

Virtual Culture The Way We Work Doesn T Work Anymore A Manifesto

America is currently undergoing a massive political and cultural change. While many of our societal changes have been positive, there are just as many negative pathways that we are pursuing, and these paths are threatening the very core values of the United States. From the perspective of a young, rural Northern Michigan resident, I highlight the most major cultural shifts that our nation is facing, and what the consequences are and more importantly, what can be done to either alleviate or reverse these dangerous changes. I began writing this book when I was sixteen years old and finished when I was eighteen. Even up here in the secluded north, I've experienced some of these changes first-hand, and how they effect the local community. From an increasing over-dependence on technology to the resurgence of racism that cloaks itself as 'equality' and 'tolerance' to the silencing of free speech and free thought; these ideologies are extremely hazardous to the sanctity of our nation. Our culture is vigorously attempting to copy the cultures of the very same countries that we have fought with blood and sweat to be different from them. We have always prided ourselves as being unique and different, and it has worked quite well for us. Why should we abandon that identity now, even as we sit as the world's economic, militaristic, and influential superpower? This book summarizes all of these key questions and more. So if you're interested at all about the future of this nation and are cautious about the changes in our culture, then this book is perfect for you.

It's the twenty-first century, yet most companies maintain a twentieth century corporate culture. Despite instant communication and collaboration through wireless computers and smartphones, employers needlessly rent or own office space. Bryan Miles has a reality check for you: the future of business is virtual, and it's going to take more than technology upgrades for you to upgrade your workplace environment. In VIRTUAL CULTURE, visionary entrepreneur Bryan Miles champions the benefits of remote working, which will save your company tons of money and create an atmosphere of trust between you and your employees. Productivity comes from people completing their tasks in a timely, professional, adult manner, not from mandatory daily attendance in a sea of cubicles and offices. When you recognize and respect your employees' time inside and outside work hours, giving them the freedom to work from home, you will retain amazing talent and create a result-oriented virtual culture as a forward-thinking employer that embraces the future of work.

All profits from the sale of Shiftability will be donated to charity water.org. Acclaimed business leaders Mitch Little and Hendre Coetzee share their decades of expertise in this innovative guidebook focused on helping you succeed in the sales force. The ways we do business and engage with customers are constantly changing in our high-tech, global world. Sales professionals must also change their methods to reach clients. In their book, Mitch and Hendre show how to achieve the mind-set shift you need first in order to have the capacity to change your methodologies. Mitch's expertise comes from leading sales and marketing teams at Microchip Technology, which reached its one-hundredth consecutive quarter of profitability in 2015. Hendre is a transformation specialist and advises business executives and boards on reaching their full potential. Together, these experts identified six core

shifts-some surprising-that will empower sales professionals and lead to success. The sales world will continue to undergo dramatic changes. New strategies and methods are essential, but they require the right mind-set. Shiftability lays the necessary mental groundwork sales professionals need in order to implement these changes in methodology and thrive in a new environment. Brent Adamson, author of *The Challenger Sale* and *The Challenger Customer*, reiterates the importance of adaptability in the sales profession in his foreword.

Previously published as *Virtual Possibility* by Shelly J. Spiegel. Now, for the first time, there's a book with step-by-step guidance on starting and running your own 100 percent remote/distributed/virtual company, no office necessary - *Fully Remote: How to set up, lead, and manage your own successful all-remote company* - by Shelly J. Spiegel, CEO & Chief Creative Officer of Fire Engine RED, Inc. *Fully Remote* was written to help aspiring entrepreneurs, especially those with limited funds, grow their companies in a way they may have never considered: without an office. The author draws on nearly two decades of experience leading her all-virtual company, and guides you step by step through dealing with the unique challenges of setting up, leading, and managing your own fully remote business. You'll learn how to: Attract, interview, hire, and onboard top talent for your remote company. Create a benefits package - including a generous paid leave policy - for your remote employees. Hire "virtual" contractors, inside and outside the U.S. Create an organizational structure that lets your fully remote team thrive. Manage, motivate, and retain your remote team members. Measure your all-remote team's productivity. Create a strong (remote) company culture. Manage operations across a fully remote company. Part ways with team members remotely. Find valuable business tax credits for your virtual business. File and pay your remote company's business taxes. You'll also find practical information on the costs involved in starting and running a 100% remote company, along with tips for choosing the technology you'll need to help make your remote business a success. Included with your book purchase. If you're just getting your own fully remote company off the ground, these valuable templates can save you time AND money, right when you need them the most! These templates are all included with your purchase of the *Fully Remote* book: Employee Handbook Job Descriptions Org Chart Security Policy Website Photo Guide Get started today. Now's the time to get your 100% remote company up and running. Take the first step: get your copy of *Fully Remote*. About the author. Shelly J. Spiegel has been described as a "dreamer AND a doer," a passionate visionary, a charismatic leader, and a creative force in the education market. In 2001, she founded Fire Engine RED, one of the first fully remote companies in the U.S. Before Fire Engine RED, she was the founder and president of Search By Video, which duplicated and distributed admissions recruitment videos to prospective students and their parents. Shelly has her B.A. in Journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and her law degree from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, in Washington, D.C., where she specialized in communications law. She lives and works in downtown Philadelphia. *Carry the Day*, is a story of the iconic but common beauty between struggle & success. Like the sunflower, Phadila has an unwavering amount of faith in her failures and her successes. Because of her optimism she's hopes for brighter days. Though she has moments of defeat, uncertainty and heart break, she remains patient through her circumstances until her change comes and

