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venture capitalist John
Doerr reveals how the
goal-setting system of
Objectives and Key
Results (OKRs) has helped
tech giants from Intel to
Google achieve explosive
growth—and how it can
help any organization
thrive. In the fall of 1999,
John Doerr met with the
founders of a start-up
whom he'd just given
\$12.5 million, the biggest
investment of his career.
Larry Page and Sergey
Brin had amazing
technology,
entrepreneurial energy,
and sky-high ambitions,
but no real business plan.
For Google to change the
world (or even to survive),
Page and Brin had to
learn how to make tough
choices on priorities while
keeping their team on
track. They'd have to
know when to pull the

plug on losing
propositions, to fail fast.
And they needed timely,
relevant data to track
their progress—to
measure what mattered.
Doerr taught them about
a proven approach to
operating excellence:
Objectives and Key
Results. He had first
discovered OKRs in the
1970s as an engineer at
Intel, where the legendary
Andy Grove ("the greatest
manager of his or any
era") drove the best-run
company Doerr had ever
seen. Later, as a venture
capitalist, Doerr shared
Grove's brainchild with
more than fifty
companies. Wherever the
process was faithfully
practiced, it worked. In
this goal-setting system,
objectives define what we
seek to achieve; key
results are how those top-
priority goals will be
attained with specific,
measurable actions within
a set time frame.
Everyone's goals, from
entry level to CEO, are
transparent to the entire
organization. The benefits
are profound. OKRs
surface an organization's
most important work.
They focus effort and
foster coordination. They

keep employees on track.
They link objectives
across silos to unify and
strengthen the entire
company. Along the way,
OKRs enhance workplace
satisfaction and boost
retention. In *Measure
What Matters*, Doerr
shares a broad range of
first-person, behind-the-
scenes case studies, with
narrators including Bono
and Bill Gates, to
demonstrate the focus,
agility, and explosive
growth that OKRs have
spurred at so many great
organizations. This book
will help a new generation
of leaders capture the
same magic.
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power of stories to
communicate a strategic
message. Marketing
professionals, coping with
the digital revolution and
the need to have their

strategic message heard internally and externally, are realizing that a digital strategy revolves around content and that content is stories. Creating Signature Stories shows organizations how to introduce storytelling into their strategic messaging, and guides organizations to find, or even create, signature stories and leverage them over time. With case studies built into every chapter, organizations will realize the power of storytelling to energize readers, gain visibility, persuade audiences, and inspire action.

The Lives of the Million Dollar Babies John Wiley & Sons

In *Creating Signature Stories*, branding guru David Aaker applies the power of intriguing, authentic, involving stories to communicate strategic messaging internally and externally, a critical and difficult task. Stories are many times more powerful than facts at getting attention, generating brand energy, creating involvement, persuading, arousing emotion and inspiring. Moreover, success in digital platforms, which is becoming increasingly essential, means content and content means

stories. This book, full of case studies, discusses how to find, evaluate, refine and leverage great stories and use them to build brands, enhance customer relationships and inspire employees. *Creating Stand-Out Brands Through the Power of Story* SAGE Publications As industries turn increasingly hostile, it is clear that strong brand-building skills are needed to survive and prosper. In David Aaker's pathbreaking book, *MANAGING BRAND EQUITY*, managers discovered the value of a brand as a strategic asset and a company's primary source of competitive advantage. Now, in this compelling new work, Aaker uses real brand-building cases from Saturn, General Electric, Kodak, Healthy Choice, McDonald's, and others to demonstrate how strong brands have been created and managed. A common pitfall of brand strategists is to focus on brand attributes. Aaker shows how to break out of the box by considering emotional and self-expressive benefits and by introducing the brand-as-person, brand-as-organisation, and brand-as-symbol perspectives. A second pitfall is to ignore

the fact that individual brands are part of a larger system consisting of many intertwined and overlapping brands and subbrands. Aaker shows how to manage the "brand system" to achieve clarity and synergy, to adapt to a changing environment, and to leverage brand assets into new markets and products. As executives in a wide range of industries seek to prevent their products and services from becoming commodities, they are recommitting themselves to brands as a foundation of business strategy. This new work will be essential reading for the battle-ready.

