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**For the past two decades, Michael Porter's work has towered over the field of competitive strategy. On Competition, Updated and Expanded Edition brings together more than a dozen of Porter's landmark articles from the Harvard Business Review. Five are new to this edition, including the 2008 update to his classic "The Five Competitive Forces That Shape Strategy," as well as new work on health care, philanthropy, corporate social responsibility, and**

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CEO leadership. This collection captures Porter's unique ability to bridge theory and practice. Each of the articles has not only shaped thinking, but also redefined the work of practitioners in its respective field. In an insightful new introduction, Porter relates each article to the whole of his thinking about competition and value creation, and traces how that thinking has deepened over time. This collection is organized by topic, allowing the reader easy access to the wide range of Porter's work. Parts I and II present the frameworks for which Porter is best

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known--frameworks that address how companies, as well as nations and regions, gain and sustain competitive advantage. Part III shows how strategic thinking can address society's most pressing challenges, from environmental sustainability to improving health-care delivery. Part IV explores how both nonprofits and corporations can create value for society more effectively by applying strategy principles to philanthropy. Part V explores the link between strategy and leadership.

**BEST STRATEGY BOOK OF 2018:  
AXIOM BUSINESS BOOK AWARDS**

**From the New York Times**

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bestselling author on strategy Technobody--maker of wearable technologies--is under attack. Its strategic plan is slowly being killed by the top 20 strategy challenges (villains) every company faces: bad meetings (Meeting Menace), fire drills (Fire Driller), silos (Silo-Clops), and too many priorities (Dr. Yes). They are members of the Anti-Strategy Squad, a gang whose mission is to cause mass strategycide and global bankruptcy. But Technobody will not fail without a fight. Led by its fearless managers and three superheroes--StrategyMan, Innovatara, and

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Purposeidon--they will  
summon all of its strategic  
thinking powers to wage one  
final war against bad  
strategy and save its plan.  
New research shows that the  
number one most important  
leadership capability for  
executives is strategic  
thinking. Yet, only 3 out of  
every 10 people are  
strategic. With the leading  
cause of business failure  
being bad strategy, it's  
critical that you and your  
team are equipped with the  
knowledge, skills, and tools  
to think strategically. In  
StrategyMan vs. the Anti-  
Strategy Squad, you'll learn  
how to: - Develop a common  
language for strategy. -

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**Create a shared understanding of strategy. -  
Apply practical strategy tools to your business. -  
Think strategically on a daily basis. - Infuse innovation into your strategies. - Facilitate strategy conversations. -  
Lead strategic meetings. -  
Set clear strategic direction. - Profitably grow your business. - Create competitive advantage. In today's ultracompetitive market, it's be strategic . . . or be gone.**

**Strategic Logic lays the foundations for a clear understanding of corporate profitability and provides the reader with innovative**

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insights on how to develop original yet realistic strategies. Working with real-life examples and based on rigorous theory, the author analyses key managerial decisions and shows how to ensure these enhance the company's long-term profitability. Mergers and acquisitions are great opportunities for strategic development, but they can also destroy value. The author indicates how to judge on what side a specific case will fall. Cybersecurity has traditionally been the purview of information technology professionals, who possess specialized

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knowledge and speak a language that few outside of their department can understand. In our current corporate landscape, however, cybersecurity awareness must be an organization-wide management competency in order to mitigate major threats to an organization's well-being—and be prepared to act if the worst happens. With rapidly expanding attacks and evolving methods of attack, organizations are in a perpetual state of breach and have to deal with this existential threat head-on. Cybersecurity preparedness is a critical and distinctive competency, and



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this book is intended to help students and practitioners develop and enhance this capability, as individuals continue to be both the strongest and weakest links in a cyber defense system. In addition to providing the non-specialist with a jargon-free overview of cybersecurity threats, Dr. Chatterjee focuses most of the book on developing a practical and easy-to-comprehend management framework and success factors that will help leaders assess cybersecurity risks, address organizational weaknesses, and build a collaborative

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culture that is informed and responsive. Through brief case studies, literature review, and practical tools, he creates a manual for the student and professional alike to put into practice essential skills for any workplace.

