

## Street Smarts Norm Brodsky

An expert on shopping behavior and motivation offers an analysis of consumers' tastes and habits, discussing why point-of-sale purchases are still the most significant, and why Internet shopping will not replace the mall.

\*\*\*THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER\*\*\* 'Fast-paced, generous, wise, raw, funny, practical and helpful' Glennon Doyle, author of Untamed 'Millions of young women look to Marie Forleo as their inspiration for empowerment and achievement' Oprah Winfrey 'Reading these pages I experienced the sensation of limitless possibility. This book will change lives' Elizabeth Gilbert Do you ever have trouble finishing what you start? Do amazing ideas come to you all the time but after the initial excitement wanes you struggle to follow through? If you're creative and ambitious, the answer is likely yes. The problem isn't you. It's not that you're not hardworking, intelligent or deserving, but that you haven't yet installed the one key belief that will change everything: Everything is figureoutable. Whether you want to leave a dead-end job, heal a relationship, grow a business, master your money, or just find two free hours in your day, Everything is Figureoutable will train your brain to think more positively and help you break down any dream into manageable steps. Inside you'll learn: - How to deal with criticism and imposter syndrome - Why it's crucial that you strive for progress not perfection - How to bounce back from failure - How to overcome a lack of time and money You'll also hear triumphant stories of everyday people using the everything is

figureoutable philosophy to transform their life.

Everything is figureoutable is more than just a fun phrase to say. It's a practical, actionable discipline. And it's about to make you unstoppable! 'Smart, funny, and as brilliant as it is straightforward. LOVED it!' Brené Brown  
'This book delivers a knockout punch to whatever is holding you back' Cheryl Strayed

Sanjay Matange and Dan Heath's *Statistical Graphics Procedures by Example: Effective Graphs Using SAS* shows the innumerable capabilities of SAS Statistical Graphics (SG) procedures. The authors begin with a general discussion of the principles of effective graphics, ODS Graphics, and the SG procedures. They then move on to show examples of the procedures' many features. The book is designed so that you can easily flip through it, find the graph you need, and view the code right next to the example. Among the topics included are how to combine plot statements to create custom graphs; customizing graph axes, legends, and insets; advanced features, such as annotation and attribute maps; tips and tricks for creating the optimal graph for the intended usage; real-world examples from the health and life sciences domain; and ODS styles. The procedures in *Statistical Graphics Procedures by Example* are specifically designed for the creation of analytical graphs. That makes this book a must-read for analysts and statisticians in the health care, clinical trials, financial, and insurance industries. However, you will find that the examples here apply to all fields. This book is part of the SAS Press program.

Introduces he processes of new venture creation and the

critical knowledge needed to manage a business once it is formed. This text offers complete coverage and a practical hands-on approach to entrepreneurship. Supported by supplementary material for the lecturer and student in both a CD-Rom and companion website. 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 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, Burlingham reflects on the similarities and learning lessons from the small giants he covers in the book. From the Hardcover edition.

In Traction, serial entrepreneurs Gabriel Weinberg and Justin Mares give startups the tools for generating explosive customer growth 'Anyone trying to break through to new customers can use this smart, ambitious book' Eric Ries, author of The Lean Startup Most startups don't fail because they can't build a product. Most startups fail because they can't get traction. Building a successful company is hard. Smart entrepreneurs know that the key to success isn't the originality of your offering, the brilliance of your team, or how much money you raise. It's how consistently you can grow and acquire new customers. Traction will teach you the nineteen channels you can use to build a customer base, and offers a three-step framework to figure out which ones will work best for your business. No matter how you apply them, the lessons and examples in Traction will help you create and sustain the growth your business desperately needs. 'Here is the inside scoop, the latest, most specific tactics from the red-hot centre of the Internet marketing universe. From someone who has done it. Twice' Seth Godin, author of Linchpin

"To succeed in business you must learn how to recognize and avoid the Toxic Client. With useful stories everyone can relate to, Toxic Client will show you how to handle the problem customers" -- From Amazon.com.