Business Writing Today

Simon and Schuster

Until this book was written, the phrase "brands are stories" was merely a marketing cliché. Having delved into how stories influence our behavior, however, the author asserts that the association between stories and brands deserves far more than that stock phrase. Among the many books about branding directed toward marketing and advertising practitioners and students, none is like *Story Branding*. Modeled after the way stories

work, this book provides a unique planning process for creating authentic brand identities. It also reveals a number of concealed traps that other branding approaches often overlook. Drawing on the persuasive power of stories, the author argues that a great deal of wasted effort is put into creating advertising messages that do too much "telling" and too little "showing." To help brands resonate with their audiences, the author takes you step-by-step through StoryBranding's six C's-a process that shows how to approach the development of all brand communications the way story writers approach their characters, plots, and themes. He includes sample "Story Briefs" and "I AM" statements that help brands achieve a greater degree of authenticity than traditional creative or brand briefs have.

The Challenger Sale

Addison-Wesley

Investigates the changing strategy and structure of the large industrial enterprise in the United States

Model Rules of

Professional Conduct

Beard Books

What's the secret to sales success? If you're like

most business leaders, you'd say it's fundamentally about relationships-and you'd be wrong. The best salespeople don't just build relationships with customers. They challenge them. The need to understand what top-performing reps are doing that their average performing colleagues are not drove Matthew Dixon, Brent Adamson, and their colleagues at Corporate Executive Board to investigate the skills, behaviors, knowledge, and attitudes that matter most for high performance. And what they discovered may be the biggest shock to conventional sales wisdom in decades. Based on an exhaustive study of thousands of sales reps across multiple industries and geographies, The Challenger Sale argues that classic relationship building is a losing approach, especially when it comes to selling complex, large-scale business-to-business solutions. The authors' study found that every sales rep in the world falls into one of five distinct profiles, and while all of these types of reps can deliver average sales performance, only one-the Challenger- delivers

consistently high performance. Instead of bludgeoning customers with endless facts and features about their company and products, Challengers approach customers with unique insights about how they can save or make money. They tailor their sales message to the customer's specific needs and objectives. Rather than acquiescing to the customer's every demand or objection, they are assertive, pushing back when necessary and taking control of the sale. The things that make Challengers unique are replicable and teachable to the average sales rep. Once you understand how to identify the Challengers in your organization, you can model their approach and embed it throughout your sales force. The authors explain how almost any average-performing rep, once equipped with the right tools, can successfully reframe customers' expectations and deliver a distinctive purchase experience that drives higher levels of customer loyalty and, ultimately, greater growth.

Strategic Messaging

That Energizes,

Persuades and Inspires

SAGE Publications

Rev. ed. of: The experience economy: work is theatre & every business a stage. 1999. **Get to the Point!** MIT Press

Owning Game-Changing Subcategories is about creating organizational growth in the digital age by creating and owning game-changing subcategories fueled by digital. Owning Game-Changing Subcategories outlines the path to finding, managing, and leveraging new subcategories. In the digital age, the path has been made wider, shorter, and more frequently traveled. Throughout Owning Game-Changing Subcategories, David Aaker discusses certain aspects of the digital age that alter this path, such as E-commerce providing fast, inexpensive market access bypassing the cost of gaining distribution into storefront retailers or creating personal sales teams and social media and websites enabling communication on steroids in comparison with traditional use of advertising or events. Growth is not only a success measure but also creates energy and opportunity for customers and employees. And such growth almost never

occurs with “my brand is better than your brand” marketing. Owning Game-Changing Subcategories explores the only ways to grow a business (with rare exceptions) which is to: develop new “must haves” that define a game-changing subcategory that provides a new or markedly superior buying or use experience or brand relationship to a core customer base; become the exemplar brand that represents the subcategory and drives its visibility, positioning, and success; and create barriers to competitors that could include “must-have” associations and a basis of relationships that go beyond functional benefits.

