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FORGE A POWERFUL STRATEGY
TO BECOME A PRODUCT
MANAGER WHO DELIVERS

RESULTS The world of business is moving at breakneck speed. More is being demanded of everyone--with fewer resources than ever. In no profession is this more apparent than Product Management. Written by one of today's leading Product Management thought-leaders, Steven Haines, *The Product Manager's Survival Guide*

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provides best practices, practical on-the-job advice, and a step-by-step blueprint for succeeding in Product

Management. Whatever your level of experience--whether you're a novice product manager or seasoned Product Management leader--you'll find everything you need to make consistent positive impacts on your business.

With this practical guide in your hands, you have the most powerful tool available for increasing your productivity quickly and dramatically--in a way that is noticeable and measurable. The

Product Manager's Survival Guide is conveniently organized into four

sections: I. Getting Your Bearings:

Map out your plan to begin the journey to success II. Learning the Product's

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Business: Go beyond features and functions to become the product expert, customer advocate, and domain expert

III. Getting Work Done: Synchronize and orchestrate the work of others to help everyone maintain focus on company goals

IV. Moving Forward: Round out your experience to take the next critical steps in your Product Management career

The only way to excel as a product manager is to develop a strategy for the long run. Start formulating one now and you will be well ahead of your competition--internally and externally.

The Product Manager's Survival Guide gives you the tools and insight you need to start putting the pieces in place now--so you can succeed well into the future.

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We commonly think of society as made of and by humans, but with the proliferation of machine learning and AI technologies, this is clearly no longer the case. Billions of automated systems tacitly contribute to the social construction of reality by drawing algorithmic distinctions between the visible and the invisible, the relevant and the irrelevant, the likely and the unlikely — on and beyond platforms. Drawing on the work of Pierre Bourdieu, this book develops an original sociology of algorithms as social agents, actively participating in social life. Through a wide range of examples, Massimo Airoidi shows how society shapes algorithmic code, and how this culture in the code guides the practical behaviour of the code in the

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culture, shaping society in turn. The "machine habitus" is the generative mechanism at work throughout myriads of feedback loops linking humans with artificial social agents, in the context of digital infrastructures and pre-digital social structures.

Machine Habitus will be of great interest to students and scholars in sociology, media and cultural studies, science and technology studies and information technology, and to anyone interested in the growing role of algorithms and AI in our social and cultural life.

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

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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

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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

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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. The bestselling classic that launched 10,000 startups and new corporate

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ventures - The Four Steps to the Epiphany is one of the most influential and practical business books of all time. The Four Steps to the Epiphany launched the Lean Startup approach to new ventures. It was the first book to offer that startups are not smaller versions of large companies and that new ventures are different than existing ones. Startups search for business models while existing companies execute them. The book offers the practical and proven four-step Customer Development process for search and offers insight into what makes some startups successful and leaves others selling off their furniture. Rather than blindly execute a plan, The Four Steps helps uncover flaws in product and business plans and correct

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them before they become costly. Rapid iteration, customer feedback, testing your assumptions are all explained in this book. Packed with concrete examples of what to do, how to do it and when to do it, the book will leave you with new skills to organize sales, marketing and your business for success. If your organization is starting a new venture, and you're thinking how to successfully organize sales, marketing and business development you need *The Four Steps to the Epiphany*. Essential reading for anyone starting something new. *The Four Steps to the Epiphany* was originally published by K&S Ranch Publishing Inc. and is now available from Wiley. The cover, design, and content are the same as the prior release and should

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not be considered a new or updated product.

Mastering Project Management

The Four Steps to the Epiphany

The Product Manager's Survival Guide:

Everything You Need to Know to

Succeed as a Product Manager

An Essay on the Pain of Playing Video Games

Product Management

The Product Book: How to Become a Great Product Manager

Build What Matters

When asking people in product management about one thing they find difficult in their work, a typical answer is: "saying no". Saying no effectively is not as easy as it seems and can't be done in the same way all the time. In fact, saying no

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sometimes seems like an impossible thing to do. Saying no often as a product owner or product manager means you're saying yes to the right things. An essential skill to increase your effectiveness in stakeholder management. How do you deal with your stakeholders? How can stakeholder management be done effectively? And how do you say no? These and other questions are answered in this book; Master the Art of No. The many practical examples and insights, which the authors draw from their many years of experience as product managers, professional trainers and consultants, offer you valuable tips and tools in order to take action in the area of

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stakeholder management. Are you not a product leader, product manager or Product Owner, but do you want to become more effective in stakeholder management? Even then this book is an absolute must read!

