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Captures the stories of established entrepreneurs to help those who want to learn.

Called "the world's conscience" and one of the 100 most influential people of our time by Time magazine, Jan Egeland has been the public face of the United Nations. As Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, he was in charge of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) for three and a half years. One of the bravest and most adventuresome figures on the international scene, Egeland takes us to the frontlines of war and chaos in Iraq, to scenes of ethnic cleansing in Darfur, to the ground zeroes of famine, earthquakes, and tsunamis. He challenges the first world to act. A Billion Lives is his on-the-ground account of his work in the most dangerous places in the world, where he has led relief efforts, negotiated truces with warlords, and intervened in what many had thought to be hopeless situations. As one of Secretary-General Kofi Annan's closest advisers, Jan Egeland was at the heart of crises during a difficult period in UN history, when the organization was plagued by the divisive aftermath of the Iraq war, the Oil-for-Food scandal, and terror attacks against UN workers. On the day Egeland came to New York to take up his job, the UN building in Baghdad was destroyed by a huge bomb, killing one of his predecessors, Sergio de Mello. Two months later Annan sent Egeland to Iraq to judge whether the UN could keep a presence there. Since that first mission to Baghdad, Egeland has been envoy to such places as Darfur, Eastern Congo, Lebanon, Gaza, Northern Israel, Northern Uganda, and Colombia. He coordinated the massive international relief efforts after the Indian Ocean tsunami and South Asian earthquake. As a negotiator and activist, Egeland is famous for direct language, whether he's addressing warlords, guerrilla leaders, generals, or heads of state. A Billion Lives is his passionate, adventure-filled eyewitness account of the catastrophes the world faces. And so Egeland writes that he has met the best and worst among us, has "confronted warlords, mass murderers, and tyrants, but [has] met many more peacemakers, relief workers, and human rights activists who risk their lives at humanity's first line of defense." In spite of the desperate need of so many, Egeland is convinced that, "For the vast majority of people, the world is getting better, that there is more peace, more people fed and educated, and fewer forced to become refugees than a generation ago. So there is reason for optimism," he concludes in this groundbreaking book that does not flinch but holds out reasons for hope.

It only took five years for two brothers-in-law to create a billion-dollar, award-winning, take-no-prisoners cannabis company called HEXO. How did they do it? That's the story. From early roadblocks and devastating personal and financial setbacks to explosive growth and some of the biggest cannabis deals in global history, Billion Dollar Start-Up not only recounts the HEXO story but the history of Canada's momentous road to legalization. In this part fast-paced memoir, part high-octane business book, writer and journalist Julie Beun gives us an intimate look at the life of a start-up and the ferocious entrepreneurial drive it takes to succeed —

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written in real-time, as the story unfolded. Throughout history, there have been fewer than 100 Canadians who have started a company and lived to see it become worth one billion dollars. Adam Miron and Sébastien St-Louis are two of them. This is their story.

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • A captivating exploration of deep time and humanity's search for purpose, from the world-renowned physicist and best-selling author of *The Elegant Universe*. "Few humans share Greene's mastery of both the latest cosmological science and English prose." —*The New York Times* *Until the End of Time* is Brian Greene's breathtaking new exploration of the cosmos and our quest to find meaning in the face of this vast expanse. Greene takes us on a journey from the big bang to the end of time, exploring how lasting structures formed, how life and mind emerged, and how we grapple with our existence through narrative, myth, religion, creative expression, science, the quest for truth, and a deep longing for the eternal. From particles to planets, consciousness to creativity, matter to meaning—Brian Greene allows us all to grasp and appreciate our fleeting but utterly exquisite moment in the cosmos.