**7 Powers**

**Creating and Sustaining  
Superior Performance**

**Managing Creativity and  
Innovation**

**A Radically Simplified  
Approach to Business  
Strategy**

**The Foundations of Business  
Strategy**

**The Four Cornerstones of  
Corporate Finance**

**Concepts, Tools, and**

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## **Frameworks for Practitioners**

*Creating and sustaining a profitable business requires close adherence to the fundamentals of business strategy. Fortunately, the basics of business strategy can be boiled down to three simple principles: Firms must create value for their customers; they must fend off competition; and they must ensure that their strategic position endures. Packed with practical information designed for business readers and managers at all levels, this essential volume offers insights on managing creativity in groups, developing creative conflict, and using technology to help foster innovation. Rethink how your organization*

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*creates, delivers, and captures value--or risk becoming irrelevant. If you read nothing else on business model innovation, read these 10 articles. We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the most important ones to help you reach new customers and stay ahead of your competitors by reinventing your business model. This book will inspire you to: Assess whether your core business model is going strong or running out of gas Fend off free and discount entrants to your market Reinvigorate growth by adding a second business model Adopt the practices of lean startups Develop a platform around your key*

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*products Make business model innovation an ongoing discipline within your organization This collection of articles includes "Why Business Models Matter," by Joan Magretta; "Reinventing Your Business Model," by Mark W. Johnson, Clayton M. Christensen, and Henning Kagermann; "When Your Business Model Is in Trouble," an interview with Rita Gunther McGrath by Sarah Cliffe; "Four Paths to Business Model Innovation," by Karan Girotra and Serguei Netessine; "The Transformative Business Model," by Stelios Kavadias, Kostas Ladas, and Christoph Loch; "Competing Against Free," by David J. Bryce,*

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*Jeffrey H. Dyer, and Nile W. Hatch; "Why the Lean Start-Up Changes Everything," by Steve Blank; "Finding the Platform in Your Product," by Andrei Hagiu and Elizabeth J. Altman; "Pipelines, Platforms, and the New Rules of Strategy," by Marshall W. Van Alstyne, Geoffrey G. Parker, and Sangeet Paul Choudary; "When One Business Model Isn't Enough," by Ramon Casadesus-Masanell and Jorge Tarzijan; and "Reaching the Rich World's Poorest Consumers," by Muhammad Yunus, Frederic Dalsace, David Menasce, and Benedicte Faivre-Tavignot. HBR's 10 Must Reads paperback series is the definitive collection of books for*

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*new and experienced leaders alike. Leaders looking for the inspiration that big ideas provide, both to accelerate their own growth and that of their companies, should look no further. HBR's 10 Must Reads series focuses on the core topics that every ambitious manager needs to know: leadership, strategy, change, managing people, and managing yourself. Harvard Business Review has sorted through hundreds of articles and selected only the most essential reading on each topic. Each title includes timeless advice that will be relevant regardless of an ever-changing business environment.*

*The management guide that gives*

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*you the skills you need to succeed  
Managers at any level must master a  
wide range of business and personal  
skills in order to succeed. Originally  
published as part of the Essential  
Managers series, The Book of  
Management covers everything you  
need to know to perfect 10 core  
management skills, all in one place.  
Tables, illustrations and 'In Focus'  
panels on what to do in any  
situation, plus real-life case studies  
demonstrate how to maximise the  
benefits of creative management for  
yourself, your staff and your clients,  
conceive new ideas, develop new  
products and implement new  
practices. Completely versatile;  
read The Book of Management*



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*cover-to-cover, or dip in and out of topics for quick reference.*

