The Goal: A Process Of Ongoing Improvement 30th Aniversary Edition

"Includes case study interviews"--Cover.

This fast-paced business novel does for project management what The Goal and It's Not Luck have done for production and marketing. Goldratt?s novels have traditionally slain sacred cows and delivered new ways of looking at processes which seem like common sense once you read them. Critical Chain is no exception. In perhaps Eli?s most readable book yet, two of the established principles of project management, the engineering estimate and project milestones, are found wanting and dismissed, and other established principles are up for scrutiny - as Goldratt once more applies his Theory of Constraints. The approach is radical, yet clear, understandable and logical. New techniques are introduced, and Project Buffers, Feeding Buffers, Limit Multitasking, Improved Communications and Correct Measurements make them work. Goldratt even handles the complicated statistics of dispersed variability versus accumulated variability so deftly you won?t even be aware of learning about them - they?ll just seem like more common sense! Critical Chain is critical reading for anyone who deals with projects. If you use block diagrams, drawings or charts to keep track of your activities, you are managing a project - and this book is for you.

It's tricky enough to spearhead a big project when you're the boss. But when you're the leader of a team of people who don't report to you, the obstacles are even greater. Results Without Authority is the definitive book for project managers looking to establish credibility and control.

A groundbreaker in the field, it supplies a start-to-finish system for getting successful project results from cross-functional, outsourced, and other types of teams. The completely updated second edition includes new information on: ò Agile methods and evolving project management tools ò Strategies for working with virtual teams ò Analytical versus ôblinkö decision processes ò The use (and misuse) of social media in project environments ò The myth of multitasking. For project leaders lacking clear-cut authority, getting everyone on boardùand keeping them thereùcan be a challenge. Results Without Authority is the must-have guide for getting the best results from your team.

The Phoenix Project wowed over a half-million readers. Now comes the Wall Street Journal Bestselling The Unicorn Project! "The Unicorn Project is amazing, and I loved it 100 times more than The Phoenix Project…"—FERNANDO CORNAGO, Senior Director Platform Engineering, Adidas "Gene Kim does a masterful job of showing how … the efforts of many create lasting business advantages for all."—DR. STEVEN SPEAR, author of The High-Velocity Edge, Sr. Lecturer at MIT, and principal of HVE LLC. "The Unicorn Project is so clever, so good, so crazy enlightening!"—CORNELIA DAVIS, Vice President Of Technology at Pivotal Software, Inc., Author of Cloud Native Patterns This highly anticipated follow-up to the bestselling title The Phoenix Project takes another look at Parts Unlimited, this time from the perspective of software development. In The Unicorn Project, we follow Maxine, a senior lead developer and architect, as she is exiled to the Phoenix Project, to the horror of her friends and colleagues, as punishment for contributing to a payroll outage. She tries to survive in what feels like a heartless and uncaring bureaucracy and to work within a system where no one can get anything done without endless committees, paperwork, and approvals. One day, she is

approached by a ragtag bunch of misfits who say they want to overthrow the existing order, to liberate developers, to bring joy back to technology work, and to enable the business to win in a time of digital disruption. To her surprise, she finds herself drawn ever further into this movement, eventually becoming one of the leaders of the Rebellion, which puts her in the crosshairs of some familiar and very dangerous enemies. The Age of Software is here, and another mass extinction event looms—this is a story about rebel developers and business leaders working together, racing against time to innovate, survive, and thrive in a time of unprecedented uncertainty...and opportunity. "The Unicorn Project provides insanely useful insights on how to improve your technology business."—DOMINICA DEGRANDIS, author of Making Work Visible and Director of Digital Transformation at Tasktop ——— "My goal in writing The Unicorn Project was to explore and reveal the necessary but invisible structures required to make developers (and all engineers) productive, and reveal the devastating effects of technical debt and complexity. I hope this book can create common ground for technology and business leaders to leave the past behind, and co-create a better future together."—Gene Kim, November 2019

There has been a shift of policy at board level. Cash is needed and Alex Rogo's companies are to be put on the block. Alex faces a cruel dilemma. If he successfully completes the turnaround of his companies they can be sold for the maximum return: if he fails they will be closed down. Either way Alex and his team will be out of work. It looks like lose-lose, both for Alex and for his team. And as if he doesn't have enough to deal with, his two children have become teenagers. As Alex grapples with problems at work and at home, we begin to understand the full scope of Eli Goldratt's powerful techniques. It's Not Luck reveals more of

the Thinking Process-techniques that consistently produce win-win solutions to seemingly impossible problems.

