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Funny in Farsi

Ben Casnocha discovered he was entrepreneur at age 12 and hasn't slowed down since. In this remarkably instructive book, Ben dissects the entrepreneurship "gene," explaining that everyone has inherited it if they have an idea to make the world a better place. In Casnocha's case, he found a better way for city governments to communicate with constituents on the Web. Six years later, Comcate has dozens of municipal clients, a growing staff, and a record of excellence. This book is the story of his start-up, but also a conversation with his mentors, clients and fellow entrepreneurs about how to make a business idea work?and how to have the time of your life trying. From Pat Lencioni to Marc Benioff of salesforce.com, Ben has won over the best and brightest of the business world?now it's your turn!

The Willpower Instinct

The MBA admissions process is fiercely competitive, yet success can be remarkably simple: differentiate yourself from a sea of applicants and gain that coveted letter of acceptance. But how do you discover your unique attributes? How do you create an application that will ensure you truly stand out from the pack? The Complete Start-to-Finish MBA Admissions Guide, 2nd Ed. is filled with exercises and examples that take you step by step through the entire MBA admissions process. Our guide includes chapters on the following:â€¢ Long-term planning to ensure a competitive candidacyâ€¢ Creative brainstorming to build a foundation for standout essaysâ€¢ Writing dynamic personal goal statements and essaysâ€¢ Drafting an eye-catching and results-driven resumeâ€¢ Obtaining compelling and supportive recommendationsâ€¢

Preparing for a persuasive and effective interview (including 100 potential interview questions)

New Luxury Management

Business Ethics Now 4e by Andrew W. Ghillyer provides assistance to employees by taking a journey through the challenging world of business ethics at the ground level of the organization rather than flying through the abstract concepts and philosophical arguments at the treetop level. By examining issues and scenarios that relate directly to their work environment (and their degree of autonomy in that environment), employees can develop a clearer sense of how their corporate code of ethics relates to operational decisions made on a daily basis.

Self's Punishment

Create your dream job by turning your passion into a profitable business. The business world has completely changed. The old routes to building a successful organization have been entirely revolutionized. In a world which is being transformed with a speed that was unthinkable barely a generation ago, the doors have been thrown wide open to serial entrepreneurs, digital innovators and career reinventors. In Create Uniqueness, Riccardo Pozzoli, one of Italy's most successful entrepreneurs, and co-founder of the fashion phenomena The Blonde Salad, shares his story about creating a thriving business and building rewarding work environments. Create Uniqueness is a passionate yet practical guide to identifying a business idea, embracing new ways of working, thinking unusually and building a great company without losing sense of your original idea.

Find a Husband After 35

This second volume in the Palgrave Studies in Practice: Global Fashion Management series focuses on core strategies of branding and communication of European luxury and premium brands. Brand is a critical asset many firms strive to establish, maintain, and grow. It is more so for fashion companies when consumers purchase styles, dreams and symbolic images through a brand. The volume starts with an introductory chapter that epitomizes the essence of fashion brand management with a particular emphasis on emerging branding practices, challenges and trends in the fashion industry. The subsequent five cases demonstrate how a family workshop from a small town can grow into a global luxury or premium brand within a relatively short amount of time. Scholars and practitioners in fashion, retail, branding, and international business will learn how companies can establish a strong brand identity through innovative strategies and management.

You Are a Brand!

A vivid, electric tale set in New York and personally recommended by bestselling author Nick Hornby (Fever Pitch, About a Boy): *These Days Are Ours* is an irresistible coming-of-age story for the Lena Dunham generation from debut author Michelle Haimoff. New York City, six months after 9/11: everything has changed and nothing has. Hailey graduated college months ago but she's still living in her family's Fifth Avenue penthouse, spending her nights falling in and out of bars across Upper East Side Manhattan - and the thrill is starting to wear off. It isn't easy being young, rich and beautiful. Overnight, it seems like everyone suddenly has their lives completely sorted. Katie has a great job at Morgan Stanley, Michael Brenner is training to be a human rights lawyer and trust-fund kid Randy is just content to carry on having fun. Hailey is lost somewhere in the middle, torn between chasing down the next wild party and admitting that it might be time to grow up. She craves something more meaningful - but what? Perhaps Brenner holds the answer: gorgeous, charismatic and aloof, Hailey is convinced he is the missing piece in her puzzle. But when she meets Adrian, a man so totally different from her usual privileged crowd, she begins to realise she's been looking for happiness in all the wrong places *These Days Are Ours* captures the feverish excitement and exhilarating uncertainty of the city, where bright young things are forever brimming with possibility and buckling under the pressure. Michelle Haimoff is a writer and blogger whose writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *PsychologyToday.com* and *The Huffington Post*. She is a founding member of NOW-New York State's Young Feminist Task Force and blogs about feminist issues at genfem.com. She was raised in New York City, currently lives in Los Angeles, and can be found online at MichelleHaimoff.com. *These Days Are Ours* is her first novel.

