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How maverick companies have passed up the growth treadmill — and focused on greatness instead. It's an axiom of business that great companies grow their revenues and profits year after year. Yet quietly, under the radar, a small number of companies have rejected the pressure of endless growth to focus on more satisfying

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business goals. Goals like being great at what they do, creating a great place to work, providing great customer service, making great contributions to their communities, and finding great ways to lead their lives. In *Small Giants*, veteran journalist Bo Burlingham takes us deep inside fourteen remarkable companies that have chosen to march to their own drummer. They include Anchor Brewing, the original microbrewer; CitiStorage Inc., the premier independent records-storage business; Clif Bar & Co., maker of organic energy bars and other

nutrition foods; Righteous Babe Records, the record company founded by singer-songwriter Ani DiFranco; Union Square Hospitality Group, the company of restaurateur Danny Meyer; and Zingerman's Community of Businesses, including the world-famous Zingerman's Deli of Ann Arbor. Burlingham shows how the leaders of these small giants recognized the full range of choices they had about the type of company they could create. And he shows how we can all benefit by questioning the usual definitions of business success. In his new afterward,

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Burlingham reflects on the similarities and learning lessons from the small giants he covers in the book.

The Great Game of Business started a business revolution by introducing the world to open-book management, a new way of running a business that created unprecedented profit and employee engagement.

The revised and updated edition of The Great Game of Business lays out an entirely different way of running a company. It wasn't dreamed up in an executive think tank or an Ivy League business school or around the conference table by big-time

consultants. It was forged on the factory floors of the heartland by ordinary folks hoping to figure out how to save their jobs when their parent company, International Harvester, went down the tubes. What these workers created was a revolutionary approach to management that has proven itself in every industry around the world for the past thirty years--an approach that is perhaps the last, best hope for reviving the American Dream.

It's time to take your business to the next level. Eileen Sharp and Vic Hightower were frustrated. After years of

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profitable, predictable growth, Swan Services was in a rut.

Meetings were called and discussions held, but few decisions were made and even less got done. People were pointing fingers and assigning blame, but nothing happened to solve Swan's mounting problems. It felt as though they were working harder than ever but with less impact. The company Eileen and Vic had founded and built for 10 years was a different place. It just wasn't fun anymore. Their story is not unusual. The challenges they were facing are common, predictable, and solvable. Get A Grip tells the

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story of how Swan Services resolves its issues by implementing the Entrepreneurial Operating System®. With the help of EOS, Eileen, Vic, and their leadership team master a set of managerial tools that allow them to get traction on their business, grow the business, and deliver better results for clients. The story of Swan Services is a fable, but the Entrepreneurial Operating System® is very real and has helped thousands of businesses worldwide. A complete entrepreneurial toolkit, EOS has helped thousands of businesses get to

where they want to be. In *Get A Grip*, learn how Swan Services leaders learned to develop and commit to a clear vision, establish focus, build discipline, and create a healthier and more cohesive team. With characters and situations created from collective business experiences and stories, *Get A Grip* is a fable that will ring true for entrepreneurial leaders the world over and guide them to get their companies on track.

"One is tempted to say 'the only book you'll need on starting a business.' Brilliant! Genius! Choose your

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superlative-it'll fit." -Tom Peters People starting out in business tend to seek step-by-step formulas or rules, but in reality there are no magic bullets. Rather, says veteran company-builder Norm Brodsky, there's a mentality that helps street-smart entrepreneurs solve problems and pursue opportunities as they arise. Brodsky shares his hard-earned wisdom every month in Inc. magazine, in the hugely popular "Street Smarts" column he cowrites with Bo Burlingham. Now they've adapted their best advice into a comprehensive guide for anyone running a

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year, managers at companies large and small are finding it harder to compete with the likes of Google and Amazon, who are muscling into their businesses, stealing their customers, and cornering every conceivable market and service. There is, however, a way for companies to survive—and win—in this era of digital behemoths. Choose Your Customer is a powerful, consumer-targeted guide that can help managers level the

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playing field against their biggest competitors. Written by Jonathan Byrnes, the legendary MIT-based expert on profits, pricing, and strategy, and John Wass, a key member of the team that made Staples a major national brand, *Choose Your Customer* shows managers how to: Identify the customers who are the most profitable—and focus on them. Provide services and experiences that can't be replicated by

the tech giants, no matter how much data they have, or how much automation they use. Support your chosen customers' diverse and rapidly evolving needs to accelerate profitability and growth. These customer-driven strategies enable leaders to build a uniquely targeted business that the digital giants just can't match. From unbeatable customer service to superior pricing and product

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selection, Choose Your Customer provides detailed and actionable advice on how to compete successfully with the big guys and how to increase profits as a result.