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The Goal by Eliyahu M. Goldratt and Jeff Cox | Key Takeaways, Analysis & Review Preview: The Goal: A Process of Ongoing Improvement by Eliyahu Goldratt and Jeff Cox describes a process by which an unprofitable manufacturing operation can be made profitable. It conveys proven factory turnaround principles through a fictional story… PLEASE NOTE: This is key takeaways and analysis of the book and NOT the original book. Inside this Instaread of The

Goal:Overview of the bookImportant PeopleKey TakeawaysAnalysis of Key Takeaways The #1 New York Times bestseller. Over 2 million copies sold! Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results No matter your goals, Atomic Habits offers a proven framework for improving--every day. James Clear, one of the world's leading experts on habit formation, reveals practical strategies that will teach you exactly how to form good habits, break bad ones, and master the tiny behaviors that lead to remarkable results. If you're having trouble changing your habits, the problem isn't you. The problem is your system. Bad habits repeat themselves again and again not because you don't want to change, but because you have the wrong system for change. You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems. Here, you'll get a proven system that can take you to new heights. Clear is known for his ability to distill complex topics into simple behaviors that can be easily applied to daily life and work. Here, he draws on the most proven ideas from biology, psychology, and neuroscience to create an easy-to-understand guide for making good habits inevitable and bad habits impossible. Along the way, readers will be inspired and entertained with true stories from Olympic gold medalists, award-winning artists, business leaders, life-saving physicians, and star comedians who have used the science of small habits to master their craft and vault to the top of their field. Learn how to: • make time for new habits (even when life gets crazy); • overcome a lack of motivation and willpower; • design your environment to make success easier; • get back on track when you fall off course; ...and much more. Atomic Habits will reshape the way you think about progress and success, and give you the tools and strategies you need to transform your habits--whether you are a team looking to win a championship, an organization hoping to redefine an industry, or simply an individual who wishes to quit smoking, lose weight, reduce

stress, or achieve any other goal.

From the bestselling author of The 48 Laws of Power and The Laws of Human Nature, a vital work revealing that the secret to mastery is already within you. Each one of us has within us the potential to be a Master. Learn the secrets of the field you have chosen, submit to a rigorous apprenticeship, absorb the hidden knowledge possessed by those with years of experience, surge past competitors to surpass them in brilliance, and explode established patterns from within. Study the behaviors of Albert

Einstein, Charles Darwin, Leonardo da Vinci and the nine contemporary Masters interviewed for this book. The bestseller author of The 48 Laws of Power, The Art of Seduction, and The 33 Strategies of War, Robert Greene has spent a lifetime studying the laws of power. Now, he shares the secret path to greatness. With this seminal text as a guide, readers will learn how to unlock the passion within and become masters.

The 10th anniversary edition of the bestselling foundational business training manual for ambitious readers, featuring new concepts and mental models: updated, expanded, and revised. Many people assume they need to attend business school to learn how to build a successful business or advance in their career. That's not true. The vast majority of modern business practice requires little more than common sense, simple arithmetic, and knowledge of a few very important ideas and principles. The Personal MBA 10th Anniversary Edition provides a clear overview of the essentials of every major business topic: entrepreneurship, product development, marketing, sales, negotiation, accounting, finance, productivity, communication, psychology, leadership, systems design, analysis, and operations management...all in one comprehensive volume. Inside you'll learn concepts such as: The 5 Parts of Every Business: You

can understand and improve any business, large or small, by focusing on five fundamental topics. The 12 Forms of Value: Products and services are only two of the twelve ways you can create value for your customers. 4 Methods to Increase Revenue: There are only four ways for a business to bring in more money. Do you know what they are? Business degrees are often a poor investment, but business skills are always useful, no matter how you acquire them. The Personal MBA will help you do great work, make good decisions, and take full advantage of your skills, abilities, and available opportunities--no matter what you do (or would like to do) for a living.

