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Team of Teams

“Tribal Leadership gives amazingly insightful perspective on how people interact

and succeed. I learned about myself and learned lessons I will carry with me and reflect on for the rest of my life.” —John W. Fanning, Founding Chairman and CEO napster Inc. “An unusually nuanced view of high-performance cultures.” —Inc. Within each corporation are anywhere from a few to hundreds of separate tribes. In Tribal Leadership, Dave Logan, John King, and Halee Fischer-Wright demonstrate how these tribes develop—and show you how to assess them and lead them to maximize productivity and growth. A business management book like no other, Tribal Leadership is an essential tool to help managers and business leaders take better control of their organizations by utilizing the unique characteristics of the tribes that exist within.

Chess Not Checkers

"Superbosses is the rare business book that is chock full of new, useful, and often unexpected ideas. After you read Finkelstein's well-crafted gem, you will never go about leading, evaluating, and developing talent in quite the same way."--Robert Sutton, author of Scaling Up Excellence and The No Asshole Rule "Maybe you're a decent boss. But are you a superboss? That's the question you'll be asking yourself after reading Sydney Finkelstein's fascinating book. By revealing the secrets of superbosses from finance to fashion and from cooking to comic books, Finkelstein offers a smart, actionable playbook for anyone trying to become a better leader."--Daniel H. Pink, author of To Sell Is Human and Drive A fascinating

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exploration of the world's most effective bosses--and how they motivate, inspire, and enable others to advance their companies and shape entire industries, by the author of *How Smart Executives Fail*. A must-read for anyone interested in leadership and building an enduring pipeline of talent. What do football coach Bill Walsh, restaurateur Alice Waters, television executive Lorne Michaels, technology CEO Larry Ellison, and fashion pioneer Ralph Lauren have in common? On the surface, not much, other than consistent success in their fields. But below the surface, they share a common approach to finding, nurturing, leading, and even letting go of great people. The way they deal with talent makes them not merely success stories, not merely organization builders, but what Sydney Finkelstein calls superbosses. After ten years of research and more than two hundred interviews, Finkelstein--an acclaimed professor at Dartmouth's Tuck School of Business, speaker, and executive coach and consultant--discovered that superbosses exist in nearly every industry. If you study the top fifty leaders in any field, as many as one-third will have once worked for a superboss. While superbosses differ in their personal styles, they all focus on identifying promising newcomers, inspiring their best work, and launching them into highly successful careers--while also expanding their own networks and building stronger companies. Among the practices that distinguish superbosses: They Create Master-Apprentice Relationships. Superbosses customize their coaching to what each protégé really needs, and also are constant founts of practical wisdom. Advertising legend Jay Chiat not only worked closely with each of his employees but would sometimes extend their

discussions into the night. They Rely on the Cohort Effect. Superbosses strongly encourage collegiality even as they simultaneously drive internal competition. At Lorne Michaels's Saturday Night Live, writers and performers are judged by how much of their material actually gets on the air, but they can't get anything on the air without the support of their coworkers. They Say Good-Bye on Good Terms. Nobody likes it when great employees quit, but superbosses don't respond with anger or resentment. They know that former direct reports can become highly valuable members of their network, especially as they rise to major new roles elsewhere. Julian Robertson, the billionaire hedge fund manager, continued to work with and invest in his former employees who started their own funds. By sharing the fascinating stories of superbosses and their protégés, Finkelstein explores a phenomenon that never had a name before. And he shows how each of us can emulate the best tactics of superbosses to create our own powerful networks of extraordinary talent.

Leaders Made Here

Group and Team Coaching offers a new perspective on the 'secret life of groups', the subconscious and non-verbal processes through which people learn and communicate in groups and teams. Updated with new research and including a wealth of vignettes and case studies, it will be essential reading for coaches who work with groups and teams as well as leaders commissioning coaching; the

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second edition features new guidance for leaders and managers, an updated introduction and new expanded practical sections on working with teams, working on the phone, and supervising and being supervised. The author uses key concepts from psychology, group analysis and systems theory as well as her own extensive experience to give practical advice, including: The invisible processes of group dynamics Pitfalls of team coaching and how to avoid them How to design coaching interventions Common dilemmas Ethics and supervision.