In this expanded 20th Anniversary Edition of the book that started a business revolution, a successful businessman shares his philosophy of management that puts the concerns of the employees first and creates a company that will provide people with

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walks readers through the good, the bad, and the ugly of starting a food business. In these pages, you'll learn . . .

. Personal habits and business fundamentals that will help you in every walk of life How to choose the business idea or ideas that best fit you and your personality How to determine the viability of those ideas Concrete steps you need to take to make your business a reality

The Hockey Stick

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Principles

Building a Culture of
Ownership for the Long-
Term Success of Your
Business

A Saga of the Prairie
Everything You Need to
Know to Succeed in Your
Small Business

How to Take Your Artisan
Food Idea from Concept
to Marketplace

It's My Company Too!
How to Sell Your Online
Business for Top Dollar
by Reverse Engineering
Your Pathway to Success

"How to Succeed as a
Small Business Owner ...

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and Still Have a Life!"

An "owner's manual" for small businesses! Put your business on "auto-pilot." Learn how to ...

- Use your business as a tool to enhance your personal life
- Set ambitious goals and achieve them
- Develop a real, working business plan
- Use values to provide guidance to your staff - even when you're not at the office
- Get the right people on your team and keep them there
- Delegate effectively

Create a "self-healing"

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culture that practically
fixes its own problems -
And much more "If you
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are thinking of starting
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Collier's wonderful
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clearly and succinctly
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owner who learned how to
do it right. His book is
a much-needed guide for
anyone who wants to get
the most out of the
small business
experience." -- Bo
Burlingham, editor-at-
large of Inc. magazine

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About the Author: Bill Collier is a long-time entrepreneur who knows what it's like to have to "make payroll." Bill earned success the hard way - grinding it out for years after starting his first business, and learning from his own mistakes. After a good first few years, his company hit a wall. Morale was low, employee turnover was high, and cash flow was awful. In near desperation, he discovered a number of common-sense management

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independent stores from around the country. Unlike the mom-and-pops of yesteryear, these businesses embrace technology and innovation, generate word of mouth, and turn their size into an advantage. They include:

- ? ABC Carpet and Home in New York City
- ? Powell's City of Books in Portland, Oregon
- ? The Junkman's Daughter in Atlanta
- ? Jungle Jim's International Market in Fairfield, Ohio

Readers will be inspired by how

these independent stores are thriving and take away lessons they can apply to their own businesses.

The author of *The Great Game of Business* explains why employee ownership of a company is an essential part of a successful business strategy, offering advice on employee motivation, governing growth, and diversity. Reprint.

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Building an Enduring
Business by Managing the
Risks of Growth

Fiber

Choose Your Customer:
How to Compete Against
the Digital Giants and
Thrive

Getting to Scale

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The measure of the executive, Peter Drucker reminds us, is the ability to 'get the right things done'. Usually this involves doing what other people have overlooked, as well as avoiding what is unproductive. He identifies five talents as essential to effectiveness, and these can be learned; in

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fact, they must be learned just as scales must be mastered by every piano student regardless of his natural gifts. Intelligence, imagination and knowledge may all be wasted in an executive job without the acquired habits of mind that convert these into results. One of the talents is the management of time. Another is choosing what to contribute to the particular organization. A third is knowing where and how to apply your strength to best effect. Fourth is setting up the right priorities. And all of them must be knitted together by effective decision-making. How these can be developed forms the main body of the book. The author ranges widely through the annals of business and government to demonstrate the distinctive skill of the executive. He turns familiar experience upside down to see it in new perspective. The book is full of surprises, with its fresh insights into old and seemingly trite

