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"a provocative new book" -- The New York Times AI-centric organizations exhibit a new operating architecture, redefining how they create, capture, share, and deliver value. Marco Iansiti and Karim R. Lakhani show how reinventing the firm around data, analytics, and AI removes traditional constraints on scale, scope, and learning that have restricted business growth for hundreds of years. From Airbnb to Ant Financial, Microsoft to Amazon, research shows how AI-driven processes are vastly more scalable than traditional processes, allow massive scope increase, enabling companies to straddle industry boundaries, and create powerful opportunities for learning--to drive ever more accurate, complex, and sophisticated predictions. When traditional operating constraints are removed, strategy becomes a whole new game, one whose rules and likely outcomes this book will make clear. Iansiti and Lakhani: Present a framework for rethinking business and operating models Explain how "collisions" between AI-driven/digital and traditional/analog firms are reshaping competition, altering the structure of our economy, and forcing traditional companies to rearchitect their operating models Explain the opportunities and risks created by digital firms Describe the new challenges and responsibilities for the leaders of both digital and traditional firms Packed with examples--including many from the most powerful and innovative global, AI-driven competitors--and based on research in hundreds of firms across many sectors, this is your essential guide for rethinking how your firm competes and operates in the era of AI.

'Birds of America' is one of the best known natural history books ever produced and also one of the most valuable - a complete set sold at auction in December 2010 for 7.3 million, which is a world record.

Follow the adventures of the world's most sought-after postage stamps--from a tropical Indian Ocean island to the hushed atmosphere of the modern auction room--in this dramatic and passionate tale of the first stamp hunters. In September 1847 colored squares of paper were stuck on to envelopes and used to send out admission cards to a fancy-dress ball on the tropical island of Mauritius. No one at the party would have guessed that these stamps would one day be worth more than a million dollars. When a two-pence 'Blue Mauritius' surfaced on the fledgling French stamp-collecting market in 1865 it gained instant celebrity. Soldiers, schoolboys, and the entire German nation became obsessed with finding one of these extremely rare examples. When in 1903 a perfect specimen, discovered in a childhood album, was bought at auction by the Prince of Wales, the Blue Mauritius gained superstar status. Even now, "Post Office Mauritius" stamps are synonymous with fame, wealth and mystery. The most coveted scraps of paper in existence, this is their story, from their birth during days of sail, taking them from Port Louis to Bordeaux, India and Great Britain, Switzerland and Japan, into the hearts and imagination of collectors everywhere.

The best dads are like the best coaches: they motivate, support, mentor, encourage, and guide. In this ebook, parenting expert and author of Dad's Playbook Tom Limbert gathers inspiration from some of the biggest names in sports about the lessons they learned from their dads in order to triumph and thrive. Reflections from the likes of Stephen Curry, Natalie Coughlin, Tom Brady, and others are gathered into chapters about values that are powerful on and off the field, such as discipline, enthusiasm, and commitment. This motivating and entertaining book is the perfect book for any father or father-to-be who wants to learn what it means to be the world's Most Valuable Dad.

Full of fascinating facts and figures, this book is a highly entertaining look at all aspects of business, including: The biggest firms The biggest bankruptcies Business blunders Bad boys Leading management thinkers Past business giants Inventors and inventions Famous patents A great many questions, including the following, are answered: How many billion spam e-mails are sent each day? Who said, "Business is a combination of war and sport"? Which are the world's most valuable brands? When and what was the Mississippi Bubble? Which company "exists to benefit and refresh everyone it touches"? How much do the best-paid hedge fund managers earn? The editors of The Economist have culled these facts and figures to inform and to amuse anyone interested in the changing world of business. This is an ideal gift for anyone interested in the business world.

Blue MauritiusThe Hunt for the World's Most Valuable StampsAtlantic Books

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An inside look at the obsessive, secretive, and often bizarre world of high-profile stamp collecting, told through the journey of the world's most sought-after stamp. When it was issued in 1856, it cost a penny. In 2014, this tiny square of faded red paper sold at Sotheby's for nearly \$9.5 million, the largest amount ever paid for a postage stamp at auction. Through the stories of the eccentric characters who have bought, owned, and sold the one-cent magenta in the years in between, James Barron delivers a fascinating tale of global history and immense wealth, and of the human desire to collect. One-cent magentas were provisional stamps, printed quickly in what was then British Guiana when a shipment of official stamps from London did not arrive. They were intended for periodicals, and most were thrown out with the newspapers. But one stamp survived. The singular one-cent magenta has had only nine owners since a twelve-year-old boy discovered it in 1873 as he sorted through papers in his uncle's house. He soon sold it for what would be \$17 today. (That's been called the worst stamp deal in history.) Among later owners was a fabulously wealthy Frenchman who hid the stamp from almost everyone (even King George V of England couldn't get a peek); a businessman who traveled with the stamp in a briefcase he handcuffed to his wrist; and John E. du Pont, an heir to the chemical fortune, who died while serving a thirty-year sentence for the murder of Olympic wrestler Dave Schultz. Recommended for fans of Nicholas A. Basbanes, Susan Orlean, and Simon Winchester, The One-Cent Magenta explores the intersection of obsessive pursuits and great affluence and asks why we want most what is most rare.

