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Business at the Speed of Now Penguin Group  
Technology advances are making tech more . . . human. This changes everything you thought you knew about innovation and strategy. In their groundbreaking book, *Human + Machine*, Accenture technology leaders Paul R. Daugherty and H. James Wilson showed how leading organizations use the power of human-machine collaboration to transform their processes and their

bottom lines. Now, as new AI powered technologies like the metaverse, natural language processing, and digital twins begin to rapidly impact both life and work, those companies and other pioneers across industries are tipping the balance even more strikingly toward the human side with technology-led strategy that is reshaping the very nature of innovation. In *Radically Human*, Daugherty and Wilson show this profound shift, fast-forwarded by the pandemic, toward more human—and more humane—technology. Artificial intelligence is becoming less artificial and more intelligent.

Instead of data-hungry approaches to AI, innovators are pursuing data-efficient approaches that enable machines to learn as humans do. Instead of replacing workers with machines, they're unleashing human expertise to create human-centered AI. In place of lumbering legacy IT systems, they're building cloud-first IT architectures able to continuously adapt to a world of billions of connected devices. And they're pursuing strategies that will take their place alongside classic, winning business formulas like disruptive innovation. These against-the-grain approaches to the basic building blocks of business—Intelligence, Data, Expertise,

Architecture, and Strategy (IDEAS)—are transforming competition. Industrial giants and startups alike are drawing on this radically human IDEAS framework to create new business models, optimize post-pandemic approaches to work and talent, rebuild trust with their stakeholders, and show the way toward a sustainable future. With compelling insights and fresh examples from a variety of industries, *Radically Human* will forever change the way you think about, practice, and win with innovation. *The Answer* Broadway Business How do today's most successful tech companies—Amazon, Google, Facebook, Netflix, Tesla—design,

develop, and deploy the products that have earned the love of literally billions of people around the world? Perhaps surprisingly, they do it very differently than the vast majority of tech companies. In *INSPIRED*, technology product management thought leader Marty Cagan provides readers with a master class in how to structure and staff a vibrant and successful product organization, and how to discover and deliver technology products that your customers will love—and that will work for your business. With sections on assembling the right people and skillsets, discovering the right product, embracing an effective yet lightweight process,

and creating a strong product culture, readers can take the information they learn and immediately leverage it within their own organizations—dramatically improving their own product efforts. Whether you're an early stage startup working to get to product/market fit, or a growth-stage company working to scale your product organization, or a large, long-established company trying to regain your ability to consistently deliver new value for your customers, *INSPIRED* will take you and your product organization to a new level of customer engagement, consistent innovation, and business success. Filled with the author's own personal

stories—and profiles of some of today’s most-successful product managers and technology-powered product companies, including Adobe, Apple, BBC, Google, Microsoft, and Netflix—INSPIRED will show you how to turn up the dial of your own product efforts, creating technology products your customers love. The first edition of INSPIRED, published ten years ago, established itself as the primary reference for technology product managers, and can be found on the shelves of nearly every successful technology product company worldwide. This thoroughly updated second edition shares the same objective of being the most valuable resource for technology product

managers, yet it is completely new—sharing the latest practices and techniques of today’s most-successful tech product companies, and the men and women behind every great product.

### **Business @ the Speed of Thought**

Vintage

Be inspired by Bill Gates and learn how to think big, manage a vast company, compete with the best and stay ahead of your rivals. A household name for his role in the founding of ubiquitous computer software company Microsoft, Bill Gates is one of the world's great businessmen. Creating software language was just the beginning of a journey that would eventually see Gates become the wealthiest

man in the world, eventually turning away from the computer screen to combat injustices in the world and start his own charity. This fascinating guide: \* reveals the key motivations, decisions and philosophies that made Gates a name synonymous with success. \* studies how he honed his business acumen, faced down all competitors, overcame adversity and stood strong in the face of overwhelming odds \* contains quotes and passages by and about Bill Gates With this book you too can learn how to think like Bill Gates.

