

## The Franchise Mba Workbook Mastering The 4 Essential Steps To Owning A Franchise

There is nothing more expensive than ignorance - let The Educated Franchisee serve as your guide for selecting a franchise that meets your needs!

Franchise Your Growth Expert franchise consultant Mark Siebert delivers the ultimate how-to guide to employing the greatest growth strategy ever—franchising. Siebert tells you what to expect, how to move forward, and avoid costly mistakes as he imparts decades of experience, insights, and practical advice to help grow your business exponentially through franchising. Identify the advantages and disadvantages of franchising. Develop a business plan for growth on steroids. Evaluate legal risk, obtain necessary documents, and protect intellectual property. Create marketing plans, build lead generation, and branding for a new franchise. Cultivate the franchisee-franchisor relationship.

The definitive A-to-Z guide to researching, selecting, and starting a viable franchise business. With more and more professionals looking for alternatives to traditional corporate employment, Become a Franchise Owner! informs would-be franchise owners of the joys and perils of purchasing a franchise. Authored by a trusted, feisty, tell-it-how-it-is independent franchising expert, this manual is a (and carefully) researched and select a franchise business. Get tips on how to locate information about franchises, current industry trends, interviews with franchisors, and hot franchise opportunities. Offers a self-evaluation to discover if you are "franchise material." Describes how to choose the right franchise for your specific franchise owners. Owning a franchise isn't for everyone. In fact, as Joel Libava says, "It's really not for most people." But if it is for you, this book can guide you in starting your own successful franchise business.

Named by The Washington Post as one of the 11 Leadership Books to Read in 2018 When it comes to recruiting, motivating, and creating great teams, Patty McCord says most companies have it all wrong. McCord helped create the unique and high-performing culture at Netflix, where she was chief talent officer. In her new book, *Powerful: Building a Culture of Freedom and* elsewhere in Silicon Valley, McCord advocates practicing radical honesty in the workplace, saying good-bye to employees who don't fit the company's emerging needs, and motivating with challenging work, not promises, perks, and bonus plans. McCord argues that the old standbys of corporate HR—annual performance reviews, retention plans, employee empowerment, and other HR practices—have become obsolete. Her road-tested advice, offered with humor and irreverence, provides readers a different path for creating a culture of high performance and profitability. Powerful will change how you think about work and the way a business should be run.

The Ten-Day MBA 4th Ed.  
Introducing Microsoft Power BI  
The Educated Franchisee  
The Guide to Employing the Greatest Growth Strategy Ever  
The Franchisee Handbook  
60 Days to Master Leadership, Sales, Marketing, Execution, Management, Personal Productivity and More  
The How-to Book for Choosing a Winning Franchise  
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**Inc. Yourself is the longest-selling business book in the history of trade publishing. In continuous print since 1977, it has sold more than 700,000 copies to date. For 37 years it has helped entrepreneurs, small-business owners, and professionals save thousands of dollars a year by incorporating. More than 10 million Americans have started their own business since 2002. This "entrepreneurial classic" (CNBC) is now completely revised and updated to help new and recent entrepreneurs—many of them Fortune 500 downsizing casualties. Written in clear, easy-to-understand language, Inc. Yourself is a no-nonsense, step-by-step guide to success. It provides meticulously researched information on the latest tax laws and legislation that affect individuals and small businesses. From selecting the right type of corporation for your business or profession to choosing the benefits to offer and designing the right pension plan, Inc. Yourself provides all the information and guidance you need to take charge of your career and secure a profitable future.**

**Celebrated author Rick Bisio has teamed up with exceptional co-author Britt Schroeter to bring to you The Franchisee Playbook. This is the follow-up to the highly successful The Educated Franchisee: The Insider's GuideFilled with necessary charts, graphs, formulas, 90+ exercises, and resources as well as helpful advice, The Franchisee Playbook includes everything you need to closely examine a franchise system and choose a winning franchise for you.This playbook offers practical exercises to help you: - Analyze if franchise ownership fits your skills and personality.- Identify and target best-in-class franchise systems.- Confidently approach and interview franchisees.- Discover if franchisees are making money—and how much.- Evaluate the best financing alternatives.- Obtain hidden knowledge from the Franchise Disclosure Document.- Make a confident decision as to whether the franchise is right for you.Achieve independence and gain entrepreneurial confidence--start your own business today! Every tool you need is within these pages. You just have to open the toolbox**