In Atlas of the World's Most Valuable Missing Treasures, you will read fascinating stories throughout history of lost hoards, fantastic hidden treasures missing or stolen from circa 200 to the 2010's including Scepter of Dagobert; Treasure of the Esperanza; The Just Judges, The

Royal Casket; Peking Man; Amber Room; Patiala Necklace; Nelson's Chelengk; Tucker's Cross; The Treasure of Lima; Brussels Airport diamond heist; Memorah from the Second Temple; Llywelyn's coronet; Yamashita's gold; the Nazi Gold Train of Walbrzych (Poland). This book Includes : - Nelson's Chelengk : A medal made of diamonds given to Admiral Horatio Nelson for his naval service. Placed in the National Maritime Museum in London in 1929 and stolen in 1951. - Patiala Necklace : A necklace containing 2,930 diamonds including the world's seventh largest diamond, the 428 carat "De Beers", the Patiala Necklace vanished Royal Treasury of Patiala around 1948. Some diamonds later recovered. Made by the House of Cartier in 1928 for Bhupinder Singh of Patiala, then ruling Maharaja of Patiala. - The Just Judges : Lower left panel of the Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, which was displayed at the Saint Bavo Cathedral in Ghent, Belgium, was stolen during the night of 10 April 1934. - Treasure of the Esperanza : 1.5 million gold pesos and an equal value in silver precolumbian art looted from the Viceroyalty of Peru, shipped on the Esperanza, taken and buried by pirates shipwrecked on Palmyra Atoll. - The Menorah from the Second Temple: The Menorah was looted by the Romans in 70 AD and put on view in the Temple of Peace in Rome. The temple burned down in 191 after which the fate of the Menorah is uncertain. If it survived the fire, it could have been brought to Carthage by the Vandals after their Sack of Rome in 455, as mentioned by Procopius in the 6th century. - Yamashita's gold : War loot stolen by Japanese and hidden in the Philippines. Named for General Tomoyuki Yamashita. - Nazi gold train and Walbrzych gold train : concerns a local legend of a Nazi Germany-era train buried in a tunnel underground in Lower Silesia in January 1945 toward the end of World War II. Many searches for the train have been conducted since World War II, especially by Koper and Richter in 2015-2016. And many more.

A Beautiful adult coloring book that features fairies, unicorns, forests, gardens, animals, creatures, and much more for stress relief
Invest in the future! Everything you need to capitalize on the tech revolution Our lives are on the verge of being reshaped by advanced technology. Fast Forward Investing provides the knowledge and insight you need to build and maintain your portfolio accordingly. Author Jon D. Markman is a veteran tech investor, money manager, and award-winning author of the popular daily newsletter Tech Trend Trader. There's no one more qualified to help you design a portfolio that extracts huge profits from the shares of public technology companies and helps you augment your gains with conviction during stretches of high volatility. In Fast Forward Investing, Markman describes what to expect, when to expect it, and how to profit in impending technological and economic revolution. Revealing the most important companies in the industry that are right now building platforms and competitive advantages that will disrupt and transform their markets, he shows which trends are important and provides detailed guidance for staying ahead of the curve. Radical advances in data collection and analytics, artificial intelligence and raw computing power are changing human history. And it's happening with sharp advances at incredible speed. Make sure you're at the tip of the spear with Fast Forward Investing.

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A history of the famous 1933 twenty-dollar American coin traces how it was stolen during the Great Depression, hidden for four decades, seized in a government sting, and more, in an account that cites the contributions of such figures as Theodore Roosevelt and Egypt's King Farouk. Reprint.