eventually, it does!

Did you know that you have been looking through "funny-colored glasses" your whole life? What? Who? Me? Yes, all of us! We have been viewing the world around us through our own unique perspective, which colors and flavors everything we see. It is more than a "viewpoint." because it directly effects all that we feel, do, and say. This book is about perspective. Over the many years of his practice, Dr. Keith Eble discovered he was repeating key ideas about perspective to his clients in brief, powerful statements, which served as reminders for the ideas he was addressing. When he began to collect these "one-liners," he found other relevant wise sayings, and, his clients contributed their own gems of wisdom, while he also created ones of his own. As the list grew, the thought of making these ideas available to others grew, too. Dr. Eble firmly believes anyone who reads this book will immediately gain an understanding of how perspective effects us - even unknowingly. He also believes anyone can begin to identify and challenge harmful perspectives. He further believes these ideas can be used as part of an amazing, life-long endeavor, providing a powerful means to improve emotional health and relationships.

A timely and hands-on resource informed by lessons learned from Fortune 500 CEOs and executives *Leading at a Distance* provides executives with the necessary skills to successfully lead in the new virtual workplace, backed by the research and expertise of global leadership firm Spencer Stuart. Although working remotely is not new, the global pandemic has placed virtual work at the center of everyday life. And it has thrust workforce strategies to the core of business operations globally. As the shift towards large-scale virtual work continues to grow and become a permanent fixture—by some estimates, 30% of the workforce will be working virtually – leaders must understand how to build virtual work environments that foster connected, engaged, and high-performing teams. Although some forward-thinking companies and not-for-profit organizations have made significant investments in technology and virtual collaboration, many others have simply joined the “Zoom culture” without fully appreciating what it takes to operate effectively at a distance on a sustained basis. *Leading at a Distance* is a timely, research-based, and highly practical guide for developing and implementing strategies for conducting high-impact virtual work, building trust, and enhancing team unity. Designed to help leaders shape organizational culture remotely, this must-have resource demonstrates how to conduct virtual onboarding for senior leaders, build top teams from a distance, manage accountability in the new virtual environment, and much more. A hands-on toolkit filled with compelling examples, expert insights, and invaluable advice, this book: Provides clear guidance on establishing effective leadership in the virtual workplace Offers practical approaches for establishing strong relationships, increasing employee engagement, and coaching from a distance Addresses ways to keep geographically dispersed team members aligned and accountable Illustrates creative ideas for boosting team morale Features an overview of the unique challenges facing leaders in the virtual workplace Discusses often-overlooked topics such as virtual hiring and onboarding Leveraging the authors' in-depth research and consulting experience, *Leading at a Distance* is required reading for anyone needing to adapt to a virtual way of working and develop their virtual leadership skills to maximize organizational effectiveness and performance.