**NOW AVAILABLE IN PAPERBACK** The future belongs to those who see the possibilities before they become obvious This is the most exciting time ever to be part of the business world. Throughout history, there are some events that stand out as so groundbreaking that they completely change life as we know it. The Apollo moon landing of 1961 was one of those events the invention of the Apple personal computer was another. In this book, John Sculley former CEO of both Pepsi and Apple claims we are in an era that is giving birth to numerous groundbreaking events and inventions moonshots that will change the way we live and work for generations to come. The time is ripe, according to Sculley, for a new breed of innovative entrepreneurs to build businesses across industries that will bring in billions of dollars while changing people s lives for the better. And in this book, he ll show you how to do it. *Moonshot!* lays out a roadmap for building a truly transformative business, beginning with a can t-fail concept and drawing on clear examples from companies who ve done innovation right."

Why do citizens of states with strict surveillance care so little about their digital privacy? Why do Brazilians eschew geo-tagging on social media? What drives young Indians to friend "foreign" strangers on Facebook and give "missed calls" to people? Payal Arora answers these questions and many more about the internet's next billion users.

*Super Founders* uses a data-driven approach to understand what really differentiates billion-dollar startups from the rest—revealing that nearly everything we thought was true about them is false! Ali Tamaseb has spent thousands of hours manually amassing what may be the largest dataset ever collected on startups, comparing billion-dollar startups with those that failed to become one—30,000 data points on nearly every factor: number of competitors, market size, the founder's age, his or her university's ranking, quality of investors, fundraising time, and many, many more. And what he found looked far different than expected. Just to mention a few: Most unicorn founders had no industry experience; There's no disadvantage to being a solo founder or to being a non-technical CEO; Less than 15% went through any kind of accelerator program; Over half had strong competitors when starting--being first to market with an idea does not actually matter. You will also hear the stories of the early days of billion-dollar

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startups first-hand. The book includes exclusive interviews with the founders/investors of Zoom, Instacart, PayPal, Nest, Github, Flatiron Health, Kite Pharma, Facebook, Stripe, Airbnb, YouTube, LinkedIn, Lyft, DoorDash, Coinbase, and Square, venture capital investors like Elad Gil, Peter Thiel, Alfred Lin from Sequoia Capital and Keith Rabois of Founders Fund, as well as previously untold stories about the early days of ByteDance (TikTok), WhatsApp, Dropbox, Discord, DiDi, Flipkart, Instagram, Careem, Peloton, and SpaceX. Packed with counterintuitive insights and inside stories from people who have built massively successful companies, *Super Founders* is a paradigm-shifting and actionable guide for entrepreneurs, investors, and anyone interested in what makes a startup successful.

Whether you're just starting out or already a Fortune 500 giant, *App Secrets* is for you. *App Secrets* will show you how to: - Turn Your App Idea into a Million-Dollar Reality - Build Your App Business from the Ground Up and Love What You Do - Escape Your 9-to-5 Job and Live the Life of Your Dreams - Impact the Lives of Millions Across the World - And Lots More... All of the most successful apps, including Candy Crush, Instagram, Airbnb, Uber, and Snapchat incorporate the same fundamental traits. These elements are made easy to understand in what Sean Casto calls "App Secrets," to drive breakout success and achieve explosive growth. *App Secrets* uncovers how you can use these same strategies that today's fastest growing apps use to create your own Million Dollar or even a Billion Dollar app. You'll discover why some die and others succeed so you can avoid big mistakes and develop big winners. You will learn, step-by-step, highly successful methodologies, including: "Skyrocket Downloads Method" - Discover how apps DOUBLE, TRIPLE, or even 10X downloads through strategic organic marketing initiatives. This same method mastered by Flyp and TagFi can turn an app into a global phenomenon. "Viral App Blueprint"- Learn the specific blueprint of how today's smartest apps like Pokemon Go and Uber go viral and become instantly adopted by Millions. "Addiction Framework" - Discover the framework championed by Candy Crush and Snapchat to get people addicted to using your app every day, and making it indispensable.