An exquisite strand of pale pink pearls, worth more than the Hope Diamond, has been bought by a Hatton Garden broker. Word of the 'Mona Lisa of Pearls' spreads around the world, captivating jewellers as well as thieves. In transit to London from Paris, the necklace vanishes without a trace. Thoroughly researched, compellingly colourful, The Great Pearl Heist is a gripping narrative account of this little-known, yet extraordinary crime. In the spirit of The Great Train Robbery and the tales of Sherlock Holmes, this is the true story set in London's golden Edwardian era.

MODERN BUSINESS STATISTICS, 5E allows students to gain a strong conceptual understanding of statistics with a balance of real-world applications and a focus on the integrated strengths of Microsoft Excel 2013. To ensure student understanding, this best-selling, comprehensive text carefully discusses and clearly develops each statistical technique in a solid application setting. Microsoft Excel 2013 instruction, which is integrated in each chapter, plays an integral part in strengthening this edition's applications orientation. Immediately after each easy-to-follow presentation of a statistical procedure, a subsection discusses how to use Excel to perform the procedure. This integrated approach emphasizes the applications of Excel while focusing on the statistical methodology. Step-by-step instructions and screen captures further clarify student learning. A wealth of timely business examples, proven methods, and additional exercises throughout this edition demonstrate how statistical results provide insights into business decisions and present solutions to contemporary business problems. High-quality problems noted for their unwavering accuracy and the authors' signature problem-scenario approach clearly show how to apply statistical methods to practical business situations. New case problems and self-tests allow students to challenge their personal understanding. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

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Reputation is power. Your reputation defines how people see you and what they will do for you. It determines whether your bank will lend you money to buy a house or car; whether your landlord will accept you as a tenant; which employers will hire you and how much they will pay you. It can even affect your marriage prospects. And in the coming Reputation Economy, it's getting more powerful than ever. Because today, thanks to rapid advances in digital technology, anyone access huge troves of information about you – your buying habits, your finances, your professional and personal networks, and even your physical whereabouts - at any time. In a world where technology allows companies and individuals alike to not only gather all this data but also aggregate it and analyze it with frightening speed, accuracy, and sophistication, our digital reputations are fast becoming our most valuable currency. Here, Michael Fertik, CEO of Reputation.com and one of Silicon Valley's leading futurists will draw on the insider tools, insights, research, and secrets that has make Reputation.com the leading

reputation management firm, to show how to capitalize on the trends the Reputation Economy will trigger to improve your professional, financial, and even social prospects. You will learn:

- What keywords to put in your resume, performance review, and LinkedIn profile to come up at the top of potential employers' search results.
- How to curate your on and offline activity in way that will reduce the premiums calculated by insurers, lenders, and investors.
- Tricks that will get you express or VIP treatment at banks, hotels, and other exclusive special offers.
- Ways to improve your review or rating on sharing or peer review sites like Yelp or Angie's List, or your standing – as buyer or seller - on sharing economy sites like AirBnB or Uber
- How to create false tails and digital smokescreens to hide the negative information that's out there

With a good digital footprint, the world is your oyster. This book will show you how to control, curate, and optimize your digital reputation to become “rich” in a world where your reputation is as valuable as the cash in your wallet.

Solving the world's water problems is proving to be one of the greatest investment opportunities of our time. Already, world water supplies are inadequate to meet demand, and the problem is going to get much worse in the years ahead. The World Bank estimates that 1.1 billion people lack access to safe drinking water and about 50 percent of the world's hospital beds are populated by people who have contracted water-borne diseases. If present consumption rates continue, in 25 years the world will be using 90 percent of all available freshwater. To address the problem, trillions of dollars will need to be invested in water infrastructure projects. And while the problems are most acute in developing and rapidly growing economies, there are huge water infrastructure needs in industrialized countries, as well. In the U.S. alone, it's estimated that more than \$1 trillion will be needed for water and wastewater infrastructure projects. In Planet Water, water investment expert Steven Hoffmann explains the dynamics driving the water crisis and identifies investment opportunities in various sectors of the water industry. Hoffman provides investors with the knowledge and insights they need to make informed investments in water utilities, as well as companies providing water treatment services; infrastructure services; water monitoring and analytics; and desalination services. He also discusses mutual funds and ETFs that specialize in water stocks. Investing in the water industry is certainly no pie-in-the-sky idea. Over the past five years, many water stocks have exploded in value and water stocks as a whole have outperformed the S&P 500 by a substantial amount. In Planet Water, Hoffmann provides investors with everything they need to profit from this fast-growing industry in the years ahead. This edition has 65 new images, making a total of 500. The original configurations were altered so that there is only one species per plate. The text is a revision of the Ornithological Biography, rearranged according to Audubon's Synopsis of the Birds of North America (1839).