*Harvard Business Review Interviews with CEOs*

*Why Business Models Matter*

*Good Strategy, Bad Strategy*

*Presentation Zen Design*

*The Rules of Management*

*Good Boss, Bad Boss*

*Competitive Advantage*

NEW from the bestselling HBR 's  
10 Must Reads series. Stop pushing products—and start cultivating relationships with the right customers. If you read nothing else on marketing that delivers competitive advantage, read these 10 articles. We 've combed through hundreds of

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articles in the Harvard Business Review archive and selected the most important ones to help you reinvent your marketing by putting it—and your customers—at the center of your business. Leading experts such as Ted Levitt and Clayton Christensen provide the insights and advice you need to:

- Figure out what business you 're really in
- Create products that perform the jobs people need to get done
- Get a bird 's-eye view of your brand 's strengths and weaknesses
- Tap a market that 's larger than China and India combined
- Deliver superior value to your B2B customers

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idea beyond introducing new sizes and ink colors. Someone suggested lighters. LIGHTERS? With an idea that seemed crazy at first, that bright executive, instead of seeing BIC as a pen company—a business in the PEN “ box ” —figured out that there was growth to be found in the DISPOSABLE “ box. ” And he was right. Now there are disposable BIC lighters, razors, even phones. The company opened its door to a host of opportunities. IT INVENTED A NEW BOX. Your business can, too. And simply thinking “ out of the box ” is not the answer. True ingenuity needs structure, hard

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analysis, and bold brainstorming. It needs to start THINKING IN NEW BOXES—a revolutionary process for sustainable creativity from two strategic innovation experts from The Boston Consulting Group (BCG). To make sense of the world, we all rely on assumptions, on models—on what Luc de Brabandere and Alan Iny call “boxes.” If we are unaware of our boxes, they can blind us to risks and opportunities. This innovative book challenges everything you thought you knew about business creativity by breaking creativity down into five steps: • Doubt everything.

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Challenge your current perspectives. • Probe the possible. Explore options around you. • Diverge. Generate many new and exciting ideas, even if they seem absurd. • Converge. Evaluate and select the ideas that will drive breakthrough results. • Reevaluate.

Relentlessly. No idea is a good idea forever. And did we mention Reevaluate? Relentlessly.

Creativity is paramount if you are to thrive in a time of accelerating change. Replete with practical and potent creativity tools, and featuring fascinating case studies from BIC to Ford to Trader Joe ' s, Thinking in New

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Boxes will help you and your company overcome missed opportunities and stay ahead of the curve. This book isn't a simpleminded checklist. This is Thinking in New Boxes. And it will be fun. (We promise.) Praise for Thinking in New Boxes

“ Excellent . . . While focusing on business creativity, the principles in this book apply anywhere change is needed and will be of interest to anyone seeking to reinvent herself. ” —Blogcritics

“ Thinking in New Boxes is a five-step guide that leverages the authors' deep understanding of human nature to enable readers to overcome their limitations and

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both imagine and create their own futures. This book is a must-read for people living and working in today ' s competitive environment. ” —Ray O. Johnson, Ph.D., chief technology officer, Lockheed Martin “ Thinking In New Boxes discusses what I believe to be one of the fundamental shifts all companies/brands need to be thinking about: how to think creatively, in order to innovate and differentiate our brands. We need to thrive and lead in a world of accelerating change and this book challenges us to even greater creativity in our thinking. One of the best business books



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I ' ve read in a long time. ” —Jennifer Fox, CEO, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts “ As impressive as teaching new tricks to old dogs, Thinking in New Boxes is both inspirational and practical—a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to sharpening one ' s wits in order to harness creativity in the workplace. ” —Peter Gelb, general manager, Metropolitan Opera

Beat the odds with a bold strategy from McKinsey & Company “ Every once in a while, a genuinely fresh approach to business strategy appears ” – legendary business professor

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Richard Rumelt, UCLA McKinsey & Company ' s newest, most definitive, and most irreverent book on strategy—which thousands of executives are already using—is a must-read for all C-suite executives looking to create winning corporate strategies. Strategy Beyond the Hockey Stick is spearheading an empirical revolution in the field of strategy. Based on an extensive analysis of the key factors that drove the long-term performance of thousands of global companies, the book offers a ground-breaking formula that enables you to objectively assess your strategy ' s real odds