Tired of all the "shoulds" that guide your life? Want to create a life full of meaning? Work on your own terms? See the world a little differently? Then it's time to Own Your Weird. Creative entrepreneur Jason Zook certainly walks the walk of "owning his weird." He's had some crazy yet successful schemes -- he's made over a million dollars by having more than 1,600 companies pay him to wear their t-shirt (a project called I WearYour Shirt). Later he auctioned off his last name twice, for $50K each time. He then self-published his first book Creativity for Sale by nabbing sponsors and generating $75K in revenue. Now Own Your Weird is targeted to other

potential "out of the box" thinkers who dream not only of doing work on their own terms, but also creating a meaningful life. Consider Jason your spirit guide, offering strategies for honing in on what makes you weird, recognizing when feedback is just another form of procrastination, and how to stop with social media already. There's a specific set of strategies and exercises that can help you prioritize your life over your business, by identifying your MMM (Minimum Monthly Magic) number. He also offers examples from his own life (how he got out of $124K worth of debt, escaped the pressure to have a big wedding, and has thrived on social media by primarily ignoring it). Own Your Weird is the permission slip you need to take that big risk. To finally chase down that big idea. And to let go of "supposed to" thoughts. See how life opens up when you break out of the blueprint.

Presents a groundbreaking investigation into the origins of morality at the core of religion and politics, offering scholarly insight into the motivations behind cultural clashes that are polarizing America.

Every idea in this book is focused on increasing your overall levels of productivity, performance, and output and on making you more valuable in whatever you do. You can apply many of these ideas to your personal life

as well. Each of these twenty-one methods and techniques is complete in itself. All are necessary. One strategy might be effective in one situation and another might apply to another task. All together, these twenty-one ideas represent a smorgasbord of personal effectiveness techniques that you can use at any time, in any order or sequence that makes sense to you at the moment. The key to success is action. These principles work to bring about fast, predictable improvements in performance and results. The faster you learn and apply them, the faster you will move ahead in your career - guaranteed! There will be no limit to what you can accomplish when you learn how to Eat That Frog!

"Based on the business novel, The Goal: A process of ongoing improvement by Eliyahu M. Goldratt and Jeff Cox."

A manager's instinct is to strive to control everything. That's not just ineffective, it's a practical impossibility. So, where should managers commit finite resources to achieve their enterprise's mission? Eli Goldratt's Theory of Constraints ("TOC"), introduced in The Goal, is a great place to start, but a terrible place to stop, as most readers can't put that knowledge to use. Constraints hold organizations in check. Without them, productivity would be easy, and companies could grow without bounds. But in most

enterprises, survival and growth are perpetual struggles. This book is intended to bring a broader understanding of strategy and information to the TOC community while introducing TOC principles to the strategy and information communities. Exceeding the Goal is the book's title because reaching a goal may be sufficient for operations, but it's insufficient for strategy when global competition is intense. Exceeding the goal is the path to extraordinary results. The author uses his own experiences in manufacturing, research, consulting, software, and strategy as the basis for the book. The "adventures" that are chronicled are true stories about real-life situations--some successful, and others not. Valuable lessons can be learned from both, with the failures serving as invaluable cautionary tales. Features Closes the gaps between: Enterprise Strategy and Technical Strategy The Information field and the organization it supports Reading about TOC and actually implementing it.