One page for every day of your year. For who is constantly seeking for answers. The most expensive book published on Amazon.

What is a Company's Most Valuable Asset? What Makes a Leader Thrive? Passion Capital Ushers in a New Way of Thinking About the Very Definition of Success. Is success created by financial, human, or intellectual capital? Is it born of the inherent qualities of a leader or the result of strategic planning? In this groundbreaking book, Paul Alofs reveals that "passion capital" is what makes a leader or a company truly successful. More valuable than money, human resources, and intellectual property, passion capital is the foundation upon which all other forms of capital are built. It is the energy, intensity, and sustainability leaders use to build lasting value and competitive advantage. In Passion Capital, veteran

business leader Paul Alofs outlines seven principles behind acquiring and investing in this new asset class. Drawing on real-life examples, Alofs reveals how to obtain this most valuable asset and build long-term success for your career, company, or cause. Book jacket.

“The ultimate truffle true crime tale”*: A thrilling journey through the hidden underworld of the world's most prized luxury ingredient. *Bianca Bosker, New York Times bestselling author of *Cork Dork* Beneath the gloss of star chefs and crystal-laden tables, the truffle supply chain is touched by theft, secrecy, sabotage, and fraud. Farmers patrol their fields with rifles and fear losing trade secrets to spies. Hunters plant poisoned meatballs to eliminate rival truffle-hunting dogs. Naive buyers and even knowledgeable experts are duped by liars and counterfeits. Deeply reported and elegantly written, this page-turning exposé documents the dark, sometimes deadly crimes at each level of the truffle's path from ground to plate, making sense of an industry that traffics in scarcity, seduction, and cash. Through it all, a question lingers: What, other than money, draws people to these dirt-covered jewels? Praise for *The Truffle Underground* “Investigative journalist and first-time author Jacobs does a remarkable job reporting from the front lines of the truffle industry, bringing to vivid life French black-truffle farmers, Italian white-truffle foragers, and their marvelously well-trained dogs.”—Booklist (starred review) “In *The Truffle Underground*, Ryan Jacobs presents a lively exposé of the truffle industry, reporting on the crimes that ‘haunt the whole supply chain.’ . . . Even if truffles are beyond your pay grade, there is plenty of enjoyment to be had in the sheer devilment portrayed in this informative and appetizing book.”—*The Wall Street Journal* “You’ll never look at truffle fries the same way after reading this book. . . . You can practically smell the soil as you follow truffle farmers and bandits through the groves and fields of France and Italy where the fungi are harvested and stolen.”—*Outside*, “Five Favorite Summer Reads” “[The] book is a rigorously reported, carefully written, endlessly interesting immersion in a high-stakes subculture.”—*San Francisco Chronicle* “Jacobs takes us on an eye-opening journey through the prized mushroom’s supply chain and the global black market for these tubers in this tale of theft, deceit, and high-stakes secrets.”—*Real Simple*

An epic quest exposes hidden truths about Leonardo da Vinci's *Salvator Mundi*, the recently discovered masterpiece that sold for \$450 million—and might not be the real thing. In 2017, Leonardo da Vinci's small oil painting the *Salvator Mundi* was sold at auction. In the words of its discoverer, the image of Christ as savior of the world is “the rarest thing on the planet.” Its \$450 million sale price also makes it the world's most expensive painting. For two centuries, art dealers had searched in vain for the Holy Grail of art history: a portrait of Christ as the *Salvator Mundi* by Leonardo da Vinci. Many similar paintings of greatly varying quality had been executed by Leonardo's assistants in the early sixteenth century. But where was the original by the master himself? In November 2017, Christie's auction house announced they

had it. But did they? The Last Leonardo tells a thrilling tale of a spellbinding icon invested with the power to make or break the reputations of scholars, billionaires, kings, and sheikhs. Ben Lewis takes us to Leonardo's studio in Renaissance Italy; to the court of Charles I and the English Civil War; to Amsterdam, Moscow, and New Orleans; to the galleries, salerooms, and restorer's workshop as the painting slowly, painstakingly emerged from obscurity. The vicissitudes of the highly secretive art market are charted across six centuries. It is a twisting tale of geniuses and oligarchs, double-crossings and disappearances, in which we're never quite certain what to believe. Above all, it is an adventure story about the search for lost treasure, and a quest for the truth. Praise for The Last Leonardo "The story of the world's most expensive painting is narrated with great gusto and formidably researched detail in Ben Lewis's book. . . Lewis's probings of the Salvator's backstory raise questions about its historical status and visibility, and these lead in turn to the fundamental question of whether the painting is really an autograph work by Leonardo."—Charles Nicholl, The Guardian "As the art historian and critic Ben Lewis shows in his forensically detailed and gripping investigation into the history, discovery and sales of the painting, establishing the truth is like nailing down jelly."— Michael Prodger, The Sunday Times