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of future success. "This book is fundamental. The principles laid out here, with compelling data, are a great way around the social pitfalls in strategy development. " — Frans Van Houten, CEO, Royal Philips N.V. The authors have discovered that over a 10-year period, just 1 in 12 companies manage to jump from the middle tier of corporate performance—where 60% of companies reside, making very little economic profit—to the top quintile where 90% of global economic profit is made. This movement does not happen by magic—it depends on your company ' s current position, the

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trends it faces, and the big moves you make to give it the strongest chance of vaulting over the competition. This is not another strategy framework. Rather, *Strategy Beyond the Hockey Stick* shows, through empirical analysis and the experiences of dozens of companies that have successfully made multiple big moves, that to dramatically improve performance, you have to overcome incrementalism and corporate inertia. “A different kind of book—I couldn’t put it down. Inspiring new insights on the facts of what it takes to move a company’s performance,

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combined with practical advice on how to deal with real-life dynamics in management teams. ” —Jane Fraser, CEO, Citigroup Latin America Argues that a manager's central responsibility is to create and implement strategies, challenges popular motivational practices, and shares anecdotes discussing how to enable action-oriented plans for real-world results.

On Competition

Strategy and Competition: The Porter Collection (3 Items)

Creating Competitive Advantages

Understanding Michael Porter

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Playing to Win

WHAT MANAGEMENT IS

A New Paradigm for Business  
Creativity

A beginner's guide and a bible for one of the greatest social innovations of modern times: the discipline of management. Whether you're new to the field or a seasoned executive, this book will give you a firm grasp on what it takes to make an organization perform. It presents the basic principles of management simply, but not simplistically. Why did an eBay succeed where a Webvan did not? Why do you need both a business model and a strategy? Why is it impossible to manage without the right performance

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measures, and do yours pass the test? What Management Is is both a beginner's guide and a bible for one of the greatest social innovations of modern times: the discipline of management. Joan Magretta, a former top editor at the Harvard Business Review, distills the wisdom of a bewildering sea of books and articles into one simple, clear volume, explaining both the logic of successful organizations and how that logic is embodied in practice. Magretta makes rich use of examples—contemporary and historical—to bring to life management's High Concepts: value creation, business models, competitive strategy, and organizational design. She devotes

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equal attention to the often unwritten rules of execution that characterize the best-performing organizations. Throughout she shows how the principles of management that work in for-profit businesses can—and must—be applied to nonprofits as well. Most management books preach a single formula or a single fad. This one roams knowledgeably over the best that has been thought and written with a practical eye for what matters in real organizations. Not since Peter Drucker's great work of the 1950s and 1960s has there been a comparable effort to present the work of management as a coherent whole, to take stock of the current state of play, and to write



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about it thoughtfully for readers of all backgrounds. Newcomers will find the basics demystified. More experienced readers will recognize a store of useful wisdom and a framework for improving their own performance. This is the big-picture management book for our times. It defines a common standard of managerial literacy that will help all of us lead more productive lives, whether we aspire to be managers or not.

In his internationally acclaimed, best-selling book *Presentation Zen: Simple Ideas on Presentation Design and Delivery*, presentation master Garr Reynolds gave readers the framework for planning, putting together, and delivering successful

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presentations. Now, he takes us further into the design realm and shows how we can apply time-honored design principles to presentation layouts. Throughout *Presentation Zen Design*, Garr shares his lessons on designing effective presentations that contain text, graphs, color, images, and video. After establishing guidelines for each of the various elements, he explains how to achieve an overall harmony and balance using the tenets of Zen simplicity. Not only will you discover how to design your slides for more professional-looking presentations, you'll learn to communicate more clearly and will accomplish the goal of making a stronger, more lasting connection

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with your audience.