Everyday managers ponder such questions as: -- Why are my employees so unmotivated? -- Why is my business underachieving? -- Why do my employees care so little about the success of the company? Readers of "The Art of Management" will discover the answers to these questions and learn the secrets to motivating employees. Managers are given a "behind the scenes" look at all of the ineffective

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methods they are utilizing and shown the right way to manage employees in order to maximize their productivity. Excerpt from Chapter 10: "Who are the most efficient workers on earth? Entrepreneurs. They are far more productive than any other class of people. Knowing this, why don't we try to figure out what makes them efficient and then use this knowledge to improve the productivity of the rest of the employees. The answer to this questions does not lie in the head of a rocket scientist down at NASA. It is ridiculously simple. Entrepreneurs are so productive because their paychecks are always on the line. Their compensation is directly

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related to the performance of their businesses. If entrepreneurs do not make money at their businesses, they do not eat, make the car payment, or pay the mortgage. How is that for pressure?"

"Radical Focus is a must-read for anyone who wants to accomplish outsized results. Christina does a great job showing both the why and the how of OKRs. Avoid the all-too-common mistakes by reading this book first." - Teresa Torres, author Continuous Discovery Habits "This book is useful, actionable, and actually fun to read! If you want to get your team aligned around real, measurable goals, Radical Focus will teach you how to do it quickly and

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clearly." - Laura Klein, Principal, Users Know The award-winning author of *The Team That Managed Itself* and *Pencil Me In* returns with a new and expanded edition of her landmark book on OKRs. If you've ever wanted to know how to use OKRs, or why yours might not be working, *Radical Focus* teaches you everything you need to achieve your goals. The author pulls from her experience with Silicon Valley's hottest companies to teach practical insights on OKRs in the form of a fable. When Hanna and Jack receive an ultimatum from the only investor in their struggling tea supply company, they must learn how to employ Objectives and Key Results

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(OKRs) with radical focus to get the right things done. Using Hanna and Jack's story, Wodtke walks readers through how to inspire a diverse team to work together in pursuit of a single, challenging goal, and how to stay motivated despite setbacks and failures. Radical Focus has been translated into six languages and sold more than 50,000 copies. Now, the second edition of her OKR manifesto proves that Wodtke's business strategies are essential in a world where focus seems to be a more and more unreachable goal. The updated version includes 22,000 words of all-new material designed to help OKR users in larger companies create, grade, and

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manage OKRs in ways that accelerate success and drive rapid organizational learning. Ready to move your team in the right direction? Read this book together, and learn Wodtke's powerful system for attaining your most important goals with radical focus.

The product life cycle has four stages: introduction, growth, maturity, and decline. Product Takeoff is a book that takes you through the product life cycle and the necessary steps taken by successful companies and entrepreneurs that have helped them ensure their developed products remain in the growth stage for a longer time. We go through the do's

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and don'ts of successful product development for people wanting to be the next generation of product managers. Part of this book's journey includes explaining the four important aspects of successful products: vision, strategy, rapid learning, and team. It is important to have a great mix of all these ingredients. By missing any, we cannot make successful products and successful companies. We have collated examples from various startups and companies that highlight these four aspects, and we explain in detail how they help make better products and how companies have become successful by using this mix in the right way. Technology is

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changing the way for inventing new products and is becoming the new platform for disruption. Product Takeoff discusses the skills needed to be a successful product owner/manager and helps IT developers and other stakeholders understand how to switch to a product manager's role in their current organization.

The Art of Business Value

The Art of Invention

Mastering Product Management: A Step-By-Step Guide

The Art of Innovative Product Management

How to Lead in Product

Management: Practices to Align Stakeholders, Guide Development

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Teams, and Create Value Together
How to Lead and Launch Successful
Technology Products

Changing How Things Get Made

Product management is a
demanding but exciting career.

The product manager's
challenges are unending, his
responsibilities are rigorous, and
what he does, has direct impact
on a company's financial
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launching new products and
turning an idea from a piece of
paper into a functional product is
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doing so, the product manager

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deals with pretty much every function in the company.

Speaking of the product life, anything done well during the planning phase will pay off during the other phases of the product life cycle. The execution phase is the phase when a product really takes shape. Once the product is complete and ready to be launched, it is an exciting time for the product manager. The product is ready to put under real-world test. Just building and launching a product is not enough. Target customers should be told about how great a product is, which takes good marketing and evangelism.