Learn the psychological secrets of persuasion that influence your remote employees to do what you need them to do. Stop chasing down your employees to make sure that their work is being done. In "Influencing Virtual Teams" you'll get step-by-step tactics that you can implement straightaway with your team to improve your team's engagement and commitment to doing their work. You'll learn: *How a single word can increase compliance by 33%. *How to make someone reply back to your emails (using only the subject line). *How to set deadlines so that they're met by your team. *What you need to do before, during and after every meeting to increase adoption rates. *How to ensure 100% commitment from a team member in six easy steps. *Using just four questions, how to know what your remote employees are really thinking. *How to leave the perfect voice message. *The secret formula for establishing trust with your team. And much, much more! Here's what's covered in the book: Tactic #1: One Word That Influences Your Virtual Team Tactic #2: Set Deadlines Tactic #3: Assign Responsibility Tactic #4: Explain Tasks Tactic #5: When Delegating Tasks, Write Them Out Tactic #6: The Secret Formula for Establishing Trust Tactic #7: Increase Reliability Among Your Team Tactic #8: Increase the Level of Likeability Tactic #9: Six Steps to Ensure 100% Commitment Tactic #10: Know What Someone Is Really Thinking Tactic #11: Leave the Perfect Voice Message Tactic #12: Write Assertive Emails Tactic #13: What You Should Do Before Every Meeting Tactic #14: What You Should Do During Every Meeting Tactic #15: What You Should Do After Every Meeting Tactic #16: Use Your Voice to Your Advantage Tactic #17: Make Your Emails Stand Out Using The Subject Line Would you like to learn more? Get the book and start managing your virtual team today. Scroll to the top of this page and click on the "Add to Cart" button.

Not your typical letter book, this story uses the alphabet to express the hopes and desires we have for every young life. The words engage the reader and the rhythm entertains the young learner. The illustrations complement the story but also offer additional learning opportunities with the use of color, letters and animals. This story is more than just an alphabet book but a celebration of all the wonders of life.

Dr. Brewer presents a complete guide to international virtual team communication with the most up-to-date research developments in the engineering workplace on a global scale, and a problem-solving approach to using and communicating in virtual teams. Presents guidelines heavily based on empirical data Application of virtual team communication guidelines to the field of engineering Provides strategies and sample projects for teaching

A High School Club investigates the disappearance of a bus load of students from a school field trip. The case leads them to a remote mountain and the discovery of ancient tunnels that were constructed 10,000 years ago by cosmic visitors. The tunnels are so sensitive that the Government must protect them at all costs.

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This is the story of an Irish family from Cork Ireland. It documents how they survived in the 50's and 60's and will take you on a roller coaster ride of every emotion, sometimes all on the same page. Here you will read of an inspiring mother,

always encouraging her six children to laugh at life, and believe in tomorrow. She did this inspiring while battling a domineering old grandmother, and an alcoholic husband, as her children drank tea from their jam jars, and read by a candle. Its a book filled with humor, drama, and dreams that come true, culminating in the author meeting his American dream. It's said the book is like, Irish Stew for the Soul. You will feel uplifted when you finish reading a book that seems to be everyone's story.

An instant #1 Wall Street Journal bestseller and USA Today bestseller! The remote work revolution has been rapidly accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Organizations as big as Twitter have learned their employees didn't need an office to get great results, and employees are using the flexibility of remote work to live where they want, ditch their commutes and live a work-life integration that works for them. Remote work is here to stay, and the companies that do it well will have a clear competitive advantage in the future. As founder and CEO of Acceleration Partners, a 100 percent remote organization with 170 employees who work from home, Robert Glazer has discovered that with the right principles, tactics and tools for managing remote employees, many businesses can excel in a virtual world. In this highly actionable book, Glazer shares how he and his team built a remote organization that has been recognized with dozens of awards for its industry performance and company culture. "A timely, practical, and highly informative guide to effective techniques for remote work; of benefit to practitioners or students of business. Highly recommended."—Library Journal, STARRED review How to Thrive in the Virtual Workplace shares insights from the remote employee, manager and leader perspectives, offering a blueprint any person can use to make remote work successful, productive and fulfilling. Learn how to leverage the flexibility of remote work, be more productive while working at home, avoid burnout, lead a team of virtual employees and build an organization that sets the gold standard for virtual work. The remote work revolution is here—the leaders who will build the future are the ones who can lead top performing virtual teams. Learn how to build a world-class organization—office no longer required.

The potential of virtual world technologies to improve teaching and learning has been recognized in recent years, creating new possibilities for teaching and learning processes, with virtual environments impacting the achievement of student learning and collaboration. Learning in Metaverses: Co-Existing in Real Virtuality discusses a better way to understand this new learning universe, exploring the possibilities of new social organization through the use of avatars in virtual worlds. Examining platforms such as Web 3D, metaverse, MDV3D, ECODI, hybrid living and sharing spaces, gamification, alternate reality, mingled reality, and augmented reality to evaluate the possibilities for their implementation in education, this reference book will be of use to academics, educators, students, researchers, gamers, and professionals.