According to Jim Hoopes, the fundamental principles on which business is based-authority, power, control-are increasingly at odds with principles of life in a democratic society-freedom, equality, individualism. False Prophets critically examines the pioneering theories of the early management thinkers, such as Taylor, Follett, Mayo, and Deming, which intended to democratize corporate life yet have proved antithetical to the successful practice of business. Hoopes challenges popular management movements that followed in the wake of these thinkers and accuses today's business theorists of

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perpetuating bad management in the name of democratic values. He urges executives and managers to recognize the realities of corporate life and learn to apply the principles of power. He also unveils a new management agenda that will be of paramount significance to modern organizations. A rich and lively read, *False Prophets* provides a refreshingly new and original overview of the history of management in the larger context of the American culture, brilliantly illustrating its evolution—from the ivory tower to the shop floor. Bruce Greenwald, one of the nation's leading business professors, presents a new and simplified approach to strategy that

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cuts through much of the fog that has surrounded the subject. Based on his hugely popular course at Columbia Business School, Greenwald and his coauthor, Judd Kahn, offer an easy-to-follow method for understanding the competitive structure of your industry and developing an appropriate strategy for your specific position. Over the last two decades, the conventional approach to strategy has become frustratingly complex. It's easy to get lost in a sophisticated model of your competitors, suppliers, buyers, substitutes, and other players, while losing sight of the big question: Are there barriers to entry that allow you to do things that other firms

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cannot?

Cybersecurity Readiness

Lead and Disrupt

Kellogg on Strategy

Simple Design Principles and

Techniques to Enhance Your

Presentations

Mastering Strategy: Workshops for  
Business Success

Surviving and Thriving in a

Relationship with an Entrepreneur  
Value

In this visionary book, C. K. Prahalad and Venkat Ramaswamy explore why, despite unbounded opportunities for innovation, companies still can't satisfy customers and sustain

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profitable growth. The explanation for this apparent paradox lies in recognizing the structural changes brought about by the convergence of industries and technologies; ubiquitous connectivity and globalization; and, as a consequence, the evolving role of the consumer from passive recipient to active co-creator of value. Managers need a new framework for value creation. Increasingly, individual customers interact with a network of firms and consumer

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communities to co-create value. No longer can firms autonomously create value. Neither is value embedded in products and services per se. Products are but an artifact around which compelling individual experiences are created. As a result, the focus of innovation will shift from products and services to experience environments that individuals can interact with to co-construct their own experiences. These personalized co-creation experiences are the source of unique value for



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consumers and companies alike. In this emerging opportunity space, companies must build new strategic capital—a new theory on how to compete. This book presents a detailed view of the new functional, organizational, infrastructure, and governance capabilities that will be required for competing on experiences and co-creating unique value.

Dishwasher is Public Radio favorite and underground celebrity Pete Jordan's amusing memoir of his

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dishwashing extravaganza. Part adventure, part parody, and part miraculous journey of self-discovery, it is the unforgettable account of Jordan's transformation from itinerant seeker into "Dishwasher Pete"—unlikely folk hero, writer, publisher of his own cult zine, and the ultimate professional dish dog—and how he gave it all up for love. “For 12 years, I was the most prolific dishlicker of them all. From 1989 to 2001, I dished my way around the country, unwittingly

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searching for direction. From a bagel joint in New Mexico to a Mexican joint in Brooklyn; from a dinner train in Rhode Island to the Lawrence Welk Resort in Branson, Missouri; from an upper-crust ladies' club to a crusty hippie commune—I washed the nation's dishes. Whether it was a gig so lousy that I walked out within an hour or one where I toiled 120 hours a week, I remained a man on a mission: to bust suds in every state in the union.”—Pete Jordan A smart, funny, and

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surprising look at life, Dishwasher is sure to appeal to fans of Nick Hornby and Tom Perotta. Are some technically competent professionals who work hard and long hours 'true professionals' or are they just cruisers? In this deeply illuminating call to arms, David Maister, the world's premier consultant to professional service firms, vigorously challenges individuals to examine closely the meaning of their work and reach beyond their grasp. The pursuit of the highest

