for the very best, most up-to-date coverage of the business basics. This new revised

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and expanded edition continues that long tradition with practical, real-world business insight from faculty members from the prestigious Darden School at the University of Virginia. With 50 percent new material, including new chapters on such topics as emerging economies, enterprise risk management, consumer behavior, managing teams, and up-to-date career advice, this is the best Portable MBA ever. Covers all the core topics you'd learn in business school, including finance, accounting, marketing, economics, ethics, operations management, management and leadership, and strategy. Every chapter is totally updated and seven new chapters have been added on vital business topics Includes case studies and interactive web-based examples Whether you own your own small business or work in a major corporate office, The Portable MBA gives you the comprehensive information and rich understanding of the business world that you need.

In *MBA in Action* you will discover how MBA models can help you to a clearer understanding of the business issues you face. You can use them to analyse the structures and data you already have to refine your business strategy. They are not simply classroom exercises, MBA models really work if you know how to apply them in the real world! In this book you will also find lessons from real business situations – turnarounds, cash problems, development, buying, selling, merging, and closing companies – and each situation is illuminated by an MBA model. Essential reading for anyone considering – or already doing – an MBA and to the general business

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community and business students. MBA in Action aims to demystify MBA jargon and inject some humour into business life. Through MBA in Action you will benefit from John's insight into a practitioner's experience of running different businesses for over 30 years, thus providing business education, MBA education and, importantly, knowledge of how to apply this theory in the real world.

Today, the world offers us more options than ever before, but it also forces us to juggle more priorities, to make more choices, and to make them faster. The result: a crisis of doing too much, or not enough, and making our decisions based on impulse, stress or guilt. In 10-10-10 Suzy Welch offers an exciting, effective strategy that will help you make the right decision in any situation, at work or at home; with colleagues, family or friends. The rule is deceptively simple: when faced with a decision, consider what the consequences and outcomes of your various options would be in 10 minutes, 10 months, and 10 years. But the results are extraordinary. Using the framework of 10-10-10 will allow you to think through your decisions and to match them with the expectations and values you hold dearest. Most importantly, it allows you to chart a path in the direction you want, and to head confidently towards it with focus, balance, and joy.

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

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

Do Work That Matters Productivity isn't just about getting more things done. It's about getting the right things done—the things that count, make a difference, and move the world forward. In our current era of massive overload, this is harder than ever before. So how do you get more of the right things done without confusing mere activity for actual productivity? When we take God's purposes into account, a revolutionary insight emerges. Surprisingly, we see that the way to be productive is to put others first—to make the welfare of other people our motive and criteria in determining what to do (what's best next). As both the Scriptures and the best business thinkers show, generosity is the key to unlocking our productivity. It is also the key to finding meaning and fulfillment in our work. What's Best Next offers a practical approach for improving your productivity in all areas of life. It will help you better understand:

- Why good works are not just rare and special things like going to Africa, but anything you do in faith even

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tying your shoes. • How to create a mission statement for your life that actually works. • How to delegate to people in a way that actually empowers them. • How to overcome time killers like procrastination, interruptions, and multitasking by turning them around and making them work for you. • How to process workflow efficiently and get your email inbox to zero every day. • How your work and life can transform the world socially, economically, and spiritually, and connect to God's global purposes. By anchoring your understanding of productivity in God's purposes and plan, What's Best Next will give you a practical approach for increasing your effectiveness in everything you do.