A Wall Street Journal Business Bestseller: This "vivid" inside story of WeWork and its CEO tells the remarkable saga of one of the most audacious, and improbable, rises and falls in American business history (Ken Auletta). Christened a potential savior of Silicon Valley's startup culture, Adam Neumann was set to take WeWork, his office share company disrupting the commercial real estate market, public, cash out on the company's forty-seven billion dollar valuation, and break the string of major startups unable to deliver to shareholders. But as employees knew, and investors soon found out, WeWork's capital was built on promises that the company was more than a real estate purveyor, that in fact it was a transformational technology company. Veteran journalist Reeves Weideman dives deep into WeWork and its CEO's astronomical rise, from the marijuana and tequila-filled board rooms to cult-like company summer camps and consciousness-raising with Anthony Kiedis. *Billion Dollar Loser* is a character-driven business narrative that captures, through the fascinating psyche of a billionaire founder and his wife and co-founder, the slippery state of global capitalism.

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A Wall Street Journal Business Bestseller “Vivid, carefully reported drama that readers will gulp down as if it were a fast-paced novel” (Ken Auletta)

John McCarthy MBE, of McCarthy & Stone, is a self-made multimillionaire. He and his family have been long-term members of The Times Rich List. One of the best examples of the self-made man, John started working life at fifteen as a "chippy". Every venture he has embarked on, he has achieved with drive and success. His legendary reputation is as the most successful builder of retirement homes across Europe. He has also built and skippered winning ocean-racing yachts. He has owned and run a top polo team. He became a big game hunter and avid game bird shooter, underwater diver, skier and squash player. He makes other septuagenarians look really old. In this book John McCarthy recounts his fascinating life story so far. But these are not just the interesting memoirs of a successful man. John's tussles with bankers and lawyers, planners and politicians, Government red tape and political autocracy, competitors and recalcitrant employees tell a story that has real relevance to all aspiring entrepreneurs in whatever field of endeavour. John McCarthy's rules of engagement and how to build a billion pound company are as topical now as they were when he did it.

Billionaires are extremely rare, and their mindset differs hugely from ordinary millionaires. The author worked with some of the very best entrepreneurs and distilled their secrets into 20 principles that enabled them to start from zero and create billions in value. This book gives you the roadmap to follow their path to extreme wealth and success.

The former Apple CEO “delivers a clear message to individuals, entrepreneurs, and corporations: change . . . or wither” (Booklist). The future belongs to those who see the possibilities before they become obvious. This is the most exciting time ever to be part of the business world. Throughout history, there are some events that stand out as so groundbreaking that they completely change life as we know it. The Apollo moon landing of 1961 was one of those events—the invention of the Apple personal computer was another. In this book, John Sculley, former CEO of both Pepsi and Apple, discusses an era that is giving birth to numerous groundbreaking events and inventions—moonshots—that will change the way we live and work for generations to come. He offers wisdom for a new breed of innovative entrepreneurs to build businesses across industries that will bring in billions of dollars—while changing people’s lives for the better. Moonshot! lays out a roadmap for building a truly transformative business, beginning with a can’t-fail concept and drawing on clear examples from companies who’ve done innovation right.

The inspiring true story of Shark Tank star Barbara Corcoran--and her best advice for anyone starting a business. After failing at twenty-two jobs, Barbara Corcoran borrowed \$1,000 from a boyfriend, quit her job as a diner waitress, and started a tiny real estate office in New York City. Using the unconventional lessons she learned from her homemaker

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mom, she gradually built it into a \$6 billion dollar business. Now Barbara's even more famous for the no-nonsense wisdom she offers to entrepreneurs on Shark Tank, ABC's hit reality TV show. Shark Tales is down-to-earth, frank, and as heartwarming as it is smart. After reading it don't be surprised if you find yourself thinking, "If she can do it, so can I." Nothing would make Barbara happier.