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resources to move fast as new opportunities emerge. • Competition will be fiercer, with companies searching for any possible advantage in every area from products and technologies to location and management. • Governments will take on new roles in their national economies, some as partners to business, others imposing constraints. Companies that execute well will be more attractive to government entities as partners and suppliers and better prepared to adapt to a new wave of regulation. • Risk management will become a top priority for every leader. Execution gives you an edge in detecting new internal and external threats and in weathering crises that can never be fully predicted. Execution shows how to link together people, strategy, and operations, the three core processes of every business. Leading these processes is the real job of running a business, not formulating a “vision” and leaving the work of carrying it

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out to others. Bossidy and Charan show the importance of being deeply and passionately engaged in an organization and why robust dialogues about people, strategy, and operations result in a business based on intellectual honesty and realism. With paradigmatic case histories from the real world—including examples like the diverging paths taken by Jamie Dimon at JPMorgan Chase and Charles Prince at Citigroup—Execution provides the realistic and hard-nosed approach to business success that could come only from authors as accomplished and insightful as Bossidy and Charan.

A guide for medium-sized businesses in the tradition of Small Giants addresses concerns specific to companies who have grown past the small size but have not yet reached the capacities of major competitors, counseling entrepreneurial leaders, executives, and investors on how to preserve viability

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throughout key periods of vulnerability.

*Creating a Business That Can Thrive
Without You*

Zero to One

*From Ordinary to Irresistible: How Advisors
Can Market Like the Greatest Brands in the
World*

*How Great Entrepreneurs Exit Their
Companies on Top*

*Donothing: The Most Rewarding Leadership
Challenge You'll Ever Take*

*The Million-Dollar, One-Person Business,
Revised*

Finish Big

As business leaders, we are so often called to do things: make decisions, fix problems, manage money. But, the irony is, the more we do, the less control we have. Effective leadership requires composition, control, and focus-

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skills which are all strengthened by learning to do nothing. Years of practicing mindful meditation have helped Rob Dube become an acclaimed entrepreneur, propelling his leadership to new heights. In doing nothing, he shares his experiences with meditation and silent retreats, the wisdom of other business leaders who have established meditation routines, and scientific studies that prove the positive effects of meditation on the mind, body, and heart. He also teaches you how to meditate-the easy part!-and the best ways to turn a daily practice into a lifelong habit. It's time to become the strongest, most efficient, and most mindful leader you can be-and all by

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embracing the ability to do nothing. By harnessing new, easy-to-use technologies that help them find customers around the world, everyday people are starting meaningful businesses that offer a high-paying alternative to a corporate career. In this updated edition, will learn tactics from real people who are earning \$1 million a year on their own terms.

“No two exit experiences are exactly alike. Some people wind up happy with the process and satisfied with the way it turned out while others look back on it as a nightmare. The question I hope to answer in this book is why. What did the people with ‘good’ exits do differently from those who’d had

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‘bad’ exits?” When pioneering business journalist and Inc. magazine editor at large Bo Burlingham wrote *Small Giants*, it became an instant classic for its original take on a common business problem—how to handle the pressure to grow. Now Burlingham is back to tackle an even more common problem—how to exit your company well. Sooner or later, all entrepreneurs leave their businesses and all businesses get sold, given away, or liquidated. Whatever your preferred outcome, you need to start planning for it while you still have time and options. The beautiful part is that if you start early enough, the process will lead you to build a better,

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stronger, more resilient company, as well as one with a higher market value. Unfortunately, most owners don't start early enough—and pay a steep price for their procrastination. Burlingham interviewed dozens of entrepreneurs across a range of industries and identified eight key factors that determine whether owners are happy after leaving their businesses. His book showcases the insights, exit plans, and cautionary tales of entrepreneurs such as Ray Pagano: founder of a leading manufacturer of housings for security cameras. He turned down a bid for his company and instead changed his management style, resulting in a subsequent sale for four times the original offer. Bill

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Niman: founder of the iconic Niman Ranch, which revolutionized the meat industry. He learned about unhappy exits when he was forced to sell to private equity investors, leaving him with nothing to show for his thirty-five years in business.

Gary Hirshberg: founder of organic yogurt pioneer Stonyfield Farm. He pulled off the nearly impossible task of finding a large company that would buy out his 275 small investors at a premium price while letting him retain complete control of the business. Through such stories, Burlingham offers an illuminating and inspirational guide to one of the most stressful, and yet potentially rewarding, processes business owners must go through.