Superbosses

The Secret introduced people around the world to a profound yet seemingly contradictory concept: to lead is to serve. With that as the foundation Great Leaders Grow takes the next step, showing leaders how to ensure that they'll be able to effectively serve throughout their careers. The Secret's protagonist, Debbie Brewster, now an accomplished leader herself, becomes a mentor to Blake, her former mentor's son. She teaches him not just how to lead, but emphasizes the critical importance of continually learning and developing his leadership abilities throughout his career. She identifies four areas in which every leader must continue to GROW - Gain Knowledge (of themselves, others, their industry and the field of leadership); Reach Out to Others, both formally and informally; Open their World, at work and outside of work; and Walk toward Wisdom (through self-evaluation, feedback, counsel and over time). This book is for any leader in any

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organization that needs more and better leaders faster. Its blueprint for culture transformation is a simple yet revolutionary path to sustainable achievement.

Work Tribes

Leaders Made Here Great leaders create great organizations. However, a scarcity of leaders today means a shortfall in performance tomorrow. Don't gamble with your company's future! You don't need to hope that leaders emerge from the ranks or that search firms can find the leaders you need in a timely fashion. Hope is not a strategy! You can build an organizational culture that will ensure your leadership pipeline is full and flowing. Bestselling author and Chick-fil-A executive Mark Miller describes how to nurture leaders throughout the organization, from the front lines to the executive ranks. Leaders Made Here outlines a clear and replicable approach to creating the leadership bench every organization needs. To bring his ideas to life, Miller uses the story of Blake, a new CEO, and Charles and old friend and colleague, as they search for the best practices from around the world to ensure a continuous supply of their most precious asset – leaders. Blake and his team then translate their findings into a practical plan that any organization can use to create a leadership culture, sustained competitive advantage, and long-term success.

The Secret

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How does one go about organizing something as complicated as a strategic-missile or space-exploration program? Stephen B. Johnson here explores the answer—systems management—in a groundbreaking study that involves Air Force planners, scientists, technical specialists, and, eventually, bureaucrats. Taking a comparative approach, Johnson focuses on the theory, or intellectual history, of "systems engineering" as such, its origins in the Air Force's Cold War ICBM efforts, and its migration to not only NASA but the European Space Agency. Exploring the history and politics of aerospace development and weapons procurement, Johnson examines how scientists and engineers created the systems management process to coordinate large-scale technology development, and how managers and military officers gained control of that process. "Those funding the race demanded results," Johnson explains. "In response, development organizations created what few expected and what even fewer wanted—a bureaucracy for innovation. To begin to understand this apparent contradiction in terms, we must first understand the exacting nature of space technologies and the concerns of those who create them."

Smarter Faster Better

What if you could have a meaningful, well-paid career without a daily commute to a physical office? What if your team or organization could work well together even when physically apart? What if your organization's "work from home" policy was a

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competitive advantage, while also helping address important social, diversity, urban planning and environmental issues? If you are working in, joining, or starting a distributed team, this book is for you. This easy-to-read book has short chapters with practical takeaways on topics like: * Why distributed teams are good for business, diversity, employee retention, society and the environment. * How to run efficient video calls and meetings while dealing with lots of email and group chat.* How to handle complex interpersonal topics such as hiring, firing, one-on-ones, reviews, trust and group culture. Drawn from 26+ years working in distributed organizations, this book gathers what did--and did not--work from my own hard-learned lessons, as well as learnings from company founders, hedge fund managers, software developers, data scientists, accountants, book publishers, economists, political organizers, recruiters, military personnel, executive assistants, therapists and medical technicians.

Group and Team Coaching

Making decisions is a critical part of every executive's job. However we know so little about the often subliminal processes that shape the decisions we make. The Secret Life of Decisions exposes the unchallenged myths and distortions that impact our reasoning ability, raising our awareness of the many traps we can fall into. Meena Thuraisingham and her collaborator, Wolfgang Lehmacher, have drawn from decades of work with leaders showing that even the most talented leaders

and teams can end up making sub-optimal decisions. This is rarely because they had poor critical thinking faculties but rather because they did not pay enough attention to the often invisible traps hardwired into our thinking processes, letting through only information that conforms with our current beliefs, mental models and expectations. This leaves many leaders and businesses exposed. Rather than being the rational output of our reasoning abilities, the authors show decision making to be a highly imprecise process. As decision makers we come to the table armed with our own perspectives, preferences, filters, heuristics and biases, influenced by a broad range of social influences many operating subliminally. The Secret Life of Decisions is an essential read for developing and seasoned executives who have to work through increasingly complex and high stakes decisions. It treats choosing wisely and the thinking involved as a skill, which as with many other skills, can be improved with the guided practice and supporting tools provided here. The journey however starts with awareness that comes from outing the 'secret' forces that can sabotage the quality of our decisions.