A veteran company-builder offers practical advice for solving the everyday problems of starting and running a

new business and tips for recognizing the opportunities that will ultimately make it successful.

A NEW EDITION UPDATED IN 2020 • Why is it so hard to say "I made a mistake" — and really believe it? When we make mistakes, cling to outdated attitudes, or mistreat other people, we must calm the cognitive dissonance that jars our feelings of self-worth. And so, unconsciously, we create fictions that absolve us of responsibility, restoring our belief that we are smart, moral, and right—a belief that often keeps us on a course that is dumb, immoral, and wrong. Backed by decades of research, *Mistakes Were Made (But Not by Me)* offers a fascinating explanation of self-justification—how it works, the damage it can cause, and how we can overcome it. Extensively updated, this third edition has many recent and revealing examples, including the application of dissonance theory to divisive social issues such as the Black Lives Matter movement and he said/she said claims. It also features a new chapter that illuminates how cognitive dissonance is playing a role in the currently polarized political scene, changing the nation's values and putting democracy itself at risk. "Every page sparkles with sharp insight and keen observation. Mistakes were made—but not in this book!" —Daniel Gilbert, author of *Stumbling on Happiness* "A revelatory study of how lovers, lawyers, doctors, politicians—and all of us—pull the wool over our own eyes . . . Reading it, we recognize the behavior of our leaders, our loved ones, and—if we're honest—ourselves, and some of the more perplexing mysteries of human nature begin to seem a little clearer." —Francine Prose, *O, The Oprah Magazine*

Like college athletes, engaged employees are valuable, but entangled employees, like Olympians, are the ones who take an organization to new heights. What makes these top-performing employees have such an impact on the success of each of their organizations? What encourages their sense of organizational ownership? With deep insight into eight award-winning, market-leading companies, *It's My Company Too!* explores how the highest-performing organizations entangle employees, systems, culture, and leadership into a unified drive for excellence. The entangled culture emerges from a unique synergy and magnetism within the organization that is the result of leaders:

- Doing extraordinary things
- Building an ethical organization
- Focusing human capital
- Using processes to guide performance
- Building self-efficacy and esteem
- Developing freedom and responsibility within a culture of discipline
- Hardwiring discretionary thinking and actions
- Guiding the transformational process

Through interviews and extensive field research, the authors analyze how companies across industries tackle internal and external challenges, constructing the pieces of the entanglement puzzle. Along the way, they show you how to develop motivated, involved, and entangled employees who embody an organization's core values, vision, and mission—and succeed beyond imagination. In April of 2000, Gary Erickson turned down a \$120 million offer to buy his thriving company. Today, instead of taking it easy for the rest of his life and enjoying a luxurious retirement, he's working harder than ever. Why would any sane person pass up the financial opportunity

of a lifetime? Raising the Bar tells the amazing story of Clif Bar's Gary Erickson and shows that some things are more important than money. Gary Erickson and coauthor Lois Lorentzen tell the unusual and inspiring story about following your passion, the freedom to create, sustaining a business over the long haul, and living responsibly in your community and on the earth. Raising the Bar chronicles Clif Bar's ascent from a homemade energy bar to a \$100 million phenomenon with an estimated 35 million consumers, and a company hailed by Inc. magazine as one of the fastest-growing private companies in the U.S. four years in a row. The book is filled with compelling personal stories from Erickson's life--trekking in the Himalayan mountains, riding his bicycle over roadless European mountain passes, climbing in the Sierra Nevada range--as inspiration for his philosophy of business. Throughout the book, Erickson--a competitive cyclist, jazz musician, world traveler, mountain climber, wilderness guide, and entrepreneur--convinces us that sustaining one's employees, community, and environment is good business. If you are a manager, executive, business owner, or board member, Raising the Bar is your personal guide to corporate integrity. If you are a sports enthusiast, environmentalist, adventure lover, intrigued by a unique corporate culture, or just interested in a good story, Raising the Bar is for you.

