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The Reflective Entrepreneur - Dimo Dimov 2017-04-11

In a world where entrepreneurial success often seems deceptively accessible, it is not always clear what makes a person entrepreneurial. In this book, Dimo Dimov offers a reflective insight into the entrepreneurial journey, striking up a conversation about entrepreneurship in order to challenge and untangle existing preconceptions. A discussion of challenges and tensions such as idea versus opportunity, genius versus lunatic, and skill versus luck forms the foundation of the book, while the second part offers actions and considerations which can help the reader to seek opportunities in a fractious environment. The final part of the text focuses on the collective spirit in entrepreneurship, arising from the interplay between participation and outcomes. The author brings a succinct diversity to the field, making this book essential reading for undergraduate and postgraduate students on entrepreneurship courses, as well as scholars, researchers, and practitioners looking for a new perspective on entrepreneurship.

The Entrepreneur's Roadmap - New York Stock Exchange 2017-06
Entrepreneur's guide for starting and growing a business to a public listing

Why Startups Fail - Tom Eisenmann 2021-03-30

If you want your startup to succeed, you need to understand why startups fail. "Whether you're a first-time founder or looking to bring innovation into a corporate environment, *Why Startups Fail* is essential reading."—Eric Ries, founder and CEO, LTSE, and New York Times bestselling author of *The Lean Startup* and *The Startup Way* Why do startups fail? That question caught Harvard Business School professor Tom Eisenmann by surprise when he realized he couldn't answer it. So he launched a multiyear research project to find out. In *Why Startups Fail*, Eisenmann reveals his findings: six distinct patterns that account for the vast majority of startup failures. • **Bad Bedfellows.** Startup success is thought to rest largely on the founder's talents and instincts. But the wrong team, investors, or partners can sink a venture just as quickly. • **False Starts.** In following the oft-cited advice to "fail fast" and to "launch before you're ready," founders risk wasting time and capital on the wrong solutions. • **False Promises.** Success with early adopters can be misleading and give founders unwarranted confidence to expand. • **Speed Traps.** Despite the pressure to "get big fast," hypergrowth can spell disaster for even the most promising ventures. • **Help Wanted.** Rapidly scaling startups need lots of capital and talent, but they can make mistakes that leave them suddenly in short supply of both. • **Cascading Miracles.** Silicon Valley exhorts entrepreneurs to dream big. But the bigger the vision, the more things that can go wrong. Drawing on fascinating stories of ventures that failed to fulfill their early promise—from a home-furnishings retailer to a concierge dog-walking service, from a dating app to the inventor of a sophisticated social robot, from a fashion brand to a startup deploying a vast network of charging stations for electric vehicles—Eisenmann offers frameworks for detecting when a venture is vulnerable to these patterns, along with a wealth of strategies and tactics for avoiding them. A must-read for founders at any stage of their entrepreneurial journey, *Why Startups Fail* is not merely a guide to preventing failure but also a roadmap charting the path to startup success.

The Art of the Start - Guy Kawasaki 2004

A new product, a new service, a new company, a new division, a new anything - where there's a will, Kawasaki shows the way with his essential steps to launching one's dreams.

New Business Ventures and the Entrepreneur - Howard H. Stevenson 1999

This text--a combination of Harvard Cases and text-- examines the entrepreneurial process from the initial idea through business operations to harvest. It provides the knowledge and skills required for students pursuing careers as entrepreneurs as well as valuable ideas for those in a more structured business setting. Most importantly, it takes a close look at the process of identifying and pursuing opportunity, which has become increasingly important in restoring the competitive position of many U.S. industries in a global marketplace.

Lean B2B - Étienne Garbugli 2014-03-25

« This is a must read for every B2B entrepreneur, SaaS creator or consultant and business school student. It's the kind of book you don't read once, you go back to it on a regular basis. » - Carmen Gereca, CEO & Co-founder, UsabilityChefs *Lean B2B* helps entrepreneurs and innovators quickly find traction in the enterprise. Packed with more than 20 case studies and used by thousands around the world, *Lean B2B* consolidates the best thinking around Business- to-Business (B2B) customer development to help entrepreneurs and innovators focus on the right things each step of the way, leaving as little as possible to luck. The book helps: • Assess the market potential of opportunities to find the right opportunity for your team • Find early adopters, quickly establish credibility and convince business stakeholders to work with you • Find and prioritize business problems in corporations and identify the stakeholders with the power to influence a purchase decision • Create a minimum viable product and a compelling offer, validate a solution and evaluate whether your team has found product-market fit • Identify and avoid common challenges faced by entrepreneurs and learn ninja techniques to speed up product-market validation « The book will pay itself off in the first couple of pages! » - Ben Sardella, Co-Founder, Datanyze 86% of Readers Rated it 5-Stars « Treat this book like a map to show you where you are and a compass to show you the direction. I wish I could have read it 2 or 3 years ago. » - Jonathan Gebauer, Founder, exploreB2B « *Lean B2B* is filled with rock-solid advice for technology entrepreneurs who want a rapid-growth trajectory. Read it to increase your certainty and your success rate. » - Jill Konrath, Author of *AGILE SELLING* and *Selling to Big Companies* « Probably the most slept on book in the *Lean startup* market right now.... There is no sugarcoating here. Garbugli tells you exactly what needs to happen and how to make it happen... literally holds your hand and spells it out. I was really impressed with the overall depth and advice presented. » - AJ, B2B Entrepreneur « The book I read of which I have learned the most. » - Etienne Thouin, Founder and CTO, SQLNext Software « This book is essential reading for would-be entrepreneurs who face the daunting task of entering B2B markets. » - Paul Gillin, Co-Author, *Social Marketing to the Business Customer*