"[Red Notice] does for investing in Russia and the former Soviet Union what Liar's Poker did for our understanding of Salomon Brothers, Wall Street, and the mortgage-backed securities business in the 1980s. Browder's business saga meshes well with the story of corruption and murder in Vladimir Putin's Russia, making Red Notice an early candidate for any list of the year's best books" (Fortune). "Part John Grisham-like thriller, part business and political memoir." —The New York Times This is a story about an accidental activist. Bill Browder started out his adult life as the Wall Street maverick whose instincts led him to Russia just after the breakup of the Soviet Union, where he made his fortune. Along the way he exposed corruption, and when he did, he barely escaped with his life. His Russian lawyer Sergei Magnitsky wasn't so lucky: he ended up in jail, where he was tortured to death. That changed Browder forever. He saw the murderous heart of the Putin regime and has spent the last half decade on a

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campaign to expose it. Because of that, he became Putin's number one enemy, especially after Browder succeeded in having a law passed in the United States—The Magnitsky Act—that punishes a list of Russians implicated in the lawyer's murder. Putin famously retaliated with a law that bans Americans from adopting Russian orphans. A financial caper, a crime thriller, and a political crusade, *Red Notice* is the story of one man taking on overpowering odds to change the world, and also the story of how, without intending to, he found meaning in his life.

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.

In an anticipated book on business management for our time, Jack Welch surveys the landscape of his career running General Electric, one of the world's largest and most successful corporations. Here he reveals his philosophy and management style. 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

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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.

A must-have guide for writing at work, with practical applications for getting your point across quickly, coherently, and efficiently. A winning combination of how-to guide and reference work, *The Only Business Writing Book You'll Ever Need* addresses a wide-ranging spectrum of business communication with its straightforward seven-step method. Designed to save time and boost confidence, these easy-to-follow steps will teach you how to make clear requests, write for your reader, start strong and specific, and fix your mistakes. With a helpful checklist to keep you on track, you'll learn to promote yourself and your ideas clearly and concisely, whether putting together a persuasive project proposal or dealing with daily email. Laura Brown's supportive, no-nonsense approach to business writing is thoughtfully adapted to the increasingly digital corporate landscape. Complete with insightful sidebars from experts in various fields and easy-to-use resources on style, grammar, and punctuation, this book offers essential tools for success in the rapidly changing world of business communication.

This business classic features straight-talking advice you'll never hear in school. Featuring a new foreword by Ariel Emanuel and Patrick Whitesell Mark H. McCormack, one of the most successful entrepreneurs in American business, is widely credited as the founder of the

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modern-day sports marketing industry. On a handshake with Arnold Palmer and less than a thousand dollars, he started International Management Group and, over a four-decade period, built the company into a multimillion-dollar enterprise with offices in more than forty countries. To this day, McCormack's business classic remains a must-read for executives and managers at every level. Relating his proven method of "applied people sense" in key chapters on sales, negotiation, reading others and yourself, and executive time management, McCormack presents powerful real-world guidance on • the secret life of a deal • management philosophies that don't work (and one that does) • the key to running a meeting—and how to attend one • the positive use of negative reinforcement • proven ways to observe aggressively and take the edge • and much more Praise for What They Don't Teach You at Harvard Business School "Incisive, intelligent, and witty, What They Don't Teach You at Harvard Business School is a sure winner—like the author himself. Reading it has taught me a lot."—Rupert Murdoch, executive chairman, News Corp, chairman and CEO, 21st Century Fox "Clear, concise, and informative . . . Like a good mentor, this book will be a valuable aid throughout your business career."—Herbert J. Siegel, chairman, Chris-Craft Industries, Inc. "Mark McCormack describes the approach I have personally seen him adopt, which has not only contributed to the growth of his business, but mine as well."—Arnold Palmer "There have been what we love to call dynasties in every sport. IMG has been different. What this one brilliant man, Mark McCormack, created is the only dynasty ever over all sport."—Frank Deford, senior contributing writer, Sports Illustrated

The business titans and #1 New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestselling authors of Winning return with a modern, essential guide for everyone in business today--and