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And he explores the emotional challenges they face at every step of the way. At the end of the day, owning a business is about more than selling goods and services. It's about making choices that shape your entire life, both professional and personal. Finish Big helps you figure out how to face your future with confidence and be able to someday look back on your journey with pride.

Working Backwards is an insider's breakdown of Amazon's approach to culture, leadership, and best practices from two long-time Amazon executives—with lessons and techniques you can apply to your own company, and career, right now. In Working Backwards,

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two long-serving Amazon executives reveal the principles and practices that have driven the success of one of the most extraordinary companies the world has ever known. With twenty-seven years of Amazon experience between them—much of it during the period of unmatched innovation that created products and services including Kindle, Amazon Prime, Amazon Studios, and Amazon Web Services—Bryar and Carr offer unprecedented access to the Amazon way as it was developed and proven to be repeatable, scalable, and adaptable. With keen analysis and practical steps for applying it at your own company—no matter the size—the authors

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illuminate how Amazon's fourteen leadership principles inform decision-making at all levels of the company. With a focus on customer obsession, long-term thinking, eagerness to invent, and operational excellence, Amazon's ground-level practices ensure these characteristics are translated into action and flow through all aspects of the business. Working Backwards is both a practical guidebook and the story of how the company grew to become so successful. It is filled with the authors' in-the-room recollections of what "Being Amazonian" is like and how their time at the company affected their personal and professional lives. They

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demonstrate that success on Amazon's scale is not achieved by the genius of any single leader, but rather through commitment to and execution of a set of well-defined, rigorously-executed principles and practices—shared here for the very first time. Whatever your talent, career or organization might be, find out how you can put Working Backwards to work for you.

Vagabonding

Designing Products and Services

for Three Billion New Customers

Who Says Elephants Can't Dance?

The Discipline of Getting Things

Done

No Man's Land

Growing Your Business Without

Selling Out

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Notes on Startups, or How to Build the Future

Wall Street believes that all public companies should grow smoothly and continuously, as evidenced by ever-increasing quarterly earnings, and that all companies either "grow or die." Introducing a research-based growth model called "Smart Growth," Edward D. Hess challenges this ethos and its dangerous mentality, which often deters real growth and pressures businesses to create, manufacture, and purchase noncore earnings just to appease Wall Street. Smart Growth accounts for the complexity of growth from the perspective of organization, process, change, leadership, cognition, risk management, employee engagement, and human dynamics. Authentic growth is much more than a strategy or a desired result. It is a

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process characterized by complex change, entrepreneurial action, experimental learning, and the management of risk. Hess draws on extensive public and private company research, incorporating case studies of Best Buy, Sysco, UPS, Costco, Starbucks, McDonalds, Coca Cola, Room & Board, Home Depot, Tiffany & Company, P&G, and Jet Blue. With conceptual innovations such as an Authentic Earnings and Growth System framework, a seven-step growth funnel pipeline, a Growth Decision Template, and a Growth Risks Audit, Hess provides a blueprint for an enduring business that strives to be better, rather than simply bigger. The nearly three billion people living on \$2 a day are not just the world's greatest challenge?they represent an extraordinary market opportunity. The

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key is what Paul Polak and Mal Warwick call Zero-Based Design: starting from scratch to create innovative products and services tailored for the very poor, armed with a thorough understanding of what they really want and need and driven by what Polak and Warwick call?the ruthless pursuit of affordability.? Polak has been doing this work for years, and Warwick has extensive experience in both business and philanthropy. Together, they show how their design principles and vision can enable unapologetic capitalists to supply the very poor with clean drinking water, electricity, irrigation, housing, education, health care, and other necessities at a fraction of the usual cost and at profit margins comparable to those of businesses in the developed world. Promising

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governmental and philanthropic efforts to end poverty have not reached scale because they lack the incentives of the market to attract massive resources.

This book opens an extraordinary opportunity for nimble entrepreneurs, investors, and corporate executives that will result not only in vibrant, growing businesses but also a better life for the world's poorest people. One of the most hopeful propositions to come along in a long time. Paul Polak and Mal Warwick's approach is original, ambitious, and practical—and it just may be the key to reducing the number of people in poverty on a very large scale. Polak and Warwick lay out a practical and systematic way to work on a global scale, transforming the lives of hundreds of millions of poor people. President Bill Clinton.