Eyes in the Sky

The fascinating history and unnerving future of high-tech aerial surveillance, from its secret military origins to its growing use on American citizens Eyes in the Sky is the authoritative account of how the Pentagon secretly developed a godlike surveillance system for monitoring America's enemies overseas, and how it is now

being used to watch us in our own backyards. Whereas a regular aerial camera can only capture a small patch of ground at any given time, this system—and its most powerful iteration, Gorgon Stare—allow operators to track thousands of moving targets at once, both forwards and backwards in time, across whole city-sized areas. When fused with big-data analysis techniques, this network can be used to watch everything simultaneously, and perhaps even predict attacks before they happen. In battle, Gorgon Stare and other systems like it have saved countless lives, but when this technology is deployed over American cities—as it already has been, extensively and largely in secret—it has the potential to become the most nightmarishly powerful visual surveillance system ever built. While it may well solve serious crimes and even help ease the traffic along your morning commute, it could also enable far more sinister and dangerous intrusions into our lives. This is closed-circuit television on steroids. Facebook in the heavens. Drawing on extensive access within the Pentagon and in the companies and government labs that developed these devices, *Eyes in the Sky* reveals how a top-secret team of mad scientists brought Gorgon Stare into existence, how it has come to pose an unprecedented threat to our privacy and freedom, and how we might still capitalize on its great promise while avoiding its many perils.

The Captain Class

Winner of the 2016 PEN/ESPN Award for Literary Sports Writing The true story of

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the game that never should have happened--and of a nation on the brink of monumental change In the fall of 1943, at the little-known North Carolina College for Negroes, Coach John McLendon was on the verge of changing basketball forever. A protégé of James Naismith, the game's inventor, McLendon taught his team to play the full-court press and run a fast break that no one could catch. His Eagles would become the highest-scoring college team in America--a basketball juggernaut that shattered its opponents by as many as sixty points per game. Yet his players faced danger whenever they traveled backcountry roads. Across town, at Duke University, the best basketball squad on campus wasn't the Blue Devils, but an all-white military team from the Duke medical school. Composed of former college stars from across the country, the team dismantled everyone they faced, including the Duke varsity. They were prepared to take on anyone--until an audacious invitation arrived, one that was years ahead of anything the South had ever seen before. What happened next wasn't on anyone's schedule. Based on years of research, *The Secret Game* is a story of courage and determination, and of an incredible, long-buried moment in the nation's sporting past. The riveting, true account of a remarkable season, it is the story of how a group of forgotten college basketball players, aided by a pair of refugees from Nazi Germany and a group of daring student activists, not only blazed a trail for a new kind of America, but helped create one of the most meaningful moments in basketball history.

The Culture Code

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As commander of Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), General Stanley McChrystal discarded a century of management wisdom and pivoted from a pursuit of mechanical efficiency to organic adaptability. In this book, he shows how any organization can make the same transition to act like a team of teams - where small groups combine the freedom to experiment with a relentless drive to share their experience. Drawing on a wealth of evidence from his military career and sources as diverse as hospital emergency rooms and NASA's space program, McChrystal frames the existential challenge facing today's organizations, and presents a compelling, effective solution.

Distributed Teams

10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION, REVISED AND UPDATED In this new edition of their classic business fable, Ken Blanchard and Mark Miller get at the heart of what makes a leader successful. Newly promoted but struggling young executive Debbie Brewster asks her mentor the one question she desperately needs answered: “What is the secret of great leaders?” His reply—“great leaders serve”—flummoxes her, but over time he reveals the five fundamental ways that leaders succeed through service. Along the way she learns:

- Why great leaders seem preoccupied with the future
- How people on the team ultimately determine your success or failure
- What three arenas require continuous improvement
- Why true success in

leadership has two essential components • How to knowingly strengthen—or unwittingly destroy—leadership credibility The tenth anniversary edition includes a leadership self-assessment so readers can measure to what extent they lead by serving and where they can improve. The authors also have added answers to the most frequently asked questions about how to apply the SERVE model in the real world. As practical as it is uplifting, *The Secret* shares Blanchard's and Miller's wisdom about leadership in a form that anyone can easily understand and implement. This book will benefit not only those who read it but also the people who look to them for guidance and the organizations they serve.

The Secret of Teams

This explosive book lays bare the personalities and institutional relations behind the headlines. It goes beyond the recent events to discern the roots of contemporary U.S. covert activity within the past two decades. The Iran-Contra Connection delves in to the details of CIA and extra-CIA operations, including drug-trafficking, gun-running, government-toppling, and assassination. The Iran-Contra scandal is not merely a plan gone awry, the authors argue, but a consistent outgrowth of a long tradition of U.S. covert activity- from the Bay of Pigs invasion teams to the NSC organizational team; from the CIA and the World Anti-Communist League to the Israeli connection and the State Department.