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standards, Maister argues, is the primary road to commercial success. He presents a visionary reconception of professionalism that encompasses a lifelong dedication to self-improvement, a personal commitment to excellence, and a true spirit of service to clients. Looking first at the individual professional, Maister dares those good corporate citizens who 'do their duty' to discover what they truly love to do. Turning to the institution, Maister

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focuses on what he calls the 'instability' of professional service firms today, and offers advice on how to invest in skill building. David Maister's message is a recipe for success and for professional satisfaction making TRUE PROFESSIONALISM a worthy successor to his previous writings.

Fun to read yet full of powerful business information, this guide provides a comprehensive toolkit for crafting winning strategies in today's competitive

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environment. • Presents the most effective and useful strategy concepts and frameworks in a condensed, easy-to-grasp and entertaining manner that anyone or any business can benefit from

- Provides many current and classic examples to show the application of the frameworks, making key concepts easy to understand
- Organizes information in a logical order where concepts presented in previous workshops provides the base for additional ideas or strategies, giving

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readers a synergistic,  
comprehensive picture of  
strategic challenges and  
opportunities • Shows  
readers not just how to  
craft marketing strategy  
but also how to advocate  
for their strategic ideas  
Time Smart

Co-Creating Unique Value  
With Customers

HBR's 10 Must Reads on  
Strategic Marketing (with  
featured article

ÒMarketing Myopia,Ó by  
Theodore Levitt)

People, Probabilities, and  
Big Moves to Beat the Odds  
Strategic Management

The Book of Management



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Unlock your company's competitive advantage  
Leading Minds and Landmark Ideas  
In An Easily Accessible Format  
From the preeminent thinkers whose work has defined an entire field to the rising stars who will redefine the way we think about business, The Harvard Business Review Paperback Series delivers the fundamental information today's professionals need to stay competitive in a fast-moving world. Prominent CEOs share, in their own words, their insights and thoughts on both cutting edge issues and timeless topics. Combined, these eight interviews create perhaps the most extensive and stimulating seminar on the

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latest business thinking.

7 Powers details a strategy toolset that enables you to build an enduringly valuable company. It was developed by Hamilton Helmer drawing on his decades of experience as a strategy advisor, equity investor and Stanford University teacher. This is must reading for any business person and applies to all businesses, new or mature, large or small.

In the past few years, a number of well-known firms have failed; think of Blockbuster, Kodak, or RadioShack. When we read about their demise, it often seems inevitable—a natural part of "creative destruction." But closer examination reveals a disturbing truth:

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Companies large and small are shuttering more quickly than ever. What does it take to buck this trend? The simple answer is: ambidexterity. Firms must remain competitive in their core markets, while also winning in new domains. Innovation guru Clayton M. Christensen has been pessimistic about whether established companies can prevail in the face of disruption, but Charles A. O'Reilly III and Michael L. Tushman know they can! The authors explain how shrewd organizations have used an ambidextrous approach to solve their own innovator's dilemma. They contrast these luminaries with companies which—often trapped by their own

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successes—have been unable to adapt and grow. Drawing on a vast research program and over a decade of helping companies to innovate, the authors present a set of practices to guide firms as they adopt ambidexterity. Top-down and bottom-up leaders are key to this process—a fact too often overlooked in the heated debate about innovation. But not in this case. Readers will come away with a new understanding of how to improve their existing businesses through efficiency, control, and incremental change, while also seizing new markets where flexibility, autonomy, and experimentation rule the day. There's an 80 percent chance you're poor. Time poor, that is. Four

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out of five adults report feeling that they have too much to do and not enough time to do it. These time-poor people experience less joy each day. They laugh less. They are less healthy, less productive, and more likely to divorce. In one study, time stress produced a stronger negative effect on happiness than unemployment. How can we escape the time traps that make us feel this way and keep us from living our best lives? Time Smart is your playbook for taking back the time you lose to mindless tasks and unfulfilling chores. Author and Harvard Business School professor Ashley Whillans will give you proven strategies for improving your "time affluence." The

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techniques Whillans provides will free up seconds, minutes, and hours that, over the long term, become weeks and months that you can reinvest in positive, healthy activities. Time Smart doesn't stop at telling you what to do. It also shows you how to do it, helping you achieve the mindset shift that will make these activities part of your everyday regimen through assessments, checklists, and activities you can use right away. The strategies Whillans presents will help you make the shift to time-smart living and, in the process, build a happier, more fulfilling life.