Born to Run

The story of how a young Italian model became one of the top men's fashion bloggers in the world. Over 2 million followers on Facebook, nearly 5 million on Instagram and 122k on Twitter. Mariano Di Vaio combines the practicality of Anglo-American street style with Italian creativity in a way no one does better. A model, actor, and fashion blogger, he has conquered the world with his immediately recognizable style. His blog, MDV Style, continues to be at the center of an international community of young fashion lovers, in addition to presenting his signature style. He has made his insights into a vocation, influencing the lifestyles of his millions of fans. In his first book, he reveals the story behind his success and his tips for staying current with the latest fashion trends.

We Were Liars Deluxe Edition

This edited book explores the digital challenge for cultural-creative organizations and industries, and its impact on production, meaning-making, consumption and valuation of cultural-creative products and experiences. Discussing digital changes such as user-generated content, social media, business model innovation and product development, the chapters challenge deep-seated definitions of creative individuals, organizations and industries, offering insights into how this

creative aspect is argued and legitimized. Placing an emphasis on research that deals with the digital challenge, this collection theorizes its significance for the nature and dynamics of creative industries as well as its impact on the mediation of experiences and the creation and consumption of cultural-creative products.

Small Steps

The era of social technologies provides seemingly endless opportunity, both for individuals and organizations. But it's also the subject of seemingly endless hype. Yes, social tools allow us to do things entirely differently—but how do you really capitalize on that? In *11 Rules for Creating Value in the Social Era*, the newest in Harvard Business Review's line of digital books (HBR Singles), social strategist and insightful blogger Nilofer Merchant argues that "social" is much more than "media." Smart companies are letting social become the backbone of their business models, increasing their speed and flexibility by pursuing openness and fluidity. These organizations don't operate like the powerful "800-pound gorillas" of yesteryear—but instead act more like a herd of 800 gazelles, moving together across a savannah, outrunning the competition. This ebook offers new rules for creating value, leading, and innovating in our rapidly changing world. These social era rules are both provocative and grounded in reality—they cover thorny challenges like forsaking hierarchy and control for collaboration; getting the most out of all talent; allowing your customers to become co-creators in your organization; inspiring employees through purpose in a world where money alone no longer wields that power; and soliciting community investment in an idea so that it can take hold and grow. The strategies of the Industrial Era—or even the Information Age—will not be enough for the Social Era. Read *11 Rules for Creating Value in the Social Era* to get ready to meet the challenges of this new age and thrive. HBR Singles provide brief yet potent business ideas, in digital form, for today's thinking professional. Editorial Reviews Named a "Best Business Book of 2012" by Fast Company "Ms. Merchant's new work provides a provocative vision of the future of both what organizations and what work might look like, yet grounded in real businesses today...this will inspire ideas and thought about what running a business really means." — Forbes.com "Every CEO, CMO, and decision maker needs to read this. Nilofer has taken a high-level concept and made it abundantly clear how to implement this big idea." — Tara Hunt, cofounder and CEO, Buyosphere; author, *The Whuffie Factor: Using the Power of Social Networks to Build Your Business* "A rare combination: strategic, well researched, and actionable. Nilofer Merchant helps executives see what's at stake in the connection economy." — Seth Godin, author, *Meatball Sundaes: Is Your Marketing Out of Sync?* "Traditional strategy is dead. But do not fear—Nilofer Merchant shows how your organization can thrive with the new rules of the Social Era. Buy yourself a copy—and one for every member of your board." — Charlene Li, founder, Altimeter Group; author, *Open Leadership: How Social Technology Can Transform the Way You Lead*; and coauthor, *Groundswell* "Social media is not about hooking up online. It's becoming a new means of production and engagement. Nilofer lays out her enormously helpful '11 Rules' to embrace the Social Era." — Don Tapscott, coauthor, *Macrowikinomics: Rebooting Business and the World* "Pay attention to Nilofer Merchant. Or risk obsolescence." —