Built for Growth - Chris Kuenne 2017-06-06

A Wall Street Journal Bestseller Are You a Driver, an Explorer, a Crusader, or a Captain? Many factors shape the success or failure of a new business, whether it's a stand-alone startup or a venture inside a larger corporation. But the most important and least understood of these factors is the personality of the entrepreneur—the particular combination of beliefs and preferences that drives his or her motivation, decision making, and leadership style. And your builder personality is the one resource you can directly control in growing a business that wins. Simply put, who you are shapes how you build for growth. *Built for Growth* decodes the interplay between builder personality and new business success. Using a patented analytic methodology, authors Chris Kuenne and John Danner discovered four distinct types of highly successful entrepreneurial personalities—the Driver, the Explorer, the

Crusader, and the Captain. Each is motivated, makes decisions, manages, and leads their businesses differently. Kuenne and Danner blend pioneering research and exclusive personal interviews to illustrate how each type handles the five dynamic challenges in building a business of lasting value: converting ideas into products, galvanizing individual talent for collaborative impact, transforming buyers into partners, aligning financial and other supporters, and scaling the business. With assessments and tools, including a brief Builder Personality quiz and in-depth profiles of each builder type, *Built for Growth* is the ultimate guide for how to play to your strengths, complement and compensate for your gaps, and build a successful business—from startup to scale-up. Its vivid stories and practical advice show how you can unlock the potential of your builder personality to shape your business, your team, and your ability to win in the marketplace. Please visit builtforgrowthbook.com to learn more and access the Builder Personality Discovery tool.

Good Times, Bad Times - John Hills 2017-02-22

Two-thirds of UK government spending now goes to the welfare state, and where that money is spent—healthcare, education, pensions, benefits—is at the heart of major political and public debate. Much of that debate is dominated by the myth that the population is divided into those who benefit from the welfare state and those who pay into it. But this groundbreaking book—fully revised in this second edition with current data, discussion of key policy changes, and a new preface reflecting on the changed UK political context following the 2015 election and 2016 Brexit vote—uses extensive research and survey evidence to challenge that view. It shows that our complex and ever-changing lives mean that all of us rely on the welfare state throughout our lifetimes, not just a small welfare-dependent minority. Using everyday life stories and engaging graphics, top UK social policy expert John Hills clearly demonstrates how the facts are far removed from the popular misconceptions.

Become Your Own Boss in 12 Months - Melinda Emerson 2014-12-05

"Become Your Own Boss is a must-read if you're thinking of launching a business of your own." --Jean Chatzky, bestselling author of *Money 911* and Financial Editor, NBC Today Create a successful business this year! Written by America's #1 Small Business Expert, this essential handbook shows you how to launch your own business in just twelve months. Using her years of experience in business development, Melinda Emerson guides you through the process with step-by-step instructions for developing an effective marketing plan, setting a budget, and maintaining your business once it's up and running. She also offers brand-new strategies for obtaining financing through means like crowdsourcing as well as social media techniques that help build your business—all of which has been updated for today's market. With Emerson's expert business advice, you will finally follow your dreams and become your own boss!

The Lean Startup - Eric Ries 2011-09-13

Most startups fail. But many of those failures are preventable. The Lean Startup is a new approach being adopted across the globe, changing the way companies are built and new products are launched. Eric Ries defines a startup as an organization dedicated to creating something new under conditions of extreme uncertainty. This is just as true for one person in a garage or a group of seasoned professionals in a Fortune 500 boardroom. What they have in common is a mission to penetrate that fog of uncertainty to discover a successful path to a sustainable business. The Lean Startup approach fosters companies that are both more capital efficient and that leverage human creativity more effectively. Inspired by lessons from lean manufacturing, it relies on "validated learning," rapid scientific experimentation, as well as a number of counter-intuitive practices that shorten product development cycles, measure actual progress without resorting to vanity metrics, and learn what customers really want. It enables a company to shift directions with agility, altering plans inch by inch, minute by minute. Rather than wasting time creating elaborate business plans, The Lean Startup offers entrepreneurs—in companies of all sizes—a way to test their vision continuously, to adapt and adjust before it's too late. Ries provides a scientific approach to creating and managing successful startups in an age when companies need to innovate more than ever.