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Market routes must be established to sell and promote the product and make business out of it. Additionally, different types of services can be defined to be attached with the product as an overall offering. Defining and implementing a go-to-market plan for the product is a complicated but interesting set of activities. If the go-to-market ecosystem is set up well, the product manager can watch his product's and associated services' revenues multiply. Once the product is out there, it needs to be taken care of. Sustaining a product takes effort. This is the time to turn a good

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product into a great product to take the product toward completeness and maturity. Eventually, any product will get old and obsolete. Even the greatest of products must be given a farewell, and the end of life must happen to keep the innovation wheel rotating. New products and services enter the picture, and the product management action starts all over again.

Gain all of the techniques, teachings, tools, and methodologies required to be an effective first-time product manager. The overarching goal of this book is to help you

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understand the product manager role, give you concrete examples of what a product manager does, and build the foundational skill-set that will gear you towards a career in product management. To be an effective PM in the tech industry, you need to have a basic understanding of technology. In this book you'll get your feet wet by exploring the skills a PM needs in their toolset and cover enough ground to make you feel comfortable in a technical discussion. A PM is not expected to have the same level of depth or knowledge as a software engineer, but knowing enough to continue the

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conversation can be a benefit in your career in product management. A complete product manager will have a 360-degree understanding of user experience and how to craft beautiful products that are easy-to-use, with the end user in mind. You'll continue your journey with a walk through basic UX principles and even go through the process of building a simple set of UI frames for a mock app. Aside from the technical and design expertise, a PM needs to master the social aspects of the role. Acting as a bridge between engineering, marketing, and other teams can be difficult, and

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this book will dive into the business and soft skills of product management. After reading Product Management Essentials you will be one of a select few technically-capable PMs who can interface with management, stakeholders, customers, and the engineering team. What You Will Learn Gain the traits of a successful PM from industry PMs, VCs, and other professionals See the day-to-day responsibilities of a PM and how the role differs across tech companies Absorb the technical knowledge necessary to interface with engineers and estimate timelines Design basic

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mocks, high-fidelity wireframes, and fully polished user interfaces

Create core documents and handle business interactions

Who This Book Is For Individuals who are eyeing a transition into a PM role or have just entered a PM role at a new organization for the first time. They currently hold positions as a software engineer, marketing manager, UX designer, or data analyst and want to move away from a feature-focused view to a high-level strategic view of the product vision.

Embrace Open Engineering and accelerate the design and manufacturing processes

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Product development is a team sport, but most companies don't practice it that way.

Organizations should be drawing on the creativity of engaged customers and outsiders, but instead they rely on the same small group of internal "experts" for new ideas. Designers and engineers should be connecting with marketing, sales, customer support, suppliers, and most importantly, customers. The Art of Product Design explains the rise of "Open Engineering," a way of breaking down barriers and taking advantage of web-based communities, knowledge, and tools to accelerate the

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design and manufacturing processes. Explains how to establish open flows of information inside and outside an organization, increasing the quality and frequency of input from different groups and stakeholders

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Open Engineering is crowdsourcing, it's collaborating, it's sharing and connecting. And it's helping a growing number of companies create better products faster than they ever imagined.

The Art of Product Design shows you how

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to harness its power for your company.

Product management is a demanding but exciting career. The product managers challenges are unending, his responsibilities are rigorous, and what he does, has direct impact on a companys financial performance. Building and launching new products and turning an idea from a piece of paper into a functional product is almost a miracle. In addition, the product manager manages the product throughout its life. In doing so, the product manager deals with pretty much every function in the company.

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How to Build Products That Create Change

Achieving Your Most Important Goals with Objectives and Key Results

The Art of Management

The Complete Product Management Resource

How to Create Tech Products

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Customers Love

Product Management For
Dummies

Delivering Key Outcomes with
Vision-Led Product Management

Offers a collection of essays on philosophies and strategies for defining, leading, and managing projects. This book explains to technical and non-technical readers alike what it takes to get through a large software or web development project. It does not cite specific methods, but focuses on philosophy and strategy. "The Product Manager's Handbook" is the essential guide to successful product management in today's fast-

changing business world. Product and brand managers, as well as upper-level sales, marketing, and branding executives, will find the text thorough and informative as it explains and analyzes the product manager's role in both traditional, hierarchical organizations as well as in newer horizontal, team-driven decision-making structures. "What is a product manager?" The overall responsibility of a product manager is to integrate the various segments of a business into a strategically focused whole, maximizing the value of a product by coordinating the production of an offering with an understanding of market