When Aislinn Amon's father disappears, her mother drags her from New York to Indiana where she is to attend a new boarding school - Source High. At Source High, Aislinn finds herself in a whole other world than what she knew. Everyone has something supernatural about them, including her. Soon, she finds that she's not the normal, rebel, messed up teenage girl she thought she was. Her friends try to help her along the way when trouble comes knocking on her door. People die, she finds herself falling in love with, something she swore she'd never do, and secrets start to form. Can Aislinn cope with everything that's happening? Can she handle the life she's been forced to deal with? Or will she crack under the heavy pressures laid upon her seventeen-year-old shoulders?

Our choices seal our fate. Hannah Reed is about to learn just how important one little decision can be. Hannah's plans for a nice, quiet senior year of high school are rapidly disintegrating. It all starts when she innocently bursts in on Ethan Flynn in the change room of the clothing store where she works. Ethan's presence in Hannah's world is subtle but constant, and when he saves her life, they become linked by the workings of an ancient society and Ethan's sworn duty to protect Hannah. Working together to figure out what destiny wants with Hannah, the two of them stumble on a baffling mystery that leaves even Ethan questioning what is in store for her future. With Ethan's help, Hannah learns there is far more to this life, to her life, than she ever realized. As they attempt to untangle Hannah's unique past and emerging abilities, an unknown danger from Ethan's past looms ever closer. While racing to put together the pieces of the puzzle before it's too late, Hannah wrestles with the idea that she is anything but average, and that perhaps she is also more to Ethan than just a job. Hleo is the first book in the series with the same name. A story of destiny and how one decision can change everything. When you buy a copy of Hleo, your one decision also has the ability to change the lives of others across the globe. \$3.00CAD from every copy of Hleo purchased goes towards the amazing efforts of the Because I am a Girl Education initiative. Fighting to bring literacy and safe learning resources to girls living in some of the poorest nations in this world.

When Zane and Megan crack the Secnet, they stumble across Project Net Rider. The awesome Cyber Warfare program immerses the user in virtual reality, and has a netbike to infiltrate any computer in the new global network. But the software is dangerous and in the wrong hands, capable of unlimited destruction. So when the Underground's most notorious hacker steals a copy, the entire world is threatened. And the two friends have to risk everything to stop him.

Discover the wonder of a life with God you can't contain. The pages of scripture are full of ordinary people who walked with God as he poured himself out through them to a world in need. What if God never changed? What if he is still speaking to us and longing to work miraculously through us? What if it isn't a matter of more training or effort but simply receiving and releasing everything he already purchased? "Life in the Overflow" invites you to know God intimately as your Daddy in a way that spills out of you naturally. Filled with disarming honesty and fervent expectation, this book mirrors a reflection of who you are, who your God is and what he actually longs to do through "ordinary, messy kids" today!

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Practice your decision making skills by working on these mazes. Sure, you can decide for yourself but sometimes you get used to your daily

tasks that you miss out any other details not covered by your day-to-day. Mazes challenge your routine and they make you a better problem solver. Believe in the benefits of mazes. Grab a copy today!

This book examines the interrelationship between telecommunications and tourism in shaping the nature of space, place and the urban at the end of the twentieth century. They discuss how these agents are instrumental in the production of homogenous world-spaces, and how these, in turn, presuppose new kinds of political and cultural identity. *Virtual Geographies* explores how new communication technologies are being used to produce new geographies and new types of space. Leading contributors from a wide range of disciplines including geography, sociology, philosophy and literature: * investigate how visions of cyberspace have been constructed * offer a critical assessment of the status of virtual environments and geographies * explore how virtual environments reshape the way we think and write about the world. This book sets recent technological developments in a historical and geographical perspective to offer a clearer view of the new vistas ahead.

About internet culture.

Life is hard for Gary. He has a dead-end job, a grouchy boss, and a beat-up car-and he's only in eighth grade! Things go from bad to worse when a wave of bank robberies hits the city and Gary becomes the prime suspect. With time running out to clear his name and nail the real crooks, this teenage tough-guy must rely on cunning, stealth, and good, old-fashioned, two-fisted justice! It's all in a day's work in a city that doesn't exist.