Unlocking the Ivory Tower - Eric R. Ball, Ph.D. 2012-12-10

Management is a discipline that can be learned from study. A large and diverse set of academic management research, often accessible only to academics, has practical, actionable implications to help in managing an organization today. *Unlocking the Ivory Tower* addresses the major components of academic business literature: strategy, leadership, entrepreneurship, organizational theory, international business,

innovation, and finance. Doctors Ball and LiPuma act as field guides and interpreters, bridging the divide between scholarship and practice, and distilling each research contribution into a brief outline while preserving the message of that thinker. They also provide context regarding how the particular contribution fits into the rest of the field, and how it can be applied in the real world. The result is a rich book that covers a lot of ground and provides a basis for understanding the major schools of thought in primary management fields. Today's managers are faced with responsibilities for functional and staff management, as well as developing strategies for growth, leading teams, and staying competitive in evolving industries and markets globally—the range of knowledge and skills required by corporate managers requires the breadth of readily applicable concepts present in this book. Eric and Joe have helped create, develop, and run organizations. They both have executive experience in finance, mergers and acquisitions, and entrepreneurship in international contexts. Each also has invested time publishing in academic journals and teaching business school students in different countries. These authors live in the middle ground as practical academics. *Unlocking the Ivory Tower* is light on anecdotes and heavy on actionable research results, making it an essential reference for both managers and students. This book can serve as an education for those who did not pursue a management degree, a refresher course for those who did, or a way to expand beyond the concepts taught in many MBA programs. In particular, Eric and Joe provide a means for managers to reassess and extend their academic knowledge in the context of their professional experience, and for management students to review the major concepts and put them into context with each other. Edited by Anna F. Doherty and Leslie F. Peters of Together Editing & Design, www.togetherediting.com.

Disciplined Entrepreneurship - Bill Aulet 2013-08-12

24 Steps to Success! *Disciplined Entrepreneurship* will change the way you think about starting a company. Many believe that entrepreneurship cannot be taught, but great entrepreneurs aren't born with something special – they simply make great products. This book will show you how to create a successful startup through developing an innovative product. It breaks down the necessary processes into an integrated, comprehensive, and proven 24-step framework that any industrious person can learn and apply. You will learn: Why the "F" word – focus – is crucial to a startup's success Common obstacles that entrepreneurs face – and how to overcome them How to use innovation to stand out in the crowd – it's not just about technology Whether you're a first-time or repeat entrepreneur, *Disciplined Entrepreneurship* gives you the tools you need to improve your odds of making a product people want. Author Bill Aulet is the managing director of the Martin Trust Center for MIT Entrepreneurship as well as a senior lecturer at the MIT Sloan School of Management. For more please visit <http://disciplinedentrepreneurship.com/>

Will It Fly? - Pat Flynn 2016-02-01

The author shares a series of tests along with insights from entrepreneurs on how to investigate the viability of a new business idea before trying to launch the business.

The Unicorn's Shadow - Ethan Mollick 2020-06-23

Bringing hard data to the way we think about entrepreneurial success, this bold call to action draws on the latest scientific evidence to dispel the most pervasive startup myths and light a path to entrepreneurship for those eclipsed by the hype. When you think of a successful entrepreneur, who comes to mind? Bill Gates? Mark Zuckerberg? Or maybe even Jesse Eisenberg, the man who played Zuckerberg in *The Social Network*? It may surprise you that most successful founders look very different from Zuckerberg or Gates. In fact, most startup origin stories are very different from the famous "unicorns" that have achieved valuations of over \$1 billion, from Facebook to Google to Uber. In *The Unicorn's Shadow: Combating the Dangerous Myths that Hold Back Startups, Founders, and Investors*, Wharton School professor Ethan Mollick takes us to the forefront of an empirical revolution in entrepreneurship. New data and better research methods have overturned the conventional wisdom behind what a successful founder looks like, how they succeed, and how the startup ecosystem works. Among the issues he examines: Which founders are most likely to succeed? Where do the best startup ideas come from? What's the most foolproof way of securing the funding needed to take a company to the next level? Should your sales pitch really be something out of Hollywood? What's the best way to grow and scale your company and create a thriving culture that won't hinder expansion? Mollick argues that entrepreneurship is too important, both for society and for the

individuals who start companies, to be eclipsed by the shadows of unicorns. He shows we can democratize entrepreneurship—but only by following an evidence-based approach that puts to rest the false narratives that surround it.

The Entrepreneur's Guide to Law and Strategy - Constance E. Bagley 2017-02-21

Business Insider calls *The Entrepreneur's Guide* “perhaps the most useful business book you can ever read” and lists it among twenty-five must-read books for entrepreneurs. *The Entrepreneur's Guide to Law and Strategy*, 5E examines stages of starting a business -- from start-up and growth to public offering, while highlighting legal preparations and pitfalls. Cutting-edge examples show how legally astute entrepreneurs can strategically increase realizable value, deploy resources, and manage risk. The book discusses leaving a job, hiring former coworkers, competing with a former employer, workplace legislation, product liability, and bankruptcy. You examine current issues including today's workforce in the “gig” economy, “crowdsourcing” capital and social media, computer hacking and identity theft. Legal discussion integrates with core strategic concepts, such as Porter's Five Forces, the resource-based view of the firm, the value proposition, activities in the value chain and more. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Boulevard of Broken Dreams - Josh Lerner 2012-02-26

Discussing the complex history of Silicon Valley and other pioneering centres of venture capital, Lerner uncovers the extent of government influence in prompting growth. He examines the public strategies used to advance new ventures and reveals the common flaws undermining far too many programmes.