Start with Why Melville House

Business Writing Today prepares students to succeed in the business world by giving them the tools they need to write powerfully, no matter the challenge. In her highly-practical text, author Natalie Canavor shares step-by-step guidance and tips for success to help students write more clearly and strategically. Readers will learn what to say and how to say it in any medium from tweets and emails to proposals

and formal reports. Every technique comes with concrete examples and practice opportunities, helping students transfer their writing skills to the workplace. New to This Edition Updated with new examples, success tips, resources, and expanded material on subjects that relate to students’ most pressing interests and reflect current directions of professional communication. New and expanded coverage of important topics like networking, storytelling, creating a positive online presence, and visually-based media. New and updated good and not-so-good writing samples throughout the book show readers where and what to revise. A reorganized and streamlined table of contents is now organized into four major parts, moving from basics into more advanced topics. Nine new “Views From the Field” include advice on networking, building rapport, and creating personal introduction videos. A new chapter on editing includes practical strategies for improving drafts and fixing common writing issues. A greater emphasis on strategic thinking and problem-solving helps students develop their insight into

the perspectives of others so they are better able to represent their own interests and contribute more on the job. This edition more closely connects writing skills with oral communication, relationship-building, a strategic online presence, and students' hopes to become valued employees, leaders, and entrepreneurs. A new appendix includes new writing activities, new assignments, and cheat sheets for students, making this the most applied edition yet.

Brand Relevance

HarperCollins Leadership
A guide to strategic communication that can be applied across a range of subfields at all three levels—grand strategic, strategic, and tactical communication
Communication is a core function of every human organization so when you work with communication you are working with the very core of the organization. Written for students, academics, and professionals, *Strategic Communication Theory and Practice: The Cocreational Model* argues for a single unified field of strategic communication based in the three large core subfields of public

relations, marketing communication, and health communication, as well as strategic communicators working in many other subfields such as political communication, issues management, crisis communication, risk communication, environmental and science communication, social movements, counter terrorism communication, public diplomacy, public safety and disaster management, and others. *Strategic Communication Theory and Practice* is built around a cocreational model that shifts the focus from organizational needs and the messages crafted to achieve them, to a publics-centered view placing publics and their ability to cocreate new meanings squarely in the center of strategic communication theory and practice. The author—a noted expert in the field—outlines the theories, campaign strategies, common issues, and cutting edge challenges facing strategic communication, including the role of social media, ethics, and intercultural strategic communication. As the author explains, the term

"strategic communication" properly refers only to the planned campaigns that grow out of research and understanding what publics think and want. This vital resource answers the questions of whether, and how, strategic-level skills can be used across fields, as it: Explores the role of theory and the cocreational meta-theory in strategic communication
Outlines ethical practices and problems in the field
Includes information on basic campaign strategies
Offers the most recent information on risk communication, preparedness and terrorism communication, and employment in strategic communication
Redefines major concepts, such as publics, from a cocreational perspective
Design Justice China Books
Not long ago, wearing real fur was a signal of wealth and status. Now, it's a signal of ignorance. Thanks to luxury rental and resale services, these days anyone can walk around in a Gucci belt. But not everyone knows that Rimowa dropped a new suitcase or who made their food and clothes. Wokeness is a

modern class distinction. For the longest time, brands have operated according to the Veblen logic that status is linked to wealth and desirability to price. Now they have the opportunity to flip the script of aspiration and link worth and values to their success. Aimed at marketers, entrepreneurs, and advertising professionals, this book is full of analysis, examples, and tools of how to use the modern aspiration economy to shift a brand narrative and competitive strategy, create and distribute brand symbols, and ensure that a brand's products and services create both monetary and moral value.

Content Strategy for the Web Pearson UK
New York Times
bestselling author Laura Thompson returns with *Heiresses*, a fascinating look at the lives of heiresses throughout history and the often tragic truth beneath the gilded surface. Heiresses: surely they are among the luckiest women on earth. Are they not to be envied, with their private jets and Chanel wardrobes and endless funds? Yet all too often those gilded lives have been beset with trauma and despair. Before the 20th century a