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Against the backdrop of a burning world, a young woman writes honest poetry about discovering a new continent, new love, new meaning, and her own - sometimes confusing - hunt for ever more art, sex, and love. DO YOU BLEND OUT? You're skilled, you're smart, and you know how much you can accomplish, so why aren't prospects beating down your door? It's because they don't know who you are. In BLEND OUT, Snappy Kraken CEO Robert Sofia dives into the marketing history of some of the world's most successful companies, exploring the steps they took that left an unshakable impression with their target audiences and then applying those steps in such a way that any small business can recreate them. But this isn't a book for financial advisors who are looking for a quick fix or marketing hack. As with

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every company that has gone on to lasting success, successful marketing and long-term customer retention takes concerted effort, persistent reinforcement, and an unrelenting desire to be better than you were the day before. It's not easy, but it's exactly how you take your company from meager growth to exceptional success.

The Only Sensible Way to Run a Company

How Great Organizations Do Ordinary Things in Extraordinary Ways

Make Great Money. Work the Way You Like. Have the Life You Want

A Stake in the Outcome

No-Compromise Leadership

Inside the 25 Best Independent Stores in America

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BESTSELLER • “This book delivers completely new and refreshing ideas on how to create value in the world.”—Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Meta “Peter Thiel has built multiple breakthrough companies, and Zero to One shows how.”—Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and Tesla The great secret of our time is that there are still uncharted frontiers to explore and new inventions to create. In Zero to One, legendary entrepreneur and investor Peter Thiel shows how we can find singular ways to create those new things. Thiel begins with the contrarian premise that we live in an age of

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technological stagnation, even if we're too distracted by shiny mobile devices to notice.

Information technology has improved rapidly, but there is no reason why progress should be limited to computers or Silicon Valley. Progress can be achieved in any industry or area of business. It comes from the most important skill that every leader must master: learning to think for yourself. Doing what someone else already knows how to do takes the world from 1 to n, adding more of something familiar. But when you do something new, you go from 0 to 1. The next Bill Gates will not

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build an operating system. The next Larry Page or Sergey Brin won't make a search engine. Tomorrow's champions will not win by competing ruthlessly in today's marketplace. They will escape competition altogether, because their businesses will be unique. Zero to One presents at once an optimistic view of the future of progress in America and a new way of thinking about innovation: it starts by learning to ask the questions that lead you to find value in unexpected places.

Small firms in Chicago employ more than 1.6 million individuals—nearly 50 percent of

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the private work force, according to a new study released this fall by the Small Business Administration. The survey, which defines small firms as those employing less than 500 people, also shows that these businesses generate 47 percent of the area's total receipts of \$278 billion dollars. However, SBA statistics also reveal that, on average, of the small businesses starting today, 53 percent will not be in business four years from now. Of these closings, it's estimated that 15 percent will close due to business failures. Chicago businessman Jay Goltz

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understands what it takes for a small business to succeed.

During the past twenty years he has owned and operated Artists' Frame Service in Chicago. Goltz started the business in 1978, and today it's the largest, custom retail picture framing facility in the world. Now, Goltz shares some his secrets of success.

Ben & Jerry's. Stonyfield Farm. The Body Shop. Tom's of Maine.

All leaders in the socially responsible business movement—and all eventually sold to mega-corporations. Do values-driven businesses have to choose between staying small, selling off, or selling out? Jill

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Bamburg says no. Based on intensive interviews with more than thirty growth-oriented, mission-driven entrepreneurs—including American Apparel, Give Something Back, Wild Planet Toys, Organic Valley Family of Farms, and Village Real Estate—her book explodes the myths of scale from both ends of the spectrum. She debunks both the limiting “small is beautiful” approach as well as the “you have to sell out to grow” mandate. Focusing on the unique challenges that socially conscious companies face, *Getting to Scale* addresses the

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issues that affect all businesses:

Production and personnel

Access to capital and markets

Changes in organizational

structure Ownership and control

Corporate culture Filled with

practical and tested advice,

Getting to Scale provides a

blueprint for socially responsible

entrepreneurs in any industry

who want to benefit larger

groups of customers, have a

greater positive impact on their

communities, and maintain their

independence by scaling up their

enterprises.