**Gain all of the techniques, teachings, tools, and methodologies required to be an effective first-time product manager. The overarching goal of this book is to help you understand the product manager role, give you concrete examples of what a product manager does, and build the foundational skill-set that will gear you towards a career in product management. To be an effective PM in the tech industry, you need to have a basic understanding of technology. In this book you'll get your feet wet by exploring the skills a PM needs in their toolset and cover enough ground to make you feel comfortable in a technical discussion. A PM is not expected to have the same level of depth or knowledge as a software engineer, but knowing enough to continue the conversation can be a benefit in your career in product management. A complete product manager will have a 360-degree understanding of user experience and how to craft beautiful products that are easy-to-use, with the end user in mind. You'll continue your journey with a walk through basic UX principles and even go through the process of building a simple set of UI frames for a mock app. Aside from the technical and design expertise, a PM needs to master the social aspects of the role. Acting as a bridge between engineering, marketing, and other teams can be difficult, and this book will dive into the business and soft skills of product management. After reading Product Management Essentials you will be one of a select few technically-capable PMs who can interface with management, stakeholders, customers, and the engineering team. What You Will Learn Gain the traits of a successful PM from industry PMs, VCs, and other professionals See the day-to-day responsibilities of a PM and how the role differs across tech companies Absorb the technical knowledge necessary to interface with engineers and estimate timelines Design basic mocks, high-fidelity wireframes, and fully polished user interfaces Create core documents and handle business interactions Who This Book Is For Individuals who are eyeing a transition into a PM role or have just entered a PM role at a new organization for the first time. They currently hold positions as a software engineer, marketing manager, UX designer, or data analyst and want to move away from a feature-focused view to a high-level strategic view of the product vision.**

**Principles of Management is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of the introductory course on management. This is a traditional approach to management using the leading, planning, organizing, and controlling approach. Management is a broad business discipline, and the Principles of Management course covers many management areas such as human resource management and strategic management, as well as behavioral areas such as motivation. No one individual can be an expert in all areas of management, so an additional benefit of this text is that specializations in a variety of areas have authored individual chapters. Contributing Authors David S. Bright, Wright State University Anastasia H. Cortes, Virginia Tech University Eva Hartmann, University of Richmond K. Praveen Parboteeah, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Jon L. Paine, University of Minnesota-Duluth James R. Price, Amu Shah, Frostburg State University Sirl Terjesen, The Ohio State University Joseph Weisz, Bentley University Margaret A. White, Oklahoma State University Donald G. Gardner, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs Jason Lambert, Texas Woman's University Laura M. Leduc, James Madison University Joy Leopold, Webster University Jeffrey Muldoon, Emporia State University James S. O'Rourke, University of Notre Dame**

**Fundamentals of Business (Black and White)**

**Game-Changing Steps to Becoming a Thriving Franchise Superstar**

**A Step-By-Step Guide To Mastering The Skills Taught In America's Top Business Schools**

**A Step-by-Step Manual for Choosing a Winning Franchise**

**The Franchisee Workbook**

**A Step-by-Step Guide to Finding Gratifying Work, Fully Revised and Updated**

**How to Find a Great Franchise That Fits Your Goals, Skills and Budget**

**Street Smart Franchising**

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**McDonalds, Sonic, Subway, Dairy Queen, Circle K, Piggy Wiggly—all well-known franchises in America and beyond. You've probably sometimes wondered how so many of them could exist, how they manage to stay in business, and how they continue to thrive. Maybe you've even thought about running one of your own, but didn't know where to begin. Well, now you do, thanks to *Running a Franchise For Dummies*. Pick the perfect franchise for you. Create marketing plans and branding for your new franchise. Understand all of the complex legal issues surrounding the ownership of a franchise. Uncover the secrets to continued success and future expansion. Running a Franchise For Dummies is a Marc Andreessen and Reid Hoffman Time-honed best practices. Stories of real companies, from Airbnb to eBay. You'll learn: Which skills and characteristics make for the best entrepreneurs. How to gauge potential opportunities. The basics of business models and competitive strategy. How to test your assumptions—before you build a whole business. How to select the right legal structure for your company. How to navigate funding options, from venture capital and angel investors to accelerators and crowdfunding. How to develop sales and marketing programs for your venture. What entrepreneurial leaders must do to build culture and set direction as the business keeps growing. HBR Handbooks provide ambitious professionals with the frameworks, advice, and tools they need to excel in their careers. With step-by-step guidance, time-honed best practices, real-life stories, and concise explanations of research published in Harvard Business Review, each comprehensive volume helps you to stand out from the pack—whatever your role.**