wife's inheritance was the property of her husband, making her vulnerable to kidnap, forced marriages, even confinement in an asylum. And in modern times, heiresses fell victim to fortune-hunters who squandered their millions. *Heiresses* tells the stories of these million dollar babies: Mary Davies, who inherited London's most valuable real estate, and was bartered from the age of twelve; Consuelo Vanderbilt, the original American "Dollar Heiress", forced into a loveless marriage; Barbara Hutton, the Woolworth heiress who married seven times and died almost penniless; and Patty Hearst, heiress to a newspaper fortune who was arrested for terrorism. However, there are also stories of independence and achievement: Angela Burdett-Coutts, who became one of the greatest philanthropists of Victorian England; Nancy Cunard, who lived off her mother's fortune and became a pioneer of the civil rights movement; and Daisy Fellowes, elegant linchpin of interwar high society and noted fashion editor. *Heiresses* is about the lives of the rich, who—as

F. Scott Fitzgerald said—are 'different'. But it is also a bigger story about how all women fought their way to equality, and sometimes even found autonomy and fulfillment.

[How Social, Cultural, and Environmental Capital Changes Brands](#) Harvard Business Review Press

A group biography of seven enduring and beloved games, and the story of why—and how—we play them. Checkers, backgammon, chess, and Go. Poker, Scrabble, and bridge. These seven games, ancient and modern, fascinate millions of people worldwide. In *Seven Games*, Oliver Roeder charts their origins and historical importance, the delightful arcana of their rules, and the ways their design makes them pleasurable. Roeder introduces thrilling competitors, such as evangelical minister Marion Tinsley, who across forty years lost only three games of checkers; Shusai, the Master, the last Go champion of imperial Japan, defending tradition against "modern rationalism"; and an IBM engineer who created a backgammon program so capable at self-learning

that NASA used it on the space shuttle. He delves into the history and lore of each game: backgammon boards in ancient Egypt, the Indian origins of chess, how certain shells from a particular beach in Japan make the finest white Go stones. Beyond the cultural and personal stories, Roeder explores why games, seemingly trivial pastimes, speak so deeply to the human soul. He introduces an early philosopher of games, the aptly named Bernard Suits, and visits an Oxford cosmologist who has perfected a computer that can effectively play bridge, a game as complicated as human language itself. Throughout, Roeder tells the compelling story of how humans, pursuing scientific glory and competitive advantage, have invented AI programs better than any human player, and what that means for the games—and for us. Funny, fascinating, and profound, *Seven Games* is a story of obsession, psychology, history, and how play makes us human.

Building Strong Brands
Penguin Random House
India Private Limited
Ethereum represents the gateway to a worldwide,

decentralized computing paradigm. This platform enables you to run decentralized applications (DApps) and smart contracts that have no central points of failure or control, integrate with a payment network, and operate on an open blockchain. With this practical guide, Andreas M. Antonopoulos and Gavin Wood provide everything you need to know about building smart contracts and DApps on Ethereum and other virtual-machine blockchains. Discover why IBM, Microsoft, NASDAQ, and hundreds of other organizations are experimenting with Ethereum. This essential guide shows you how to develop the skills necessary to be an innovator in this growing and exciting new industry. Run an Ethereum client, create and transmit basic transactions, and program smart contracts Learn the essentials of public key cryptography, hashes, and digital signatures Understand how "wallets" hold digital keys that control funds and smart contracts Interact with Ethereum clients programmatically using JavaScript libraries and Remote Procedure Call interfaces Learn security

best practices, design patterns, and anti-patterns with real-world examples Create tokens that represent assets, shares, votes, or access control rights Build decentralized applications using multiple peer-to-peer (P2P) components

The New Rules for Career Success W. W. Norton & Company
Branding guru Aaker shows how to eliminate the competition and become the lead brand in your market This groundbreaking book defines the concept of brand relevance using dozens of case studies-Prius, Whole Foods, Westin, iPad and more-and explains how brand relevance drives market dynamics, which generates opportunities for your brand and threats for the competition. Aaker reveals how these companies have made other brands in their categories irrelevant. Key points: When managing a new category of product, treat it as if it were a brand; By failing to produce what customers want or losing momentum and visibility, your brand becomes irrelevant; and create barriers to competitors by supporting innovation at every level of the organization. Using dozens of case studies,

shows how to create or dominate new categories or subcategories, making competitors irrelevant Shows how to manage the new category or subcategory as if it were a brand and how to create barriers to competitors Describes the threat of becoming irrelevant by failing to make what customer are buying or losing energy David Aaker, the author of four brand books, has been called the father of branding This book offers insight for creating and/or owning a new business arena. Instead of being the best, the goal is to be the only brand around-making competitors irrelevant.