Dave Gray, Senior Vice President, Dachis Group “Nilofer Merchant nails it in this important and timely book. It’s an insightful road map. through the new world of business that embraces openness, stability, sustainable advantages, profitability, and the new value chain. It’s all here for you to devour. I hope you’re hungry.” — Mitch Joel, President, Twist Image; author, Six Pixels of Separation: Everyone Is Connected. Connect Your Business to Everyone “Nilofer Merchant offers not just a name—the Social Era—to these confusing and turbulent times, but thoughtful and straightforward advice about how both institutions and people can thrive, not just be the last one standing. Required reading for today’s leaders—and tomorrow’s.” — Barry Z. Posner, Accolti Professor of Leadership, Santa Clara University; coauthor, The Leadership Challenge: How to Make Extraordinary Things Happen in Organizations “With tools, metrics, and markets pulsing with change, Nilofer’s 11 Rules for Creating Value in the Social Era is a vital compass to staying relevant and profitable. Embrace them.” — Lisa Gansky, entrepreneur; author, The Mesh: Why the Future of Business Is Sharing “Nilofer Merchant deftly dissects the industrial traditions that are failing us. Not content to simply describe the state of affairs, she also offers comprehensive, prescient guidelines for taking the future into our own hands. This book opened me up to a whole new way of thinking about business, influence, and power.” — Deanna Zandt, media technologist; author, Share This!: How You Will Change the World with Social Networking “11 Rules for Creating Value in the Social Era completely, convincingly, and lucidly redefines what it’s going to take for companies to be successful going forward. Powerfully provocative and highly practical. Bravo, Nilofer!” — Tony Schwartz, President and CEO, The Energy Project; coauthor, The Power of Full Engagement and The Way We’re Working Isn’t Working

Create Uniqueness

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I Know Just What You Mean

Considered by many the greatest war novel of all time, All Quiet on the Western Front is Erich Maria Remarque’s masterpiece of the German experience during World War I. I am young, I am twenty years old; yet I know nothing of life but despair, death, fear, and fatuous superficiality cast over an abyss of sorrow. . . . This is the testament of Paul Bäumer, who

enlists with his classmates in the German army during World War I. They become soldiers with youthful enthusiasm. But the world of duty, culture, and progress they had been taught breaks in pieces under the first bombardment in the trenches. Through years of vivid horror, Paul holds fast to a single vow: to fight against the principle of hate that meaninglessly pits young men of the same generation but different uniforms against one another . . . if only he can come out of the war alive. "The world has a great writer in Erich Maria Remarque. He is a craftsman of unquestionably first rank, a man who can bend language to his will. Whether he writes of men or of inanimate nature, his touch is sensitive, firm, and sure."—The New York Times Book Review

Connected Strategy

Relates the story of a U.S. airman who survived when his bomber crashed into the sea during World War II, spent forty-seven days adrift in the ocean before being rescued by the Japanese Navy, and was held as a prisoner until the end of the war.

Fundamentals of Business (black and White)

Rethink how your organization creates, delivers, and captures value--or risk becoming irrelevant. If you read nothing else on business model innovation, read these 10 articles. We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the most important ones to help you reach new customers and stay ahead of your competitors by reinventing your business model. This book will inspire you to: Assess whether your core business model is going strong or running out of gas Fend off free and discount entrants to your market Reinvigorate growth by adding a second business model Adopt the practices of lean startups Develop a platform around your key products Make business model innovation an ongoing discipline within your organization This collection of articles includes "Why Business Models Matter," by Joan Magretta; "Reinventing Your Business Model," by Mark W. Johnson, Clayton M. Christensen, and Henning Kagermann; "When Your Business Model Is in Trouble," an interview with Rita Gunther McGrath by Sarah Cliffe; "Four Paths to Business Model Innovation," by Karan Girotra and Serguei Netessine; "The Transformative Business Model," by Stelios Kavadias, Kostas Ladas, and Christoph Loch; "Competing Against Free," by David J. Bryce, Jeffrey H. Dyer, and Nile W. Hatch; "Why the Lean Start-Up Changes Everything," by Steve Blank; "Finding the Platform in Your Product," by Andrei Hagiu and Elizabeth J. Altman; "Pipelines, Platforms, and the New Rules of Strategy," by Marshall W. Van Alstyne, Geoffrey G. Parker, and Sangeet Paul Choudary; "When One Business Model Isn't Enough," by Ramon Casadesus-Masanell and Jorge Tarzijan; and "Reaching the Rich World's Poorest Consumers," by Muhammad Yunus, Frederic Dalsace, David Menasce, and Benedicte Faivre-Tavignot. HBR's 10 Must Reads paperback series is the definitive collection of books for new and experienced leaders alike. Leaders looking for the inspiration that big ideas provide, both to accelerate their own growth and that of their companies,

should look no further. HBR's 10 Must Reads series focuses on the core topics that every ambitious manager needs to know: leadership, strategy, change, managing people, and managing yourself. Harvard Business Review has sorted through hundreds of articles and selected only the most essential reading on each topic. Each title includes timeless advice that will be relevant regardless of an ever-changing business environment.