The authors document how four forces--exponential technologies, the DIY innovator, the Technophilanthropist, and the Rising Billion--are conspiring to solve our biggest problems. "Abundance"

establishes hard targets for change and lays out a strategic roadmap for governments, industry and entrepreneurs, giving us plenty of reason for optimism. MANHATTAN. Selene finds the body of a young woman on the banks of the Hudson river, mutilated and wearing a wreath of laurel. She feels a rage not felt in a lifetime, and an obligation: the promise that she made long ago. To protect those who are innocent -who cannot protect themselves. MURDERS. With the NYPD out of their depth, Selene must hunt the killer on her own. But when classics professor Theo Schultz offers his expertise to solve the case, the solitary huntress finds herself working with a man who's her opposite in every way. GODS. Together, they discover that a long-forgotten cult is behind the string of murders terrorizing the city. They'll need help from the one source Selene distrusts most of all: the city's other Immortals.

The most effective sales strategies for tough economic times Today's selling environment is tough, and only getting tougher. The old tactics are no longer working, and the current economy is only making selling more difficult. You need sales tactics and strategies that work now and fast . . . even when no one wants to buy-and tactics and strategies that will work even better when they do want to buy. How to Sell When Nobody's Buying is a practical, effective guide to selling even in the toughest of times. This book is packed with new information about creating sales opportunities. Most sales strategies taught today are based on outdated information from ten, twenty, even thirty years ago and they simply don't work today. You'll find the tools and

information you need to gain confidence, create powerful alliances, profitable social networks, and drive your profits to unprecedented highs. Whether you sell business-to-business or direct to the consumer, whether you sell real estate or retail, this is the sales guide for you. Features effective, simple strategies for selling in tough economic times Offers free or low-cost prospecting tools that bring in customers by the herd Includes case studies from top salespeople that reveal new ways to bring in customers From sales guru Dave Lakhani, author of Persuasion, Subliminal Persuasion, and The Power of an Hour These days, you need all the help you can get to sell effectively. If you want to increase your sales and drive your business forward-no matter what the economy or your industry does-learn How to Sell When Nobody's Buying.

Inspired by reader submissions to her blog Escape from Cubicle Nation, Slim provides everything one needs to consider before making the decision to become self-employed, from the nuts and bolts of starting a business to a full discussion of the emotional issues involved. 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 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.

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*Small Business Management* provides a balanced introduction to both entrepreneurship and small business management with a focus on achieving and maintaining a sustainable competitive advantage as a small organization. Current issues including global opportunities, service, quality and technology are highlighted throughout the text. The streamlined format allows instructors to cover the entire text of 18 chapters within a standard semester timeline without sacrificing important topics. The Fourth Edition features an increased emphasis on small business ownership by women and minority groups. The online Business Plan

Guide and templates provide some of the most extensive information available on business planning. The text also includes a complete sample business plan.

The First Management Classic of the New Millennium! A bold experiment is taking place these days, as leading-edge companies turn upside down the management paradigm that has dominated corporate thinking for more than one hundred years. Southwest Airlines is perhaps the most visible practitioner, soaring through economic downturns while its competitors slash their budgets and order massive layoffs, but you can find other pioneers of the new approach in almost every industry and market niche. Their secret: a culture of ownership that allows them to tap into the most underutilized resource in business today—namely, the enthusiasm, intelligence, and creativity of working people everywhere. No one knows more about building a culture of ownership than CEO Jack Stack, who's been working on one for the past twenty years with his colleagues at SRC Holdings Corporation (formerly Springfield ReManufacturing Corporation). Along the way, they've turned their company into what Business Week has called a "management Mecca," attracting thousands of people representing hundreds of businesses to SRC's home in Springfield, Missouri. There the visitors learn how to incorporate the ideals and values of SRC's remarkable corporate culture into their own organizations—and then they go back and do it. Now, in *A Stake in the Outcome*, Stack offers a master class on creating a culture of ownership, presenting the hard-won lessons of his own twenty-year journey and explaining what it really takes to