Companies all over the world could greatly benefit from moving part of even all their staff to work from home as virtual employees. Using the techniques and strategies inside *The Invisible Organization*, all that is possible quickly and efficiently. If you are the CEO of a company that could benefit by generating more profits, shedding overhead and thrilling staff, this book is a must read. Penned by former CEO of Tony Robbins and Chet Holmes Business Breakthroughs, International, Russo successfully scaled the company with nearly 100% growth per year, and about 300 remote staff, owning no infrastructure. Russo helps clients create the leadership management strategy as outlined in his book and advises CEOs on moving "virtual" with confidence. Why is this book different than other books on working virtually? Because it comes from the CEOs perspective as an operating executive; dealing with the strategy of creating momentum around changing the company, slowly at first and then accelerating as results prove viable. The book is more of a blueprint designed to accomplish this singular act of internal revolution.

Another body in a string of ritualistic murders. A serial killer who's getting cocky. Detective Derek Childress thinks this day just can't get any worse. And then he meets his new partner. Investigator Kayle Perrine is a Variant: one of several races of once-thought mythical creatures who now live among and lord-over humankind. Led by a group of vampires called the Clan Gentry, the Variants protect their own, just as they did when Derek's previous partner was killed by one, nearly a year ago. Now that Perrine's on the case, Derek expects a cover-up. Kayle Perrine has worked his whole life to prove himself, but being paired up with a boorish mundane like Derek Childress is feeling more like punishment than reward. Derek is so blinded by his prejudice against Variants, that he refuses to see the evidence Kayle finds blatantly obvious. The sooner Kayle can close this case, the sooner he can go back home and forget about the infuriating human detective. A brutal attack forges a fragile truce between the two men, driving them together. Derek and Kayle must learn to trust and depend on each other while tempers flare and passions of every kind run hot between them. Yet as they begin to grow closer, one fact continues to keep them apart: they are from different worlds. With time running out to solve this case, Derek and Kayle understand that love may not be enough to overcome prejudice, politics, and murder.

NALI By Esther Henry In an era of darkness, mystery, tropical jungles and cannibalism, Nali tries to buck the ancient traditions, only to find herself deeply entrenched in them. As a young girl full of dreams, she is given to a tribal elder in marriage and quickly learns that her girlhood dreams could be shattered overnight. The rain forest held a secret refuge that only Nali knew, where she took her dreams and her delusions. Will she be forced to succumb to a subservient role the rest of her life, or can she overcome the hopelessness that comes with isolation, ignorance and tradition? Deep in the heart of New Guinea lies the village of Mendoka, beautifully camouflaged from the rest of the world. Although the village has yet to be discovered, the outside world would soon have an influence on their lives. An interruption to their peaceful simplicity would both terrify them and cause them to search for answers. Readers will be able to follow the lives of those who lived in a much simpler time and become immersed in the culture that controlled their everyday existence.

Roger Connors, a widower with no children, is pondering whether to pursue aggressive treatment for his cancer when a cryptic note arrives from a long-lost USAF buddy announcing the visit of an acquaintance from Vietnam. Faced with ghosts of fallen comrades and haunting memories of the great love he once knew, Connors receives revelations from his visitor that uncover a missing part of his life. As he delves into a decades-old secret in search of answers and traces of a passion unfulfilled, on a journey from the jungles of Vietnam through the minefields of the heart, Connors is on a journey fraught with disillusionment and despair but ultimately redeemed by the power of love.

"Shows how mothers support and connect with each other online. Women have claimed the Internet as their own, and have created an elaborate infrastructure of virtual support. Online breastfeeding support has produced a thriving and expanding community of women committed to strengthening the sisterhood upon which so many mothers have come to rely"--Page 4 of cover.

Discover how to become an entrepreneur by starting your own small business Do you hate your job? Are you looking for a way to build the lifestyle you want? Do you want to work from home but have no business ideas? Would you like to explore new business opportunities? Becoming an entrepreneur and starting your own business is actually not as difficult as what most people would have you believe. You don't need a MBA or business degree, nor do you need years of experience. Entrepreneurs start small businesses, often highly successful, with a few simple business ideas and not much else. Take Action! and Start your own Business explores why entrepreneurs go out on their own and how they go about it. **** The myths surrounding starting your own business are stripped away. This book will show you: How to start your own business. Where to look for new business ideas. How entrepreneurs take business ideas and turn them into profit. How running a small business can free you from the rat race. How to build your life around your unique purpose in life. Taking Consistent Action is Key to Changing your Life Do you want your own profitable small business that will bring fame and success? Do you desire financial independence and personal freedom? Would you love to improve your relationships and make them more fulfilling by being able to spend more quality time with your loved ones?**** Becoming an entrepreneur and starting your own business becomes easy once you know how. You can achieve all of the above, but you must be willing to take action. If you apply the principles taught, you can become an entrepreneur and start a small business faster than what you ever imagined possible. Will this be one of those books that will change your life and start you on your entrepreneurial journey? There's only one way to find out ...Starting a business has never been made this easy!