A trio of experts on high-tech business strategy and innovation reveal the principles that have made platform businesses the most valuable firms in the world and the first trillion-dollar companies. Managers and entrepreneurs in the digital era must learn to live in two worlds—the conventional economy and the platform economy. Platforms that operate for business purposes usually exist at the level of an industry or ecosystem, bringing together individuals and organizations so they can innovate and interact in ways not otherwise possible. Platforms create economic value far beyond what we see in conventional companies. The Business of Platforms is an invaluable, in-depth look at platform strategy and digital innovation. Cusumano, Gawer, and Yoffie address how a small number of companies have come to exert extraordinary influence over every dimension of our personal, professional, and political lives. They explain how these new entities differ from the powerful corporations of the past. They also question whether there are limits to the market dominance and expansion of these digital juggernauts. Finally, they discuss the role governments should play in rethinking data privacy laws, antitrust, and other regulations that could reign in abuses from these powerful businesses. Their goal is to help managers and entrepreneurs build platform businesses that can stand the test of time and win their share of battles with both digital and conventional competitors. As experts who have studied and worked with these firms for some thirty years, this book is the most authoritative and timely investigation yet of the powerful economic and technological forces that make platform businesses, from Amazon and Apple to Microsoft, Facebook, and Google—all dominant players in shaping the global economy, the future of work, and the political world we now face.

This book shows you how to successfully insure your own financial destiny, and come through any market scenario unscathed.

Every year, over 10,000 business books are published-and that's before you add in the hundreds of thousands of articles, blogs, and video lectures that are produced. Leaders can't possibly hope to digest it all, and writers increasingly sensationalize and spin their ideas in order to be noticed. The result? Put quite simply, the field of management thinking is in danger of losing the plot. In this new book, Scott Keller and Mary Meaney-Senior Partners at McKinsey & Company, the world's preeminent management consultancy-cut to the chase by answering the 10 most important and timeless questions that every leader needs to answer in order to maximize the performance and health of their organization. What's more, the authors recognize that great leaders may not have time for long-winded business books. In *Leading Organizations*, answers are kept to the essentials-hard facts, counter-intuitive insights, and practical steps-all presented in an accessible and highly visual format. If there's one essential business book you should read-ever-it's this one.

Introducing a new workbook *Scale-Up Your Brand: How To Set Up Your Brand for Success in 5 Steps* from Denise Lee Yohn, brand-building expert, speaker, and author of the bestselling book *What Great Brands Do*. *Scale-Up Your Brand* is a step-by-step guide to develop a strong, valuable, sustainable brand strategy that will help you scale. Packed with exercises, instructions, and helpful tips-36-pages with room for taking notes and documenting decisions Plus a bonus: Brand Assessment Tool With this workbook, you will: Lay the foundation for your brand to inspire true customer loyalty, improve your profit margin, and increase the longevity of your business Specify how you plan to compete and win Achieve clarity, focus, and alignment on your priorities among everyone who works on your business Get your workbook now...and get ready to scale!

This fascinating book reveals the world's most valuable cars, from an 1884 De Dion to the McLaren F1, a supercar designed more than a hundred years later to be the best in the world and which succeeded so comprehensively that it became an instant classic. This book is a breathtaking record of the finest automotive works of art ever created!

Richard Reed built Innocent Drinks from a smoothie stall on a street corner to one of the biggest brands in Britain. He credits his success to four brilliant pieces of advice, each given to him just when he needed them most. Ever since, it has been Richard's habit, whenever he meets somebody he admires, to ask them for their best piece of advice. If they could tell him just one thing, what would it be? Richard has collected pearls of wisdom from some of the most remarkable, inspiring and game-changing people in the world - in business, tech, philanthropy, politics, sport, art, spirituality, medicine, film, and design. From Hollywood greats like Judi Dench and Richard Curtis, to entrepreneurial legends like Richard Branson and Simon Cowell; from sports stars and TV personalities like Andy Murray and James Cordon to political activists and born survivors like Mandela's Comrades and Katie Piper, Richard has picked some of the world's most interesting brains to give you a lesson in how to live, how to love, how to create and how to succeed.

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