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tomorrow--that explores the most pressing challenges related to creating winning strategies, leading and managing others, and building a thriving career. In the decade since their blockbuster international bestseller *Winning* was published, Jack and Suzy Welch have dug deeper into business, traveling the world consulting to organizations of every size and in every industry, speaking before hundreds of audiences, working closely with entrepreneurs from Mumbai to Silicon Valley, and, in 2010, starting their own fully accredited online MBA program, which now has approximately 1,000 students enrolled. Over the same time frame, Jack has advised more than seventy-five companies through private equity, and dozens more in a senior advisory role at IAC. Now, Jack and Suzy Welch draw on their experiences to address the biggest problems facing modern management--and offer pragmatic solutions to overcome them. Going beyond theories, concepts, and ideologies, they tackle the real stuff of work today. When you get down to it, they argue, winning in business is all about mastering the gritty, inescapable, make-or-break, real-life dilemmas that define the new economy, the old economy, and everything in between. Work is a grind. We just got whacked. My boss is driving me nuts. I'm stuck in career purgatory. My team has lost its mojo. IT is holding us hostage. Our strategy is outdated the day we launch it. We don't know what our Chinese partners are talking about. We're just not growing. These are some of the day-to-day issues the Welches take on. Coupled with Jack's years of iconic leadership and Suzy's insights as former editor of the *Harvard Business Review*, their new database of knowledge infuses *The Real Life MBA* with fresh, relevant stories and equally powerful solutions that every manager at any level can use right now.

Proven leadership lessons from the author of the international bestseller *The Welch Way*

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Techniques Jack Welch used to create great leaders and drive unprecedented financial performance Jack Welch and GE used the celebrated 4e model to measure leadership potential and enhance profitability at every level of the organization. Jack Welch and the 4 E's of Leadership delivers a thought-provoking and in-depth analysis of this signature model. Pragmatic and hands-on, it explains how the model helped Welch to consistently spot 4e leaders--individuals with energy, the ability to inspire others, and the talent to consistently make the difficult decisions and meet financial goals. Jack Welch and the 4 E's of Leadership reveals how the 4e model helped GE's best and brightest eliminate bureaucracy, hire and promote energetic people, find new ways to increase the organization's customer-centricity, and more. Beyond the nuts and bolts of the 4e model, however, it outlines a step-by-step blueprint anyone can follow to stock an organization with performance-ready leaders and leaders-in-training. Examples include: How to recognize and encourage each of the 4e's--Energy, Energizers, Edge, and Execute Leadership theories of Drucker, Senge, and others, and how they support and validate Welch's 4e model Seven rules for successfully driving change, and leveraging it to gain long-term competitive advantage Leadership lessons of the 4e all-star executive team Valuable implementation insights on virtually every page, along with a "4e leader to-do" list Jack Welch is universally recognized as the greatest CEO of his era. In Jack Welch and the 4 E's of Leadership, bestselling author Jeffrey A. Krames examines Welch's seminal 4e leadership model and provides a penetrating and uncompromising look at how to recognize and develop authentic leaders. The business titans and #1 New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestselling authors of Winning return with a modern, essential guide for everyone in business today—and

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Forget the 10,000 hour rule— what if it's possible to learn the basics of any new skill in 20

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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

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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 chain-saws, *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 all-inclusive guide to exceptional project management *The Fast Forward MBA in Project Management* is the comprehensive guide to real-world project management methods, tools, and techniques. Practical, easy-to-use, and deeply thorough, this book gives you answers you need now. You'll find the cutting-edge ideas and hard-won wisdom of one of the field's leading experts, delivered in short, lively segments that address common management issues. Brief descriptions of important concepts, tips on real-world applications, and compact case studies illustrate the most sought-after skills and the pitfalls you should watch out for. This new fifth edition features new case studies, new information on engaging stakeholders, change management, new guidance on using Agile techniques, and new content that integrates current events and trends in the project management sphere. Project management is a complex role, with seemingly conflicting demands that must be coordinated into a single, overarching, executable strategy — all within certain time, resource, and budget constraints. This book shows you how to get it all together and get it done, with expert guidance every step of the way. Navigate complex management issues effectively Master key concepts and real-world applications Learn from case studies of today's leading experts Keep your project on track, on time, and on budget From finding the right sponsor to clarifying objectives to setting a realistic schedule and budget projection, all across different departments, executive levels, or

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technical domains, project management incorporates a wide range of competencies. The Fast Forward MBA in Project Management shows you what you need to know, the best way to do it, and what to watch out for along the way.