In the past, managing workplace teams came with potential problems, but most could be easily resolved. Fast-forward to today's technologically linked world of virtual teams and it's a completely different picture. In today's world, teams aren't just the folks who report to you, along with the IT guy and the marketing whiz. Teams are spread across countries, time zones, languages, cultures, and more. And managing these disparate, far-flung teams is exponentially more complex and fraught with the potential to derail at any moment. A Manager's

Guide to Virtual Teams is a road-map for bridging the logistical, cultural, and communication gaps that can prevent virtual teams from reaching their full potential--and a life-saver for anyone charged with delivering results from a dispersed team. Filled with self-study exercises, activities, and valuable advice based on the author's 20 years of consulting experience and hard-won wisdom from virtual team managers and members, the book explores the four most critical elements to team success: - Trust and Accountability: Uncover 10 crucial tips for creating trust within and across virtual teams. - Communication: Learn to navigate the unique challenges of the virtual world, especially in cross-cultural collaborations. - Conflict Management: Put the examples, case scenarios, and resolution strategies to work building a unified, focused team. - Deliverables: Find out how your virtual team can get work out the door faster and better. Technology has made virtual teams an everyday reality, but it hasn't reduced the potential for conflict and confusion--it has amplified the problem. A Manager's Guide to Virtual Teams brings much-needed clarity to the process of leading dispersed teams, and deep insights into how to tap into the team's collective energy to bring fast, effective results. Yael Zofi is the founder and CEO of AIM Strategies(R), Applied Innovative Management(R), a human capital consulting firm. With over 20 years of global consulting experience, she has worked with clients such as AT&T, Chase, CIGNA, General Electric, MetLife, Pfizer, Philips, Viacom, and Nokia. Her organizational development work focuses on helping leaders and their teams become more successful through organizational alignment. She has created many team-based assessment tools, facilitated global team strategy retreats, designed international talent management programs, and facilitated merger integrations with three global organizations.

Millions of people around the world today spend portions of their lives in online virtual worlds. Second Life is one of the largest of these virtual worlds. The residents of Second Life create communities, buy property and build homes, go to concerts, meet in bars, attend weddings and religious services, buy and sell virtual goods and services, find friendship, fall in love--the possibilities are endless, and all encountered through a computer screen. At the time of its initial publication in 2008, *Coming of Age in Second Life* was the first book of anthropology to examine this thriving alternate universe. Tom Boellstorff conducted more than two years of fieldwork in Second Life, living among and observing its residents in exactly the same way anthropologists traditionally have done to learn about cultures and social groups in the so-called real world. He conducted his research as the avatar "Tom Bukowski," and applied the rigorous methods of anthropology to study many facets of this new frontier of human life, including issues of gender, race, sex, money, conflict and antisocial behavior, the construction of place and time, and the interplay of self and group. *Coming of Age in Second Life* shows how virtual worlds can change ideas about identity and society. Bringing anthropology into territory never before studied, this book demonstrates that in some ways humans have always been virtual, and that virtual worlds in all their rich complexity build upon a human capacity for culture that is as old as humanity itself. Now with a new preface in which the author places his book in light of the most recent transformations in online culture, *Coming of Age in Second Life* remains the classic ethnography of virtual worlds.

Sometime in the present, corporate tyranny reigns supreme. To stop this madness, what can one person do? What can anybody do? Impassioned environmental activist and nightclub saxophonist Michael Quinn, and his techie guru sidekick, Simon, the mischievous circus clown, believe they, and the ubiquitous Wasteful Management team, have the answer for one day... several multinational corporation chief executive officers (CEOs), infamously renowned for their egregious actions, are mysteriously disappearing across the globe. They are "removed" from society in ways that illustrate poetic justice, as exemplified by the CEO of big agribusiness Tyrannex Inc. who is trampled by a giant GMO tomato in a remote part of India. Michael and Simon realize their window of opportunity is narrow, as Harry Potter and Bilbo's

nemeses pale in comparison to real life's Multinational CEO sociopaths, whom Michael and Simon must overcome to save the day and the planet! Jim Hightower says, "Wasteful Management is a refreshing combination of intrigue, humor, camp and serious politics, fusing the gravitas of a Noam Chomsky or a Bill Moyer with the edgy, stinging social commentary of a Jon Stewart or a Stephen Colbert, into a satirical mystery romp." Are you ready for the challenge? Bring your popcorn and come prepared to "boo, hiss" the villain and "cheer!" for the hero; sit back, and enjoy the ride!