The Happiness Track

Learn insider secrets for career success from THE personal branding strategist. Celebrity entertainers, star athletes, and corporate icons didn't accidentally wind up at the top-they branded their way there. Now you, too, can leverage the power of a personal brand, harness your potential and take charge of your career. Using strategies from the playbook of the Mad Men of Madison Avenue, advertising guru Catherine Kaputa serves as your personal branding coach in *You Are A Brand! 2nd Edition: In Person and Online, How Smart People Brand Themselves for Business Success*. Kaputa has expanded her 2007 award-winning classic to include new chapters on crafting your own "elevator speech" and leveraging the power of social media. This updated edition explores strategies and tactics to tap into the power of words, learn the principles of visual identity, think in terms of markets, and execute a self-brand action plan that is unique and memorable. Combining today's hottest business concepts with the realities of the modern workplace, *You Are a Brand! 2nd Edition* highlights the self-branding odysseys of savvy professionals and budding entrepreneurs-Catherine Kaputa will coach you to take charge of your career through the one-of-a-kind brand that is YOU.

Complete Start-to-Finish MBA Admissions Guide

Engage using #manrepeller. Silk parachute pants. A gold lamé jumpsuit. Ankle boots with fringe. Were these fashion-forward items sending men running in the opposite direction? Maybe, but Leandra Medine never cared. Slipping into drop-crotch shorts and a boxed sequin blazer in the dressing room of Topshop in downtown Manhattan, a brokenhearted Leandra had an epiphany. Looking in the mirror, she suddenly realized she didn't have a boyfriend because of the way she dressed. And the more she thought about it, the more she realized that such outfits said a lot about her life-romantic and otherwise. Now, in her first book, the acclaimed blogger and fashion darling recounts her most significant memories through the lens of her sartorial choices. With her signature sass, blunt honesty, and some personal photos, Leandra shares details of the night she lost her virginity right down to the pair of white tube socks she forgot to take off, as well as when and why she realized her grandma's vintage Hermès ostrich skin clutch could hold much more than just keys and a cell phone. Through it all, she proves you don't need to compromise even your most repellent qualities to find your way into that big white dress (and an organza moto jacket). See? You can have your yeti and wear it, too. Showcasing the singular voice that has won Leandra millions of fans, this book is a collection of awkwardly funny experiences, a sweet love story, and above all, a

reminder to celebrate and embrace a world made for women, by women.

Fast Food Nation

Fate is late! For women 35 to 95, it's time to get proactive if you want to find a husband. The rules for finding the right mate change later in life, as there are fewer eligible men and fewer opportunities to meet them. Now successful dating coach Rachel Greenwald shares her proven 15-step action program based on simple marketing tactics she learned at Harvard Business School. These innovative and smart tactics will empower any woman to find a husband quickly and efficiently—and not just any husband: a wonderful husband. In this practical no-nonsense guide, Greenwald tells women how to package their assets, develop a personal brand, leverage niche marketing, use direct mail and telemarketing to get the word out, establish a husband-hunting budget, and hold quarterly performance reviews to assess the results. She also shows women how to use these strategies in the world of online dating and how to avoid common pitfalls. Greenwald's 15 steps form a unique and effective plan for any woman who wants to jump-start her dating life and enrich her portfolio of potential husbands.

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Business Model Innovation (with featured article "Reinventing Your Business Model" by Mark W. Johnson, Clayton M. Christensen, and Henning Kagermann)

Luxury is booming. The rise of emerging-market luxury brands and the digital revolution are reshaping the industry, but what's next and what trends will the future bring? The rise of emerging market luxury brands, digital and online innovations, and growth in consumption globally has opened the doors for seasoned luxury houses and new players to expand their horizons. This book charts the trends that are shaping the luxury industry, particularly the rise of the luxury industry in Asia and emerging markets.

What To Expect When You're Expecting Robots

Everyone wants happiness and success, yet the pursuit of both has never been more elusive. As work and personal demands rise, we try to keep up by juggling everything better, moving faster, and doing more. While we might succeed in the short term, this approach comes at a high cost in the long term: it hurts our well-being, our relationships, and—paradoxically—our productivity. In this life-changing book, Emma Seppälä explains that the reason we are burning ourselves out is that we fall for outdated theories of success. We are taught that getting ahead means doing everything that's thrown at us with razor-sharp focus and iron discipline, that success depends on our drive and talents, and that achievement cannot happen without stress. The Happiness Track demolishes these counterproductive theories. Drawing on