needs. A product manager must oversee all aspects of a product or service line in order to create and deliver superior customer satisfaction while simultaneously providing long-term value for the company. "The Product Manager's Handbook" covers all of these topics in a convenient, easy-to-follow presentation that includes: Hands-on charts for managing every key step, from concept to completion Practical checklists for evaluating progress at every critical stage Brief profiles in every chapter of specific product management roles, functions, and issues Real-world cases illustrating the

challenges of product management in action This thoroughly revised and updated second edition fully integrates the Internet and other digital technologies into the product manager's arsenal of tools. The book includes all new information on what it takes to be a successful product manager. It explains the product manager's role in the planning process (including strategic and operational planning), how to evaluate product portfolios, how to propose and develop successful new products, and more. The product manager is frequently the source of the entrepreneurial spirit and

sense of innovation that drives a successful organization. Learn to make the most of your product management system with this indispensable reference guide.

Most tech companies get marketing wrong because they don't know how to do product marketing right. The next in the bestselling SVPG series, LOVED shows what leaders like Apple, Netflix, Microsoft, and Salesforce do well and how to apply it to transform product marketing at your company. The best products can still lose in the marketplace. Why? They are beaten by products with stronger product marketing.

Good product marketing is the difference between “also-ran” products versus products that lead. And yet, product marketing is widely misunderstood. Although it includes segmenting customers, positioning your product, creating product collateral, and supporting sales teams, great product marketing achieves much more. It directs the best way to bring your product to market. It shapes what the world thinks about your product and category. It inspires others to tell your product’s story. Part of the bestselling series including *INSPIRED* and *EMPOWERED*, *LOVED* explains the

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fundamentals of best-in-class product marketing for product teams, marketers, founders and any leader with a product and a vision. Sharing her personal stories as a former product and marketing leader at Microsoft and Netscape, and as an advisor to Silicon Valley startups, venture capitalist, and UC Berkeley engineering graduate school lecturer, Martina Lauchengco distills decades of lessons gleaned from working with hundreds of companies to make LOVED the definitive guide to modern product marketing. With dozens of stories from the trenches of market leaders as well as newer

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startups with products just beginning their journey, the book shows you: the centrality of product marketing to any product's success the key skills and actions required to do it well the four fundamentals of product marketing and how to apply them how to hire, lead, and organize product marketing how product marketers optimize crucial collaboration with other functions one-sheet frameworks, tools and agile marketing practices that help simplify and elevate product marketing LOVED is an invitation to rethink tired notions of product marketing and practice a more dynamic,

customer and market-centric version that creates raving fans and helps products achieve their full market potential.

Product management has become a critical connective role for modern organizations, from small technology startups to global corporate enterprises. And yet the day-to-day work of product management remains largely misunderstood. In theory, product management is about building products that people love. The real-world practice of product management is often about difficult conversations, practical compromises, and hard-won incremental gains.

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In this book, author Matt LeMay focuses on the CORE connective skills—communication, organization, research, execution—that can build a successful product management practice across industries, organizations, teams, and toolsets. For current and would-be product managers, this book explores: Real-world tactics for facilitating collaboration and communication How to talk to users and work with executives The importance of setting clear and actionable goals Using roadmaps to connect and align your team A values-first approach to implementing Agile practices

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***Stories that convey realities
of product management in the
field Common behavioral
traps that turn good product
managers bad***

***How Effective Product
Management Creates Real
Value***

***The Art of Product
Management***

Product Takeoff

***Successful Strategies for
Products that Win***

***Product Management in
Practice***

***The Art of Agile Development
Lessons in Creativity from
IDEO, America's Leading
Design Firm***

This book will help you become a
better product leader. Benefitting from
Roman Pichler's extensive experience,

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you will learn how to align stakeholders and guide development teams even in challenging circumstances, avoid common leadership mistakes, and grow as a leader. Written in an engaging and easily accessible style, How to Lead in Product Management offers a wealth of practical tips and strategies. Through helpful examples, the book illustrates how you can directly apply the techniques to your work. Coverage includes:

- * Choosing the right leadership style
- * Cultivating empathy, building trust, and influencing others
- * Increasing your authority and empowering others
- * Directing stakeholders and development teams through common goals
- * Making decisions that people will support and

