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at least one behavior. We obsess over our emails, Instagram likes, and Facebook feeds; we binge on TV episodes and YouTube videos; we work longer hours each year; and we spend an average of three hours each day using our smartphones. Half of us would rather suffer a broken bone than a broken phone, and Millennial kids spend so much time in front of screens that they struggle to interact with real, live humans. In this

revolutionary book, Adam Alter, a professor of psychology and marketing at NYU, tracks the rise of behavioral addiction, and explains why so many of today's products are irresistible. Though these miraculous products melt the miles that separate people across the globe, their extraordinary and sometimes damaging magnetism is no accident. The companies that design these products tweak them over time until they become almost impossible to resist. By reverse engineering behavioral addiction, Alter explains how we can harness addictive products for the good—to improve how we communicate with each other, spend and save our money, and set boundaries between work and play—and how we can mitigate their most damaging effects on our well-being, and the health and happiness of our children. Adam Alter's previous book, *Drunk Tank Pink: And Other Unexpected Forces that Shape How We Think, Feel, and Behave* is available in paperback from Penguin.

Dopeworld Penguin

One of the Financial Times' Best Business Books of 2019 The New York Times bestseller about a noted tech venture

capitalist, early mentor to Mark Zuckerberg, and Facebook investor, who wakes up to the serious damage Facebook is doing to our society—and sets out to try to stop it. If you had told Roger McNamee even three years ago that he would soon be devoting himself to stopping Facebook from destroying our democracy, he would have howled with laughter. He had mentored many tech leaders in his illustrious career as an investor, but few things had made him prouder, or been better for his fund's bottom line, than his early service to Mark Zuckerberg. Still a large shareholder in Facebook, he had every good reason to stay on the bright side. Until he simply couldn't. Zucked is McNamee's intimate reckoning with the catastrophic failure of the head of one of the world's most powerful companies to face up to the damage he is doing. It's a story that begins with a series of rude awakenings. First there is the author's dawning realization that the platform is being manipulated by some very bad actors. Then there is the even more unsettling realization that Zuckerberg and Sheryl Sandberg are unable or unwilling to share his concerns, polite as they may be

to his face. And then comes the election of Donald Trump, and the emergence of one horrific piece of news after another about the malign ends to which the Facebook platform has been put. To McNamee's shock, even still Facebook's leaders duck and dissemble, viewing the matter as a public relations problem. Now thoroughly alienated, McNamee digs into the issue, and fortuitously meets up with some fellow travelers who share his concern, and help him sharpen its focus. Soon he and a dream team of Silicon Valley technologists are charging into the fray, to raise consciousness about the existential threat of Facebook, and the persuasion architecture of the attention economy more broadly—to our public health and to our political order. Zucked is both an enthralling personal narrative and a masterful explication of the forces that have conspired to place us all on the horns of this dilemma. This is the story of a company and its leadership, but it's also a larger tale of a business sector unmoored from normal constraints, just at a moment of political and cultural crisis, the worst possible time to be given new tools for summoning the darker angels of our

nature and whipping them into a frenzy. Like Jimmy Stewart in *Rear Window*, Roger McNamee happened to be in the right place to witness a crime, and it took him some time to make sense of what he was seeing and what we ought to do about it. The result of that effort is a wise, hard-hitting, and urgently necessary account that crystallizes the issue definitively for the rest of us.

The Body Soho Press

An effective solution to the challenge of Smartphone Addiction based on the rich and successful tradition of the Twelve Steps. Smartphone Addiction is a new and troubling phenomenon that has burst upon an unprepared society with alarming speed. Many people crave the use of Smartphone Technology and its constant and effective system of sensory rewards in a strikingly similar way to any other addict. Smartphones and the complex software they run have been architected to promote continued and progressive usage. This sophisticated technology clearly feeds on natural addictive tendencies, and recent evidence suggests Smartphones are intentionally designed to be addictive. The Twelve Steps are one of

the most effective methods for treating addiction in human history. Originating with Alcoholics Anonymous in 1939, the Twelve Steps have since been used to treat a variety of other addictions, including drugs, sex, gambling, eating disorders, and many others. Now in this groundbreaking work the Twelve Steps are applied to the complex and evolving contemporary phenomenon of Smartphone Addiction. About the Author Jim Sugel is a Digital Marketing Consultant with many years of professional coding and consulting experience. He also struggled with addiction to drugs and alcohol and is now clean and sober in a Twelve-Step program for over 15 years. This unique combination of Twelve-Step experience and technology expertise led him to create the Twelve Steps for Smartphone Addiction.