the latest scientific research on happiness, resilience, willpower, compassion, positive stress, creativity, and mindfulness, Seppälä demonstrates that being happy is the most productive thing we can do to thrive—whether at work or at home. She shares practical strategies for applying these scientific findings to our daily lives. A fulfilling, successful, and anxiety-free life is within your reach. The Happiness Track will show you the way. Happiness Is the Fast Track to Success “Are you a hard-driving, multitasking, conscientiously striving professional? Then your ideas about success are probably all wrong—and you need The Happiness Track, Dr. Emma Seppälä’s investigation into the counter-intuitive factors that create career and life success. The best news of all? All these skills are well within your grasp.”—Daniel H. Pink, author of *Drive* and *A Whole New Mind* “Emma Seppälä convinces us that reconfiguring our brain for happiness can change the way our lives unfold and the way we approach success. A worthwhile read for anyone who wants to achieve a successful and fulfilling life.”—Amy Cuddy, professor at Harvard Business School and author of *Presence* “Backed by extensive research in psychology and neuroscience, The Happiness Track offers a wealth of insight on changing how we approach our work, our personal lives, and our relationships. It’s a carefully researched, engaging look at how to improve ourselves without losing our authenticity or our sanity.”—Adam Grant, Wharton professor and New York Times bestselling author of *Give and Take* and *Originals* “Through her research-backed strategies, Emma Seppälä teaches us not only how to thrive in our chosen profession, but how to stay true to ourselves—and enjoy every moment of the process.”—Susan Cain, cofounder of Quiet Revolution and New York Times bestselling author of *Quiet* “For decades we’ve been tied to theories of success that have burned us out and driven us into the ground—because we don’t know of any alternatives. The Happiness Track provides us with a highly readable, science-backed solution to obtaining sustainable success, the sort of success we are all really striving for, that leaves us fulfilled, happy, and healthy.”—Scott Barry Kaufman, Ph.D., scientific director at the Imagination Institute at the University of Pennsylvania

Aesthetics and Style in Strategy

The business world is at an important crossroads. The age of the stakeholder is rapidly superseding that of the shareholder as climate change and political and societal shifts upend years of seeming prosperity. To move past this agitated age, business and society must learn to lead sustainably by putting purpose on equal footing with profit. The first step is understanding what’s meant by sustainability and how it offers an opportunity for both business and society. Inspired by the launch of the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the book captures the ideas of more than 100 change makers from around the world about how business is putting sustainability at the core of strategy to survive, thrive, and realign its interests with society’s. *Leading Sustainably* looks at how sustainability has evolved in a business context, offering powerful insights, key facts, and guidance on building sustainability capability within companies, measuring and managing impact, sustainable finance’s transformation, and other topics critical to aligning businesses’ central activities with sustainable principles. The book introduces five vignettes profiling best-in-class companies that were

sustainable from the start and international case studies on business sustainability efforts, spanning industries from hospitality to waste management, fashion, finance, and more. Finally, Bridges and Eubank provide frameworks and in-depth direction firms can leverage when accelerating their transition to more sustainable business models. The book is a perfect guide for mid-level to senior managers seeking to understand this fast-changing business environment, how to factor sustainability into their decision-making, and why the SDGs changed everything.

All Quiet on the Western Front

Why is it so hard to make lasting changes in our companies, in our communities, and in our own lives? The primary obstacle is a conflict that's built into our brains, say Chip and Dan Heath, authors of the critically acclaimed bestseller *Made to Stick*. Psychologists have discovered that our minds are ruled by two different systems - the rational mind and the emotional mind—that compete for control. The rational mind wants a great beach body; the emotional mind wants that Oreo cookie. The rational mind wants to change something at work; the emotional mind loves the comfort of the existing routine. This tension can doom a change effort - but if it is overcome, change can come quickly. In *Switch*, the Heaths show how everyday people - employees and managers, parents and nurses - have united both minds and, as a result, achieved dramatic results:

- The lowly medical interns who managed to defeat an entrenched, decades-old medical practice that was endangering patients
- The home-organizing guru who developed a simple technique for overcoming the dread of housekeeping
- The manager who transformed a lackadaisical customer-support team into service zealots by removing a standard tool of customer service

In a compelling, story-driven narrative, the Heaths bring together decades of counterintuitive research in psychology, sociology, and other fields to shed new light on how we can effect transformative change. *Switch* shows that successful changes follow a pattern, a pattern you can use to make the changes that matter to you, whether your interest is in changing the world or changing your waistline.

Human Trafficking

Explores the homogenization of American culture and the impact of the fast food industry on modern-day health, economy, politics, popular culture, entertainment, and food production.

Unbroken

Recounts the author's experiences with the reclusive Tarahumara Indians, whose techniques allow them to run long distances with ease, and describes his training for a fifty-mile race with the tribe and a number of ultramarathoners.