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follow through * Successfully resolving disputes and conflicts even with senior stakeholders * Listening deeply to discover and address hidden needs and interests * Practising mindfulness and embracing a growth mindset to develop as a leader Praise for How to Lead in Product Management: "Roman has done it again, delivering a practical book for the product management community that appeals to both heart and mind. How to Lead in Product Management is packed with concise, direct, and practical advice that addresses the deeper, personal aspects of the product leadership. Roman's book shares wisdom on topics including goals, healthy interactions with stakeholders, handling conflict, effective

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conversations, decision-making, having a growth mindset, and self-care. It is a must read for both new and experienced product people." ~Ellen Gottesdiener, Product Coach at EBG Consulting "Being a great product manager is tough. It requires domain knowledge, industry knowledge, technical skills, but also the skills to lead and inspire a team. Roman Pichler's How to Lead in Product Management is the best book I've read for equipping product managers to lead their teams." ~Mike Cohn, Author of Succeeding with Agile, Agile Estimating and Planning, and User Stories Applied "This is the book that has been missing for product people. Roman has created another masterpiece, a fast read with lots of

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value. It's a must read for every aspiring product manager." ~Magnus Billgren, CEO of Tolpagorni Product Management "How Lead in Product Management is for everyone who manages a product or drives important business decisions. Roman lays out the key challenges of product leadership and shows us ways of thoughtfully working with team members, stakeholders, partners, and the inevitable conflicts." ~Rich Mironov, CEO of Mironov Consulting and "Smokejumper" Head of Product This firsthand road map will tell you what it takes to create a product that meets a customer's needs -- and avoid the pitfalls of product failure. Did you cut through traffic on your Segway today? Cool off with a delicious can of

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New Coke? Relax at home while listening to some music on your Zune? Despite years of research, countless products like these see high-profile launches, only to end up failing to connect with an audience. The Practitioner's Guide to Product Management will help you create a lasting product and take you through the field of product management with candid stories and a litany of real-world experiences.

To stay competitive in today's market, organizations need to adopt a culture of customer-centric practices that focus on outcomes rather than outputs. Companies that live and die by outputs often fall into the "build trap," cranking out features to meet their schedule rather than the customer's needs. In

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this book, Melissa Perri explains how laying the foundation for great product management can help companies solve real customer problems while achieving business goals. By understanding how to communicate and collaborate within a company structure, you can create a product culture that benefits both the business and the customer. You'll learn product management principles that can be applied to any organization, big or small. In five parts, this book explores:

- Why organizations ship features rather than cultivate the value those features represent
- How to set up a product organization that scales
- How product strategy connects a company's vision and economic outcomes back to the product activities
- How to identify and

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pursue the right opportunities for producing value through an iterative product framework How to build a culture focused on successful outcomes over outputs

An exploration of why we play video games despite the fact that we are almost certain to feel unhappy when we fail at them. We may think of video games as being "fun," but in *The Art of Failure*, Jesper Juul claims that this is almost entirely mistaken. When we play video games, our facial expressions are rarely those of happiness or bliss. Instead, we frown, grimace, and shout in frustration as we lose, or die, or fail to advance to the next level. Humans may have a fundamental desire to succeed and feel competent, but game players choose to

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engage in an activity in which they are nearly certain to fail and feel incompetent. So why do we play video games even though they make us unhappy? Juul examines this paradox. In video games, as in tragic works of art, literature, theater, and cinema, it seems that we want to experience unpleasantness even if we also dislike it. Reader or audience reaction to tragedy is often explained as catharsis, as a purging of negative emotions. But, Juul points out, this doesn't seem to be the case for video game players. Games do not purge us of unpleasant emotions; they produce them in the first place. What, then, does failure in video game playing do? Juul argues that failure in a game is unique in that when you fail in a game, you (not a

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character) are in some way inadequate. Yet games also motivate us to play more, in order to escape that inadequacy, and the feeling of escaping failure (often by improving skills) is a central enjoyment of games. Games, writes Juul, are the art of failure: the singular art form that sets us up for failure and allows us to experience it and experiment with it. *The Art of Failure* is essential reading for anyone interested in video games, whether as entertainment, art, or education.