The Tech-Wise Family Arrow

Birkerts "examines the changes that he has observed in himself and others [since allowing a degree of everyday digital technology into his life]: the distraction induced by reading on the screen; the loss of personal agency through reliance on GPS and one-stop information resources;

an increasing acceptance of 'hive' behaviors. 'An unprecedented shift is underway,' he argues, and 'this transformation is dramatically accelerated and more psychologically formative than any previous technological innovation.' He finds solace in engagement with art, particularly literature, and contemplates the countering energies available to us through acts of sustained attention, even as he worries that our increasingly mediated existences are a threat to creativity"--Page 4 of cover

How to Break Up with Your Phone Baker Academic

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Drunk Tank Pink Anchor

Making conscientious choices about technology in our families is more than just using internet filters and determining screen time limits for our children. It's about developing wisdom, character, and courage in the way we use digital media rather than accepting technology's promises of ease, instant gratification, and the world's knowledge at our fingertips. And it's definitely not just about the kids. Drawing on in-depth original research from the Barna Group, Andy Crouch shows readers that the choices we make about technology have consequences we may never have considered. He takes readers beyond the typical questions of what, where, and when and instead challenges them to answer provocative questions like, Who do we want to be as a family? and

How does our use of a particular technology move us closer or farther away from that goal? Anyone who has felt their family relationships suffer or their time slip away amid technology's distractions will find in this book a path forward to reclaiming their real life in a world of devices.

A Public Missiology Grand Central Publishing

"In *Glow Kids*, Dr. Nicholas Kardaras will examine how technology-- more specifically, age-inappropriate screen tech, with all of its glowing ubiquity-- has profoundly affected the brains of an entire generation. Brain imaging research is showing that stimulating glowing screens are as dopaminergic (dopamine activating) to the brain's pleasure center as sex. And a growing mountain of clinical research correlates screen tech with disorders like ADHD, addiction, anxiety, depression, increased aggression, and even psychosis. Most shocking of all, recent brain imaging studies conclusively show that excessive screen exposure can neurologically damage a young person's developing brain in the same way that cocaine addiction can"--

Changing the Subject Lulu.com

The Behavioral Addictions provides a pragmatic and engaging guide to help clinicians understand and contextualize conditions that may not be clearly delineated in the DSM-5 diagnostic system. Although not accorded a specific classification, the behaviors addressed in this book share the accepted hallmarks of addiction—continued engagement in an action despite negative consequences and loss of control over one’s own life. The editors begin with an overview of the behavioral addictions from neurobiological, theoretical, clinical, and forensic perspectives and then present 12 case studies focused on a variety of behaviors, from exercising to Internet gaming and from kleptomania to tanning. These real-life case studies are both fascinating and instructive, and along with accompanying videos, they help trainees and practicing clinicians alike to digest current research and gain “hands-on” experience with the diagnosis and treatment of these conditions. In the realm of behavioral addictions, there is much work to be done: figuring out reliable diagnostic criteria, building useful

assessment tools, and developing effective psychosocial and pharmacological treatments, to name a few critical tasks. The Behavioral Addictions is an indispensable, case-based resource to guide clinicians in this rapidly changing field.

Tech Addiction Macmillan

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A must-read owner’s manual for every body. Take a head-to-toe tour of the marvel that is the human body in this “delightful, anecdote-propelled read” (The Boston Globe) from the author of A Short History of Nearly Everything. With a new Afterword. “You will marvel at the brilliance and vast weirdness of your design.” —The Washington Post Bill Bryson once again proves himself to be an incomparable companion as he guides us through the human body—how it functions, its remarkable ability to heal itself, and (unfortunately) the ways it can fail. Full of extraordinary facts (your body made a million red blood cells since you started reading this) and irresistible Brysonesque anecdotes, The Body will lead you to a deeper understanding of the miracle that is life in general and you in particular. As

Bill Bryson writes, “We pass our existence within this wobble of flesh and yet take it almost entirely for granted.” The Body will cure that indifference with generous doses of wondrous, compulsively readable facts and information. As addictive as it is comprehensive, this is Bryson at his very best.

Rise Above Now Independently Published

Documents the history of the video game Tetris and looks at the role games play in art, culture, and commerce.