Man Repeller

Dating is normal these days. To find your counterpart on Social Networking sites, or to fall in love on dating apps is nothing wrong. Expressing emotions and love, 50+ Co-authors come forward describing love and Dating. Compiled by Ishani Agarwal, they together describe the emotion 'Love'.

These Days Are Ours

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Finalist for the PEN/USA Award in Creative Nonfiction, the Thurber Prize for American Humor, and the Audie Award in Biography/Memoir This Random House Reader's Circle edition includes a reading group guide and a conversation between Firoozeh Dumas and Khaled Hosseini, author of *The Kite Runner*! "Remarkable . . . told with wry humor shorn of sentimentality . . . In the end, what sticks with the reader is an exuberant immigrant embrace of America."—San Francisco Chronicle In 1972, when she was seven, Firoozeh Dumas and her family moved from Iran to Southern California, arriving with no firsthand knowledge of this country beyond her father's glowing memories of his graduate school years here. More family soon followed, and the clan has been here ever since. *Funny in Farsi* chronicles the American journey of Dumas's wonderfully engaging family: her engineer father, a sweetly quixotic dreamer who first sought riches on Bowling for Dollars and in Las Vegas, and later lost his job during the Iranian revolution; her elegant mother, who never fully mastered English (nor cared to); her uncle, who combated the effects of American fast food with an army of miraculous American weight-loss gadgets; and Firoozeh herself, who as a girl changed her name to Julie, and who encountered a second wave of culture shock when she met and married a Frenchman, becoming part of a one-couple melting pot. In a series of deftly drawn scenes, we watch the family grapple with American English (hot dogs and hush puppies?—a complete mystery), American traditions (Thanksgiving turkey?—an even greater mystery, since it tastes like nothing), and American culture (Firoozeh's parents laugh uproariously at Bob Hope on television, although they don't get the jokes even when she translates them into Farsi). Above all, this is an unforgettable story of identity, discovery, and the power of family love. It is a book that will leave us all laughing—without an accent. Praise for *Funny in Farsi* "Heartfelt and hilarious—in any language."—*Glamour* "A joyful success."—*Newsday* "What's charming beyond the humor of this memoir is that it remains affectionate even in the weakest, most tenuous moments for the culture. It's the brilliance of true sophistication at work."—*Los Angeles Times Book Review* "Often hilarious, always interesting . . . Like the movie *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, this book describes with humor the intersection and overlapping of two cultures."—*The Providence Journal* "A humorous and introspective chronicle of a life filled with love—of family, country, and heritage."—Jimmy Carter "Delightfully refreshing."—*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* "[*Funny in Farsi*] brings us closer to discovering what it means to be an American."—*San Jose Mercury News*

The Four

The next generation of robots will be truly social, but can we make sure that they play well in the sandbox? Most robots are just tools. They do limited sets of tasks subject to constant human control. But a new type of robot is coming. These machines will operate on their own in busy, unpredictable public spaces. They'll ferry deliveries, manage emergency rooms, even grocery shop. Such systems could be truly collaborative, accomplishing tasks we don't do well without our having to stop and direct them. This makes them social entities, so, as robot designers Laura Major and Julie Shah argue, whether they make our lives better or worse is a matter of whether they know how to behave. What to Expect When You're Expecting Robots offers a vision for how robots can survive in the real world and how they will change our relationship to technology. From teaching them manners, to robot-proofing public spaces, to planning for their mistakes, this book answers every question you didn't know you needed to ask about the robots on the way.

Technology and Creativity

As a young man, Gerhard Self served as a Nazi prosecutor. After the war he was barred from the judicial system and so became a private investigator. He has never, however, forgotten his complicity in evil. Hired by a childhood friend, the aging Self searches for a prankish hacker who's invaded the computer system of a Rhineland chemical plant. But his investigation leads to murder, and from there to the charnel house of Germany's past, where the secrets of powerful corporations lie among the bones of numberless dead. What ensues is a taut, psychologically complex, and densely atmospheric moral thriller featuring a shrewd, self-mocking protagonist. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Rich20something

Presenting a vision of the luxury sector and its management, this edited book describes "the new luxury" through a comprehensive view of the value chain, from concept to market. The authors argue that the main characteristics of "luxury" are linked to specific resources and competencies found throughout the value chain and that value is a result of the interaction between the brand and stakeholders, and more precisely with their clients. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, New Luxury Management encompasses both strategic and functional aspects of luxury management, providing innovative solutions to the successful creation and management of value across the organization, from leadership, human resources, financial management, marketing and economic perspectives.

(Not) Getting Paid to Do what You Love

This book contains an Open Access chapter This volume is the first systematic survey of the interface between the aesthetic and strategic domains. The “aesthetic” turn in strategy encompasses the use of aesthetic features and style to create value, as well as the ways in which the useful and the beautiful can be brought together.