[SUMMARY - The Founder's Dilemmas: Anticipating And Avoiding The Pitfalls That Can Sink A Startup By Noam Wasserman](#) - Shortcut Edition 2021-05-31

* Our summary is short, simple and pragmatic. It allows you to have the essential ideas of a big book in less than 30 minutes. *As you read this summary, you will see that the founding decisions of a young company define its entire future. *You will also discover that : a large part of a company's challenges are related to its team and its internal structure; the first decisions should not be taken lightly, because it is very difficult to go back on them afterwards; the choice of the actors to be involved and the role that will be reserved for them determine the resources that the company will have at its disposal; two main motivations influence decision-making: the search for control or profitability. *The creation of a company is an adventure with many unknowns. Numerous studies have been conducted to judge the most productive business strategies, but external factors are not the only agents of success or failure. A company is not just an offer, it is above all a team and a structure. Each of the first decisions, affecting employees, represents a turning point for a young start-up. They must therefore be well thought out and coherent. *Buy now the summary of this book for the modest price of a cup of coffee!

The Startup of You (Revised and Updated) - Reid Hoffman 2012-02-14

The groundbreaking #1 New York Times bestseller that taught a generation how to transform their careers—now in a revised and updated edition “A profound book about self-determination and self-realization.”—Senator Cory Booker “The Startup of You is crammed with insights and strategies to help each of us create the work life we want.”—Gretchen Rubin, author of *The Happiness Project* In this invaluable book, LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman and venture capitalist Ben Casnocha show how to accelerate your career in today's competitive world. The key is to manage your career as if it were a startup business: a living, breathing, growing startup of you. Why? Startups—and the entrepreneurs who run them—are nimble. They invest in themselves. They build their professional networks. They take intelligent risks. They make uncertainty and volatility work to their advantage. These are the very same skills professionals need to get ahead today. This book isn't about cover letters or résumés. Instead, you will learn the best practices of the most successful startups and how to apply these entrepreneurial strategies to your career. Whether you work for a giant multinational corporation, stitch together multiple gigs in a portfolio career, or are launching your own venture, you need to know how to • adapt your career plans as pandemics rage and technologies upend industries • develop a competitive advantage so that you stand out from others at work • strengthen your professional network by building powerful alliances and maintaining a diverse mix of relationships • engineer serendipity that produces life-changing career opportunities •

take proactive risks to become more resilient to industry tsunamis • tap your network for information and intelligence that help you make smarter decisions The career landscape has changed dramatically in the decade since Hoffman and Casnocha first published this guide. In an urgent update to the frameworks that have helped hundreds of thousands of people transform their careers, this new edition of *The Startup of You* will teach you how to achieve your boldest professional ambitions.

The Agile Start-Up - Jeff Scheinrock 2013-09-16

An inspiring and impactful compilation of the most important lessons of entrepreneurship The tools of a digital age make it easier than ever to start a new business. And with billion-dollar IPOs and acquisitions making weekly headlines, the potential rewards are enormous. But even with all of the advantages and resources that today's entrepreneurs have access to, the likelihood of any one business succeeding is slim. That's why you need the simple, clear lessons found in *The Agile Startup*. Engaging and informative, *The Agile Startup* doesn't offer step-by-step instructions on how to build a better mousetrap. Instead, it shows you how to build companies that continually adapt to the “real” world. Along the way, you'll discover you're not alone in your entrepreneurial endeavors, and that almost every challenge a startup can face has already been faced, and overcome, by someone in the past. Contains lessons culled from decades of creating successful companies, which includes possessing a flexible mindset Provides valuable insights, based on a market-driven philosophy, regarding launching and managing products, businesses, and brands Written by two authors who have a combined sixty-plus years of startup experience and understand the reasons behind their successes and failures A companion Website contains supplementary material that allows you to learn in a hands-on fashion long after closing the book The journey of a startup is daunting. Think about everything that has to be overcome and you'll quickly see that the odds are stacked heavily against you. But with *The Agile Startup* as your guide, you'll learn exactly what it takes to succeed in your entrepreneurial endeavors.