How does a teacher know whether he or she is benefitting learners? What do educators do when they have questions about the best way to integrate new technologies into their classrooms? What should a teacher do to avoid burnout? Who will mentor the teacher who takes on these questions? The 30 Goals Challenge for Teachers takes you on a personal journey to

accomplish manageable goals, reflect on your experiences, and regain your spark and confidence in teaching. This innovative approach will help you reconnect to your students, improve your classroom practice, and help you transform as an educator. To ensure your success and growth, you will find: 30 short-term goals to complete at your own pace 30 long-term goals that relate to the short-term goals Exercises throughout to help you consider each goal Examples of how the goal has been accomplished in different teaching contexts Tips for the successful completion of the goals Reflection areas to document the result of accomplishing the goal A resource list with free web tools and apps related to the goal's task

The Goal Discussion Guide

The McKinsey Edge: Success Principles from the World's Most Powerful Consulting Firm

A Business Graphic Novel

Girl, Stop Apologizing

Waltzing with Bears

Dark Sides of Organizational Behavior and Leadership

Mastery

The Origins and Evolution Of DevOps (Official Transcript of The Audio

Series)
It's Not Luck
The 30 Goals Challenge for Teachers
A Theory of Constraints Business Novel
Advice You Should Probably (Not) Follow

This is a companion transcript of the audio series, Beyond The Phoenix Project, intended to be used for reference and to enable further research of cited material, and not as a standalone work. In the audio series, Gene Kim and John Willis present a nine-part discussion that includes an oral history of the DevOps movement, as well as discussions around pivotal figures and philosophies that DevOps draws upon, from Goldratt to Deming; from Lean to Safety Culture to Learning Organizations.The book is a great way for listeners to take an even deeper dive into topics relevant to DevOps and leading technology organizations.

This book is written in the attempt to deal with two major questions: what are the thinking processes that enable people to invent simple solutions to seemingly complicated situations? and, the question of how to use the psychological aspects to assist rather impair, the

implementation of those solutions in a mode of an ongoing process. "I believe we can change the world. But first, we've got to stop living in fear of being judged for who we are." Rachel Hollis has seen it too often: women not living into their full potential. They feel a tugging on their hearts for something more, but they're afraid of embarrassment, of falling short of perfection, of not being enough. In Girl, Stop Apologizing, #1 New York Times bestselling author and founder of a multimillion-dollar media company, Rachel Hollis sounds a wake-up call. She knows that many women have been taught to define themselves in light of other people—whether as wife, mother, daughter, or employee—instead of learning how to own who they are and what they want. With a challenge to women everywhere to stop talking themselves out of their dreams, Hollis identifies the excuses to let go of, the behaviors to adopt, and the skills to acquire on the path to growth, confidence, and believing in yourself. From the team behind the super-popular Instagram @MyTherapistSays comes this humorous guide that chronicles the exhausting task of navigating the daily, anxiety-ridden struggle that we fondly call life. Including hilarious memes MTS is known and loved for, along with

checklists, prompts, questions from readers, and more, My Therapist Says is the guide you need to achieve your goals, one wrong turn at a time. Have you ever wanted something, pursued it (albeit not quite as gracefully as you would've hoped), failed, and then genuinely asked yourself the question, "Am I delusional?" Well, that's how I began penning this magnum opus. Like the Buddhist's have their Tripitaka, you have…moi. And my therapist, though it's unlikely she'll admit this in public. On the receiving end of a ghosting session? Needing a way to leave a work function without looking like a buzzkill? Having a hard time developing amnesia about your last relationship? Fear not, as I cover everything from circumstantial etiquette to blissful delusion when necessary. So, grab a pen, a box of tissues, a glass of wine, and your bestie, because sh*t is about to get real. And remember, be yourself, be kind, and all that jazz, unless you're a Susan*. If that's the case, try to be literally anyone else. Ugh, my therapist hates that I wrote that. *Susan: Noun and verb. Unpleasant, annoying, and delusional, the Susan is somebody who is literally awful in every way, is liked by no one, but has no clue, no matter how many open clues you give her. If you roll your eyes at this, you're probably a Susan.

Uses: Susaning, Susanism. For even more on navigating the mystical tornado of life, get the companion coloring book: My Therapist Says...to Color: Ignore Reality and Color Over 50 Designs Because You Can't Even.