Conscious Leadership

Are you building a typical team... or a high-performance tribe? The motivational power of the desire to belong is the key element for ensuring employee satisfaction and retention, as well as your company's long-term success. With millions of exhausted employees "living for Friday," the place we spend most of our time--our workplace--is drudgery. But what happens when leaders revive the workplace by tapping into a hardwired human need? That need, a sense of belonging, can resuscitate employee satisfaction and retention, while also contributing to a company's long-term success. Employees want more than a job. They want an opportunity to solve essential problems and receive fair pay and benefits. While some companies use slick culture tricks to attract and retain employees, a more meaningful experience can be created by fostering a sense of belonging. How can businesses achieve this? In his new book *Work Tribes*, Shawn Murphy, CEO of WorqIQ and a sought-after leadership speaker, shows readers how to tap into the motivational pull of belonging. Based on findings from his interviews with leaders and employees at companies such as LinkedIn, The Container Store, Canlis Restaurant, and Barry-Wehmiller, *Work Tribes* reveals why a human-centered approach is more aligned with the way we work in the twenty-first century. Astonishing outcomes result from making your employees feel welcomed, wanted, and valued--and this book will show you how to transform your team into a unified tribe.

Emotional Intelligence for Sales Leadership

The Secret of Teams

This text sets forth a proven series of principles and processes that ensures an organization's success when leaders change, mergers and acquisitions join cultures, change initiatives are introduced, and faster is simply not enough. Putting these ideas into action unlocks the power of high-performance teams, which in turn, produces high performance organizations.

Creativity, Inc.

From a co-founder of Pixar Animation Studios—the Academy Award-winning studio behind *Coco*, *Inside Out*, and *Toy Story*—comes an incisive book about creativity in business and leadership for readers of Daniel Pink, Tom Peters, and Chip and Dan Heath. NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER | NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Huffington Post • Financial Times • Success • Inc. • Library Journal
Creativity, Inc. is a manual for anyone who strives for originality and the first-ever, all-access trip into the nerve center of Pixar Animation—into the meetings, postmortems, and “Braintrust” sessions where some of the most successful films in

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history are made. It is, at heart, a book about creativity—but it is also, as Pixar co-founder and president Ed Catmull writes, “an expression of the ideas that I believe make the best in us possible.” For nearly twenty years, Pixar has dominated the world of animation, producing such beloved films as the Toy Story trilogy, Monsters, Inc., Finding Nemo, The Incredibles, Up, WALL-E, and Inside Out, which have gone on to set box-office records and garner thirty Academy Awards. The joyousness of the storytelling, the inventive plots, the emotional authenticity: In some ways, Pixar movies are an object lesson in what creativity really is. Here, in this book, Catmull reveals the ideals and techniques that have made Pixar so widely admired—and so profitable. As a young man, Ed Catmull had a dream: to make the first computer-animated movie. He nurtured that dream as a Ph.D. student at the University of Utah, where many computer science pioneers got their start, and then forged a partnership with George Lucas that led, indirectly, to his co-founding Pixar in 1986. Nine years later, Toy Story was released, changing animation forever. The essential ingredient in that movie’s success—and in the thirteen movies that followed—was the unique environment that Catmull and his colleagues built at Pixar, based on leadership and management philosophies that protect the creative process and defy convention, such as:

- Give a good idea to a mediocre team, and they will screw it up. But give a mediocre idea to a great team, and they will either fix it or come up with something better.
- If you don’t strive to uncover what is unseen and understand its nature, you will be ill prepared to lead.
- It’s not the manager’s job to prevent risks. It’s the manager’s job to

make it safe for others to take them. • The cost of preventing errors is often far greater than the cost of fixing them. • A company's communication structure should not mirror its organizational structure. Everybody should be able to talk to anybody.

The Secret of Teams

Successful management and leadership of teams is a top business priority. This guide to team development gives team leaders and coaches advice on: joining teams and being a successful team player; leading teams to enhanced performance; understanding the role and skill set of the professional team coach; and, more.