[How the West Was Lost](#) - Dambisa Moyo 2011-02-15

In *How the West Was Lost*, the New York Times bestselling author Dambisa Moyo offers a bold account of the decline of the West's economic supremacy. She examines how the West's flawed financial decisions have resulted in an economic and geopolitical seesaw that is now poised to tip in favor of the emerging world, especially China. Amid the hype of China's rise, however, the most important story of our generation is being pushed aside: America is not just in economic decline, but on course to become the biggest welfare state in the history of the West. The real danger is at home, Moyo claims. While some countries – such as Germany and Sweden – have deliberately engineered and financed welfare states, the United States risks turning itself into a bloated welfare state not because of ideology or a larger vision of economic justice, but out of economic desperation and short-sighted policymaking. *How the West Was Lost* reveals not only the economic myopia of the West but also the radical solutions that it needs to adopt in order to assert itself as a global economic power once again.

Shortcut Your Startup - Courtney Reum 2018-01-18

'Shortcut Your Startup shows you how to launch a sustainable startup so that both you and your business can thrive.' Arianna Huffington The world of startups is more competitive than ever: what will make yours stand out from the crowd? *Shortcut Your Startup* has the answers you need. Star entrepreneurs Courtney and Carter Reum have invested in such global successes as Lyft, Pinterest and SpaceX, as well as launching a multimillion-dollar business of their own - they have the hands on experience, insights and tips that will make all the difference. The first step is to rip up the rule book. Convinced that only killer new ideas will work? No, sometimes it makes more sense to capitalise on others' innovations. Have people advised you to manage everything yourself? They should have told you to outsource all but your venture's key strengths. Moving from initial idea to exist strategy, the Reum brothers take received wisdom, turn it on its head, and give you the real low-down on what works. Whether you're a business veteran looking for new ways to boost performance and reinvent your brand, or an aspiring entrepreneur ready to take a leap of faith, *Shortcut Your Startup* is an essential guide that will speed up your journey to success. 'Courtney and Carter Reum have generously pulled back the curtain to reveal the tools and tactics that many of the most successful startups use to disrupt, scale and succeed.' Tony Robbins

Don't Mess It Up - Les Trachtman 2018-05-01

In *Don't Mess It Up: How Founders and Their Successors Can Avoid the*

Clichés That Inhibit Growth, author and six-time second CEO Les Trachtman offers his expertise on the most effective ways to successfully hand off your company to a worthy successor. He also has advice for those who are inheriting a business and want to take it to the next level, as well as for boards who are dealing with these leadership transitions. In his direct, no-nonsense approach, Les shows readers how seemingly harmless business clichés such as “get it right” and “be careful” can have a detrimental effect on a company’s future by conveying that such imperative ingredients such as risk and innovation are things to now be avoided. Readers will learn how to:

- Understand the metamorphosis required to transition from great founder to great CEO
- Know when, and if, it’s time to replace yourself
- Pick the right successor
- Prepare yourself and your company for the fragile transition
- Create a successful CEO transition
- Separate yourself from the company

There is likely no one more experienced in founder transitions than Les Trachtman. He has been an innovative and respected successor at six different companies; let his hard-won advice guide you through your transition and toward success.

Slicing Pie Handbook EU Edition - Mike Moyer 2016-11-28

Entrepreneurs and early-stage company participants get taken advantage of so frequently that we hardly notice. Bad equity deals are the rule, not the exception. The Slicing Pie Handbook outlines a framework for perfectly fair equity splits for early-stage, bootstrapped startup companies. Based on the dynamic equity model popularized by the book Slicing Pie, a formula in use by entrepreneurs all over the world. The Slicing Pie Handbook will help you determine the right share for people who contribute the things you need to start your company including help, equipment, supplies, rent and even credit. You will learn how to fairly allocate equity when people contribute and how to fairly recover equity when people leave the company. Includes a special chapter for EU startups.

Will it Fly? - Thomas K. McKnight 2004

Introduces a business tool, based on forty-four critical success factors, designed to assist with developing, initiating, and evaluating a new business.

The First-Time Founder's Equity Bible - Gerry Hays 2014-06-01

The First-Time Founder's Equity Bible walks entrepreneurs through the various stages of raising capital for their new business. Detailing important differences between debt and equity capital, angel investors and VCs, and the rights investors will want to maintain, the Equity Bible shows founders just how important it is to protect their equity, ownership, and rights while raising money. Learn how to structure a cap table, value a new company appropriately, structure deal terms that appeal to all parties, and more in this quick guide to raising equity capital.

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Entrepreneurship and Startups (featuring Bonus Article “Why the Lean Startup Changes Everything” by Steve Blank) - Harvard Business Review 2018-01-23

The best entrepreneurs balance brilliant business ideas with a rigorous commitment to serving their customers' needs. If you read nothing else on entrepreneurship and startups, read these 10 articles by experts in the field. We've combed through hundreds of articles in the Harvard Business Review archive and selected the most important ones to help you build your company for enduring success. Leading experts and practitioners such as Clayton Christensen, Marc Andreessen, and Reid Hoffman provide the insights and advice that will inspire you to:

- Understand what makes entrepreneurial leaders tick
- Know what matters in a great business plan
- Adopt lean startup practices such as business model experimentation
- Be prepared for the race for scale in Silicon Valley
- Better understand the world of venture capital--and know what you'll get along with VC funding
- Take an alternative approach to entrepreneurship: buy an existing business and run it as CEO