After reading the newspapers and following the sharp oscillations of the stock market, it becomes apparent that hi-tech companies are of a different breed. Never before have the chances of making a fortune been so realistic and never before have large companies been so fragile. What is really going on inside these hi-tech companies? What types of pressures and challenges are they facing? And how do they cope? Computer software providers, especially the ones that specialise in handling the data needs of organizations, are prime examples of these volatile companies. In the nineties we witnessed their growth from small businesses into multi-billion dollar giants. No wonder investors were attracted. In 1998 it was easy for such companies to raise as much money as they wanted. But now, investment funds have dried up. Why? And more importantly, is there a way to reverse the trend? This book gives the answers.

Accomplish Your Goals—Without the Stress "Deb Eckerling's Your Goal

Guide is a thoughtful roadmap to help you get from here (the good idea) to there (actually accomplishing what you want to do). —Dr. Chaz Austin, Ed.D., president of Austin Career Packaging & Marketing Start with a plan. One of the biggest reasons goals fail is that we often don't put enough thought into what we really want before diving in. Your Goal Guide by Debra Eckerling starts with that first, crucial step: figuring out your goals and putting a plan in place. As a professional writer, communications specialist, and project catalyst with more than 20 years of experience, Eckerling is prepared to help you achieve success. A method that works. Eckerling presents readers with her own tested and proven method: The DEB Method. DEB is a brainstorming and task-based system and stands for: Determine Your Mission, Explore Your Options, Brainstorm Your Path. Eckerling's method is a roadmap for goal setting that helps professionals lay down a plan and accomplish their mission. Making the process as stress-free as possible. Goals can be intimidating because of the pressure we often put on ourselves to succeed. However, Eckerling believes that setting goals should be easy—we just need the right tools to tackle them. Through a combination of writing exercises and systems, Eckerling

provides readers with a process for making and setting goals that is stress-free and easy-to-manage. Debra Eckerling's Your Goal Guide is your next step to success. Open it up and find: To-the-point advice and user-friendly recommendations Easy-to-read examples and case studies Adaptable worksheets and numerous resources to bring you one step closer to goal achievement Readers of books like Atomic Habits, Your Best Year Ever, and The Bullet Journal Method will love Your Goal Guide: A Roadmap for Setting, Planning and Achieving Your Goals.

In Run Strong, Stay Hungry, Jonathan Beverly reveals the secrets of veteran racers who are still racing fast and loving the sport decades after they got their start. Beverly taps 50 lifetime runners—from America's elite to consistent local competitors—to reveal the 9 keys to run strong and stay fast. Run Strong, Stay Hungry features priceless guidance from Bill Rodgers, Deena Kastor, Pete Magill, Joan Benoit Samuelson, Roger Robinson, Colleen De Reuck, Dave Dunham, Kathrine Switzer, and dozens more. Drawing from lessons learned over their 4 million lifetime running miles, Beverly finds that these lifetime competitors offer dozens of specific, creative strategies and solutions

you can try right now. You'll find inspiration and guidance to power up your running with the best ways to train, race, recover, avoid injuries, and stay motivated. You'll tap into the powerful habits and mind-sets formed over 1,000 marathons, hundreds of major race wins, 40 Olympic Games, and dozens of American and world records. Run Strong, Stay Hungry explores 9 ways any runner can enjoy a lifelong, healthy running career as well as boost enjoyment of running and improve race performance. These keys will not only keep you on your feet, but they will also open up new opportunities and challenges that will keep you engaged with the sport, whether you're winning races or finishing in the middle of the pack, cranking out 100-mile weeks or squeezing miles into your busy schedule. Beverly busts myths that have held masters runners back and gives direction to help both beginning runners and those who have run for decades. Get a 20-year head start on obstacle-proofing your racing—or reboot your running career—with this insightful new guide for anyone who loves to run. The Choice, revised edition, by Eliyahu M. Goldratt and Efrat Goldratt-Ashlag Goldratt presents his thought provoking approach, this time through a conversation with his daughter Efrat, as he explains to her

his fundamental system of beliefs. The revised edition includes Efrat's own notes and maps (charts) she made during her conversations with her father, helping the reader determine the true essence of the book. From the original publication: TOC has been successfully applied in almost every area of human endeavor, from industry to healthcare to education. And while Eli Goldratt is indeed a scientist, an educator and a business leader, he is first and foremost a philosopher; some say a genius. He is a thinker who provokes others to do the same. Often characterized as unconventional, and always stimulating a slayer of sacred cows Dr. Goldratt exhorts his readers to examine and reassess their lives and business practices by cultivating a different perspective and a clear new vision.