The riveting story of the entrepreneurs and renegades fighting to bring lab-grown meat to the world. The trillion-dollar meat industry is one of our greatest environmental hazards; it pollutes more than all the world's fossil-fuel-powered cars. Global animal agriculture is responsible for deforestation, soil erosion, and more emissions than air travel, paper mills, and coal mining combined. It also, of course, depends on the slaughter of more than 60 billion animals per year, a number that is only increasing as the global appetite for meat swells. But a band of doctors, scientists, activists, and entrepreneurs have been racing to end animal agriculture as we know it, hoping to fulfill a dream of creating meat without ever having to kill an animal. In the laboratories of Silicon Valley companies, Dutch universities, and Israeli startups, visionaries are growing burgers and steaks from microscopic animal cells and inventing systems to do so at scale--allowing us to feed the world without slaughter and environmental devastation. Drawing from exclusive and unprecedented access to the main players, from polarizing activist-turned-tech CEO Josh Tetrick to lobbyists and regulators on both sides of the issue, Billion Dollar Burger follows the people fighting to upend our food system as they butt up against the entrenched interests fighting viciously to stop them. The stakes are monumentally high: cell-cultured meat is the best hope for sustainable food production, a key to fighting climate change, a gold mine for the companies that make it happen, and an existential threat for the farmers and meatpackers that make our meat today. Are we ready? Join journalist Barry Werth as he pulls back the curtain on Vertex, a start-up pharmaceutical company, and witness firsthand the intense drama being played out in the pioneering and hugely profitable field of drug research. Founded by Joshua Boger, a dynamic Harvard- and Merck-trained scientific whiz kid, Vertex is dedicated to designing -- atom by atom -- both a new life-saving immunosuppressant drug, and a drug to combat the virus that causes AIDS. You will be hooked from start to finish, as you go from the labs, where obsessive, fiercely competitive scientists struggle for a breakthrough, to Wall Street, where the wheeling and dealing takes on a life of its own, as Boger courts investors and finally decides to take Vertex public. Here is a fascinating no-holds-barred account of the business of science, which includes an updated epilogue about the most recent developments in the quest for a drug to cure AIDS.

Documents how a troubled young computer hacker seized control of a massive international computer fraud network in 2006, tracing the efforts of FBI and Secret Service agents as well as an undercover operator to locate and arrest him. Reprint.

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"While getting into his car on the evening of February 16, 1978, the chief of the CIA's Moscow station was handed an envelope by an unknown Russian. Its contents stunned the Americans: details of top-secret Soviet research and development in military technology that was totally unknown to the United States. From 1979 to 1985, Adolf Tolkachev, an engineer at a military research center, cracked open the secret Soviet military research establishment, using his access to hand over tens of thousands of pages of material about the latest advances in aviation technology, alerting the Americans to possible developments years in the future. He was one of the most productive and valuable spies ever to work for the United States in the four decades of global confrontation with the Soviet Union. Tolkachev took enormous personal risks, but so did his CIA handlers. Moscow station was a dangerous posting to the KGB's backyard. The CIA had long struggled to recruit and run agents in Moscow, and Tolkachev became a singular breakthrough. With hidden cameras and secret codes, and in face-to-face meetings with CIA case officers in parks and on street corners, Tolkachev and the CIA worked to elude the feared KGB. Drawing on previously secret documents obtained from the CIA, as well as interviews with participants, Hoffman reveals how the depredations of the Soviet state motivated one man to master the craft of spying against his own nation until he was betrayed to the KGB by a disgruntled former CIA trainee. No one has ever told this story before in such detail, and Hoffman's deep knowledge of spycraft, the Cold War, and military technology makes him uniquely qualified to bring readers this real-life espionage thriller"--Provided by publisher.

"A definitive guide to astronomy's hottest field." —The Economist Since its formation nearly five billion years ago, our planet has been the sole living world in a vast and silent universe. But over the past two decades, astronomers have discovered thousands of "exoplanets," including some that could be similar to our own world, and the pace of discovery is accelerating. In a fascinating account of this unfolding revolution, Lee Billings draws on interviews with the world's top experts in the search for life beyond earth. He reveals how the search for exoplanets is not only a scientific challenge, but also a reflection of our culture's timeless hopes, dreams, and fears.