*Speed is Life* Princeton University Press

Every business faces the existential threat of competitors producing cheaper copies. Even

patent filings, market dominance and financial resources can't shield them from copycats. So what can we do--and, what can we learn from companies that have endured and even prospered for centuries despite copycat competition? In a book of narrative history and practical strategy, IMD professor of management and innovation Howard Yu shows that succeeding in today's marketplace is no longer just a matter of mastering copycat tactics, companies also need to leap across knowledge disciplines, and to reimagine how a product is made or a service is delivered. This proven tactic can protect a company from being overtaken by new (and often

foreign) copycat competitors. Using riveting case studies of successful leaps and tragic falls, Yu illustrates five principles to success that span a wide range of industries, countries, and eras. Learn about how P&G in the 19th century made the leap from handcrafted soaps and candles to mass production of its signature brand Ivory, leaped into the new fields of consumer psychology and advertising, then leaped again, at the risk of cannibalizing its core product, into synthetic detergents and won with Tide in 1946. Learn about how Novartis and other pharma pioneers stayed ahead by making leaps from chemistry to microbiology to

genomics in drug discovery; and how forward-thinking companies, including China's largest social media app--WeChat, Tokyo-based Internet service provider Recruit Holdings, and Illinois-headquartered John Deere are leaping ahead by leveraging the emergence of ubiquitous connectivity, the inexorable rise of intelligent machines, and the rising importance of managerial creativity. Outlasting competition is difficult; doing so over decades or a century is nearly impossible--unless one leaps. Ultimately, Leap is a manifesto for how pioneering companies can endure and prosper in a world of constant change and inevitable copycats.

*Improv Yourself*

Princeton University  
Press

"Books such as this are imperative for our students to learn skills taught as part of a class. Although this book is geared towards interior design, the content and skills development will be as important to students in garden design and soft furnishings alike." Vicky McClymont, National Design Academy, Nottingham, UK Use detailed, step-by-step techniques to create quick perspective sketches. The book will help you develop important skills for ideation and client communication. Exercises cover a wide range of elements including doors, windows, stairs, millwork, furnishings, and ceilings, as well as

more advanced topics like shade and shadowing, scene composition, contrast, and materials and textures. -Interactive digital content, including demonstration videos and self-assessment exercises -Presented in three parts: beginning, intermediate, and advanced sketching techniques -Sketching Gallery shows the work of practitioners allowing you to enhance your style  
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*The SPEED of Trust*

Vintage Canada

A guide for mining the imagination to find powerful new ways to succeed. We need imagination now more than ever—to find new opportunities, rethink our businesses, and discover paths to growth. Yet too many companies have lost their ability to imagine. What is this mysterious capacity? How does imagination work? And how can organizations keep it alive and harness it in a systematic way? The Imagination Machine answers these questions and more. Drawing on the experience and insights of CEOs across several industries, as well as lessons from neuroscience, computer science, psychology, and

philosophy, Martin Reeves of Boston Consulting Group's Henderson Institute and Jack Fuller, an expert in neuroscience, provide a fascinating look into the mechanics of imagination and lay out a process for creating ideas and bringing them to life: The Seduction: How to open yourself up to surprises The Idea: How to generate new ideas The Collision: How to rethink your idea based on real-world feedback The Epidemic: How to spread an evolving idea to others The New Ordinary: How to turn your novel idea into an accepted reality The Encore: How to repeat the process—again and again. Imagination is one of the least understood but most

crucial ingredients of success. It's what makes the difference between an incremental change and the kinds of pivots and paradigm shifts that are essential to transformation—especially during a crisis. The Imagination Machine is the guide you need to demystify and operationalize this powerful human capacity, to inject new life into your company, and to head into unknown territory with the right tools at your disposal.