build for long-term success. The pioneer of “open-book management” (described in the best-selling classic *The Great Game of Business*), Stack and twelve other managers began their journey in 1982, when they purchased their factory from its struggling parent company. SRC grew 15 percent a year, while adding almost a thousand new jobs, and the company’s stock price rocketed from 10 cents to \$81.60 per share. In the process, Stack discovered that long-term success required constant innovation—and that building a culture of ownership involved much more than paying bonuses, handing out stock options, or setting up an employee stock ownership plan. In a successful ownership culture, every employee had to take the fate of the company as personally as an individual owner would. Achieving that level of commitment was extraordinarily difficult, but Stack realized that the payoff would be enormous: a company that was consistently able to outperform the market. *A Stake in the Outcome* isn’t about theory—it’s about practice. Stack draws from his own successes and failures at SRC to show how any company can teach its employees to think and act like owners, including how to implement an effective equity-sharing program, how to promote continuous learning at every level of the organization, how to fire up employees’ competitive juices, how to broaden the concept of leadership and delegate responsibility for the business, and how to build a workforce that is fast on its feet and ready to take advantage of every opportunity. You’ll also learn about other companies that have succeeded in building cultures of ownership—and the lessons they can teach

the rest of us. Written in Jack Stack's straightforward, witty, no-beating-around-the-bush style, *A Stake in the Outcome* is like having a one-on-one session with a master entrepreneur and business innovator. It shows managers and executives of companies both large and small how to build a ferociously motivated workforce that is energized and committed to meeting and overcoming the most daunting challenges a company can face.

**THE CLASSIC BESTSELLING GUIDE TO LAUNCHING AND MAKING YOUR NEW PRODUCT, SERVICE OR IDEA A SUCCESS.** 'The ultimate entrepreneurship handbook' -

Arianna Huffington Whether you're an aspiring entrepreneur, small-business owner, intrapreneur, or not-for-profit leader, there's no shortage of advice on topics such as innovating, recruiting, fund raising, and branding. In fact, there are so many books, articles, websites, blogs, webinars, and conferences that many startups focus on the wrong priorities and go broke before they succeed. *The Art of the Start 2.0* solves that problem by distilling Guy Kawasaki's decades of experience as one of the most hardworking and irreverent strategists in the business world. Guy understands the seismic changes in business over the last decade: Once-invulnerable market leaders are struggling. Many of the basics of getting established have become easier, cheaper, and more democratic. Business plans are no longer necessary. Social media has replaced PR and advertising as the key method of promotion. Crowdfunding is now a viable alternative to investors. The cloud makes basic infrastructure affordable for almost any new venture. *The Art of the Start 2.0* will show you how to effectively deploy all these tools. It will help you master the fundamental challenges that have not changed: building a strong team, creating an awesome product or service, and facing down your competition.

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This one-stop guide to opening a restaurant from an accountant-turned-restaurateur shows aspiring proprietors how to succeed in the crucial first year and beyond. The majority of restaurants fail, and those that succeed happened upon that mysterious X factor, right? Wrong! Roger Fields--money-guy, restaurant owner, and restaurant consultant--shows how eateries can get past that challenging first year and keep diners coming back for more. The only restaurant start-up guide written by a certified accountant, this book gives readers an edge when making key decisions about funding, location, hiring, menu-making, number-crunching, and turning a profit--complete with sample sales forecasts and operating budgets. This updated edition also includes strategies for capitalizing on the latest food, drink, and technology trends. Opening a restaurant isn't easy, but this realistic dreamer's guide helps set the table for lasting success.

Sharing the essentials of sales, marketing, negotiation, strategy, and much more, the creator of PersonalMBA.com shows readers how to master the fundamentals, hone their business instincts, and save a fortune in tuition.