Tetris Race Point Publishing

The New York Times bestselling author of The Primal Blueprint and The Keto Reset Diet, Mark Sisson, turns his health and fitness expertise to the latest diet trend, which he has coined, “intermittent eating!” Are you sick and tired of struggling through regimented diets that work for a minute and then become unsustainable? Are you confused about the changing fads and ongoing controversy over what’s healthy and what’s not? It’s time to embrace a simple, scientifically validated plan that transcends gimmicks and avoids the stress of regimented macros and mealtimes.

Health and fitness expert Mark Sisson presents a comprehensive lifestyle approach based on the principles of intermittent fasting. He'll teach you how to gracefully burn body fat while keeping your energy, focus, and positive attitude. In *TWO MEALS A DAY*, you'll implement an eating style that's incredibly nourishing and easy to adhere to for a lifetime, dial-in a winning fitness routine, prioritize recovery, and learn powerful strategies for overcoming self-limiting beliefs and behaviors. When you're ready to level up, you'll implement some cutting-edge techniques to achieve stunning body composition breakthroughs. Packed with forty-two delicious meals in a variety of categories, *TWO MEALS A DAY* has everything you need to hit the ground running and pursue enjoyable and lasting lifestyle transformation.

A Separation Penguin

Do you spend hours every day playing online games? Are you always on social media, ignoring your real life friends and family? Have you lost your job or your relationship? Have you tried to cut back on your screen time, only to fail miserably? Sadly, Internet Addiction is a real problem

for millions of people around the world. As a new addiction, there is little help for those who feel trapped in this addiction. In this book, you will learn why you are addicted to electronics, and what you gain from them. You will begin to make goals for your life while renewing real-world relationships. You will start to structure your life not around electronics, but around real-world activities. You will learn how to combat urges to be online and fight negative thoughts that shame and condemn you. The techniques used in this book have helped hundreds of people who are addicted to electronics. It is time to fight this addiction and take your life back. *Elements of Clojure* Elsevier

How many times have you checked your phone today? Why are messaging apps, email and social media so hard to resist? How come we always end up watching another episode? In recent years, media and technology have perfected the lucrative art of gaining and holding our attention. This extraordinary feat has changed the behaviour of billions of people, and especially the young, by current medical standards, we are experiencing an unprecedented, global

pandemic of addiction. But what exactly is an addiction and what, if anything, might we do about it? From cliff-hangers to earworms, from religion to pornography, and from the awesome allure of the 'Kim Kardashian Hollywood' app to the unexpected benefits of the 'butt-brush effect', *Irresistible* blends fascinating stories with ingenious science to explain how and why we all got hooked.

Persuasive Technology Random House

Who was that masked woman? That's the question plaguing the perpetually inquiring mind of Perry Mason. No one loves a good mystery more than Mason--but being asked to represent a client who's concealing her identity, not to mention the particulars of her case, has given even the legendary legal eagle a case of ruffled feathers.

Zucked Penguin

How can Christians witness to the complexity of our world? Gregg Okesson shows that local congregations are the primary means of public witness in and for the world. As Christians move back and forth between their churches and their neighborhoods, workplaces, and other public spaces, they weave a thick gospel

witness. This introduction to public missiology explains how local congregations can thicken their witness in the public realms where they live, work, and play. Real-life examples from around the world help readers envision approaches to public witness and social change.

The Big Tiny Random House

A fascinating journey into the hidden psychological influences that derail our decision-making, Sway will change the way you think about the way you think. Why is it so difficult to sell a plummeting stock or end a doomed relationship? Why do we listen to advice just because it came from someone "important"? Why are we more likely to fall in love when there's danger involved? In Sway, renowned organizational thinker Ori Brafman and his brother, psychologist Rom Brafman, answer all these questions and more. Drawing on cutting-edge research from the fields of social psychology, behavioral economics, and organizational behavior, Sway reveals dynamic forces that influence every aspect of our personal and business lives, including loss aversion (our tendency to go to great lengths to avoid

perceived losses), the diagnosis bias (our inability to reevaluate our initial diagnosis of a person or situation), and the "chameleon effect" (our tendency to take on characteristics that have been arbitrarily assigned to us). Sway introduces us to the Harvard Business School professor who got his students to pay \$204 for a \$20 bill, the head of airline safety whose disregard for his years of training led to the transformation of an entire industry, and the football coach who turned conventional strategy on its head to lead his team to victory. We also learn the curse of the NBA draft, discover why interviews are a terrible way to gauge future job performance, and go inside a session with the Supreme Court to see how the world's most powerful justices avoid the dangers of group dynamics. Every once in a while, a book comes along that not only challenges our views of the world but changes the way we think. In Sway, Ori and Rom Brafman not only uncover rational explanations for a wide variety of irrational behaviors but also point readers toward ways to avoid succumbing to their pull.