This collection of articles includes "Hiring an Entrepreneurial Leader," by Timothy Butler; "How to Write a Great Business Plan," by William A. Sahlman; "Why the Lean Start-Up Changes Everything," by Steve Blank; "The President of SRI Ventures on Bringing Siri to Life," by Norman Winarsky; "In Search of the Next Big Thing," an interview with Marc Andreessen by Adi Ignatius; "Six Myths About Venture Capitalists," by Diane Mulcahy; "Chobani's Founder on Growing a Start-Up Without Outside Investors," by Hamdi Ulukaya; "Network Effects Aren't Enough," by Andrei Hagiu and Simon Rothman; "Blitzscaling," an interview with Reid Hoffman by Tim Sullivan; "Buying Your Way into Entrepreneurship," by Richard S. Ruback and Royce Yudkoff; and "The Founder's Dilemma," by Noam Wasserman.

The Rainforest - Victor W. Hwang 2012-03-21

What makes places like Silicon Valley tick? Can we replicate that magic in other places? How do you foster innovation in your own networks? Discover the answers in this groundbreaking book from two of the world's leading experts at the intersection of venture capital and global development. Victor W. Hwang and Greg Horowitz propose a radical new theory to explain the nature of innovation ecosystems: human networks that generate extraordinary creativity and output. They argue that free market thinking fails to consider the impact of human nature on the innovation process. This ambitious work challenges the basic assumptions that economists have held for over a century. The authors argue that such ecosystems - what they call Rainforests - can only thrive when certain cultural behaviors unlock human potential. Their theory of the Rainforest is influenced by several breakthrough ideas in academia, including insights on sociobiology from Harvard, economic transactions from the University of Chicago, and design theory from Stanford, among others. With an unorthodox and entertaining narrative, the book reveals the mysterious mechanisms of Rainforests. Furthermore, the authors provide practical tools for readers to design, build, and sustain new innovation ecosystems. The Rainforest will transform the way you think about technology, business, and leadership.

The Founder's Dilemmas - Noam Wasserman 2012-03-25

A guide to the early decisions that can make or break startup ventures. Often downplayed in the excitement of starting up a new business venture is one of the most important decisions entrepreneurs will face: should they go it alone, or bring in cofounders, hires, and investors to help build the business? More than just financial rewards are at stake. Friendships and relationships can suffer. Bad decisions at the inception of a promising venture lay the foundations for its eventual ruin. The Founder's Dilemmas is the first book to examine the early decisions by entrepreneurs that can make or break a startup and its team. Drawing on a decade of research, Noam Wasserman reveals the common pitfalls founders face and how to avoid them. He looks at whether it is a good idea to cofound with friends or relatives, how and when to split the equity within the founding team, and how to recognize when a successful founder-CEO should exit or be fired. Wasserman explains how to anticipate, avoid, or recover from disastrous mistakes that can splinter a founding team, strip founders of control, and leave founders without a financial payoff for their hard work and innovative ideas. He highlights the need at each step to strike a careful balance between controlling the startup and attracting the best resources to grow it, and demonstrates why the easy short-term choice is often the most perilous in the long term. The Founder's Dilemmas draws on the inside stories of founders like Evan Williams of Twitter and Tim Westergren of Pandora, while mining quantitative data on almost ten thousand founders. People problems are the leading cause of failure in startups. This book offers solutions.

The Art of the Start 2.0 - Guy Kawasaki 2015-03-03

Fully revised and expanded for the first time in a decade, this is Guy Kawasaki's classic, bestselling guide to launching and making your new product, service, or idea a success. Whether you're an aspiring entrepreneur, small-business owner, intrapreneur, or not-for-profit leader, there's no shortage of advice on topics such as innovating, recruiting, fund raising, and branding. In fact, there are so many books, articles, websites, blogs, webinars, and conferences that many startups get paralyzed, or they focus on the wrong priorities and go broke before they succeed. The Art of the Start 2.0 solves that problem by distilling Guy Kawasaki's decades of experience as one of the most hardworking and irreverent strategists in the business world. Guy has totally overhauled this iconic, essential guide for anyone starting anything. It's 64 percent longer than version 1.0 and features his latest insights and practical advice about social media, crowdfunding, cloud computing, and many other topics. Guy understands the seismic changes in business over the last decade: Once-invulnerable market leaders are struggling. Many of the basics of getting established have become easier, cheaper, and more democratic. Business plans are no longer necessary. Social media has replaced PR and advertising as the key method of promotion. Crowdfunding is now a viable alternative to investors. The cloud makes basic infrastructure affordable for almost any new venture. The Art of the Start 2.0 will show you how to effectively deploy all these new tools. And it will help you master the fundamental challenges that have not changed: building a strong team, creating an awesome product or service, and facing down your competition. As Guy likes to say, “Entrepreneur is a state of mind, not a job title.” His book will help you make your crazy ideas stick, through an adventure that's more art than science - the art of the start.