**Revised and updated to answer the challenges of a rapidly changing business world, the 4th edition of The Ten-Day MBA includes the latest topics taught at America's top business schools, from corporate ethics and compliance to financial planning and real estate to leadership and negotiation. With more than 400,000 copies sold worldwide, this internationally acclaimed guide distills the lessons of the most popular business school courses taught at Harvard, Stanford, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Chicago, Northwestern, and the University of Virginia. Author Steven A. Silbiger delivers research straight from the notes of real MBA students attending these top programs today—giving you the tools you need to get ahead in business and in life.**

**A new classic, cited by leaders and media around the globe as a highly recommended read for anyone interested in innovation. In the Innovator's DNA, author Jeffrey Dyer, Hal Gregersen, and bestselling author Clayton Christensen (The Innovator's Dilemma, The Innovator's Solution, How Will You Measure Your Life?) build on what we know about disruptive innovation to show how individuals can develop the skills necessary to move progressively from idea to impact. By identifying behaviors of the world's best innovators—from leaders at Amazon and Apple to those at Google, Skype, and Virgin Group—the authors outline five discovery skills that distinguish innovative entrepreneurs and executives from ordinary managers: Associating, Questioning, Observing, Networking, and Experimenting. Once you master these competencies (the authors provide a self-assessment for rating your own innovator's DNA), the authors explain how to generate ideas, collaborate to implement them, and build innovation skills throughout the organization to result in a competitive edge. This innovation advantage will translate into a premium in your company's stock price—an innovation premium—which is possible only by building the code for innovation right into your organization's processes and philosophy. Practical and provocative, The Innovator's DNA is an essential resource for individuals and teams who want to strengthen their innovative prowess.**

**This proven, popular reference has been completely updated to better guide readers through the current franchise environment. Real-life examples of both service- and product-oriented franchises and useful checklists prevent mistakes and save time and money. Contact information for state and federal franchising regulatory agencies and a listing of useful publications guide new franchisees to the resources they need.**

**Changing International Structures, Adaptive Strategies, and the Impact on Institutions : Report of the AACSB International Globalization of Management Education Task Force**

**A Painfully Honest Field Guide to the Startup World**

**Jeff Bezos and the Age of Amazon**

**Startup Boards**

**The Business Systems Needed to Capture the Power of Your Food Franchise**

**Business Model Generation**

**Franchise Management For Dummies**

**Lost and Founder**

**The 10th anniversary edition of A New Earth with a new preface by Eckhart Tolle. With his bestselling spiritual guide The Power of Now, Eckhart Tolle inspired millions of readers to discover the freedom and joy of a life lived "in the now." In A New Earth, Tolle expands on these powerful ideas to show how transcending our ego-based state of consciousness is not only essential to personal happiness, but also the key to ending conflict and suffering throughout the world. Tolle describes how our attachment to the ego creates the dysfunction that leads to anger, jealousy, and unhappiness, and shows readers how to awaken to a new state of consciousness and follow "the path to the truly fulfilling existence. Illuminating, enlightening, and uplifting, A New Earth is a profoundly spiritual manifesto for a better way of life—and for building a better world.**

**The author reveals the personality types most likely to succeed at franchising, and identifies entrepreneurial traits that may increase risk of failure. Plus, it takes an in-depth look at the research and investigation of a franchise, something glossed over in most franchise books.**

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**The Franchise Fix helps Franchisees set up their food franchise business for success. Investing on a proven food franchise does not guarantee success for the franchisee. To be a successful franchisee, franchisees must set up the right management systems to support their business as well as take advantage of everything the franchisor has to offer. The Franchise Fix is a step-by-step guide that shows franchisees how to do exactly that! Covering the winning systems and processes that food industry veteran Aicha Bascaro discovered from working with hundreds of successful franchises across the US and around the world, The Franchise Fix helps franchisees take control of their food franchise and increase their profits.**