The classic story of a Norwegian

pioneer family's struggles with

the land and the elements of the

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Dakota Territory as they try to
make a new life in America.

133 Tough Lessons I Learned
the Hard Way

The Effective Executive

Good Food, Great Business

Smart Growth

The Knack

How Street-smart Entrepreneurs

Learn to Handle Whatever

Comes Up

**It's widely accepted in business that
great companies grow their revenues
and profits year after year - but
bigger is not necessarily better. In
Small Giants, journalist Bo
Burlingham takes us deep inside
fourteen remarkable privately held**

companies, from a brewery to a record label, that chose a different path to success. These organizations quietly rejected the pressure of endless growth, deciding to focus more on satisfying business goals - being the best at what they do, creating a stimulating place to work, providing perfect customer service and making important contributions to their communities. But what are the magic ingredients that make these companies unique? Why and how does their approach work in such widely varying industries? And what lessons can we learn from them? A fresh, inspirational guide to business strategy, Small Giants will help any entrepreneur consider new directions to make their company

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great.

Who Says Elephants Can't Dance?
sums up Lou Gerstner's historic
business achievement, bringing IBM
back from the brink of insolvency to
lead the computer business once
again. Offering a unique case study
drawn from decades of experience at
some of America's top companies --
McKinsey, American Express, RJR
Nabisco -- Gerstner's insights into
management and leadership are
applicable to any business, at any
level. Ranging from strategy to
public relations, from finance to
organization, Gerstner reveals the
lessons of a lifetime running highly
successful companies.
An employer's guide to build
motivation with the employees.

What if every successful start-up followed a predictable pattern, and by knowing that pattern ahead of time, you could be more successful? In *The Hockey Stick Principles*, business consultant Bobby Martin shares his study of more than 100 new businesses, from Lending Tree to Under Armour to iContact, to show that every one of them has had a "hockey stick" growth history, starting with a tinkering period, moving through the daunting "blade years" before finally making it to the crucial inflection point that precedes surging growth. In this simple but incredibly helpful book, Martin takes us through each of those four stages of the hockey stick pattern, giving us a road map that will help

any entrepreneur navigate the inevitable ups and downs of their business's early years.

Built to Sell

What to Do when Your Company is Too Big to be Small But Too Small to be Big

Retail Superstars

Giants in the Earth

Street Smarts

The EXITPreneur's Playbook

Insights, Stories, and Secrets from Inside Amazon

According to John Warrillow, the number one mistake entrepreneurs make is to build a business that relies too heavily on them. Thus, when the time comes to sell, buyers aren't confident that the company—even if it's profitable—can stand on its own. To

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illustrate this, Warrillow introduces us to a fictional small business owner named Alex who is struggling to sell his advertising agency. Alex turns to Ted, an entrepreneur and old family friend, who encourages Alex to pursue three criteria to make his business sellable: * Teachable: focus on products and services that you can teach employees to deliver. * Valuable: avoid price wars by specialising in doing one thing better than anyone else. * Repeatable: generate recurring revenue by engineering products that customers have to repurchase often.

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A Wrinkle in Time is the winner of the 1963 Newbery Medal. It was a dark

and stormy night—Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger. "Wild nights are my glory," the unearthly stranger told them. "I just got caught in a downdraft and blown off course. Let me sit down for a moment, and then I'll be on my way. Speaking of ways, by the way, there is such a thing as a tesseract." A tesseract (in case the reader doesn't know) is a wrinkle in time. To tell more would rob the reader of the enjoyment of Miss L'Engle's unusual book. *A Wrinkle in Time*, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and

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Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school). They are in search of Meg's father, a scientist who disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government on the tesseract problem. The world of fiber optic connections reaching neighborhoods, homes, and businesses will represent as great a change from what came before as the advent of electricity. The virtually unlimited amounts of data we'll be able to send and receive through fiber optic connections will enable a degree of virtual presence that will radically transform health care, education, urban administration and services, agriculture, retail sales, and offices. Yet all of those transformations will pale compared with the innovations

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and new industries that we can't even imagine today. In a fascinating account combining policy expertise and compelling on-the-ground reporting, Susan Crawford reveals how the giant corporations that control cable and internet access in the United States use their tremendous lobbying power to tilt the playing field against competition, holding back the infrastructure improvements necessary for the country to move forward. And she shows how a few cities and towns are fighting monopoly power to bring the next technological revolution to their communities.