Why Certain Experiences Have Extraordinary Impact

Simon & Schuster
The use of cognitive science in creating stories, languages, visuals, and characters is known as narrative generation, and it has become a trending area of study. Applying artificial intelligence (AI) techniques to story development has caught the attention of professionals and researchers; however, few studies have inherited techniques used in previous literary methods

and related research in social sciences. Implementing previous narratology theories to current narrative generation systems is a research area that remains unexplored. Bridging the Gap Between AI, Cognitive Science, and Narratology With Narrative Generation is a collection of innovative research on the analysis of current practices in narrative generation systems by combining previous theories in narratology and literature with current methods of AI. The book bridges the gap between AI, cognitive science, and narratology with narrative generation in a broad sense, including other content generation, such as a novels, poems, movies, computer games, and advertisements. The book emphasizes that an important method for bridging the gap is based on designing and implementing computer programs using knowledge and methods of narratology and literary theories. In order to present an organic, systematic, and integrated combination of both the fields to develop a new research area, namely post-narratology, this book has an

important place in the creation of a new research area and has an impact on both narrative generation studies, including AI and cognitive science, and narrative studies, including narratology and literary theories. It is ideally designed for academicians, researchers, and students, as well as enterprise practitioners, engineers, and creators of diverse content generation fields such as advertising production, computer game creation, comic and manga writing, and movie production.

Mastering Ethereum

Brookings Institution Press
Social Media for Strategic Communication: Creative Strategies and Research-Based Applications
Second Edition teaches students the skills and principles needed to use social media in persuasive communication campaigns. This book combines cutting edge research with practical, on-the-ground instruction to prepare students for the real-world challenges they'll face in the workplace. By focusing on strategic thinking and awareness, this book gives students the tools they need to adapt what they learn to new

platforms and technologies that may emerge in the future. A broad focus on strategic communication – from PR, advertising, and marketing, to non-profit advocacy—gives students a broad base of knowledge that will serve them wherever their careers may lead. The Second Edition features new case studies and exercises and increased coverage of diversity and inclusion issues and influencer marketing trends. **INSTRUCTORS:** Your students save when you bundle *Social Media for Strategic Communication, Second Edition* with *Freberg's Portfolio Building Activities in Social Media, Second Edition* featuring 125 real-world activities across various social media platforms. Order using bundle ISBN 978-1-0718-6142-4. *Creating Signature Stories* Greenleaf Book Group Argues against common competitive practices while outlining recommendations based on the creation of

untapped market spaces with growth potential. **Strategy and Structure** Morgan James Publishing The New York Times bestselling authors of *Switch* and *Made to Stick* explore why certain brief experiences can jolt us and elevate us and change us—and how we can learn to create such extraordinary moments in our life and work. While human lives are endlessly variable, our most memorable positive moments are dominated by four elements: elevation, insight, pride, and connection. If we embrace these elements, we can conjure more moments that matter. What if a teacher could design a lesson that he knew his students would remember twenty years later? What if a manager knew how to create an experience that would delight customers? What if you had a better sense of how to create memories that matter for your children? This book delves into some fascinating mysteries of experience: Why we tend

to remember the best or worst moment of an experience, as well as the last moment, and forget the rest. Why “we feel most comfortable when things are certain, but we feel most alive when they’re not.” And why our most cherished memories are clustered into a brief period during our youth. Readers discover how brief experiences can change lives, such as the experiment in which two strangers meet in a room, and forty-five minutes later, they leave as best friends. (What happens in that time?) Or the tale of the world’s youngest female billionaire, who credits her resilience to something her father asked the family at the dinner table. (What was that simple question?) Many of the defining moments in our lives are the result of accident or luck—but why would we leave our most meaningful, memorable moments to chance when we can create them? *The Power of Moments* shows us how to be the author of richer experiences.

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