**Franchise Broker's Handbook**

**4 Pillars to Strengthen, Protect and Grow Your Business**

**The Franchise Fix**

**Tools and Techniques for Becoming an Effective Technical Product Manager**

**Building a Culture of Freedom and Responsibility**

**Powerful**

**Become a Franchise Owner!**

**Hire Yourself**

**Speed in acquiring the knowledge and skills to perform tasks is crucial. Yet, it still ordinarily takes many years to achieve high proficiency in countless jobs and professions, in government, business, industry, and throughout the private sector. There would be great advantages if regimens of training could be established that could accelerate the achievement of high levels of proficiency. This book discusses the construct of "accelerated learning." It includes a review of the research literature on learning acquisition and retention, focus on establishing what works, and why. This includes several demonstrations of accelerated learning, with specific ideas, plans and roadmaps for doing so. The impetus for the book was a tasking from the Defense Science and Technology Advisory Group, which is the top level Science and Technology policy-making panel in the Department of Defense. However, the book uses both military and non-military exemplar case studies. It is likely that methods for acceleration will leverage technologies and capabilities including virtual training, cross-training, training across strategic and tactical levels, and training for resilience**

**and adaptivity. This volume provides a wealth of information and guidance for those interested in the concept or phenomenon of "accelerating learning"— in education, training, psychology, academia in general, government, military, or industry.**

**Take Your Business From Average to Extraordinary The Wealthy Franchisee pulls concepts from cognitive behavioral therapy train science, interviews, and Scott Siebenberg's firsthand experience as a franchisee to help readers replicate the mental habits, tactics, and financial results of high-performing franchisees. As a franchising consultant, Scott Greenberg has helped franchise owners and franchisees improve their performance. Readers will learn how to Explore their own mental responses and become more self-aware Bring out the best in employees and build superstar teams Dazzle customers and increase sales with emotionally satisfying experiences Optimize the human elements of their operation so they can grow into a next-level enterprise and become wealthy**

**The authoritative account of the rise of Amazon and its intensely driven founder, Jeff Bezos, praised by the Seattle Times as "the definitive account of how a tech icon came to life." Amazon.com started off delivering books through the mail. But its visionary founder, Jeff Bezos, wasn't content with being a bookseller. He wanted Amazon to become the everything store, offering limitless selection and seductive convenience at disruptively low prices. To do so, he developed a corporate culture of relentless ambition and secrecy that's never been cracked. Until now. Brad Stone enjoyed unprecedented access to current and former Amazon employees and Bezos family members, giving readers the first in-depth, fly-on-the-wall account of life at Amazon. Compared to tech's other elite innovators -- Jobs, Gates, Zuckerberg -- Bezos is a private man. But he stands out for his restless pursuit of new markets, leading Amazon into risky new ventures like the Kindle and cloud computing, and transforming retail in the same way Henry Ford revolutionized manufacturing. The Everything Store is the revealing, definitive biography of the company that placed one of the first**

**and largest bets on the Internet and forever changed the way we shop and read.**

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**A Handbook for Visionaries: Game Changers, and Challengers**

**Adventures in Franchise Ownership**

**The Innovator's DNA**

**The Franchise Rules**

**Know the Costs Or Pay the Price**

**Mastering the Five Skills of Disruptive Innovators**

**Training for High Proficiency in a Complex World**

**How to Profit by Setting Up Your Own Corporation**

**The entrepreneurial guide to kick-starting your career, fully revised and updated for the ever-changing modern job market Despite a recovering economy, many Americans are still losing their jobs, while many who do have jobs are overworked, maxed out, and miserable. In this fully revised and updated edition of I Don't Know What I Want, But I Know It's Not This, career coach Julie Jansen shows how anyone—whether you're unhappy with your job, or without one—can implement a real plan to change your career, even if your business is more complicated than ever before. Jansen has updated her classic guide to address the unique challenges of today's job market, from the ever-more important world of social media to new ways of finding your own endeavors online. Filled with quizzes, personality assessments, and real-life examples, this guide helps you identify the type of work you're best suited for and provides the know-how—and the inspiration—for transforming an uncertain time into an opportunity for meaningful change.**