*Change* Simon and Schuster

A study of the new scientific understanding of consciousness and the mind as a fifth dimension of reality • Introduces the existence of a fifth dimension--one of

mind--an inner- or hyperspace where time is transcended • Shows how the barrier of the speed of light is actually a gateway demarking the fifth dimension Since the introduction of Descartes' dualism in the seventeenth century, the mind and the physical world have been viewed as disconnected entities. Yet qualities of mind such as awareness, purposeful action, organization, design, and even decision-making are present within the structure of matter and within the dimensions of space and time. The space-time continuum of scientists generally ignores the realm of the mind, though phenomena such as imaginary numbers, used by Einstein to

combine space with time, are concepts that only exist in the mind. Marc Seifer contends that the inadequacy of four-dimensional models to account for our experience of mental phenomena points to the consciousness of the mind as a higher organizing principle, a fifth dimension where thoughts are as real and quantifiable as our familiar physical world. He shows that because thought enables us to move backward and forward through time--reflecting on the past and making plans for the future--this fifth dimension of mind breaks the laws of relativity, thereby transcending the speed of light. His extensive study of this fifth dimension ranges from relativity and ether

theory to precognition, telepathy, and synchronicity, all from the perspective of the conscious universe. How to Prevent the Next Pandemic Simon and Schuster #1 NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • In this urgent, authoritative book, Bill Gates sets out a wide-ranging, practical—and accessible—plan for how the world can get to zero greenhouse gas emissions in time to avoid a climate catastrophe. Bill Gates has spent a decade investigating the causes and effects of climate change. With the help of experts in the fields of physics, chemistry, biology, engineering, political science, and finance, he has focused on what must be done in order to stop the

planet's slide to certain environmental disaster. In this book, he not only explains why we need to work toward net-zero emissions of greenhouse gases, but also details what we need to do to achieve this profoundly important goal. He gives us a clear-eyed description of the challenges we face. Drawing on his understanding of innovation and what it takes to get new ideas into the market, he describes the areas in which technology is already helping to reduce emissions, where and how the current technology can be made to function more effectively, where breakthrough technologies are needed, and who is working on these

essential innovations. Finally, he lays out a concrete, practical plan for achieving the goal of zero emissions—suggesting not only policies that governments should adopt, but what we as individuals can do to keep our government, our employers, and ourselves accountable in this crucial enterprise. As Bill Gates makes clear, achieving zero emissions will not be simple or easy to do, but if we follow the plan he sets out here, it is a goal firmly within our reach.

**Business @ the Speed of Thought** W. W. Norton & Company  
The CEO of Lycos shares stories from the front lines of Internet competition while demonstrating how to create a business

model that can meet the high-speed demands of the online economy.

Language at the Speed of Sight Primento

The remarkable story of rising to the top of the music charts, a second act as a tech pioneer, and the sustaining power of creativity and art. Thomas Dolby's hit songs "She Blinded Me with Science" and "Hyperactive!" catapulted him to international fame in the early 80's. A pioneer of New Wave and Electronica, Thomas combined a love for invention with a passion for music, and the result was a new sound that defined an era of revolutionary music. But as record company politics overshadow the joy of performing, Thomas

finds a surprising second act. Starting out in a rat-infested London bedsit, a teenage Thomas Dolby stacks boxes by day at the grocery and tinkers with a homemade synthesizer at night while catching the Police at a local dive bar, swinging by the pub to see the unknown Elvis Costello and starting the weekend with a Clash show at a small night club. London on the eve of the 1980s is a hotbed for music and culture, and a new sound is beginning to take shape, merging technology with the musical energy of punk rock. Thomas plays keyboards in other bands' shows, and with a bit of luck finds his own style, quickly establishing himself on the scene and