Displays the amazing power of generosity to transform people and communities When LaSalle Street Church in Chicago received an unexpected windfall, its leaders made the wild, counterintuitive decision to give it away. Each church member received a check for \$500 with the instruction to go out and do good in God's world. In *Love Let Go* readers witness how a church community was transformed by the startling truth that money can buy happiness—when we give it away. Laura Sumner Truax and Amalya Campbell show how this radical generosity shaped their community, exploring the reverberating impact of each act of generosity, and ultimately revealing how LaSalle's faith-filled risk snowballed into a movement beyond itself. Throughout the book Truax and Campbell probe the connection of human flourishing to generosity and offer tools to help us reclaim our giver identities and live generously—to love and let go.

With *The Firm*, financial journalist Duff McDonald pulled back the curtain on consulting giant McKinsey & Company. In *The Golden Passport*, he reveals the inner works of a singular nexus of power, ambition, and influence: Harvard Business School. Harvard University still occupies a unique place in the public's imagination, but the Harvard Business School eclipsed its parent in terms of influence on modern society long ago. A Harvard degree guarantees respect. But a Harvard MBA near-guarantees entrance into Western capitalism's most powerful realm—the corner office. And because the School

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shapes the way its powerful graduates think, its influence extends well beyond their own lives. It affects the organizations they command, the economy they dominate, and society itself. Decisions and priorities at HBS touch every single one of us. Most people have a vague knowledge of the power of the HBS network, but few understand the dynamics that have made HBS an indestructible and dominant force for almost a century. Graduates of HBS share more than just an alma mater. They also share a way of thinking about how the world should work, and they have successfully molded the world to that vision—that is what truly binds them together. In addition to teasing out the essence of this exclusive, if not necessarily “secret” club, McDonald explores two important questions: Has the school failed at reaching the goal it set for itself—“the multiplication of men who will handle their current business problems in socially constructive ways?” Is HBS complicit in the moral failings of Western capitalism? At a time of soaring economic inequality and growing political unrest, this hard-hitting yet fair portrait offers a much-needed look at an institution that has had a profound influence not just in the world of business but on the shape of our society—and on all our lives. Rework shows you a better, faster, easier way to succeed in business. Most business books give you the same old advice: Write a business plan, study the competition, seek investors, yadda yadda. If you're looking for a book like that, put this one back on the shelf. Read it and you'll know why plans are actually harmful, why you don't need outside investors, and why you're better off ignoring the competition. The truth is, you

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need less than you think. You don't need to be a workaholic. You don't need to staff up. You don't need to waste time on paperwork or meetings. You don't even need an office. Those are all just excuses. What you really need to do is stop talking and start working. This book shows you the way. You'll learn how to be more productive, how to get exposure without breaking the bank, and tons more counterintuitive ideas that will inspire and provoke you. With its straightforward language and easy-is-better approach, Rework is the perfect playbook for anyone who's ever dreamed of doing it on their own. Hardcore entrepreneurs, small-business owners, people stuck in day jobs they hate, victims of "downsizing," and artists who don't want to starve anymore will all find valuable guidance in these pages.

Sharing the essentials of sales, marketing, negotiation, strategy, and much more, the creator of PersonalMBA.com shows readers how to master the fundamentals, hone their business instincts, and save a fortune in tuition.