Praise for BLUEPRINT TO A BILLION "A wonderful, well thought out analysis of entrepreneurship and leadership of a growth company." —Howard Lester, Chairman, Williams-Sonoma, Inc. "If you dream about growing your business to a billion, this is a fascinating down-to-earth study that you must read. Apply the seven essential principles to your business and you are off and running. Learn about strategy, growth, leadership, team building, and a whole lot more." —Joe Scarlett, Chairman of the Board, Tractor Supply Company "Blueprint to a Billion is a well-researched and thoughtfully written book that quantifies the growth pattern of America's highest growth companies." —Professor John Quelch, Senior Associate Dean, Harvard Business School "Eighty percent of the top-performing stocks in the last twenty years were small entrepreneurial companies that had an IPO in the prior eight years. Blueprint to a Billion tells you the seven key things these innovators did in common to become America's greatest growth companies." —William J. O'Neil, Chairman and Founder Investor's Business Daily, [www.investors.com](http://www.investors.com) "Thomson has written a masterful work that will catalyze, empower, inspire, motivate, and illuminate entrepreneurs, investors, and policymakers. The world needs this book and will profit from it in manifold ways." —David M. Darst, Managing Director, Individual Investor Group Chief Investment Strategist, Morgan Stanley

Simon Lamont is an ice-cold corporate pirate. He buys companies, strips them of their assets, and moves on. With money. Lots and lots of money. But when he arrives in San Francisco to acquire a floundering company and is accosted by a cute engineer with fire in her eyes, it takes all Simon has to maintain his legendary cool. Helen Winston has mastered hiding behind geeky clothes and an obsessive dedication to her job. So what's with her desire for the arrogant-and sexy as sin-Simon Lamont? He may have only been wearing a towel when they met, but he's planning to destroy her company, and Helen will do whatever it takes to change his mind. If that means becoming the sexy woman

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Simon didn't know he wanted, so be it. If only she wasn't about to walk into her own trap... Each book in the Guide to Love series is a standalone, full-length story that can be enjoyed out of order. Series Order: Book #1 Played by the Billionaire Book #2 His Billion Dollar Dilemma Book #3 Masquerading with the Billionaire

"This book is your chance to learn from others' mistakes."-- Entrepreneur In the 1960s, IBM CEO Tom Watson called an executive into his office after his venture lost \$10 million. The man assumed he was being fired. Watson told him, "Fired? Hell, I spent \$10 million educating you. I just want to be sure you learned the right lessons." There are thousands of books about successful companies but virtually none about the lessons to be learned from those that crash and burn. Now Paul Carroll and Chunka Mui draw on research into more than 750 flameouts to reveal the seven biggest reasons for business failure.

Unicorn is a word used in the venture funds industry to indicate a tech startup with a total market value of over \$1 billion. The name was first used and popularized by Aileen Lee, a venture entrepreneur and founder of CowboyVC - a seed-stage investment fund based in Palo Alto, California. Why are stockholders crazy about "billion-dollar outcomes"? Because the largest investment funds have always driven revenues from their ownership in just several companies, only to invest them back into a pool of many new promising businesses. Now there is a new revolutionary game-changing way to build bigger, stronger, faster, smarter, safer, easier, leaner, richer, nimbler, cheaper, Billion-dollar Tech Startups. If you looking for a new way to invest and build wealth without risk and with no money then you have found the right place. This book will illustrate clearly those unicorn billion-dollar tech businesses. Then, you could make your own decision for investment.