Start-up - Hervé Lebreton 2007

Although start-ups represent a major phenomenon in the USA, they also create skepticism and even suspicion, perhaps because of the excesses of the Internet bubble. Apple, Microsoft, Intel, Cisco, Yahoo and Google were all start-ups and these success stories show that the phenomenon is not mere speculation. The goal of this book is to show start-ups from a different angle. Start-ups are created by individuals who are passionate and who have dreams. Therefore this work should not only be read by specialists of innovation or by high tech entrepreneurs, but also by anyone interested in the history and economics of start-ups. The book is presented in two parts: it begins with a presentation of Silicon Valley start-ups, which ends with a description of the ecosystem of this region. The second part is dedicated to Europe, where the start-up phenomenon has failed in comparison. The main message is that it is absolutely necessary to take more inspiration from Silicon Valley.

The Founder's Dilemmas - Noam Wasserman 2021-02-02

Often downplayed in the excitement of starting up a new business venture is one of the most important decisions entrepreneurs will face: should they go it alone, or bring in cofounders, hires, and investors to help build the business? More than just financial rewards are at stake. Friendships and relationships can suffer. Bad decisions at the inception of a promising venture lay the foundations for its eventual ruin. The Founder's Dilemmas is the first book to examine the early decisions by entrepreneurs that can make or break a startup and its team. Drawing on a decade of research, Noam Wasserman reveals the common pitfalls founders face and how to avoid them. He looks at whether it is a good idea to cofound with friends or relatives, how and when to split the equity within the founding team, and how to recognize when a successful founder-CEO should exit or be fired. Wasserman explains how to anticipate, avoid, or recover from disastrous mistakes that can splinter a founding team, strip founders of control, and leave founders without a financial payoff for their hard work and innovative ideas. He highlights the need at each step to strike a careful balance between controlling the startup and attracting the best resources to grow it, and demonstrates why the easy short-term choice is often the most perilous in the long term. The Founder's Dilemmas draws on the inside stories of founders like Evan Williams of Twitter and Tim Westergren of Pandora, while mining quantitative data on almost ten thousand founders. People problems are the leading cause of failure in startups. This book offers solutions.

The Start-Up J Curve - Howard Love 2016-08-30

A predictable pattern of success Entrepreneurs who have read early drafts of The Start-Up J Curve responded, "I wish I had this book years ago." A start-up unfolds in a predictable pattern; the more aware entrepreneurs are of this pattern, the better able they will be to capitalize on it. Author Howard Love calls this pattern the start-up J Curve: The toughest part of the endeavor is the time between the actual start of a new business and when the product and model are firmly established. The Start-Up J Curve gives entrepreneurs the tools they need to get through the early challenges so they can reach the primary value creation that lies beyond. Love brings thirty-five years of start-up experience to this comprehensive guide to starting a business. He outlines the six predictable stages of start-up growth and details the activities that should be undertaken at each stage to ensure success and to avoid common pitfalls. Instead of feeling lost and confused after a setback, start-up founders and investors can anticipate the challenges, overcome the obstacles, and ride the curve to the top.

It's a Jungle in There - Steven Schussler 2012-02-07

Drawing on his own success in building a profitable restaurant business, the author discusses finding new methods of creativity to help achieve success in business, including self-branding and developing strategic partnerships.

Cofounding the Right Way - Jana Nevrlka 2018-01-24

Jobs & Wozniak, Page & Brin, Ben & Jerry... any list of successful companies seems awash with cofounders who are a match made in business heaven. The benefits are obvious: by combining resources, knowledge, expertise and motivation, cofounders can often build something far more successful together compared to going solo. And yet... two-thirds of startups fail because of disagreements between founders. Why? Because cofounding isn't as simple as drawing up an agreement and shaking hands on it. In fact, there are seven steps required to build cofounding teams that win and last. Cofounding The Right Way will take you through these steps, one simple step at a time, from finding the right cofounders all the way through to structuring your team, splitting the equity, making sure everyone stays motivated and

documenting it in your cofounding agreement. Is a partnership even right for you in the first place? That's Step No. 1! Get your cofounding team right, and you'll be in the best possible position to handle any challenge that's thrown in your direction. Get it wrong and not even the best business idea will be able to survive. Foreword by Mike Moyer, author of Slicing Pie.

The Startup Owner's Manual - Steve Blank 2020-03-17

More than 100,000 entrepreneurs rely on this book for detailed, step-by-step instructions on building successful, scalable, profitable startups. The National Science Foundation pays hundreds of startup teams each year to follow the process outlined in the book, and it's taught at Stanford, Berkeley, Columbia and more than 100 other leading universities worldwide. Why? The Startup Owner's Manual guides you, step-by-step, as you put the Customer Development process to work. This method was created by renowned Silicon Valley startup expert Steve Blank, co-creator with Eric Ries of the "Lean Startup" movement and tested and refined by him for more than a decade. This 608-page how-to guide includes over 100 charts, graphs, and diagrams, plus 77 valuable checklists that guide you as you drive your company toward profitability. It will help you: • Avoid the 9 deadly sins that destroy startups' chances for success • Use the Customer Development method to bring your business idea to life • Incorporate the Business Model Canvas as the organizing principle for startup hypotheses • Identify your customers and determine how to "get, keep and grow" customers profitably • Compute how you'll drive your startup to repeatable, scalable profits. The Startup Owner's Manual was originally published by K&S Ranch Publishing Inc. and is now available from Wiley. The cover, design, and content are the same as the prior release and should not be considered a new or updated product.