How we "think" about money is very different from how we "feel" about it. While separating the two on paper is easy, sticking to budgets, having financial conversations, calculating risk & reward, following investment plans, and preserving wealth is often challenging. This is why personal finance is so hard and making money decisions so tough. What My MBA Did Not Teach Me About Money gives real and practical strategies to work around: Money beliefs Hiccups in finance Navigating stock markets Overcoming our own biases Navigating our vulnerabilities in those special situations

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when we are most likely to make money mistakes Each of the strategies presented in the book is derived from practical experiences of the authors' own lives and from advising their clients. This book is about bridging the gap between the "feeling" human perspective and the "thinking" financial perspective of money.

The Challenge Built to Last, the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the very beginning. But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? The Study For years, this question preyed on the mind of Jim Collins. Are there companies that defy gravity and convert long-term mediocrity or worse into long-term superiority? And if so, what are the universal distinguishing characteristics that cause a company to go from good to great? The Standards Using tough benchmarks, Collins and his research team identified a set of elite companies that made the leap to great results and sustained those results for at least fifteen years. How great? After the leap, the good-to-great companies generated cumulative stock returns that beat the general stock market by an average of seven times in fifteen years, better than twice the results delivered by a composite index of the world's greatest companies, including Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric, and Merck. The Comparisons The research team contrasted the good-to-great companies with a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to make

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the leap from good to great. What was different? Why did one set of companies become truly great performers while the other set remained only good? Over five years, the team analyzed the histories of all twenty-eight companies in the study. After sifting through mountains of data and thousands of pages of interviews, Collins and his crew discovered the key determinants of greatness -- why some companies make the leap and others don't. The Findings The findings of the Good to Great study will surprise many readers and shed light on virtually every area of management strategy and practice. The findings include: Level 5 Leaders: The research team was shocked to discover the type of leadership required to achieve greatness. The Hedgehog Concept (Simplicity within the Three Circles): To go from good to great requires transcending the curse of competence. A Culture of Discipline: When you combine a culture of discipline with an ethic of entrepreneurship, you get the magical alchemy of great results. Technology Accelerators: Good-to-great companies think differently about the role of technology. The Flywheel and the Doom Loop: Those who launch radical change programs and wrenching restructurings will almost certainly fail to make the leap. "Some of the key concepts discerned in the study," comments Jim Collins, "fly in the face of our modern business culture and will, quite frankly, upset some people." Perhaps, but who can afford to ignore these findings? Practical ideas from the best brains in Business A sharp, jargon-free guide to the core curriculum of an MBA program, *MBA in a Book* shows how to master the big ideas of

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business and use them in a practical way to build and enhance career success. “In the world of business, ideas matter. . . . Some of the sharpest minds in the business world give perceptive looks into innovation, marketing, finance, strategy, and leadership, providing stimulating, useful perspectives on these core topics.” —Larry Bossidy, retired chairman and CEO of Honeywell International and coauthor of *Execution: The Discipline of Getting Things Done* Great business thinkers such as Michael Porter, Rosabeth Kanter, and Bill George of Harvard Business School; Paul Argenti of the Tuck School at Dartmouth; Jeffrey Sonnenfeld of Yale; Peter Senge of MIT; the entrepreneur and inventor Dean Kamen; and the financial innovator Michael Milken are just a few of the best brains in business, providing the intellectual nourishment that will help you play the game of business at the highest level.

Fast-track your way into the Ivy League & other top colleges # MBA aspirants globally > 2,50,000 # Seats at a top business school The 10th anniversary edition of the bestselling foundational business training manual for ambitious readers, featuring new concepts and mental models: updated, expanded, and revised. Many people assume they need to attend business school to learn how to build a successful business or advance in their career. That's not true. The vast majority of modern business practice requires little more than common sense, simple arithmetic, and knowledge of a few very important ideas and principles. The Personal MBA 10th Anniversary Edition provides a clear overview of the essentials of every major business topic: entrepreneurship,

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product development, marketing, sales, negotiation, accounting, finance, productivity, communication, psychology, leadership, systems design, analysis, and operations management...all in one comprehensive volume. Inside you'll learn concepts such as: The 5 Parts of Every Business: You can understand and improve any business, large or small, by focusing on five fundamental topics. The 12 Forms of Value: Products and services are only two of the twelve ways you can create value for your customers. 4 Methods to Increase Revenue: There are only four ways for a business to bring in more money. Do you know what they are? Business degrees are often a poor investment, but business skills are always useful, no matter how you acquire them. The Personal MBA will help you do great work, make good decisions, and take full advantage of your skills, abilities, and available opportunities--no matter what you do (or would like to do) for a living.