"This is probably the single most valuable resource for the entrepreneurs aspiring to build successful companies"—Ron Conway, Special Adviser, SV Angel, and investor in Facebook, Google, Twitter, Foursquare, PayPal, Zappos "I highly recommend Venture Capitalists at Work. This book captures the personalities and approaches of a number of leading VC practitioners and displays the heart and soul of the venture capital process, by offering an exclusive window into the voice of the practitioners."—Gus Tai, Trinity Ventures "Venture Capitalists at Work is a foundational pillar in an entrepreneur's understanding and resources. This is a first in terms of the level of detail, quality of discussion, and value to the entrepreneur."—George Zachary, Charles River Ventures and Investor in Twitter Venture Capitalists at Work: How VCs Identify and Build Billion-Dollar Successes offers unparalleled insights into the funding and management of companies like YouTube, Zappos, Twitter, Starent, Facebook, and Groupon. The venture capitalists profiled—among the best in the business—also reveal how they identify promising markets, products, and entrepreneurs. Author Tarang Shah, a venture capital professional himself, interviews rising VC stars, Internet and software investment pioneers, and venture investment thought leaders. You'll learn firsthand what criteria venture capitalists use to make investments, how they structure deals, the many ways they help the companies they fund, avoidable mistakes they see all too often, the role of luck in a success, and why so many startups fail. Venture Capitalists at Work also contains interviews with those on the receiving end of venture money—entrepreneurs in high-profile startups that went on to achieve great success. Whether you're an entrepreneur, an aspiring VC, an M&A professional, or an ambitious student, the knowledge you will gain from Venture Capitalists at Work could provide a significant shortcut to success. Other books in the Apress At Work Series: Coders at Work, Seibel, 978-1-4302-1948-4 CIOs at Work, Yourdon, 978-1-4302-3554-5 CTOs at Work, Donaldson, Seigel, & Donaldson, 978-1-4302-3593-4 Founders at Work, Livingston, 978-1-4302-1078-8 European Founders at Work, Santos, 978-1-4302-3906-2 Women Leaders at Work, Ghaffari, 978-1-4302-3729-7 Advertisers at Work, Tuten, 978-1-4302-3828-7 Gamers at Work, Ramsay. 978-1-4302-3351-0

George Berkowski, serial entrepreneur and one of the minds behind the internationally successful taxi hailing app Hailo, is the expert on

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mobile apps. In this free digital ebook companion to How To Build a Billion Dollar App, he includes an outline of the entire book and the chapters from step 1 of the journey, 'Building and Founding a Team', 'Validating Your Product' and 'Raising Seed Funding'. Through his experience, research and insights, readers will receive the beginning they need to start creating their very own Billion Dollar app! If you are ready to take the unconventional path bravely, guess whose life is about to change? You have to be living under a rock to not be aware of the wonders of the digital era or the freedom of being an entrepreneur. What if you could use both to your best advantage? Business Development is the real deal of today and tomorrow for both sides, the business and the business developer, in building successful businesses. If you have a business looking to grow, hire a Business Developer. If you are an individual looking to grow their career prospects, become a Business Developer. But is it really that easy? Nothing good ever comes easy. It is certainly not impossible though. The what, why and how are necessary to know. That's exactly what we will be learning in this book.

Why did so many intelligent people—from venture capitalists to Wall Street elite—fall for the hype? And how did WeWork go so wrong? In little more than a decade, Neumann transformed himself from a struggling baby clothes salesman into the charismatic, hard-partying CEO of a company worth \$47 billion—on paper. With his long hair and feel-good mantras, the six-foot-five Israeli transplant looked the part of a messianic truth teller. Investors swooned, and billions poured in. Neumann dined with the CEOs of JPMorgan and Goldman Sachs, entertaining a parade of power brokers desperate to get a slice of what he was selling: the country's most valuable startup, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a generation-defining moment. Soon, however, WeWork was burning through cash faster than Neumann could bring it in. From his private jet, sometimes clouded with marijuana smoke, he scoured the globe for more capital. Then, as WeWork readied a Hail Mary IPO, it all fell apart. .

Named a Best Book of 2018 by the Financial Times and Fortune, this "thrilling" (Bill Gates) New York Times bestseller exposes how a "modern Gatsby" swindled over \$5 billion with the aid of Goldman Sachs in "the heist of the century" (Axios). Now a #1 international bestseller, BILLION DOLLAR WHALE is "an epic tale of white-collar crime on a global scale" (Publishers Weekly, starred review), revealing how a young social climber from Malaysia pulled off one of the biggest heists in history. In 2009, a chubby, mild-mannered graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business named Jho Low set in motion a fraud of unprecedented gall and magnitude—one that would come to symbolize the next great threat to the global financial system. Over a decade, Low, with the aid of Goldman Sachs and others, siphoned billions of dollars from an investment fund—right under the nose of global financial industry watchdogs. Low used the money to finance elections, purchase luxury real estate, throw champagne-drenched parties, and even to finance Hollywood films like *The Wolf of Wall Street*. By early 2019, with his yacht and private jet reportedly seized by authorities and facing criminal charges in Malaysia and in the United States, Low had become an international fugitive, even as the U.S. Department of Justice continued its investigation. BILLION DOLLAR WHALE has joined the ranks of *Liar's Poker*, *Den of Thieves*, and *Bad Blood* as a classic harrowing parable of hubris and greed in the financial world.