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

Too many start-ups don't make the grade - what makes a successful business take off? Starting a new business is exciting, but there are many traps for the unwary. Some would-be entrepreneurs stick so firmly to their step-by-step guides that they don't see what's really going on. Others become so obsessed with potential problems they lose sight of the bigger picture. What they really need, according to serial entrepreneur Norm Brodsky, is a mindset that will help them to stay focussed on the real goals and grab opportunities whenever they arise. He calls it 'the knack'. It's

helped him to build eight phenomenally successful companies, and in this book he uses stories of real companies facing real challenges to show you how to develop it too.

When Ada Calhoun found herself in the throes of a midlife crisis, she thought that she had no right to complain. She was married with children and a good career. So why did she feel miserable? And why did it seem that other Generation X women were miserable, too? Calhoun decided to find some answers. She looked into housing costs, HR trends, credit card debt averages and divorce data. At every turn, she saw a pattern: sandwiched between the Boomers and the Millennials, Gen X women were facing new problems as they entered middle age, problems that were being largely overlooked. Speaking with women across America about their experiences as the generation raised to 'have it all,' Calhoun found that most were exhausted, terrified about money, under-employed, and overwhelmed. Instead of their issues being heard, they were told instead to lean in, take 'me-time' or make a chore chart to get their lives and homes in order. In *Why We Can't Sleep*, Calhoun opens up the cultural and political contexts of Gen X's predicament and offers solutions for how to pull oneself out of the abyss - and keep the next generation of women from falling in. The result is reassuring, empowering and essential reading for all middle-aged women, and anyone who hopes to understand them.

The must-read summary of Norm Brodsky and Bo Burlingham's book: "The Knack: How Street-Smart Entrepreneurs Learn to Handle Whatever Comes Up". This complete summary of the ideas from Norm Brodsky and Bo Burlingham's book "The Knack" shows how everyone wants to find a step-by-step formula or a specific set of rules that will guarantee success in business. However, no such thing exists. In their book, the authors demonstrate that, instead of

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trying to find a fail-safe success formula, you should focus on getting and maintaining the right mind-set. This summary reveals the true key to business success and how you can change your company's mind-set to become determined and dedicated. Added-value of this summary: • Save time • Understand key concepts • Expand your knowledge To learn more, read "The Knack" and stop wasting your time trying to find a miracle formula and start developing the right mind-set for success.

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

**Street Smarts**An All-Purpose Tool Kit for Entrepreneurs Offers practical advice for all areas of concern to the small business student, such as business plans, financing, location and layout, marketing, advertising and promotion, purchasing, inventory, crime, computers, human resource management, business law and government regulation.

In the early 1980s, Springfield Remanufacturing Corporation (SRC) in Springfield, Missouri, was a near bankrupt division of International Harvester. Today it's one of the most successful and competitive companies in the United States, with a share price 3000 times what it was thirty years ago. This miracle turnaround is all down to one man, Jack Stack, and his revolutionary system of Open-Book Management, in

which every employee understands the company's key figures, can act on them and has a real stake in the business. In Stack's own words: 'When employees think, act and feel like owners ... everybody wins.' As a management strategy, 'the great game of business' is so simple and effective that it's been taken up by companies from Intel to Harley Davidson. Using the groundbreaking formula they introduced in their book *Financial Intelligence: A Manager's Guide to Knowing What the Numbers Really Mean*, Karen Berman and Joe Knight present the essentials of finance specifically for entrepreneurial managers. Drawing on their work training tens of thousands of people at leading organizations worldwide, the authors provide a deep understanding of the basics of financial management and measurement, along with hands-on activities to practice what you are reading. You'll discover: Why the assumptions behind financial data matter - What income statements, balance sheets, and cash flow statements really reveal - How to use ratios to assess your venture's financial health - How to calculate return on your investments in your enterprise - Ways to use financial information to do your own job better - How to instill financial intelligence throughout your team

Authoritative and accessible, *Financial Intelligence for Entrepreneurs* empowers you to "talk numbers" confidently with colleagues, partners, and employees-- and fully understand how to use financial data to make better decisions for your business.