The Secret of Teams

Over the next decade, today's connected world will be explosively more connected. Anything that can be distributed will be distributed: workforces, organizations, supply webs, and more. The tired practices of centralized organizations will become brittle in a future where authority is radically decentralized. Rigid hierarchies will give way to liquid structures. Most leaders—and most organizations—aren't ready for this future. Are you? It's too late

to catch up, but it's a great time to leapfrog. Noted futurist Bob Johansen goes beyond skills and competencies to propose five new leadership literacies—combinations of disciplines, practices, and worldviews—that will be needed to thrive in a VUCA world of increasing volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity. This book shows how to (1) forecast likely futures so you can “look back” and make sure you're prepared now for the changes to come, (2) use low-risk gaming spaces to work through your concerns about the future and hone your leadership skills, (3) lead shape-shifting organizations where you can't just tell people what to do, (4) be a dynamic presence even when you're not there in person, and (5) keep your personal energy high and transmit that energy throughout your organization. This visionary book provides a vivid description of the ideal talent profile for future leaders. It is written for current, rising star, and aspiring leaders; talent scouts searching for leaders; and executive coaches seeking a fresh view of how leaders will need to prepare. To get ready for this future, we will all need new leadership literacies.

The Threat Switch

Develop the critical soft skills required for high-performance sales... Chronic complainers, no accountability finger-pointers, or learning-resistant laggards—these culture-killers costs sales organizations more in productivity than being weak in the so-called hard skills of selling. Learn how emotional intelligence

and the development of these critical soft skills improve sales leadership effectiveness and outperforms doubling down on more sales technology tools and fads. The missing link is in hiring for and developing emotional intelligence skills in sellers and sales leaders. Emotional Intelligence for Sales Leadership will connect with anyone charged with growing sales in business-to-business or business-to-consumer sales. Emotional Intelligence for Sales Leadership: Shows sales leaders why 'real world' empathy and emotion management are the key to building strong relationships with their sales team. Offers simple steps on how sales leaders create sales cultures that embrace feedback and change through the development of critical emotional intelligence skills. Provides guidance on how to identify key emotional intelligence skills needed in your hiring process to build resilient sales teams. Walks readers through the process of training sales teams on soft skills that ensure the consistent execution of the right selling behaviors.

Committed Teams

Tribal Leadership

Controllers in the 21st Century need to master more than the technical accounting skills to become the strategic leaders their companies need. You need to be an

effective leader and manager. You need to explain the debits and credits at a high level to the CFO while keeping one hand in the weeds. You have to anticipate the risks your company faces in an increasingly complex, competitive, and regulatory landscape. And you have to be an expert in ever-changing technology. But how do you learn all these parts of your job? These skills aren't taught alongside the debits and credits in school. In *Controller's Code*, Mike Whitmire gives you the inside scoop on the skills you need to have a stellar career in the controller's seat. You'll get real-world guidance from finance pros at leading companies so you can write your own success story and play a bigger role at your company.

People Follow You

The Secret of a Winning Culture

A bold new theory of leadership drawn from elite captains throughout sports—named one of the best business books of the year by CNBC, The New York Times, Forbes, strategy+business, The Globe and Mail, and Sports Illustrated “The book taught me that there’s no cookie-cutter way to lead. Leading is not just what Hollywood tells you. It’s not the big pregame speech. It’s how you carry yourself every day, how you treat the people around you, who you are as a

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person.”—Mitchell Trubisky, quarterback, Chicago Bears Now featuring analysis of the five-time Super Bowl champion New England Patriots and their captain, Tom Brady The seventeen most dominant teams in sports history had one thing in common: Each employed the same type of captain—a singular leader with an unconventional set of skills and tendencies. Drawing on original interviews with athletes, general managers, coaches, and team-building experts, Sam Walker identifies the seven core qualities of the Captain Class—from extreme doggedness and emotional control to tactical aggression and the courage to stand apart. Told through riveting accounts of pressure-soaked moments in sports history, The Captain Class will challenge your assumptions of what inspired leadership looks like. Praise for The Captain Class “Wildly entertaining and thought-provoking . . . makes you reexamine long-held beliefs about leadership and the glue that binds winning teams together.”—Theo Epstein, president of baseball operations, Chicago Cubs “If you care about leadership, talent development, or the art of competition, you need to read this immediately.”—Daniel Coyle, author of The Culture Code “The insights in this book are tremendous.”—Bob Myers, general manager, Golden State Warriors “An awesome book . . . I find myself relating a lot to its portrayal of the out-of-the-norm leader.”—Carli Lloyd, co-captain, U.S. Soccer Women’s National Team “A great read . . . Sam Walker used data and a systems approach to reach some original and unconventional conclusions about the kinds of leaders that foster enduring success. Most business and leadership books lapse into clichés. This one is fresh.”—Jeff Immelt, chairman and former CEO, General Electric

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Great Leaders Grow

Controller's Code

Ultimately, people follow people that they like, trust, and believe in. Understand how to build stronger relationships with direct and indirect reports that lead to loyalty, higher productivity, and long-term development. Practical lessons help managers employ winning interpersonal skills to move others to take action.