Launching a business may seem like no easy task. It can seem completely bewildering, overwhelming, almost impossible. Where do you even start? And once you start, what do you do next? With this remarkable book, the impossible is possible. If you have an idea, a spark of a dream, but you're stalling on how to make it a reality, then this book will show you how to do so—one day at a time. There are so many young, hungry entrepreneurs in this world waiting for their big break. The simple secret that most of them haven't discovered is that while they have an insatiable appetite to perfect their idea or product before launching, the real progress only comes one way: by doing the work. A goal



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without a detailed plan is just a dream, one that will probably turn into a nightmare. This process will help you define your goals and create a plan to see them to fruition. Rick's philosophy for business is quite simple: granular changes every day--hitting singles instead of finding yourself at home plate, in the bottom of the ninth, with two outs and the do-or-die pressure to hit a grand slam. This book is a start-up boot camp. Should you choose to accept this mission, you will spend the next thirty days jump-starting your business. Are you willing to take massive action, ready to make mistakes, fail forward fast, and start taking control of your own life? If so, it's thirty days - let's do this!

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists Mark Johnson and Kathleen Gallagher chronicle the story of Nic Volker, the Wisconsin boy at the center of a daring breakthrough in medicine--a complete gene sequencing to discover the cure for an otherwise undiagnosable illness. At just two years old, Nic experienced a searing pain that signaled the awakening of a new and deadly disease. For years, through false starts and failed cures, Nic holds on to life, buoyed up by his mother's fierce drive to get him the care he needs. But when even the world's experts are stumped by Nic's illness, his doctors come up with a radical, long-shot plan: a step into the unknown. The next major scientific frontier, following the completion of the Human Genome Project, was to figure out how to use our new knowledge to save lives--to bring genomic or personalized medicine into reality. The quest is undertaken by researchers around the world, but it is only when geneticist Howard Jacob hears about young Nic that the finish line finally comes into sight: It's no longer a race to make history. It's a race to save this boy's life.--Adapted from dust jacket.

How to Build a Billion Dollar Company from Scratch is the story of how Harry E. Figgie Jr. took a struggling \$23 million sprinkler company and turned it into a \$1.3 billion diversified corporation. As this Entrepreneurial Handbook demonstrates, the principles he used have never gone out of style, and are being used today to create another diversified enterprise.

**NATIONAL BESTSELLER** What would actually make America great: more people. If the most challenging crisis in living memory has shown us anything, it's that America has lost the will and the means to lead. We can't compete with the huge population clusters of the global marketplace by keeping our population static or letting it diminish, or with our crumbling transit and unaffordable housing. The winner in the future world is going to have more—more ideas, more ambition, more utilization of resources, more people. Exactly how many Americans do we need to win? According to Matthew Yglesias, one billion. From one of our foremost policy writers, *One Billion Americans* is the provocative yet logical argument that if we aren't moving forward, we're losing. Vox founder Yglesias invites us to think bigger, while taking the problems of decline seriously. What really contributes to national prosperity should not be controversial: supporting parents and children, welcoming immigrants and their contributions, and exploring creative policies that support growth—like more housing, better transportation, improved education, revitalized welfare, and climate change mitigation. Drawing on examples and solutions from around the world, Yglesias shows not only that we can do this, but why we must. Making the case for massive population growth with analytic rigor and imagination, *One Billion Americans* issues a radical but undeniable challenge: Why not do it all, and stay on top forever?