The Real-Life MBAYour No-BS Guide to Winning the Game, Building a Team, and Growing Your CareerHarperCollins

Harvey Mackay is a legend-and now he's back with the sum total of decades of sales know-how, teaching go-getters how to make the sale and hit the numbers, day in and day out. His advice is rooted in road-tested, real-world experiences and include new tips on the Web, LinkedIn and Facebook. As a lifelong student of the sales game, Mackay has spent decades collecting secrets, wisdom, and anecdotes. He features his

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Mackay Morals-life lessons such as:

- Big shots are just little shots who kept shooting.
- Helping someone up won't pull you down-and could very easily pull them to your side.
- Be like the turtle: If he didn't stick his neck out, he wouldn't get anywhere at all. There is no one better to show you how to be a high-energy, determined, creative sales dynamo than Harvey Mackay.

The founders of the Jack Welch Management Institute, a fully accredited online MBA program, present a guide to overcoming modern business challenges, with recommendations for creating effective strategies, leading others, and building a thriving career.

"Reilly explores the ten key strategies he utilized to manage big crews, big budgets, and big personalities on major motion pictures, and shows us how these strategies can be leveraged in any business for success"--Dust jacket flap.

The New York Times–bestselling author of *Find Me* and *Call Me by Your Name* returns to the essay form with his collection of thoughts on time, the creative mind, and great lives and works

Irrealis moods are a category of verbal moods that indicate that certain events have not happened, may never happen, or should or must or are indeed desired to happen, but for which there is no indication that they will ever happen. Irrealis moods are also known as counterfactual moods and include the conditional, the subjunctive, the optative, and the imperative—all best expressed in this book as the might-be and the might-have-been. One of the great prose stylists of his generation, André Aciman

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returns to the essay form in *Homo Irrealis* to explore what time means to artists who cannot grasp life in the present. *Irrealis* moods are not about the present or the past or the future; they are about what might have been but never was but could in theory still happen. From meditations on subway poetry and the temporal resonances of an empty Italian street to considerations of the lives and work of Sigmund Freud, C. P. Cavafy, W. G. Sebald, John Sloan, Éric Rohmer, Marcel Proust, and Fernando Pessoa and portraits of cities such as Alexandria and St. Petersburg, *Homo Irrealis* is a deep reflection on the imagination's power to forge a zone outside of time's intractable hold. "Always be closing!" —Glengarry Glen Ross, 1992 "Never Be Closing!" —a sales book title, 2014 "?????" —salespeople everywhere, 2017 For decades, sales managers, coaches, and authors talked about closing as the most essential, most difficult phase of selling. They invented pushy tricks for the final ask, from the "take delivery" close to the "now or never" close. But these tactics often alienated customers, leading to fads for the "soft" close or even abandoning the idea of closing altogether. It sounded great in theory, but the results were often mixed or poor. That left a generation of salespeople wondering how they should think about closing, and what strategies would lead to the best possible outcomes. Anthony Iannarino has a different approach geared to the new technological and social realities of our time. In *The Lost Art of Closing*, he proves that the final commitment can actually be one of the easiest parts of the sales process—if you've set it up properly with other commitments that have to happen long before the

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close. The key is to lead customers through a series of necessary steps designed to prevent a purchase stall. Iannarino addressed this in a chapter of *The Only Sales Guide You'll Ever Need*—which he thought would be his only book about selling. But he discovered so much hunger for guidance about closing that he's back with a new book full of proven tactics and useful examples. *The Lost Art of Closing* will help you win customer commitment at ten essential points along the purchase journey. For instance, you'll discover how to:

- Compete on value, not price, by securing a Commitment to Invest early in the process.
- Ask for a Commitment to Build Consensus within the client's organization, ensuring that your solution has early buy-in from all stakeholders.
- Prevent the possibility of the sale falling through at the last minute by proactively securing a Commitment to Resolve Concerns.