**Rarely, if ever, have business schools experienced change as far-reaching and powerful as during the current wave of globalization. Understanding these changes, and their implications, was the charge given to an AACSB Task Force on Globalization of Management Education. In this comprehensive report, the Task Force explores broad globalization trends in management education that command the attention of any individual or institution striving to navigate in today's environment. Then, by exploring individual business school strategies, it provides valuable insights into how business schools can and should respond. The report aims to encourage and guide business schools to embrace globalization in ways that are mission-appropriate, manageable given available resources, and meaningful to the stakeholders being served. For organizations serving business schools, it will be a catalyst for action that elevates and improves business schools' capabilities. Readers will be left with the conviction that great opportunities exist for business schools to move from keeping pace with the sweeping changes of globalization, to leading the way.**

**Steven Silbiger has distilled the material of the ten most popular business schools in order to teach readers the language of business. At the rate of one easy-to-understand chapter a day, this book will enable readers to absorb the material, speak the language, and, most importantly, acquire the confidence and expertise needed to get ahead in the competitive business world.**

**15 Simple Steps to Success This is the follow-up to the highly successful The Educated Franchisee: The How-to Book for Choosing a Winning Franchise.**

**Brick & Mortar Franchise Success**

**Franchise Bible**

**A Step-By-step Guide To Mastering The Skills Taught In America's Top Business Schools**

**Awakening to Your Life's Purpose**

**Find Your Focus, Master Distraction, and Get the Right Things Done**

**15 Minutes**

**How to Buy a Franchise or Franchise Your Own Business**

**Everything You Need to Know About Buying a Franchise**

**Is Franchising Right For You? Why start a business from scratch when you can have a piece of the greatest expansion strategy ever conceived? Franchising is BIG and getting bigger in every sector—from restaurants and coffee chains to pet care and insurance. There is a franchise for everything and everyone. As a potential franchise owner, you can be in charge of your own success while being supported by a known brand. Franchising gives you that ability, along with the satisfaction that comes only with building something that can last a lifetime and beyond. And, if you are successful, you eventually stop sweating the details and have the freedom to enjoy your life in a way that most around you cannot. In The Franchisee Handbook, franchise expert Mark Siebert walks you through the process of finding and buying a franchise, helps you ask the right questions of franchisors and yourself, and gives you the resources you need to decide if franchising is right for you. Siebert shows you how to do your homework before making what could be the greatest financial decision of your life. You will learn how to: Accurately assess the risks of buying a franchise Determine if a franchise is a good fit for your personal and potential franchise opportunities Create a startup plan that meets your business goals Prepare your franchise for success Why dream about owning a franchise when you can take concrete steps to make it happen today? With The Franchisee Handbook as your guide, you have the power in your hands to start your own franchise journey right now.**

**This professional development book provides continuing education for franchise brokers on how to increase sales and streamline operations. Time is the currency of the brokerage business, and it must be spent wisely in order to thrive. Daniel Brunell is President of Dearborn West, one of North America's top franchise development firms. Over the last 15 years, he has trained and mentored hundreds of brokers using the best practices he's developed in his more than 30 years of recruiting experience. The ideas in this book will help you save time, be more efficient, and close more deals. You will find that subtle changes in your perspective and operating procedures, can yield significant dividends to your bottom line and your stress level!**

**Marty Strong's direct and compelling message is focused on business but in truth, its leadership tenets are agnostic as to industry, marketplace, private or public setting. This is not a textbook. It is a personal conversation between a high-performance business leader and professionals searching for actionable insights that deliver results. Be Nimble provides mentorship, tips, tools, and useful examples to help drive home its valuable leadership insights. Marty Strong has an accomplished leadership career spanning four decades. He worked his way from enlisted SEAL Team member to the SEAL Officer corps, retiring with twenty years' service in that highly-decorated and esteemed military unit. He is the author of the Time Warrior Sagas and the SEAL Strike Series.**

**Being a business owner is a full-time job. In this book, you'll learn how to manage your business before it manages you. You'll also learn how to manage your business after it manages you. This is a book for you if you are a business owner who is looking for ways to grow your business. They're tired of the uncertainty that goes along with corporate jobs and of creating financial rewards for others. These are people who want to be in control of their future. Contrary to the thinking of some, being a successful franchise owner requires a lot more than just plugging down a pile of money and waiting for the profits to roll in. I know many franchise owners: some are extremely successful while others struggle. In most cases the difference between the two groups is not due to the skill or dedication of the owner, but his/her "fit" with the franchise system. During my years as both an owner and broker of franchised businesses, I'm frequently asked how to find a great "fitting" franchise. Without realizing it I developed rules that help guide my clients to find that great "fit."**