What Management Is  
How to Solve the Innovator's  
Dilemma

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Michael Porter's Value Chain

The Future of Competition

False Prophets

How it Works and why It's

Everyone's Business

Managing Oneself

Now with a new chapter  
that focuses on what  
great bosses really do.

Dr. Sutton reveals new  
insights that he's  
learned since the  
writing of Good Boss,  
Bad Boss. Sutton adds  
revelatory thoughts  
about such legendary  
bosses as Ed Catmull,  
Steve Jobs, A.G. Lafley,  
and many more, and how

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you can implement their techniques. If you are a boss who wants to do great work, what can you do about it? Good Boss, Bad Boss is devoted to answering that question. Stanford Professor Robert Sutton weaves together the best psychological and management research with compelling stories and cases to reveal the mindset and moves of the best (and worst) bosses. This book was inspired by the deluge of emails, research, phone calls,



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and conversations that Dr. Sutton experienced after publishing his blockbuster bestseller *The No Asshole Rule*. He realized that most of these stories and studies swirled around a central figure in every workplace: THE BOSS. These heart-breaking, inspiring, and sometimes funny stories taught Sutton that most bosses - and their followers - wanted a lot more than just a jerk-free workplace. They aspired to become (or work for)

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an all-around great boss, somebody with the skill and grit to inspire superior work, commitment, and dignity among their charges. As Dr. Sutton digs into the nitty-gritty of what the best (and worst) bosses do, a theme runs throughout *Good Boss, Bad Boss* - which brings together the diverse lessons and is a hallmark of great bosses: They work doggedly to "stay in tune" with how their followers (and

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superiors, peers, and customers too) react to what they say and do.

The best bosses are acutely aware that their success depends on having the self-awareness to control their moods and moves, to accurately interpret their impact on others, and to make adjustments on the fly that continuously spark effort, dignity, and pride among their people.

Now beyond its eleventh printing and translated

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into twelve languages, Michael Porter's *The Competitive Advantage of Nations* has changed completely our conception of how prosperity is created and sustained in the modern global economy. Porter's groundbreaking study of international competitiveness has shaped national policy in countries around the world. It has also transformed thinking and action in states, cities, companies, and even entire regions such

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as Central America. Based on research in ten leading trading nations, *The Competitive Advantage of Nations* offers the first theory of competitiveness based on the causes of the productivity with which companies compete. Porter shows how traditional comparative advantages such as natural resources and pools of labor have been superseded as sources of prosperity, and how broad macroeconomic accounts of

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competitiveness are insufficient. The book introduces Porter's "diamond," a whole new way to understand the competitive position of a nation (or other locations) in global competition that is now an integral part of international business thinking. Porter's concept of "clusters," or groups of interconnected firms, suppliers, related industries, and institutions that arise in particular locations,

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has become a new way for companies and governments to think about economies, assess the competitive advantage of locations, and set public policy. Even before publication of the book, Porter's theory had guided national reassessments in New Zealand and elsewhere. His ideas and personal involvement have shaped strategy in countries as diverse as the Netherlands, Portugal, Taiwan, Costa Rica, and India, and

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regions such as Massachusetts, California, and the Basque country. Hundreds of cluster initiatives have flourished throughout the world. In an era of intensifying global competition, this pathbreaking book on the new wealth of nations has become the standard by which all future work must be measured. Real life insights on what it takes to make it in a relationship with an entrepreneur

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