My Dream Job. A Conversation with Mark Y. Lane

This book brings order to the chaotic and rapidly evolving world of influencer marketing by providing readers with much needed context, frameworks, and best practices. Written for busy marketing professionals working in both domestic and international markets, it addresses these topics in a highly actionable and engaging manner. Digital Influence covers everything from how to identify the right influencers and determine “level of influence” to collaborating with influencers and measuring ROI. It turns out, it’s not all about paying online celebrities outrageous sums to post sponsored content. Backaler also provides much-needed context for why influencer marketing is flourishing today, and perspective into what a more technologically-enabled, globally-connected future will look like. Ultimately, people want to learn from trusted peers, not faceless companies. Better than any corporate marketing function, influencers understand how to make best use of social media platforms and tailor content for their respective cultures to engage consumers in their home markets. Business leaders should arm themselves with Backaler's book to ensure they're not left behind.

My Start-Up Life

The first ten lies they tell you in high school. "Speak up for yourself--we want to know what you have to say." From the first moment of her freshman year at Merryweather High, Melinda knows this is a big fat lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is friendless, outcast, because she busted an end-of-summer party by calling the cops, so now nobody will talk to her, let alone listen to her. As time passes, she becomes increasingly isolated and practically stops talking altogether. Only her art class offers any solace, and it is through her work on an art project that she is finally able to face what really happened at that terrible party: she was raped by an upperclassman, a guy who still attends Merryweather and is still a threat to her. Her healing process has just begun when she has another violent encounter with him. But this time Melinda fights back, refuses to be silent, and thereby achieves a measure of vindication. In Laurie Halse Anderson's powerful novel, an utterly believable heroine with a bitterly ironic voice delivers a blow to the hypocritical world of high school. She speaks for many a disenfranchised teenager while demonstrating the importance of speaking up for oneself. *Speak* was a 1999 National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature.

Fashion Branding and Communication

Based on Stanford University psychologist Kelly McGonigal's wildly popular course "The Science of Willpower," *The Willpower Instinct* is the first book to explain the new science of self-control and how it can be harnessed to improve our health, happiness, and productivity. Informed by the latest research and combining cutting-edge insights from psychology, economics, neuroscience, and medicine, *The Willpower Instinct* explains exactly what willpower is, how it works, and why it matters. For example, readers will learn: Willpower is a mind-body response, not a virtue. It is a biological function that can be improved through mindfulness, exercise, nutrition, and sleep. Willpower is not an unlimited resource. Too much self-control can actually be bad for your health. Temptation and stress hijack the brain's systems of self-control, but the brain can be trained for greater willpower. Guilt and shame over your setbacks lead to giving in again, but self-forgiveness and self-compassion boost self-control. Giving up control is sometimes the only way to gain self-control. Willpower failures are contagious—you can catch the desire to overspend or overeat from your friends—but you can also catch self-control from the right role models. In the groundbreaking tradition of *Getting Things Done*, *The Willpower Instinct* combines life-changing prescriptive advice and complementary exercises to help readers with goals ranging from losing weight to more patient parenting, less procrastination, better health, and greater productivity at work.

Digital Influence

Business Models for Transforming Customer Relationships What if there were a way to turn occasional, sporadic transactions with customers into long-term, continuous relationships--while simultaneously driving dramatic improvements in operational efficiency? What if you could break your existing trade-offs between superior customer experience and low cost? This is the promise of a connected strategy. New forms of connectivity--involving frequent, low-friction, customized interactions--mean that companies can now anticipate customer needs as they arise, or even before. Simultaneously, enabled by these technologies, companies can create new business models that deliver more value to customers. Connected strategies are win-win: Customers get a dramatically improved experience, while companies boost operational efficiency. In this book, strategy and operations experts Nicolaj Siggelkow and Christian Terwiesch reveal the emergence of connected strategies as a new source of competitive advantage. With in-depth examples from companies operating in industries such as healthcare, financial services, mobility, retail, entertainment, nonprofit, and education, *Connected Strategy* identifies the four pathways--respond-to-desire, curated offering, coach behavior, and automatic execution--for turning episodic interactions into continuous relationships. The authors show how each pathway creates a competitive advantage, then guide you through the critical decisions for creating and implementing your own connected strategies. Whether you're trying to revitalize strategy in an established company or disrupt an industry as a startup, this book will help you: Reshape your connections with your customers Find new ways to connect with existing suppliers while also activating new sources of capacity Create the right revenue model Make the best technology choices to support your strategy Integrating rich examples, how-to advice, and practical tools in the form of "workshop chapters" throughout, this

book is the ultimate resource for creating competitive advantage through connected relationships with your customers and redefined connections in your industry.