On Startups: Advice and Insights for Entrepreneurs - Dharmesh Shah 2012-12-09

Note from the Author Hi, my name is Dharmesh, and I'm a startup addict. And, chances are, if you're reading this, you have at least a mild obsession as well. This book is based on content from the OnStartups.com blog. The story behind how the blog got started is sort of interesting—but before I tell you that story, it'll help to understand my earlier story. As a professional programmer, I used to work in a reasonably fun job doing what I liked to do (write code). Eventually, I got a little frustrated with it all, so at the ripe old age of 24, I started my first software company. It did pretty well. It was on the Inc. 500 list of fastest growing companies three times. It reached millions of dollars of sales and was ultimately acquired. I ran that first company for over 10 years working the typical startup hours. When I sold that company, I went back to school to get a master's degree at MIT. I've always enjoyed academics, and I figured this would be a nice "soft landing" and give me some time to figure out what I wanted to do with my life. As part of my degree requirements, I had to write a graduate thesis. I titled my thesis "On Startups: Patterns and Practices of Contemporary Software Entrepreneurs." And, as part of that thesis work, I wanted to get some feedback from some entrepreneurs. So, I figured I'd start a blog. I took the first two words of the thesis title, "On Startups," discovered that the domain name OnStartups.com was available, and was then off to the races. The blog was launched on November 5, 2005. Since then, the blog and associated community have grown quite large. Across Facebook, LinkedIn, and email subscribers, there are over 300,000 people in the OnStartups.com audience. This book is a collection of some of the best articles from over 7 years of OnStartups.com. The articles have been topically organized and edited. I hope you enjoy them.

Venture Deals - Jason Mendelson 2011-07-05

An engaging guide to excelling in today's venture capital arena Beginning in 2005, Brad Feld and Jason Mendelson, managing directors at Foundry Group, wrote a long series of blog posts describing all the parts of a typical venture capital Term Sheet: a document which outlines key financial and other terms of a proposed investment. Since this time, they've seen the series used as the basis for a number of college courses, and have been thanked by thousands of people who have used the information to gain a better understanding of the venture capital field. Drawn from the past work Feld and Mendelson have written about in their blog and augmented with newer material, Venture Capital Financings puts this discipline in perspective and lays out the strategies that allow entrepreneurs to excel in their start-up companies. Page by page, this book discusses all facets of the venture capital fundraising process. Along the way, Feld and Mendelson touch on everything from how valuations are set to what externalities venture capitalists face that factor into entrepreneurs' businesses. Includes a breakdown analysis of

the mechanics of a Term Sheet and the tactics needed to negotiate
Details the different stages of the venture capital process, from starting a
venture and seeing it through to the later stages Explores the entire
venture capital ecosystem including those who invest in venture
capitalist Contain standard documents that are used in these
transactions Written by two highly regarded experts in the world of
venture capital The venture capital arena is a complex and competitive
place, but with this book as your guide, you'll discover what it takes to
make your way through it.

The Founder's Dilemmas - Noam Wasserman 2013-04

The Founder's Dilemmas examines how early decisions by entrepreneurs
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Westergren of Pandora, Noam Wasserman reveals the common pitfalls
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[Life Is a Startup](#) - Noam Wasserman 2018-10-23

After two decades of research on founders, a best-selling book on the

subject, and experience teaching and mentoring thousands of students in
this field, Noam Wasserman is a prominent authority on startups.
Hearing from countless readers and students that his insights helped
them with important life decisions, beyond the incubator and boardroom,
Wasserman brings us a new book that applies to everyday life his
research on the methods of successful startup founders. Like
entrepreneurs, we all deal with uncertainty, tough decision-making, and
necessary problem-solving. Whether we freelance or work for large
organizations, whether we're married or single, have kids or not, we
must be able to think on our feet, assess risks and opportunities, and
recruit others to help us navigate them. This book offers important
advice for envisioning change in our lives—from contemplating the next
step in a relationship to making a radical career move—and managing
changes to which we've already committed. We can learn to recognize
our own well-worn patterns and keep our tendencies and habits in check,
recruit a personal taskforce—our own board of directors—to advise us,
and plan ahead for growth. With his extensive database of
entrepreneurship case studies—from Pandora to Twitter to
Nike—complemented with data on 20,000 founders, Wasserman is able
to go deeply into the entrepreneurial mindset and show us how startups
provide specific lessons for crafting our most successful lives.