No Hard Feelings

BUSINESS STRATEGY. "*The 4 Disciplines of Execution* "offers the what but also how effective execution is achieved. They share numerous examples of companies that have done just that, not once, but over and over again. This is a book that every leader should read! (Clayton Christensen, Professor, Harvard Business School, and

author of "The Innovator's Dilemma)." Do you remember the last major initiative you watched die in your organization? Did it go down with a loud crash? Or was it slowly and quietly suffocated by other competing priorities? By the time it finally disappeared, it's likely no one even noticed. What happened? The whirlwind of urgent activity required to keep things running day-to-day devoured all the time and energy you needed to invest in executing your strategy for tomorrow. "The 4 Disciplines of Execution" can change all that forever.

The New Leadership Literacies

Teams are critical to the success of every organization. Departmental, interdepartmental, cross-functional, ad hoc, task-specific—teams do everything from planning the office party to setting the annual budget to establishing performance goals. But what separates the teams that really deliver from the ones that simply spin their wheels? What is the secret of high-performance teams? As he did in *The Secret*, Mark Miller uses a compelling business fable to reveal profound yet easily grasped truths that can dramatically transform any organization. Debbie Brewster, the heroine of *The Secret*, has been promoted and is now struggling with taking her new team to the next level. Her old mentor, Jeff Brown, the company's CEO, sends her out to find the secret of teams. On her journey she learns from three very different teams—the Special Forces, NASCAR, and a local restaurant. Debbie and her team discover the three elements that all

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successful teams have in common. But that's just the beginning. The devil is in the details, as the story of Debbie's efforts to actually implement the three elements shows. You'll learn how to change entrenched ways of thinking and acting, what you have to do to optimize each of the three elements of a successful team, how to measure your progress, and more. Creating high-performance teams does more than just give your organization a competitive advantage. It can be a performance multiplier that significantly improves results while honoring and developing people. It may be the ultimate win-win-win that your organization is seeking.

Working Remotely

From Whole Foods CEO John Mackey and his coauthors, a follow-up to groundbreaking bestseller *Conscious Capitalism*—revealing what it takes to lead a purpose-driven, sustainable business. John Mackey started a movement when he founded Whole Foods, bringing natural, organic food to the masses and not only changing the market, but breaking the mold. Now, for the first time, *Conscious Leadership* closely explores the vision, virtues, and mindset that have informed Mackey's own leadership journey, providing a roadmap for innovative, value-based leadership—in business and in society. *Conscious Leadership* demystifies strategies that have helped Mackey shepherd Whole Foods through four decades of incredible growth and innovation, including its recent sale to Amazon. Each chapter will challenge you to rethink conventional business wisdom through

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anecdotes, case studies, profiles of conscious leaders, and innovative techniques for self-development, culminating in an empowering call to action for entrepreneurs and trailblazers—to step up as leaders who see beyond the bottom line.

The Iran-Contra Connection

Presents a business fable that discusses the three elements that successful teams have in common and how to implement them into one's organization.

The Secret of Apollo

Expanding on The Core Protocols, this book is a roadmap for anyone who wants to lead or participate fully in the greatest team experience of their lives. It is short and practical, focused on implementation and tactics for making changes to bring about effective results fast.

The Secret of Teams Field Guide

The Secret to Building High-Performance Teams In The Threat Switch you will learn of an ancient part of our brain that is only the size of an almond, but has huge

power. When this part of the brain detects a possible threat to our survival, it immediately hijacks the brain and engages our fight, flee, or freeze reaction mechanism. The challenge all business people face is that this switch doesn't differentiate between a real life-or-death threat situation or a perceived life-or-death threat situation. The switch has only two positions-on or off-and once it senses a threat, it goes into action. And that can prevent high-performance teams. The Threat Switch shows you: How not to allow switch to drive your thoughts or actions If someone flips your switch, how to flip it off and seek first to understand You do not have to choose fight, flight, or freeze; there are other options. How to use this brain knowledge to build high-performance teams The Threat Switch is quick and enjoyable reading. Every chapter is packed with actionable steps and punchy anecdotes that immediately demonstrate each point.