Leading Sustainably

The authors and friends collect interviews and stories exploring the meaning, importance, and challenges of female relationships.

Global Luxury Trends

"As the founder of Rich20something.com, Daniel DiPiazza has helped thousands break out of their daily grinds, build businesses they care about, and achieve more success than they ever imagined" --Back cover.

Non è un lavoro per vecchi

In his highly provocative first book, Scott Galloway pulls back the curtain on exactly how Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google built their massive empires. While the media spins tales about superior products and designs, and the power of technological innovation, Galloway exposes the truth: none of these four are first movers technologically - they've either copied, stolen, or acquired their ideas. Readers will come away with fresh, game-changing insights about what it takes to win in today's economy. Print run 125,000.

The Right Swipe

Uno dei più celebri startupper italiani racconta la nuova generazione di imprenditori, la fine dell'epoca delle etichette e delle strade già tracciate. Essere vecchi non è una questione anagrafica: vecchio è chi non vuole mettersi in gioco, chi non scommette su se stesso, chi ha paura di cambiare idea. All'inizio c'è Riccardo, un ragazzo di ventitré anni che fa uno stage presso l'ufficio marketing di un'azienda a Chicago, e una sera acquista da un provider americano il dominio su cui Chiara Ferragni pubblicherà il primo post di The Blonde Salad. Dopo soli tre anni i due sono invitati a presentare la loro esperienza agli studenti di Harvard. E questo non è che l'inizio di un'ascesa che li porterà a costruire un'impresa con un fatturato da milioni di euro - ma soprattutto un progetto talmente innovativo da diventare a livello internazionale una delle punte del profondo cambiamento delle regole del fashion system. Oggi, a poco più di trent'anni, Riccardo Pozzoli ha alle spalle una serie di iniziative imprenditoriali all'avanguardia nel campo della moda, dei social e della ristorazione: una storia di coraggio, creatività e passione grazie a cui possiamo interpretare il nostro tempo con un'ottica inedita. Lo sguardo di

Pozzoli sulle frontiere presenti e future del business riesce a essere incoraggiante senza fare sconti, pragmatico senza mai perdere visione e poesia, piacevolissimo da leggere eppure molto ricco di informazioni e spunti. Insieme a lui scopriremo chi è, davvero, uno startupper. Come si trasforma un sogno in un'idea precisa, e un'idea in un'azienda. Cosa fare nel concreto quando si parte da zero, e c'è bisogno di coraggio e tenacia per dar corpo a un progetto tutto da costruire. Come ripartire quando la vita ci costringe – o il desiderio ci obbliga – a voltare pagina, facendo tesoro dei successi come dei fallimenti.

Switch

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11 Rules for Creating Value in the Social Era

Human Trafficking: Applying Research, Theory, and Case Studies is a practical, interdisciplinary text that draws from empirically grounded scholarship, survivor-centered practices, and an ecological perspective to help readers develop an understanding of the meaning and scope of human trafficking. Throughout the book, authors Noël Bridget Busch-Armendariz, Maura Nsonwu, and Laurie Cook Heffron address the specific vulnerabilities of human trafficking victims, their medical-psycho-social needs, and issues related to direct service delivery. They also address the identification of human trafficking crimes, traffickers, and the impact of this crime on the global economy. Using detailed case studies to illuminate real situations, the book covers national and international anti-trafficking policies, prevention and intervention strategies, promising practices to combat human trafficking, responses of law enforcement and service providers, organizational challenges, and the cost of trafficking to human wellbeing.

Business Ethics Now

The author describes her battle against polio when she was thirteen and her efforts to overcome its debilitating effects.

Speak

The New York Times bestseller *We Were Liars* is now available as a not-to-be-missed hardcover deluxe edition! Whether you know how it ends (shh . . . don't tell!) or have let too many seasons go by without discovering the truth about the Liars for yourself, you will want to get your hands on the exclusive new content in this deluxe edition. And act fast: the first printing

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“A rich, stunning summer mystery with a sharp twist that will leave you dying to talk about the book with a pal or ten.” —Parade.com

“Thrilling, beautiful, and blisteringly smart, *We Were Liars* is utterly unforgettable.” —John Green, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Fault in Our Stars*

“You're going to want to remember the title. *Liars* details the summers of a girl who harbors a dark secret, and delivers a satisfying, but shocking twist ending.” —Entertainment Weekly

“An ambitious novel with an engaging voice, a clever plot and some terrific writing.” —The New York Times Book Review

“No one should be talking about the shocking twist ending. What we can talk about is . . . [Lockhart's] razor-sharp portrayal of a family for whom keeping up appearances is paramount and, ultimately, tragic.” —Chicago Tribune

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