The Lost Art of Closing will forever change the way you think about closing, and your clients will appreciate your ability to help them achieve real change and real results.\

Business authors Jack and Suzy Welch return, nearly a decade after publishing their international bestseller, *Winning*, to tackle the most pressing business challenges in the modern world. From creating winning strategies to leading and managing others *The Real Life MBA* acts as an essential guide for every person in business today - and tomorrow.

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In *Winning*, their 2005 international bestseller, Jack and Suzy Welch created a rare document, both a philosophical treatise on fundamental business practices and a gritty how-to manual, all of it delivered with Jack's trademark candor and can-do optimism. It seemed as if "no other management book," in the words of legendary investor Warren E. Buffett, would "ever be needed." Instead, *Winning* uncovered an insatiable thirst to talk about work. Since the book's publication, the Welch's have received literally thousands of questions from college students and seasoned professionals alike, on subjects ranging from leadership and global competition to tough bosses and building teamwork. Indeed, questions about virtually every business and career challenge have poured in—some familiar, others surprising, many urgent and probing, and all of them powerfully real. *Winning: The Answers* takes on the most relevant of these questions, and in doing so, its candid, hard-hitting responses expand and extend the conversation Jack and Suzy Welch began with *Winning*. It is a dialogue that is sure to be both compelling and immensely useful to anyone and everyone engaged in the vital work of helping an organization grow and thrive.

THREE TOP MBA PROFESSORS - ONE BIG ROAD TRIP Full of powerful insights about product differentiation, pricing, brand management and tactics for battling the 'Big Boys', *The Roadside MBA* takes the blue-chip knowledge and tactics of Wall Street, and brings them to the High Street. Paul Oyer, Michael Mazzeo and Scott Schaefer have taught thousands of MBAs at some of the world's leading business schools. While

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travelling back from an economics conference together they dropped into a shoe store in Maine and chatted to the staff - and quickly realized that the strategic problems faced by small businesses are just as rich and compelling as anything challenging Microsoft or General Electric. These three wise men decided to go in search of real-world case studies that illustrate the key lessons of an MBA. The result is a rollicking American road trip that is both a great introduction for business owners who haven't done an MBA, and an entertaining refresher for those who have.

Amoral, cunning, ruthless, and instructive, this multi-million-copy New York Times bestseller is the definitive manual for anyone interested in gaining, observing, or defending against ultimate control – from the author of *The Laws of Human Nature*. In the book that *People* magazine proclaimed “beguiling” and “fascinating,” Robert Greene and Joost Elffers have distilled three thousand years of the history of power into 48 essential laws by drawing from the philosophies of Machiavelli, Sun Tzu, and Carl Von Clausewitz and also from the lives of figures ranging from Henry Kissinger to P.T. Barnum. Some laws teach the need for prudence (“Law 1: Never Outshine the Master”), others teach the value of confidence (“Law 28: Enter Action with Boldness”), and many recommend absolute self-preservation (“Law 15: Crush Your Enemy Totally”). Every law, though, has one thing in common: an interest in total domination. In a bold and arresting two-color package, *The 48 Laws of Power* is ideal whether your aim is conquest, self-defense, or simply to understand the rules of the game.