Radical Focus

Start at the End

The Art Of Innovation

The Art of Agile Product Ownership

The Art and Science of Managing Network and Communications Industry Products

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Escaping the Build Trap

The Product Manager's Handbook

"Nobody asked you to show up." Every experienced product manager has heard some version of those words at some point in their career. Think about a company. Engineers build the product. Designers make sure it has a great user experience and looks good. Marketing makes sure customers know about the product. Sales get potential customers to open their wallets to buy the

product. What more does a company need? What does a product manager do? Based upon Product School's curriculum, which has helped thousands of students become great product managers, The Product Book answers that question. Filled with practical advice, best practices, and expert tips, this book is here to help you succeed! What do you want me to do? This question is the enduring management issue, a perennial

problem that Stephen Bungay shows has an old solution that is counter-intuitive and yet common sense. The Art of Action is a thought-provoking and fresh look at how managers can turn planning into execution, and execution into results. Drawing on his experience as a consultant, senior manager and a highly respected military historian, Stephen Bungay takes a close look at the nineteenth-century Prussian Army, which

built its agility on the initiative of its highly empowered junior officers, to show business leaders how they can build more effective, productive organizations. Based on a theoretical framework which has been tested in practice over 150 years, Bungay shows how the approach known as 'mission command' has been applied in businesses as diverse as pharmaceuticals and F1 racing today. The Art of Action is scholarly but

engaging, rigorous but pragmatic, and shows how common sense can sometimes be surprising. The Art of Product Management takes us inside the head of a product management thought leader: all about Silicon Valley start-ups, thinking like a customer, and the creation of new technology products The lowly paperclip attracts little attention in our world of advanced gadgets and increasingly sophisticated technology. But to veteran inventor

and design engineer Steven J. Paley, it is a prime example of the qualities that often characterize a great invention—simplicity, elegance, and robustness—and it provided a lasting solution to a common problem. In this entertaining and insightful exploration of the process of invention, Paley shows why these same three qualities are essential not only to the success of simple devices, but equally to complex inventions from

computer chips to nuclear power plants. Whether you're an aspiring inventor or an experienced designer, Paley's expertise, personal examples, and case studies offer detailed guidance on conceptualizing your ideas and turning them into reality. Paley begins by exploring the essential aspects of creative thinking, from identifying a problem or need, which is often hidden in plain sight, to finding an inspired solution. He

shows how ideas can come from a variety of sources such as the natural world, basic physical principles, life experience, or even chance observations. He examines how intuition and the harnessing of subconscious information are key ingredients for the inventive process. Next, Paley focuses on the three fundamental themes of simplicity, elegance, and robustness. He vividly and persuasively illustrates through many

examples how great inventions embody these crucial characteristics. The author concludes with an in-depth look at the business of invention and the typical inventor's toolkit. He addresses the real-world challenges of turning a good idea into a practical, marketable application, including patents, marketing, and entrepreneurship. He is candid about the realities of hard work and the need to learn from the inevitable mistakes along

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the way. Full of insights and practical guidance from a successful inventor and entrepreneur, The Art of Invention will open new avenues of creativity for budding and accomplished inventors alike. Steven J. Paley (Paramus, NJ) holds nine US patents and numerous international patents. He is the founder of Arise Technologies, Inc., which teaches robotics and engineering to special needs and gifted children. From 1985 to

2001, he was the CEO and Chief Technical Officer of the Texwipe Company, which manufactured and sold specialized consumable products for the control of microcontamination in semiconductor fabrication, disk drive manufacture, biotechnology, and aerospace.

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*There isn't a business that doesn't want to be more creative in its thinking, products and processes. In **The Art of Innovation**, Tom Kelley, partner at the Silicon Valley-based firm IDEO, developer of hundreds of innovative products from the first commercial mouse to virtual reality headsets and*

the Palm hand-held, takes readers behind the scenes of this wildly imaginative company to reveal the strategies and secrets it uses to turn out hit after hit. Kelley shows how teams: -Research and immerse themselves in every possible aspect of a new product or service -Examine each product from the perspective of clients, consumers and other critical audiences -Brainstorm best when they are focussed, being physical and having fun The Art of Innovation will provide business leaders with the insights and tools they need to make their companies the leading-edge top-rated stars of their industries.

Rapid iteration, A/B testing, and growth hacking-these buzzwords have everyone's attention in product management today. But while they dominate the current discussion, something even more significant has been lost in their limelight: long-term value creation for the customer. Product advisors Rajesh Nerlikar and Ben Foster believe that consistently delivering meaningful outcomes requires a deep understanding of your customer's definition of success. Combine a bold customer-centric vision with a practical execution strategy, and you have a recipe that reveals product development

priorities and the pathway to innovation. In *Build What Matters*, Rajesh and Ben introduce you to their methodology for becoming a product-driven company. Through their tested strategies and stories of success, you'll learn how *Vision-Led Product Management* helps you achieve company objectives by meeting both current and future customer needs.