Two best friends have one week to return a lost love letter found in a candy store—and to work up the courage to confess to the deep feelings between them—in this romance novella from the acclaimed author of *How To Fail at Flirting*.

Teagan's job in an airport candy store pays the bills but she dreams of traveling the world. With one week until she boards a plane for an international adventure, she finds an abandoned love letter in the store and talks her BFF into

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helping her figure out who it belongs to. Silas solves problems for a living as an airline customer service representative. One problem he can't solve is how to reveal a big secret to his best friend that would risk changing their entire relationship. When she proposes they work together to get the love letter back to its owner, he jumps at the chance. Teagan and Silas stumble on romantic clues, old stories, and more than a few dead ends along the way while trying to play Cupid, all of which bring them closer together. With only a few days before Teagan's transatlantic move, the two of them must decide if the sweet temptation of falling for their best friend is worth the potential heartbreak or if either can stand to keep their feelings wrapped up.

This book is based on the very simple premise that we are all surrounded by experienced people everywhere, each one a potential teacher. Their collective experiences in all facets of life far surpass what an individual is capable of learning alone. It is also fair to say that one can learn something from every living creature. Sometimes it is an obvious lesson but more often it is not! All information is acquired from others but the lessons that you are prepared to learn from that association is what matters. Life does not have to be so difficult! Street Smart Kids is offering you a chance to experience a more fulfilling, less stressful life experience, starting right now! With nothing to lose, enjoy these thought provoking chapters. Share a few of the messages with someone that is dear to you...or perhaps could or should be. With what today's current generation of preteens, teenagers, young adults, parents, coaches, mentors and teachers have to deal with, just one good idea put into practice can change the course of a life or two. Problems that can't be solved with resources are best solved by prevention, made possible by the implementation of objectivity, common sense and logic. This book is loaded with real life experiences aimed at

preventing more than a few hard knocks.

Bo Burlingham, the bestselling author of *Small Giants*, returns with *Finish Big*, an original guide to exiting your company successfully and gracefully. 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 'bad' exits?' Bo Burlingham's first book *Small Giants* became an instant classic for its original take on a common business problem: how to handle the pressure to grow. Now he is back to tackle an even more common problem: how to exit your company well. Sooner or later, all businesses get sold, given away, or liquidated. Whatever your preferred outcome, if you start planning for it while you still have time and options, you can build a stronger, more resilient company with a higher market value. Unfortunately, most don't - and they pay a steep price for their procrastination. Through dozens of interviews with entrepreneurs across a range of industries, Burlingham identifies eight key factors that determine whether owners leave their businesses happily. He showcases the insights, exits and cautionary tales of entrepreneurs across an array of industries including manufacturing, food and services. *Finish Big* is an illuminating and inspirational guide to one of the most stressful, and yet potentially rewarding, processes business owners must go through. Bo Burlingham is the author of *Small Giants: Companies That Choose to Be Great Instead of Big*, a finalist for the Financial Times/Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year in 2006. An editor at large at Inc., he has reported on the entrepreneurial revolution in America since the early 1980s and has witnessed up close the birth and development of the companies that have reshaped our world.