Conversational Capacity: The Secret to Building Successful Teams That Perform When the Pressure Is On

Build high-performing teams with an evidence-based framework that delivers results Committed is a practical handbook for building great teams. Based on research from Wharton's Executive Development Program (EDP), this concise guide identifies the common challenges that arise when people work together as a group and provides key guidance on breaking through the barriers to peak

performance. Committed draws its insights from the EDP's living lab: an intensive two-week simulation during which executive-level participants run complex global businesses. The authors have observed over 100 teams collaborating and competing for over 100 combined years in this intense environment. It has yielded fundamental insights about teamwork: what usually goes wrong, what frequently goes right, and the methods and techniques that will help you access your team's full potential. These insights have been distilled into a simple, repeatable process that you can start applying today. Getting teams engaged and aligned is hard. Committed will give you the tools you need to deal with all of the familiar teamwork challenges that get in the way: organizational politics, delegation, coordination, and aligning skills and motivation. Using vivid stories and examples from the worlds of business, sports, and non-profits, it will teach you how to:

- Understand the dynamics of successful teams
- Achieve peak performance using a research-backed methodology
- Gain expert insight into why most teams underperform
- Learn the critical points common to all great teams

Committed gives you the perspective you need to combine the right people with the right way of collaborating to achieve extraordinary results.

The Team Secret

As organizations grow in volume and complexity, the demands on leadership change. The same old moves won't cut it any more. In *Chess Not Checkers*, Mark

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Miller tells the story of Blake Brown, newly appointed CEO of a company troubled by poor performance and low morale. Nothing Blake learned from his previous roles seems to help him deal with the issues he now faces. The problem, his new mentor points out, is Blake is playing the wrong game. The early days of an organization are like checkers: a quickly played game with mostly interchangeable pieces. Everybody, the leader included, does a little bit of everything; the pace is frenetic. But as the organization expands, you can't just keep jumping from activity to activity. You have to think strategically, plan ahead, and leverage every employee's specific talents—that's chess. Leaders who continue to play checkers when the name of the game is chess lose. On his journey, Blake learns four essential strategies from the game of chess that transform his leadership and his organization. The result: unprecedented performance!

Leading and Coaching Teams to Success

"A toolkit for building a cohesive, innovative and successful group culture, from the New York Times bestselling author of The Talent Code. Daniel Coyle spent three years researching the question of what makes a successful group tick, visiting some of the world's most productive groups—including Pixar, Navy SEALs, Zappos, IDEO, and the San Antonio Spurs. Coyle discovered that high-performing groups relentlessly generate three key messages that enable them to excel: 1) Safety - we are connected. 2) Shared Risk - we are vulnerable together. 3) Purpose - we are

part of the same story. Filled with first-hand reporting, fascinating science, compelling real-world stories, and leadership tools that can apply to businesses, schools, sports, families, and any kind of group, The Culture Code will revolutionize how you think about creating and sustaining successful groups"--

High-Performance Teams

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the author of *The Power of Habit* comes a fascinating book that explores the science of productivity, and why managing how you think is more important than what you think—with an appendix of real-world lessons to apply to your life. At the core of *Smarter Faster Better* are eight key productivity concepts—from motivation and goal setting to focus and decision making—that explain why some people and companies get so much done. Drawing on the latest findings in neuroscience, psychology, and behavioral economics—as well as the experiences of CEOs, educational reformers, four-star generals, FBI agents, airplane pilots, and Broadway songwriters—this painstakingly researched book explains that the most productive people, companies, and organizations don't merely act differently. They view the world, and their choices, in profoundly different ways. A young woman drops out of a PhD program and starts playing poker. By training herself to envision contradictory futures, she learns to anticipate her opponents' missteps—and becomes one of the most successful players in the world. A group of data scientists at Google embark on a four-year study of how the

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best teams function, and find that how a group interacts is more important than who is in the group—a principle, it turns out, that also helps explain why Saturday Night Live became a hit. A Marine Corps general, faced with low morale among recruits, reimagines boot camp—and discovers that instilling a “bias toward action” can turn even the most directionless teenagers into self-motivating achievers. The filmmakers behind Disney’s Frozen are nearly out of time and on the brink of catastrophe—until they shake up their team in just the right way, spurring a creative breakthrough that leads to one of the highest-grossing movies of all time. What do these people have in common? They know that productivity relies on making certain choices. The way we frame our daily decisions; the big ambitions we embrace and the easy goals we ignore; the cultures we establish as leaders to drive innovation; the way we interact with data: These are the things that separate the merely busy from the genuinely productive. In *The Power of Habit*, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Charles Duhigg explained why we do what we do. In *Smarter Faster Better*, he applies the same relentless curiosity, deep reporting, and rich storytelling to explain how we can improve at the things we do. It’s a groundbreaking exploration of the science of productivity, one that can help anyone learn to succeed with less stress and struggle, and to get more done without sacrificing what we care about most—to become smarter, faster, and better at everything we do.