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Evaluating Professional Development
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An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones
Own Your Weird
How Managers Improve a Services Business Using Goldratt's Theory of Constraints (Adobe Reader)

This is a practical guide to evaluating professional development programs at five increasing levels of sophistication: participants' reaction to professional development; how much participants learned; evaluating organizational support and change; how participants use their new knowledge and skills; and improvements in student learning.

"There is no doubt that this is a truly original and groundbreaking work in applying the Theory of Constraints. I run a services company and learned some things about the services business. Anyone involved in large services companies needs to look at what John is proposing. I will definitely quote this material frequently." Chad Smith, Managing Partner, Constraints Management Group "The information presented in this book is badly needed by service providers who struggle to balance supply and demand with their resources." Carol A. Ptak, CFPIM, CIRM "The techniques that John brings to light in this book are the bridge from the vision of Dr. Goldratt's work to the successful implementation in a range

of services firms." From the Foreword by Erik Bush, Vice President, IBM Global Services Discover the powerful Theory of Constraints (TOC), and use it to drive continuous performance improvement in any services organization Identify the hidden constraints that are limiting your organization, and manage or eliminate them Use TOC to improve the way you manage resources, projects, processes, finance, marketing, and sales Determine whether your organization faces an internal or external constraint, manage that constraint accordingly, and anticipate where the next constraint will arise Release latent capacity shrouded by common business practices Simplify processes that have grown unmanageably complex Optimize your enterprise as a whole rather than suboptimizing individual business units Get buy-in to fundamental changes in strategy, tactics, and operations Managing services is extremely challenging, and traditional "industrial" management techniques are no longer adequate. In Reaching the Goal, Dr. John Arthur Ricketts presents a breakthrough management approach that embraces what makes services different: their diversity, complexity, and unique distribution methods. Ricketts draws on Eli Goldratt's Theory of Constraints (TOC), one of this generation's most successful management methodologies...thoroughly adapting it to the needs of today's professional, scientific, and technical services businesses. He reveals how to identify the surprising constraints that limit your organization's performance, execute more effectively within those

*constraints, and then loosen or even eliminate them. This book's
relentlessly practical techniques reflect several years of advanced IBM
research and consulting with enterprise clients. Step-by-step, Ricketts
shows how to apply them throughout your most crucial business
functions...from project management to finance, process improvement to
sales and marketing. Whatever your role in improving service delivery,
processes, or profitability, this book gives you the tools to reach your
goals...and go beyond them Identify, manage, and overcome your key
constraints Five steps to uncovering and addressing the real obstacles to
improved performance Optimize core business functions, one step at a
time Improve the way you manage resources, projects, processes, finance,
and marketing Implement TOC rapidly and effectively Get buy-in, deploy
infrastructure, and provide the right IT support?
More and more women are starting to feel like there are so many
opportunities out there to turn their ideas into a reality, build a successful
business, and do what they love. The problem is that they don't really
know how to go about it, and so they set off on their entrepreneurial
journey and quickly feel out of their depth, overwhelmed, confused, and
like they're crazy for even thinking that they could do it. The purpose of
this book is to inspire and empower these women to take back control of
their mind, their ideas, and businesses, and to provide strategies for them
to make it happen. Female entrepreneur Carrie Green will teach you how*

to- - Learn powerful, but achievable techniques to help you move out of your own way and turn your ideas into a successful business. - Feel inspired, empowered, and fired up, ready to take action on making it happen. - Work on your business and implement important strategies to help you make it a success. This book is full of personal stories, tips, and exercises to inspire you and get you in to action. Honest, realistic and practical, She Means Businessspeaks to today's creative, ambitious and talented generation of female entrepreneurs, as well as those that wish to join their ranks by following their dreams.