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This enhanced digital edition features ten exclusive video commentaries from America's favorite CEO Jack Welch, who shares his trademark straight-talk advice and real-world management philosophy with readers at every level of an organization. Jack Welch knows how to win. During his forty-year career at General Electric, he led the company to year-after-year success around the globe, in multiple markets, against brutal competition. His honest, be-the-best style of management has become the gold standard in business, with his relentless focus on people, teamwork, and profits. Now regarded as the bible of business, *Winning* lays out the answers to the most difficult questions people face both on and off the job—from line workers to MBAs, from project managers to senior executives. Video commentary from Jack Welch expands on the book's treatment of the real "stuff" of work—the importance of positive energy in a leader, the proper role of HR within an organization, how to lead change effectively, why strategy doesn't have to be rocket science, the potential pitfalls of mergers and acquisitions, how to launch a new business within a big company, and more. The insights and solutions offered in the text, combined with lively video interviews with Welch, will change the way you work, lead, and succeed.

Business is one of the great social equalizers for our global society. Commerce, business, supply and demand, entrepreneurs, corporations, and other business-related ideas have become second nature to most areas of the planet. Given the collective interest in and significance of business, people naturally want to become experts. They

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read newspapers, study the stock market, enroll in business school, and even design career paths so that they can become a business professional. Some people are of the opinion that true business insight and savvy can only come from formal academic institutions, while others argue that real world experience is the best teacher. There are positive and negative arguments for both of those lines of logic. This book is meant to bridge the gap between stuffy lecture halls and experience-building employment. The idea of encapsulating an entire MBA in a single book may seem overly bold or unrealistic, but by boiling down the concepts of business success and modern theory into a single book, it becomes far less intimidating for readers who want to push their career forward, regardless of where they are in the business hierarchy. This book contains everything from invaluable reminders for CEOs to inspiring advice for first-time, start-up entrepreneurs. Becoming a powerful and successful business professional is a never-ending journey, because you will always be learning and developing your skills, adapting them to the dynamic world of modern business. This book helps to facilitate that educational process, providing the real-world examples of business skills, knowledge components, foundational qualities, and professional tools that can push you in the right direction. If you're starting a business, running a business, or looking for a job, you probably don't have much time to enroll in business school, read a dozen dry textbooks on corporate theory, or constantly stay apprised of every new development in global commerce. While this book may not answer all your

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questions about how to find success, it will highlight the most important elements on the road to becoming a desirable, effective, and powerful business professional. By drawing from some of the most successful business models and business professionals in recent history, you can look at problems from new perspectives and hopefully find some inspiration from some of the greatest minds of our generation. From international titans like Walmart and Amazon to crowdsourcing sites and charitable retailers, there are lessons to be learnt on every one of these pages, no matter what size company you work for or what ambitious plans you have for your new enterprise. The MBA Book simplifies the business process by incrementally moving from the conceptual foundation of a company to the final touches, including the skills and tools that an established company should tweak and perfect in order to remain competitive and successful. MBA Insider is a guide for helping prospective and current MBA students make the most of their MBA Experience. With expert guidance, best practices, and actionable recommendations, readers will walk away with the information they need to understand how to navigate their MBA experience and achieve their career goals faster. The book contains a detailed walk through of the key elements of the MBA experience, real first-person stories from 50+ MBA students and alum, and actionable recommendations on key topics ranging from academics, internship recruiting, career development, and student activities.

Great business schools know that connection, more than curriculum, shapes great

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leaders. Every aspect of the experience intentionally maximizes relationship building. What an MBA Taught Me...But My Kids Made Me Learn is a sometimes hilarious, other times harrowing journey through Harvard Business School, twenty years of business experience, and the most important academy of all: parenting. Parenting? That's right. When Bea Wray returned to entrepreneurial work after six years as a fulltime mom, she worried. What relevant skills could she bring to the corporate table? Yet her career took off as her interpersonal expertise soared. Perhaps family time can be a breakthrough, rather than a break from professional advancement. Psssst. "Soft" skills are actually pretty hard...but they can be mastered. As kids demonstrate, we learn best when having fun. In this book, dozens of essential executive leadership lessons are carefully wrapped in humorous and heartfelt stories to inspire and encourage you.

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