The Secret Life of Decisions

What keeps a team performing at its peak even under the most difficult conditions? Conversational capacity: the ability to have open, balanced, nondefensive dialogue In a world of mounting complexity and rapid-fire change, it's more important than ever to build teams that work well when the pressure is on. Craig Weber provides managers and team leaders with the communication tools they need to ensure that the team remains on track even when dealing with its most troublesome issues, responds to tough challenges with greater agility and skill, and performs brilliantly in circumstances that incapacitate less disciplined teams. Craig Weber is an international consultant specializing in team and leadership development.

The 4 Disciplines of Execution

Wall Street Journal Bestseller! Next Big Idea Club selection—chosen by Malcolm Gladwell, Susan Cain, Dan Pink, and Adam Grant as one of the "two most groundbreaking new nonfiction reads of the season!" "A must-read that topples the idea that emotions don't belong in the workplace." --Susan Cain, author of *Quiet* A hilarious guide to effectively expressing your emotions at the office, finding fulfillment, and defining work-life balance on your own terms. How do you stop the office grouch from ruining your day? How do you enjoy a vacation without obsessing about the unanswered emails in your inbox? If you're a boss, what

should you do when your new, eager hire wants to follow you on Instagram? The modern workplace can be an emotional minefield, filled with confusing power structures and unwritten rules. We're expected to be authentic, but not too authentic. Professional, but not stiff. Friendly, but not an oversharer. Easier said than done! As both organizational consultants and regular people, we know what it's like to experience uncomfortable emotions at work - everything from mild jealousy and insecurity to panic and rage. Ignoring or suppressing what you feel hurts your health and productivity -- but so does letting your emotions run wild. Our goal in this book is to teach you how to figure out which emotions to toss, which to keep to yourself, and which to express in order to be both happier and more effective. We'll share some surprising new strategies, such as: * Be selectively vulnerable: Be honest about how you feel, but don't burden others with your deepest problems. * Remember that your feelings aren't facts: What we say isn't always what we mean. In times of conflict and miscommunication, try to talk about your emotions without getting emotional. * Be less passionate about your job: Taking a chill pill can actually make you healthier and more focused. Drawing on what we've learned from behavioral economics, psychology, and our own experiences at countless organizations, we'll show you how to bring your best self (and your whole self) to work every day.

The Secret Game

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The world is now your office! You can work from home, from a coffee shop, or even from the gym—but how do you keep on task and stay motivated when you're alone. In *Working Remotely*, authors Mike, Holly, and Teresa discuss how to ward off toxic levels of loneliness, how to get what you need from colleagues spread across the world, and how to network and grow in your career when you are sitting in an office of one, plus many other topics that will help you survive and thrive as a remote worker. Mike, Holly, and Teresa use their different paths through Kaplan to help the remote worker figure out how to set up the right headspace for them. "Working Remotely paints a very real picture of what it's like to be a remote worker in an organisation In contrast to most books on remote work which have been written with managers, business owners or freelancers in mind, *Secrets of the Remote Workforce* speaks directly to employees, guiding them through their day to day." -Pilar Orti Director of Virtual not Distant "Working Remotely is a terrific map for helping employees who work remotely take charge of their own career. The authors have all survived and thrived as remote employees While other resources focus on how to manage remote employees, this book highlights the power that employees have to drive success for themselves." -Susan Cates, Strategic Advisor

The Secret of Teams Quick Start Guide

The South African Special Forces achieved exceptional results with small groups of elite soldiers instead of larger, conventional teams. The *Team Secret* shows that

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the same principle applies in the business world – a small team has a much better chance of completing projects efficiently, on budget and on time. Teams, rather than individuals, form the DNA of many companies and they play a pivotal role in achieving strategic and financial success. Like Special Forces teams, they must function as a well-oiled machine firing on all cylinders. Koos Stadler tells in captivating detail about a real-life Special Forces operation and the lessons learnt about team dynamics and achieving the goal. His story, combined with anecdotes from Anton Burger’s experiences as a team leader in different work environments, show the many lessons the business world can take from the Special Forces. The book identifies the key characteristics of an effective team, how to select the right team members, how to inculcate an ethos centred around team principles and how an effective team should be led. It speaks to both team members and team leaders across all managerial levels – from a team leader in a call centre to a project manager or CEO. In short: To fast-track your business, shape up your teams!

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