47 strategies elite managers follow to reach the highest level of success The McKinsey Edge culls the personal best practices of an exclusive group of managers connected to McKinsey & Company, a firm that services eighty percent of the world's largest corporations. Through a wealth of 47 rigorously selected, battle-tested, immediately implementable, and practical tips, readers discover the secrets to building the self, growing with others, enhancing process management, and going the extra mile to reach the next leadership horizon. Everyone struggling to accelerate their career will keep this book at their fingertips for its rare, real-world advice for ascending through the levels of management—all of which require specific mindsets and capabilities that only a handful of people ever master.

In recent years, scholars have focused more on the "dark sides of

leadership." Both the negative and positive aspects of the relationship between leaders and followers are considered. But the relationship between leaders and followers is also influenced by the context in which the relationship occurs. Organizational aspects such as culture and structures are studied in relation to how negative leadership develops. Organizations, just like humans, are able to develop justifications for their actions, to self-aggrandize by claiming their exclusivity. In this book, the dark sides of organizational behaviors and leadership are considered from different aspects and contexts. The book contributes knowledge of how negative leadership develops, what part organizational structures play, and what the consequences are for the leader, the subordinates and the organization.

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compulsive reading. It contains a serious message for all managers in industry and explains the ideas, which underline the Theory of Constraints (TOC), developed by Eli Goldratt.
Early in 2015, I volunteered to lead a reading discussion group at work. The book I chose to read was "The Goal" by Eliyahu Goldratt. I scoured the internet for a reading and discussion guide appropriate for a weekly group session and could not discover any. I found plenty of synopses and some college syllabi, but not any discussion guides. So I decided to create one. This book is the discussion guide I created.Because "The Goal" uses the Socratic Method - "ask - tell - ask", I decided to create the readings in that same method. Each week's reading begins with Alex asking a question of Jonah, then Jonah's response, Alex learning from that answer, and then the next question posed by Alex.The discussion guide is broken into 7 weeks of reading. Each week has questions to be answered by the participants. Some weeks have exercises (for instance, the dice game played on the hike) to further illustrate the concepts discussed in the book. It will be helpful if the leader can customize the discussion questions and exercises to the organization.
What really sets the best managers above the rest? It's their power to build a cadre of employees who have great inner work lives—consistently positive emotions; strong motivation; and favorable perceptions of the organization, their work, and their colleagues. The worst managers

undermine inner work life, often unwittingly. As Teresa Amabile and Steven Kramer explain in The Progress Principle, seemingly mundane workday events can make or break employees' inner work lives. But it's forward momentum in meaningful work—progress—that creates the best inner work lives. Through rigorous analysis of nearly 12,000 diary entries provided by 238 employees in 7 companies, the authors explain how managers can foster progress and enhance inner work life every day. The book shows how to remove obstacles to progress, including meaningless tasks and toxic relationships. It also explains how to activate two forces that enable progress: (1) catalysts—events that directly facilitate project work, such as clear goals and autonomy—and (2) nourishers—interpersonal events that uplift workers, including encouragement and demonstrations of respect and collegiality. Brimming with honest examples from the companies studied, The Progress Principle equips aspiring and seasoned leaders alike with the insights they need to maximize their people's performance.
The Unicorn Project
Managing Risk on Software Projects
A Shame-Free Plan for Embracing and Achieving Your Goals
How to Build Habit-Forming Products
What is this Thing Called Theory of Constraints and how Should it be Implemented?