recording break out hits that take radio, MTV and dance clubs by storm. The world is now his oyster, and sold out arenas, world tours, even a friendship with Michael Jackson become the fabric of his life. But as the record industry flounders and disillusionment sets in, Thomas turns his attention to Hollywood. Scoring films and computer games eventually leads him to Silicon Valley and a software startup that turns up the volume on the digital music revolution. His company barely survives the dotcom bubble but finally even the mavericks at Apple, Microsoft, Netscape and Nokia see the light. By 2005, two-thirds of the world's mobile phones

embed his Beatnik software. Life at the zenith of a tech empire proves to be just as full of big personalities, battling egos and roller-coaster success as his days spent at the top of the charts. THE SPEED OF SOUND is the story of an extraordinary man living an extraordinary life, a single-handed quest to make peace between art and the digital world.

*Next: The Future Just Happened* Random House

Major New York Times bestseller Winner of the National Academy of Sciences Best Book Award in 2012 Selected by the New York Times Book Review as one of the ten best books of 2011 A Globe and Mail Best Books of the Year 2011 Title One of The

Economist's 2011  
Books of the Year One  
of The Wall Street  
Journal's Best  
Nonfiction Books of the  
Year 2011 2013  
Presidential Medal of  
Freedom Recipient  
Kahneman's work with  
Amos Tversky is the  
subject of Michael  
Lewis's *The Undoing  
Project: A Friendship  
That Changed Our  
Minds* In his mega  
bestseller, *Thinking,  
Fast and Slow*, Daniel  
Kahneman, the  
renowned psychologist  
and winner of the  
Nobel Prize in  
Economics, takes us on  
a groundbreaking tour  
of the mind and  
explains the two  
systems that drive the  
way we think. System  
1 is fast, intuitive, and  
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slower, more  
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logical. The impact of

overconfidence on  
corporate strategies,  
the difficulties of  
predicting what will  
make us happy in the  
future, the profound  
effect of cognitive  
biases on everything  
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market to planning our  
next vacation—each of  
these can be  
understood only by  
knowing how the two  
systems shape our  
judgments and  
decisions. Engaging  
the reader in a lively  
conversation about  
how we think,  
Kahneman reveals  
where we can and  
cannot trust our  
intuitions and how we  
can tap into the  
benefits of slow  
thinking. He offers  
practical and  
enlightening insights  
into how choices are  
made in both our  
business and our

personal lives—and how we can use different techniques to guard against the mental glitches that often get us into trouble. Winner of the National Academy of Sciences Best Book Award and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize and selected by The New York Times Book Review as one of the ten best books of 2011, *Thinking, Fast and Slow* is destined to be a classic.

*Business @ the Speed of Thought* Harvard Business Press

In the 21st Century no business or government will make decisions without relying on digital information. Can you trust the information you use to make decisions? Can your decisions be trusted by others? Trust is under

attack, making every decision more vulnerable. This is equally true for customers and for each of us in our daily decisions--without trust, spending and other investments shift to other options. To achieve digital trust, Jeffrey Ritter explored the essence of trust itself. He discovered something remarkable--trust is a calculated decision, not an emotion. That simple truth required a new way to think differently about trust, especially digital trust, and ignited the author to create and build something new, rather than merely patch the status quo. Described by executives in the opening pages as "essential reading for corporate executives," "ground-breaking,"



"fascinating," and a book that "will transform the dialogue about governance in a digital world," Achieving Digital Trust boldly declares risk management dead as a business discipline and offers, instead, an integrated strategy for building something new--digital trust. Woven across a story of two fictional global competitors battling to survive and prosper, Ritter introduces a complete, integrated portfolio of tools he created to help business executives, IT strategists, and innovation leaders survive and excel in our digital world: A Trust Vocabulary-a shared lexicon of new phrases and terms, and new meanings for existing words, that enable discussion of