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A must-read guide for small business owners navigating a critical turning point: when you either level up or give up. It's never been easier to start a business--and it's never been harder to scale it. Half of new businesses in America don't make it past five years. Stacey Abrams and Lara Hodgson want to help today's entrepreneurs beat the odds by revealing the unseen tethers that keep small businesses from growing and thriving. Drawing on firsthand experience starting and scaling multiple companies over nearly two decades, Now® cofounders Abrams and Hodgson crystallize their hard-won advice into a single how-to, got-to guide for small business owners. In *Level Up*, they share intense behind-the-scenes stories of building their own businesses, as well as actionable, get-it-done principles for founders looking to propel their ventures forward. This is straight talk from the trenches on real issues like hiring, identifying a revenue strategy, recognizing when growth is a trap, and managing cash flow, from a duo that's been there. Abrams and Hodgson also elevate and share the experiences of other successful founders including, Jules Pieri of The Grommet, Alisa Clark of Glory Professional Services, and Sheila Jordan of Knowledge Architects. New businesses started by entrepreneurs drive net new job growth. Yet, for the last four decades, startups have increasingly struggled to overcome a system of red tape and barriers to capital and commerce. As a new generation of founders launches a flurry of firms in the wake of the pandemic recession, Abrams and Hodgson offer key insights and support to help entrepreneurs break free and get to the next level.

There are very few coaches held higher esteem than Bo Schembechler. As coach of the University of Michigan football team, he won 13 Big Ten titles and finished as the winningest coach in their storied history. But beyond the wins and losses, Bo is best remembered for the remarkable impact he had on

his players and fans alike. In Bo's Lasting Lessons, the coach draws on his years of experience, using first-person anecdotes to deliver timeless lessons on leadership, motivation and responsibility. His distinctive gruff voice leaps from the page. With pithy language, Bo explains that true leadership requires the compassion to actively listen to your people, and then to have the courage to do what is right every time. A big believer in peer pressure and in always making his players accountable for their actions, Schembechler has coached athletes who went on to become professional football players, doctors, lawyers and CEOs. After a lifetime in business, I've never been able to develop a set of rules or a step-by-step formula that will guarantee success in anything, much less in a field as dynamic and changing as business. What I can do, however, is talk about how to lose. I guarantee that anyone who follows my formula will be a highly successful loser. The Ten Commandments for Business Failure is a lighthearted cautionary bible for leaders from a hugely admired elder statesman who is sought out for advice by a wide circle of luminaries. Plenty of speakers and writers are happy to dispense advice on how to succeed in business. From football coaches to ex-CEOs to psychologists to preachers, success gurus are everywhere. But none of them can offer any guarantees; the true path to success can't be laid out as a simple step-by-step plan. The same cannot be said of failure, however. Failure is easy. In fact, there are ten serious blunders companies and individuals make over and over again, leading to failure so consistently that the list ought to be written in stone. Don Keough, who has seen and heard a lot in his six decade career, calls them his Ten Commandments for Business Failure. They include such reliable bad advice as Quit Taking Risks, Be Inflexible, Assume Infallibility, Put All Your Faith in Experts, and Be Afraid of the Future.

"I don't have time to look at the numbers." "That's what the accountant is for." "I can see what the balance is--that's all I need to know." Why do so many business owners dread looking at the numbers? Financial statements, ledgers, profit and loss reports--many avoid these and treat them like junk mail and phone solicitors. But as a small business owner, having an intimate knowledge of all these crucial numbers yourself is the most important tool you can equip yourself with in order to survive the constantly changing and highly competitive marketplace of the twenty-first century.

Nevertheless, it's true--you're not a numbers person. How can you learn to make sense out of all this Greek? Accounting for the Numberphobic to the rescue! This easy-to-follow guide demystifies your company's financial dashboard: the Net Income Statement, Cash Flow Statement, and Balance Sheet. The book explains in plain English how each measurement reflects the overall health of your business--and impacts your decisions. Even self-proclaimed numbers dummies will discover:

- How your Net Income Statement is the key to growing your profits
- How to identify the break-even point that means your business is self-sustaining
- Real-world advice on measuring and increasing cash flow
- What the Balance Sheet reveals about your company's worth
- And more

Don't leave your company's finances entirely in the hands of a third-party accounting service or an employee who is only loyal to the highest paycheck. Even worse--don't ignore them altogether! Knowing the numbers yourself isn't just about seeing how your company is doing . . . it's about knowing where it is going--and guiding it toward the highest profits possible.

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

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