***42 Rules of Product Management* is a collection of product management wisdom from forty experts from around the world. The goal of this book is to expose you to the wisdom and knowledge from a group of the world's**

leading product management experts. Among the contributors, there are leading authors, professors, CEOs and vice presidents, bloggers, consultants, trainers, and even a few salespeople and engineers. In total, there are over five centuries of collected wisdom represented here. The contributors each share one rule they think is critical to succeed in product management based on their hands-on product management and product marketing experience with companies such as Apple, eBay, Intuit, SAP, and Yahoo! This book is a comprehensive and practical guide to the

core skills, activities, and behaviors that are required of product managers in modern technology companies.

Product management is one of the fastest growing and most sought-after roles by job seekers and companies alike. The availability of trained and experienced talent can barely keep up with the accelerating demand for new and improved technology products. People from nontechnical and technical backgrounds alike are eager to master this exciting new role. The Influential Product Manager teaches product managers how to behave at each stage of the product life cycle to achieve the best outcome for

the customer. Product managers are under pressure to drive spectacular results, often without wielding much direct power or authority. If you don't know how to influence people at all levels of the organization, how will you create the best possible product? This comprehensive entry-level textbook distills over twenty years of hard-won field experience and industry knowledge into lessons that will empower new product managers to act like pros right out of the gate. With teaching experience both from UC Berkeley and Lynda.com, the author boils down the most complex topics into principles that are easy to

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Gather and analyze customer and market feedback
Prioritize and convey requirements to engineering teams effectively
Maximize revenues and profitability
Product managers are

responsible for so much more than meets the eye—and this friendly, authoritative guide lifts the curtain on what it takes to succeed.

Many people think leadership is a higher calling that resides exclusively with a select few who practice and preach big, complex leadership philosophies. But as this practical book reveals, what's most important for leadership is principled consistency. Time and again, small things done well build trust and respect within a team. Using stories

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from his time at Netscape, Apple, and Slack, Michael Lopp presents a series of small but compelling practices to help you build leadership skills. You'll learn how to create teams that are highly productive, highly respected, and highly trusted. Lopp has been speaking and writing about this topic for over a decade and now maintains a Slack leadership channel with over 13,000 members. The essays in this book examine the practical skills Lopp learned from exceptional leaders—as a manager at Netscape, a

senior manager and director at Apple, and an executive at Slack. You'll learn how to apply these lessons to your own experience.

Every product owner faces a complex and unique set of challenges within their team. This provides each individual the opportunity to fill the role with different ambitions, skills, and insights. Your product ownership journey can take a variety of paths, and The Art of Agile Product Ownership is here to be your guide. Author Allan Kelly, who delivers Agile training

courses to major companies, pulls from his experience to help you discover what it takes to be a successful product owner. You will learn how you need to define your role within a team and how you can best incorporate ownership with strategy. With the Agile method, time is the key factor, and after using the lessons from this book you will confidently be able to synthesize features, functionality, and scope against delivery. You will find out how other team members such as the UX

designer and business analyst can support and enhance your role as product owner, and how every type of company structure can adapt for optimal agility. The Art of Agile Product Ownership is a beacon for current product owners, programmers who are ready to take the next step towards ownership, and analysts transitioning into the product space. This book helps you determine for yourself the best way to fill the product owner role so that you utilize your unique combination of skills.

Product ownership is central to a successful Agile team, and after reading this book, you will be more than ready for the challenge. What You Will Learn Explores activities the product owner needs to do in order to write good and valuable user stories Identifies skills product owners can learn from product managers and business analysts Demonstrates how to make decisions based on business and customer demand rather than technical needs and feasibility **Who This Book Is**

For This is a book for anyone becoming a product owner: developers and programmers, who, after some years at the code-face, are ready to step up to the next stage to own the product that they have been coding. Business Analysts and Product Managers who see themselves transitioning into the a product owner role will find value in this book in understanding their new role and how the work is the same and how it is different
Grab the all-you-need reference and manage your

products effectively and efficiently Now, product managers at every level can have an authoritative, one-stop reference to strategizing, introducing, and managing products at their fingertips. The Product Manager's Desk Reference uses the progression of the practitioner across the career cycle as well as the progression of the product across its life cycle to establish clear guidelines as to what must be done, when, by whom, and with what level of expertise. A Real-World Guide to the