"This book presents advanced research on the concept of creativity using virtual teams, demonstrating a specific focus and application for virtual teams. It presents tools, processes, and frameworks to advance the overall concept that leveraging ideas from different locations in an organization and within extended networks is based on creativity, which can deliver innovation"--Provided by publisher.

Virtual work isn't the model of the future-it's here now. But many companies struggle with setting their employees free from the office without sacrificing culture. Centric Consulting president Larry English is here to guide the way. Twenty years ago, Larry and his friends weren't happy in their consulting jobs. The long hours took a serious toll on their personal lives. So they built their own company where employees could work virtually and the culture would contribute to both the business's success and employee happiness. Since then, Centric Consulting has expanded to over 1,000 team members with operations in 12 US cities and India-and everyone works remotely some or most of the time. As Larry unpacks everything he's discovered about creating and sustaining a culture of collaborative teams, you'll learn: How and why you need to cultivate an atmosphere of trust in a virtual environment How to recruit and hire team members for remote work How to build strong relationships with people you don't see every day How to scale your virtual company without sacrificing culture How the right software tools can help build culture How to be a great virtual team member Sprinkled with funny, insightful stories from Larry and other Centric employees, Office Optional: How to Build a Connected Culture with Virtual Teams is the ultimate guidebook to remote work and a successful virtual culture.

What's Your Green Goldfish is based on the simple premise that employees are the key drivers of customer experience and that "Happy Employees Create Happy Customers." The book focuses on 15 different ways to drive employee engagement and reinforce a strong corporate culture. It's the second book in the goldfish trilogy. The first book was an Amazon Best Seller entitled, What's Your Purple Goldfish. Purple focused on customers, whereby Green focuses on employees. Both books are based on a revolutionary new approach called marketing g.l.u.e. (marketing by giving little unexpected extras). The book is based on the findings of the Green Goldfish Project, an effort which crowd sourced 1,001 examples of signature added value for employees. Key themes emerged from the Project. The book is filled with over 200 examples. PRAISE FOR WHAT'S YOUR GREEN GOLDFISH "Stan is the sherpa that guides executives along the journey between the heart and mind of business stakeholders. Stakeholders aren't always customers though. At a time when company vision and culture matters more than ever, it takes inspired and engaged employees to bring them to life." - Brian Solis, author of What's the Future of Business #WTF, The End of Business as Usual and Engage "So often overlooked, and so very vital to building company value... empowering employees to support each other and the brand. Stan Phelps 'gets' it and Green Goldfish will walk you step-by-step though achieving this critical goal." - Ted Rubin, author of Return on Relationship "Great customer centric organizations only exist because of engaged and empowered employees. The Green Goldfish is packed with awesome examples of what world class companies are doing today to inspire and reward their employees. If you see value in truly building an "A Team," Green Goldfish will be, without question, your single best reference." - Chris Zane, Founder and President of Zane's Cycles, author of Reinventing the Wheel, the Science of Creating Lifetime Customers "Stan

Phelps takes customer service to a whole new level by focusing on EMPLOYEE service, and how to do well by your employees - so they take care of your customers. Packed with stories, insights and R.U.L.E.S. any company can follow, this book is a must-read for managers of companies of all shapes and sizes who know that employees don't leave jobs - they leave managers, especially when they don't feel your love and appreciation. Pick this up, and start engaging your team and making more GREEN - Phil Gerbyshak, author of The Naked Truth of Social Media "Our large-scale research shows unequivocally that engaged employees are more likely to work longer, try harder, make more suggestions for improvement, recruit others to join their company, and go out of their way to help customers. They even take less sick time. Companies can tap into the enormous value of engaged employees by following the 15 ideas that Stan lays out in this book." - Bruce Temkin, author of The Six Laws of Customer Experience "Too often, the actual employment experience delivered on the job does not measure up to the version sold to job candidates during the interview process. In What's Your Green Goldfish, Stan Phelps offers 15 ways to close the gap." - Steve Curtin, author of Delight Your Customers: 7 Simple Ways to Raise Your Customer Service from Ordinary to Extraordinary (AMACOM, June 2013) "In What's Your Green Goldfish, Stan Phelps brilliantly applies the idea of 'doing a little something extra' for employees. You know, those people that actually get the work done and keep customers happy. Read it, put some of the ideas to work, and soon you'll be reaping more 'green' from your customers." - Bob Thompson, Founder and CEO, CustomerThink Corp.