Street-Smart Entrepreneur

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The 4 Key Stages to Entrepreneurial

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Simply Brilliant

A Wrinkle in Time

The Coming Tech Revolution—and
Why America Might Miss It

Working Backwards

A columnist for Inc. outlines his theories about street-smart businesspeople who appear to possess unique intuitive gifts, in an anecdotal guide that shares real-life stories about how companies met various challenges by identifying potential problems, focusing on goals, and maintaining perspective. 30,000 first printing.

"The EXITpreneur's Playbook is the ultimate guide to selling an online business. We all need to transition our businesses someday, and those that learn from this book will have a

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smoother experience, an improved deal structure, and a stronger bank account." -Walker Deibel, bestselling author of Buy Then Build Most people start an online business for the freedom, autonomy, and money that come with entrepreneurship-but what they often find instead is the feeling that they're running on a hamster wheel and can't jump off. If you were looking to exit your business, would you know how? Do you know what your business is truly worth? This book will shift your mindset from entrepreneur to EXITpreneur. After all, the majority of all the money you'll ever make from your business comes on the day you sell-so it's important to get the exit right. In The EXITpreneur's Playbook, Joe Valley shares his

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experience in all facets of exiting an online business through direct experiences and real-life examples, with clear math and logic. You'll learn to: ? Assess the value of your business and reverse engineer a path to an incredible exit ? Avoid the "ignorance discount" when selling a business on your own ? Negotiate favorable deal terms and conditions ? Calculate the all-important seller's discretionary earnings ? Create rock-solid pillars every buyer wants *The EXITpreneur's Playbook is the definitive guide to achieving your own incredible exit, at the right time and value, and with the best deal structure that allows you to move on to your next adventure-with not just money in the bank, but satisfaction and peace of mind.*

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Cofounder of Fast Company magazine and bestselling author of Mavericks at Work and Practically Radical shows how true business innovation can spring from the unlikeliest places. Far away from Silicon Valley, in familiar, traditional, even unglamorous fields, ordinary people are unleashing extraordinary advances that amaze customers, energize employees, and create huge economic value. Their secret? They understand that the work of inventing the future doesn't just belong to geeks designing mobile apps and virtual-reality headsets, or to social-media entrepreneurs hoping to launch the next Facebook. Some of today's most compelling organizations are doing brilliant things in simple settings such as retail banks, office

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cleaning companies, department stores, small hospitals, and auto dealerships.

William C. Taylor, cofounder of Fast Company and best-selling author of Practically Radical, traveled thousands of miles to visit these hotbeds of simple brilliance and unearth the principles and practices behind their success. He offers fascinating case studies and powerful lessons that you can apply to do ordinary things in extraordinary ways, regardless of your industry or profession. Consider, for instance, how... ·Miami Beach's dazzling 1111 Lincoln Road reimaged the humble parking garage as a high-profile public space that hosts weddings, yoga classes, and celebrity gatherings.

·USAA, the financial-services giant that provides soldiers and their families

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with insurance and banking products, inspires frontline employees to deliver legendary service by immersing them in military culture. ·Pal's Sudden Service, a fast-food chain with a cult following, serves up burgers and fries with such speed and accuracy that companies from other industries pay to learn from its astonishing discipline. ·Lincoln Electric, a manufacturer based in Euclid, Ohio, dominates its ultracompetitive markets with a fierce devotion to quality and productivity. But the key to its prosperity is a share-the-wealth model that gives everybody a sense of security and a piece of the action. It has maintained a strict no-layoff pledge since 1958. As Taylor writes: "The story of this book, its message for leaders who aim to do

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something important and build something great, is both simple and subversive: In a time of wrenching disruptions and exhilarating advances, of unrelenting turmoil and unlimited promise, the future is open to everybody. The thrill of breakthrough creativity and breakaway performance . . . can be summoned in all sorts of industries and all walks of life, if leaders can reimagine what's possible in their fields." Simply Brilliant shows you how.

How to Succeed As a Small Business Owner And Still Have a Life!

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