How to Fly a Horse Crown Currency

Can computers change what you think and do? Can they motivate you to stop smoking, persuade you to buy insurance, or convince you to join the Army? "Yes, they can," says Dr. B.J. Fogg, director of the Persuasive Technology Lab at Stanford University. Fogg has coined the phrase "Captology" (an acronym for computers as persuasive technologies) to capture the domain of research, design, and applications of persuasive computers. In this thought-provoking book, based on nine years of research in captology, Dr. Fogg reveals how Web sites, software applications, and mobile devices can be used to change people's attitudes and behavior. Technology designers, marketers, researchers, consumers—anyone who wants to leverage or simply understand the persuasive power of interactive technology—will appreciate the compelling insights and illuminating examples found inside. Persuasive technology can be controversial—and it should be. Who will wield this power of digital influence? And to what end? Now is the time to survey the issues and explore the principles of persuasive technology, and B.J. Fogg has

written this book to be your guide.* Filled with key term definitions in persuasive computing*Provides frameworks for understanding this domain*Describes real examples of persuasive technologies

Irresistible Baker Books

The digital world is omnipresent. The rise of the Internet, smartphones, video games, and dating apps have provided people with more information, entertainment, and communication than ever before. While technology continues to develop at breakneck speed, its results are not always positive. Addiction to the tech world has resulted in serious mental health problems, overuse injuries, privacy challenges, and worry on the part of parents and other adults about its long-term effects. With the aid of media literacy questions and terms, this collection of thought-provoking and educational New York Times articles helps readers take a critical look at the tech phenomenon.

Irresistible Penguin

Part how-to, part personal memoir, *The Big Tiny* is an utterly seductive meditation on the benefits of slowing down, scaling back, and appreciating the truly important things in life. More than ten years ago, a

near-death experience abruptly reminded sustainability advocate and pioneer Dee Williams that life is short. So, she sold her sprawling home and built an eighty-four-square-foot house—on her own, from the ground up. Today, Williams can list everything she owns on one sheet of paper, her monthly housekeeping bills amount to about eight dollars, and it takes her about ten minutes to clean the entire house. Adapting a new lifestyle left her with the ultimate luxury—more time to spend with friends and family—and gave her the freedom to head out for adventure at a moment's notice, or watch the clouds and sunset while drinking a beer on her (yes, tiny) front porch.

The Addictive Personality St. Martin's Press
A groundbreaking four-step program for breaking self-destructive habits, increasing productivity and creativity, and performing at your personal best. We often make our worst decisions when we act from a weak sense of self, and our best decision when we are confident and self-assured. Using the latest research findings in neuropsychology, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and Peak Performance strategies, *Awaken Your Strongest Self*

shows you how to live with greater joy, ease, and effectiveness. Author Neil Fiore, Ph.D., provides a four-step program that involves (1)stepping back from old, ineffective patterns, (2)waking up your "new brain"--what neuroscientists call the "Executive Organizing Function" (3)awakening the five qualities of your strongest self, and (4)putting everything together to achieve your goals. Through innovative examples, case studies, and exercises, you will learn how to cope with stress, recognize early signs of inner conflict, perform at their personal best on everyday work projects, minimize feelings of being overwhelmed; and ultimately, choose healthy alternatives to replace former bad habits. Topics include: *The Sleeper Must Awaken*; *Five Signs That You Are Not Your Strongest Self ... Yet*; *Expand Your Identity Beyond Your Ego*; *Step Up to Your Strongest Self's Point of View*; *Speak Up in the Voice of Your Strongest Self*; *Safety Replaces Stress*; *Choice Replaces Inner Conflict*; *Presence Replaces Feeling Overwhelmed*; *Focus Replaces Self-Criticism*; *Connection Replaces Struggle*; *Self Efficacy and the Stages of Change*; *The Key to Realizing Your Dreams*; *Making*

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