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Franchising is the fastest-growing method of conducting business in the world. Why? Because it works! But don't be fooled - success isn't guaranteed. Over the course of a few decades in development, I've seen millions of dollars wasted on fixing problems that, in many instances, could have been avoided altogether. Like most business owners, your primary goal is to increase the profitability of your business. You can't actually do that until your location opens. While you may know a little bit about a lot of things, the devil is in the details. When you don't know what you don't know, especially when it comes to leasing space and building new locations, you could be in for a long, rough ride. The reality of how much you don't know (and what can happen next!) can be all-consuming. Enthusiasm, persistence, and dogged determination won't be enough to save you. Do not. Do Not. DO NOT sign a lease without reading this book! Once a lease is executed, you are "officially" a business owner - even if your new location never actually opens! A lot of professionals with years of business experience assure themselves that there isn't any part of the building process that they either don't know or can't figure out. What they don't take into account is the additional time that ticks away while they learn the ropes - and make costly mistakes in the process. No matter how much business experience and success you have had in past roles, if you are not well versed in all that is involved in getting your new location open, failure will find you! Building new locations hasn't changed much over the years. Because it happens thousands of times a day across the country, it's easy to adopt the mindset of, "I can figure this out." The truth is that you CAN figure it out - but how much will you spend or forego in the process? Ignorance isn't bliss - it's EXPENSIVE! Failure is not an option - until it happens! Then what? The purpose of this book is to take the guesswork out of the entire development process so you know exactly what it takes to get your new location open in the least amount of time, for the best overall price, and more important than anything else, without making costly mistakes in the process. Whether you are an independent business owner or a franchisee, if you have plans to lease space to build your first (or your next) location, the book you're holding in your hands will become one of the most valuable investments you can make! To your success...

**The information required to license a franchise is a substantial sum. The results can be tremendously lucrative, providing both financial and professional independence, but there are also plenty of potential pitfalls. Better Business Bureau's Buying a Franchise: Insider's Guide to Success is packed with essential information, including worksheets, checklists, and charts. Experienced entrepreneurs from the Better Business Bureau guide investors from selecting a franchise to negotiating a contract to techniques for managing a profitable business.**

**The secret to owning the right franchise business is no secret if you understand what it takes to succeed. The single most important factor is preparation. This book will help with your preparation. Designed to help busy professionals understand and apply the concepts and methodologies essential to accurate franchise analysis, this workbook provides a step-by-step guide to the road to financial independence but only if you can find a great franchise that is a great "fit" for you. In this Franchise MBA before you put them to use in real world situations. This informative study guide contains carefully constructed exercises with corporate jobs and of creating financial rewards for others. These are people who want to be in control of their future. Contrary to the thinking of some, being a successful franchise owner requires a lot more than just plugging down a pile of money and waiting for the profits to roll in. I know many franchise owners: some are extremely successful while others struggle. In most cases the difference between the two groups is not due to the skill or dedication of the owner, but his/her "fit" with the franchise system. During my years as both an owner and broker of franchised businesses, I'm frequently asked how to find a great "fitting" franchise. Without realizing it I developed rules that help guide my clients to find that great "fit."**