trust decisions and increase efficiency of trust calculations. The Trust Decision Model-an integrated view of the sequential decision points and information layers that link together the steps taken when deciding whether or not to trust, and builds a bridge between human and computational trust. The Rules for Composing Rules-a set of fundamental principles for authoring effective rules for crossing the chasm between the ambiguity of broad, governing formal rules and the binary precision of executable software code. The Unified Rules Model-a new architecture for organizing the complexity of business, technology, and legal rules into unified,

functional structures supporting the design and execution of digital systems that deliver compliance and earn our trust. The Unified Information Model-a new framework for organizing and designing digital information assets that result in more effective trust decisions and enhanced governance. The Digital Trust Design Principles-a framework for choosing among priorities and trade-offs to focus resources appropriately and improve desired outcomes. The Trust Prism-an entirely new, 3-D, visual tool for designing, building, and governing complex information systems, including in the Cloud . . . and more. Together, these are a complete tool-kit that will change

how leaders and executives make decisions that matter, build digital assets that can be trusted, and visualize and manage the complexity of their companies and the wired ecosystems in which they compete." Transcending the Speed of Light Vintage #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A memoir of leadership and success: The executive chairman of Disney, Time's 2019 businessperson of the year, shares the ideas and values he embraced during his fifteen years as CEO while reinventing one of the world's most beloved companies and inspiring the people who bring the magic to life. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY NPR Robert Iger

became CEO of The Walt Disney Company in 2005, during a difficult time. Competition was more intense than ever and technology was changing faster than at any time in the company's history. His vision came down to three clear ideas: Recommit to the concept that quality matters, embrace technology instead of fighting it, and think bigger—think global—and turn Disney into a stronger brand in international markets. Today, Disney is the largest, most admired media company in the world, counting Pixar, Marvel, Lucasfilm, and 21st Century Fox among its properties. Its value is nearly five times what it was when Iger took over, and he is

recognized as one of the most innovative and successful CEOs of our era. In *The Ride of a Lifetime*, Robert Iger shares the lessons he learned while running Disney and leading its 220,000-plus employees, and he explores the principles that are necessary for true leadership, including:

- Optimism. Even in the face of difficulty, an optimistic leader will find the path toward the best possible outcome and focus on that, rather than give in to pessimism and blaming.
- Courage. Leaders have to be willing to take risks and place big bets. Fear of failure destroys creativity.
- Decisiveness. All decisions, no matter how difficult, can be made on a timely

basis. Indecisiveness is both wasteful and destructive to morale.

- Fairness. Treat people decently, with empathy, and be accessible to them.

This book is about the relentless curiosity that has driven Iger for forty-five years, since the day he started as the lowliest studio grunt at ABC. It's also about thoughtfulness and respect, and a decency-over-dollars approach that has become the bedrock of every project and partnership Iger pursues, from a deep friendship with Steve Jobs in his final years to an abiding love of the Star Wars mythology. "The ideas in this book strike me as universal" Iger writes. "Not just to the aspiring CEOs of the world, but to anyone

wanting to feel less fearful, more confidently themselves, as they navigate their professional and even personal lives."

*The Little Black Book of Innovation* John Wiley & Sons

The instant New York Times bestseller. From Microsoft's president and one of the tech industry's broadest thinkers, a frank and thoughtful reckoning with how to balance enormous promise and existential risk as the digitization of everything accelerates. "A colorful and insightful insiders' view of how technology is both empowering and threatening us. From privacy to cyberattacks, this timely book is a useful guide for how to navigate the digital

future.” —Walter Isaacson  
Microsoft President Brad Smith operates by a simple core belief: When your technology changes the world, you bear a responsibility to help address the world you have helped create. This might seem uncontroversial, but it flies in the face of a tech sector long obsessed with rapid growth and sometimes on disruption as an end in itself. While sweeping digital transformation holds great promise, we have reached an inflection point. The world has turned information technology into both a powerful tool and a formidable weapon, and new approaches are needed to manage an era defined by even more powerful inventions like artificial