The Choice
Production the TOC Way
Run Strong, Stay Hungry
Eat That Frog!
Your Goal Guide
Adventures in Strategy, Information Technology, Computer Software, Technical Services, and Goldratt's Theory of Constraints
Real-World Tips and Techniques for the Service Front Lines

Those who work on the front lines of customer service never know what new and unexpected challenges await them each day. But they do know one thing--they will be needed. But how can you prepare for the unexpected? How can customer service reps get the training and confidence required to tackle the unknown? In Be Your Customer's Hero, internationally recognized customer service expert Adam Toporek provides the answers to preparing for the surprises awaiting the CSR. Through short, simple, actionable advice, in quick, easy-to-read chapters, this invaluable guide shows customer-facing CSRs how to:• Achieve the mindset required for Hero-ClassTM service• Understand the customer's expectations--and exceed them• Develop powerful communication skills• Avoid the seven triggers guaranteed to set customers off• Handle difficult and even irrational customers with ease• And moreArmed with the tools and techniques in this invaluable resource, readers will have all they need to transform themselves into the heroes their customers need.

Revised and Updated, Featuring a New Case Study How do successful companies create products people can't put down? Why do some products capture widespread attention while others flop? What makes us engage with certain products out of sheer habit? Is there a pattern underlying how technologies hook us? Nir

Eyal answers these questions (and many more) by explaining the Hook Model—a four-step process embedded into the products of many successful companies to subtly encourage customer behavior. Through consecutive "hook cycles," these products reach their ultimate goal of bringing users back again and again without depending on costly advertising or aggressive messaging. Hooked is based on Eyal's years of research, consulting, and practical experience. He wrote the book he wished had been available to him as a start-up founder—not abstract theory, but a how-to guide for building better products. Hooked is written for product managers, designers, marketers, start-up founders, and anyone who seeks to understand how products influence our behavior. Eyal provides readers with: • Practical insights to create user habits that stick. • Actionable steps for building products people love. • Fascinating examples from the iPhone to Twitter, Pinterest to the Bible App, and many other habit-forming products.

This is the digital version of the printed book (Copyright © 2003). If There's No Risk On Your Next Project, Don't Do It. Greater risk brings greater reward, especially in software development. A company that runs away from risk will soon find itself lagging behind its more adventurous competition. By ignoring the threat of negative outcomes– in the name of positive thinking or a can-do attitude– software managers drive their organizations into the ground. In Waltzing with Bears, Tom DeMarco and Timothy Lister– the best-selling authors of Peopleware– show readers how to identify and embrace worthwhile risks. Developers are then set free to push the limits. The authors present the benefits of risk management, including that it makes aggressive risk-taking possible, protects management from getting blindsided, provides minimum-cost downside protection, reveals invisible transfers of responsibility, isolates the failure of a subproject. Readers are armed with strategies for confronting the most common risks that software projects face: schedule flaws, requirements inflation, turnover, specification breakdown, and under-performance. Waltzing with Bears will help you mitigate the risks– before they turn into project-killing problems. Risks are out

there– and they should be there– but there is a way to manage them.

What are "essential questions," and how do they differ from other kinds of questions? What's so great about them? Why should you design and use essential questions in your classroom? Essential questions (EQs) help target standards as you organize curriculum content into coherent units that yield focused and thoughtful learning. In the classroom, EQs are used to stimulate students' discussions and promote a deeper understanding of the content. Whether you are an Understanding by Design (UbD) devotee or are searching for ways to address standards—local or Common Core State Standards—in an engaging way, Jay McTighe and Grant Wiggins provide practical guidance on how to design, initiate, and embed inquiry-based teaching and learning in your classroom. Offering dozens of examples, the authors explore the usefulness of EQs in all K-12 content areas, including skill-based areas such as math, PE, language instruction, and arts education. As an important element of their backward design approach to designing curriculum, instruction, and assessment, the authors *Give a comprehensive explanation of why EQs are so important; *Explore seven defining characteristics of EQs; *Distinguish between topical and overarching questions and their uses; *Outline the rationale for using EQs as the focal point in creating units of study; and *Show how to create effective EQs, working from sources including standards, desired understandings, and student misconceptions. Using essential questions can be challenging—for both teachers and students—and this book provides guidance through practical and proven processes, as well as suggested "response strategies" to encourage student engagement. Finally, you will learn how to create a culture of inquiry so that all members of the educational community—students, teachers, and administrators—benefit from the increased rigor and deepened understanding that emerge when essential questions become a guiding force for learners of all ages.

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