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Franchising is the fastest-growing method of conducting business in the world. Why? Because it works! But don't be fooled - success isn't guaranteed. Over the course of a few decades in development, I've seen millions of dollars wasted on fixing problems that, in many instances, could have been avoided altogether. Like most business owners, your primary goal is to increase the profitability of your business. You can't actually do that until your location opens. While you may know a little bit about a lot of things, the devil is in the details. When you don't know what you don't know, especially when it comes to leasing space and building new locations, you could be in for a long, rough ride. The reality of how much you don't know (and what can happen next!) can be all-consuming. Enthusiasm, persistence, and dogged determination won't be enough to save you. Do not. Do Not. DO NOT sign a lease without reading this book! Once a lease is executed, you are "officially" a business owner - even if your new location never actually opens! A lot of professionals with years of business experience assure themselves that there isn't any part of the building process that they either don't know or can't figure out. What they don't take into account is the additional time that ticks away while they learn the ropes - and make costly mistakes in the process. No matter how much business experience and success you have had in past roles, if you are not well versed in all that is involved in getting your new location open, failure will find you! Building new locations hasn't changed much over the years. Because it happens thousands of times a day across the country, it's easy to adopt the mindset of, "I can figure this out." The truth is that you CAN figure it out - but how much will you spend or forego in the process? Ignorance isn't bliss - it's EXPENSIVE! Failure is not an option - until it happens! Then what? The purpose of this book is to take the guesswork out of the entire development process so you know exactly what it takes to get your new location open in the least amount of time, for the best overall price, and more important than anything else, without making costly mistakes in the process. Whether you are an independent business owner or a franchisee, if you have plans to lease space to build your first (or your next) location, the book you're holding in your hands will become one of the most valuable investments you can make! To your success...

**The information required to license a franchise is a substantial sum. The results can be tremendously lucrative, providing both financial and professional independence, but there are also plenty of potential pitfalls. Better Business Bureau's Buying a Franchise: Insider's Guide to Success is packed with essential information, including worksheets, checklists, and charts. Experienced entrepreneurs from the Better Business Bureau guide investors from selecting a franchise to negotiating a contract to techniques for managing a profitable business.**

interviewing many people, checking references, and remembering that there should be no fear in rejecting a wrong fit Explores the importance of running great meetings, mixing social time with business time, and much more Recommends being a board member yourself at some other organization so you see the other side of the equation Engaging and informative, Startup Boards is a practical guide to one of the most important pieces of the startup puzzle.

Is this blue book more valuable than a business degree? Most people enter their professional careers not understanding how to grow a business. At times, this makes them feel lost, or worse, like a fraud pretending to know what they're doing. It's hard to be successful without a clear understanding of how business works. These 60 daily readings are crucial for any professional or business owner who wants to take their career to the next level. New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestselling author, Donald Miller knows that business is more than just a good idea made profitable - it's a system of unspoken rules, rarely taught by MBA schools. If you are attempting to profitably grow your business or career, you need elite business knowledge-knowledge that creates tangible value. Even if you had the time, access, or money to attend a Top 20 business school, you would still be missing the practical knowledge that propels the best and brightest forward. However, there is another way to achieve this insider skill development, which can both drastically improve your career earnings and the satisfaction of achieving your goals. Donald Miller learned how to rise to the top using the principles he shares in this book. He wrote Business Made Simple to teach others what it takes to grow your career and create a company that is healthy and profitable. These short, daily entries and accompanying videos will add enormous value to your business and the organization you work for. In this sixty-day guide, readers will be introduced to the nine areas where truly successful leaders and their businesses excel: Character: What kind of person succeeds in business? Leadership: How do you unite a team around a mission? Personal Productivity: How can you get more done in less time? Messaging: Why aren't customers paying more attention? Marketing: How do I build a sales funnel? Business Strategy: How does a business really work? Execution: How can we get things done? Sales: How do I close more sales? Management: What does a good manager do? Business Made Simple is the must-have guide for anyone who feels lost or overwhelmed by the modern business climate, even if they attended business school. Learn what the most successful business leaders have known for years through the simple but effective secrets shared in these pages. Take things further: If you want to be worth more as a business professional, read each daily entry and follow along with the free videos that will be sent to you after you buy the book.

Based upon his weekly Harvard Business Review columns (which is one of the most popular columns on HBR.com, receiving hundreds of thousands of unique page views a month), 18 MINUTES clearly shows how busy people can cut through all the daily clutter and distractions and find a way to focus on those key items which are truly the top priorities in our lives. Bregman works from the premise that the best way to combat constant and distracting interruptions is to create productive distractions of one's own. Based upon a series of short bite-sized chapters, his approach allows us to safely navigate through the constant chatter of emails, text messages, phone calls, and endless meetings that prevent us from focusing our time on those things that are truly important to us. Mixing first-person insights along with unique case studies, Bregman sprinkles his charming book with pathways which help guide us -- pathways that can get us on the right trail in 18 minutes or less.

Everything You Need to Launch and Grow Your New Business