intelligence. Companies that create technology must accept greater responsibility for the future, and governments will need to regulate technology by moving faster and catching up with the pace of innovation. In *Tools and Weapons*, Brad Smith and Carol Ann Browne bring us a captivating narrative from the cockpit of one of the world's largest and most powerful tech companies as it finds itself in the middle of some of the thorniest emerging issues of our time. These are challenges that come with no preexisting playbook, including privacy, cybercrime and cyberwar, social media, the moral conundrums of artificial intelligence, big tech's relationship to

inequality, and the challenges for democracy, far and near. While in no way a self-glorifying "Microsoft memoir," the book pulls back the curtain remarkably wide onto some of the company's most crucial recent decision points as it strives to protect the hopes technology offers against the very real threats it also presents. There are huge ramifications for communities and countries, and Brad Smith provides a thoughtful and urgent contribution to that effort.

Leonardo Da Vinci. Il Codice Leicester John Wiley & Sons  
 Transform your organization with speed and efficiency using this insightful new resource  
 Incremental

improvement is no longer sufficient in helping organizations navigate the complexity, uncertainty and volatility of today's world. In *Change: How Organizations Achieve Hard-to-Imagine Results in Uncertain and Volatile Times*, authors John P. Kotter, Vanessa Akhtar, and Gaurav Gupta explore how to create non-linear, dramatic change in your organization. You'll discover the emerging science of change that teaches us about how to build organizations – from businesses to governments – that change and adapt rapidly. In *Change you'll discover: Why the ability of organizations to deal with threats and take advantage of*

opportunities in the face of ever greater complexity and uncertainty is being severely challenged In-depth, evidence-based, actionable solutions for dealing with institutional resistance to change Case studies and success stories that describe organizations who have successfully built the ability to change quickly into their DNA A universal approach for how to dramatically improve outcomes from various change efforts, including: strategy execution, digital transformation, restructuring, and more Perfect for managers, executives, and leaders at companies of all types and sizes, Change will also prove to be a valuable asset to other professionals who

serve these organizations. This book is for anyone seeking a proven approach for delivering fast, sustainable and comprehensive results. Traveling at the Speed of Thought John Wiley & Sons

We've been teaching reading wrong—a leading cognitive scientist tells us how we can finally do it right

**The Open Organization** Flatiron Books

Explains how trust is a key catalyst for personal and organizational success in the twenty-first century, in a guide for businesspeople that demonstrates how to inspire trust while overcoming bureaucratic obstacles. *Leap* Simon and Schuster

In his new book, Microsoft chairman and CEO Bill Gates discusses how technology can help run businesses better today and how it will transform the nature of business in the near future. Gates stresses the need for managers to view technology not as overhead but as a strategic asset, and offers detailed examples from Microsoft, GM, Dell, and many other successful companies. Companion Web site. *Business @ the Speed of Thought* Bloomsbury Publishing USA Governments, businesses, and individuals around the world are thinking about what happens after the COVID-19 pandemic. Can we hope to not only ward off another COVID-like

disaster but also eliminate all respiratory diseases, including the flu? Bill Gates, one of our greatest and most effective thinkers and activists, believes the answer is yes. The author of the #1 New York Times best seller *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster* lays out clearly and convincingly what the world should have learned from COVID-19 and what all of us can do to ward off another catastrophe like it. Relying on the shared knowledge of the world's foremost experts and on his own experience of combating fatal diseases through the Gates Foundation, Gates first helps us understand the science of infectious diseases. Then he shows us how



the nations of the world, working in conjunction with one another and with the private sector, how we can prevent a new pandemic from killing millions of people and devastating the global economy. Here is a clarion call—strong, comprehensive, and of the gravest importance.

Business @ the Speed of Thought Michael O'Mara Books  
Finding your simple truth can be like having a positive silent partner always on your side. Using examples drawn from businesses of all types and sizes, this book explains straightforward techniques that can lead to lasting success and profits.