Virtual Culture marks a significant intervention in the current debate about access and control in cybersociety exposing the ways in which the Internet and other computer-mediated communication technologies are being used by disadvantaged and marginal groups - such as gay men, women, fan communities and the homeless - for social and political change. The contributors to this book apply a range of theoretical perspectives derived from communication studies, sociology and anthropology to demonstrate the theoretical and practical possibilities for cybersociety as an identity-structured space.

You know from experience that when you change your perspective on something that troubles you, it can sometimes quickly change how you feel and improve the way you deal with your challenges. This small book explains how to change your perspective deliberately and reliably, which will make you feel good more often and get more of your goals accomplished.

See faster results through everyday feedback. The Feedback Imperative: How to Give Everyday Feedback to Speed Up Your Team's Success reveals the hidden reasons why giving feedback to employees can be so difficult and yet so urgently needed in today's workplace, and provides the definitive steps for overcoming feedback avoidance and taking great leaps forward with employee engagement, retention, and performance. Anna Carroll applies her extensive research and expertise in business consulting and psychology to illustrate how brain science, generational trends, our information economy, limiting beliefs, and organizational culture collide in the new workplace, creating a huge gap between the supply and demand of helpful professional feedback. In her "Seven Steps to Everyday Feedback" and sixteen tools for self-assessment and planning, Carroll provides detailed instructions for leaders to execute a feedback turnaround that will quench their team members' thirst for helpful feedback and build a culture in which employee-to-leader and peer-to-peer feedback are welcome as well. This revised second edition presents 15 years of data on Virtual Distance metrics and their predictive impact on organizational success factors ?shedding new light on how to correct for communication challenges that often show up as a foggy set of digital disconnects where the vitality of the virtual workforce often gets lost in transmission. This still-evolving Digital Age conundrum continues to present new complications. The rise of remote work which rests on an increasing reliance on electronic communication and the overall growth of virtual interactions has led to the escalation of a phenomenon called Virtual Distance. Virtual Distance, which influences our behavior through three

components ?Physical Distance, Operational Distance, and Affinity Distance ?affects not only how we relate to others thousands of miles away but even to co-workers sitting right next to each other! Perhaps even more problematic, Virtual Distance causes measureable malfunctions in teamwork, innovation, leader effectiveness and overall performance. But it doesn't have to be this way. The Power of Virtual Distance offers specific, proven and predictable solutions that can reverse these trends and turn Virtual Distance into a unification strategy to capture untapped competitive advantage. Surprised? The Power of Virtual Distance, 2nd Edition is a must-read for leadership who want to understand the true and quantifiable costs of the virtual workplace. For the first time ever, readers can take the guesswork out of managing the virtual workforce by applying a mathematical approach derived from the extensive Virtual Distance data set: The Virtual Distance Ratio. The Virtual Distance Ratio can precisely pinpoint the particular impacts of Virtual Distance on the organization's critical success factors. Beyond business metrics, Virtual Distance solutions also detail ways to restore meaningfulness and well-being into people's experience of work, enhancing life lived in the Digital Age. The Power of Virtual Distance reveals an updated set of data, including the first award-winning analysis, collected from an extended range of executives to individual contributors, that represent situations and solutions in more than 36 industries in 55 countries across the globe. Readers will get a "first look" at the data and its revelations on how to be less isolated and more integrated. Helping managers globally, this book: Offers new, real-world case studies and a chance for readers to participate in thought experiments to help with personal performance, group synergy and by extension, relationship dynamics of all kinds Demonstrates (with statistically significant trend analyses) that Virtual Distance is growing at exponential rates in every corner of communities worldwide Offers expert advice on how to manage the "unintended human consequences" of today's digital technologies Companies that successfully harness the power of Virtual Distance demonstrate better performance. The second edition of The Power of Virtual Distance is a valuable, one-of-a-kind resource for everyone – from the C-suite to human resource professionals; from divisional leaders to project managers. Everyone in the organization can benefit by discovering how to improve financials, innovation, trust, employee engagement, satisfaction, organizational citizenship and other key performance indicators. And perhaps best of all, by following the prescriptions on how to reduce Virtual Distance, the entire workforce will have the tools they need to bring about a revival of meaning, purpose and an enlivened sense of "humanhood" back into everyday work and everyday life.

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