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from concept to launch without a couple of major hiccups. Why do some product leaders succeed while others don't? This insightful book presents interviews with nearly 100 leading product managers from all over the world. Authors Richard Banfield, Martin Eriksson, and Nate Walkingshaw draw on decades of experience in product design and development to capture the approaches, styles, insights, and techniques of successful product managers. If you want to understand what drives good product leaders, this book is an irreplaceable resource. In three parts, Product Leadership helps you explore: Themes and patterns of successful teams and their leaders, and ways to

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Deciding what to create at modern companies often looks like an episode of Mad Men: people throw ideas around until one sounds sexy enough to execute and then they scale it to everyone. The result? Companies overspend on marketing to drive engagement with products

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and services that people don't want and won't help them be happier and healthier. Start at the End offers a new framework for design, grounded in behavioral science. Technology executive and behavioral scientist Matt Wallaert argues that the purpose of everything is behavior change. By starting with outcomes instead of processes, the most effective companies understand what people want to do and why they aren't already doing it, then build products and services to bridge the gap. Wallaert is a behavioral psychologist who has led product design at organizations ranging from startups like Clover Health to industry leaders such as Microsoft. Whether dissecting the

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success behind Uber's ridesharing service or Flamin' Hot Cheetos, he underscores with clarity and humor how this approach can improve the way we work and live. This is an essential roadmap for building products that matter--and changing behavior for the better.

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Manager should take to complete a given task. - Source new ideas that succeed - Set a compelling product vision and strategy - Search for profitable new business models - Become a market expert - Effectively manage roadmaps - Ensure a successful product launch - Understand value and price profitably - Build and manage high-performance teams - And much more! This book is a convenient reference guide that you can use throughout your workday. It's meant for Product Managers of all levels and for anyone wishing to understand what it takes to define, develop, launch, and market new products successfully.

A good product roadmap is one of

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the most important and influential documents an organization can develop, publish, and continuously update. In fact, this one document can steer an entire organization when it comes to delivering on company strategy. This practical guide teaches you how to create an effective product roadmap, and demonstrates how to use the roadmap to align stakeholders and prioritize ideas and requests. With it, you'll learn to communicate how your products will make your customers and organization successful. Whether you're a product manager, product owner, business analyst, program manager, project manager, scrum master, lead developer, designer, development

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- Protect against pursuing seemingly good ideas without evaluation and prioritization
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- Inspire loyalty and over-delivery from your team
- Get your sales team working with you instead of against you
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**What is it about the top
tech product companies
such as Amazon, Apple,
Google, Netflix and Tesla
that enables their record
of consistent innovation?
Most people think it's
because these companies
are somehow able to find**

and attract a level of talent that makes this innovation possible. But the real advantage these companies have is not so much who they hire, but rather how they enable their people to work together to solve hard problems and create extraordinary products. As legendary Silicon Valley coach--and coach to the founders of several of today's leading tech companies--Bill Campbell said, "Leadership is about recognizing that there's a greatness in everyone,

and your job is to create an environment where that greatness can emerge.” The goal of EMPOWERED is to provide you, as a leader of product management, product design, or engineering, with everything you’ll need to create just such an environment. As partners at The Silicon Valley Product Group, Marty Cagan and Chris Jones have long worked to reveal the best practices of the most consistently innovative companies in

the world. A natural companion to the bestseller INSPIRED, EMPOWERED tackles head-on the reason why most companies fail to truly leverage the potential of their people to innovate: product leadership. The book covers: what it means to be an empowered product team, and how this is different from the “feature teams” used by most companies to build technology products recruiting and coaching the members of product

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competence, and then to
reach their potential
creating an inspiring
product vision along with
an insights-driven
product strategy
translating that strategy
into action by
empowering teams with
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objectives—problems to
solve—rather than
features to build
redefining the
relationship of the
product teams to the rest
of the company detailing
the changes necessary to**

**effectively and
successfully transform
your organization to truly
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leaders of the top
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company needs to not
only survive but thrive.
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what business value is?
Information technology
can and should deliver
business value. But the**

Agile literature has paid scant attention to what business value means—and how to know whether or not you are delivering it. This problem becomes ever more critical as you push value delivery toward autonomous teams and away from requirements “tossed over the wall” by business stakeholders. An empowered team needs to understand its goal! Playful and thought-provoking, *The Art of Business Value* explores what business value

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and how it should affect
your software
development and delivery
practices. More than any
other IT delivery
approach, DevOps (and
Agile thinking in general)
makes business value a
central concern. This
book examines the role of
business value in software
and makes a compelling
case for why a clear
understanding of
business value will
change the way you
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