The first book by a westerner who built a company in China from scratch The emergence of China as a world economic power is one of the biggest stories of our time. Every business that intends to be an important part of the fast-changing global economy needs to know how to play the game in China. Who better to be your guide than Jack Perkowski, the pioneer who went to China in the early 1990s. Equipped with just a concept, he built a company step-by-step from the ground up—ASIMCO Technologies—that became a major player in China's fast-growing automotive business. Perkowski's story is as rich, involving, and improbable as those of nineteenth-century titans such as Rockefeller and Carnegie or of twentieth-century ones like Michael Dell and Bill Gates, but with one obvious difference: They and others built

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their companies when America was emerging or dominant. Perkowski built his at the dawn of the Chinese century. Perkowski's insights about the challenges and potential of western involvement in today's great Chinese expansion—gained on the ground in China itself over the past fifteen years—are of inestimable value and relevance to us all. For instance:

- The good news about China: Everything is possible. The bad news: Nothing is easy.
- To build a business in China, you must develop a local management team—avoiding both former bureaucrats of the state-run enterprises and the country's new breed of wildcat entrepreneurs.
- You must learn the real reason why China is able to produce goods so cheaply.
- Forget your notions about the Chinese economy being rigidly controlled by Beijing—it is, in fact, highly decentralized and locally driven. As the Chinese say, "The mountains are high and the emperor is far away."

Perkowski tells his story with clarity, lots of humor, and a gripping sense of adventure. He takes us along on his own version of the Long March, when he visited two factories a day for nine months, hitting every province, going through endless rounds of dinners and the inevitable drinking games, and eating what seemed like every part of every animal. He vividly describes what it's like to be a westerner living and working in China and the dramatic transformation he's seen in the country, from a place left behind by the modern world to a place where a new world is being born. Filled with hard-nosed lessons for anyone with ambitions of breaking into the Chinese market, and a rich source of practical wisdom about the realities of China today, *Managing the Dragon* answers the questions people ask Perkowski most often about his unique experience, as well as those they never think of asking—but should.

BERNT ULLMANN, often referred to as "the man behind the brands", has been a trusted brand acceleration expert helping generate over 6 billion dollars in global sales so far in his career. With over thirty years experience as a corporate executive of major fashion brands, Ullmann's portfolio includes brand development and management including licensing and distribution, modernization, and global expansion for fashion moguls such as Daymond John, Eddie Lampert, and Tommy Hilfiger. He has also contributed to successful launches of platform expanding brands for celebrity clients like Jennifer Lopez, Adam Levine, Nicki Minaj, and many others. IN HIS DEBUT BOOK, *The Billion Dollar Branding Blueprint*, Ullmann shares his expertise in a systematic seven-step process to help entrepreneurs, no matter who, launch their brand successfully. This book is a step by step, easy to follow blueprint to achieve business acceleration and create lasting wealth. The federal professional services market is one of the world's largest, and one of the most competitive. Companies struggle to compete and prosper. In *Zero to a Billion*, David Kriegman, former SRA International executive, presents techniques to help companies succeed where many have failed. His book goes beyond standard compliance books to provide answers to questions like these: Why do some companies grow while others stagnate or go out of business? How do you differentiate yourself and compete with much larger companies? Why do you lose work when the customer says you are doing a good job? How do you attract, retain, and motivate top talent? Why do some acquisitions succeed while others are considered less than a success or even a failure? Kriegman draws on his thirty years of experience to illustrate the essential lessons of strategy, business development, cultural issues and operations with real-world examples and actionable ideas. The book is recommended for new and mid-career managers as well as seasoned executives.

The goal of this book is simple: to provide inspiration to others, so they can build a solid business and grow it into a billion-dollar company. Just as Richard Scrusby took this idea and turned it into a real, tangible product, his book shows you how to take your big idea and turn it into a real, profitable venture. It begins with a dream that you can only pursue by overcoming the fear of the unknown—obstacles, failures, humiliations—whatever form they may take, they can no longer stand in your way. Let Scrusby inspire and encourage you to take that first leap of faith. From there, it is a matter of making the math work, finding the money to get the ball rolling, building the management team, and

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