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The New Manager's Guide and Mentor. The Harvard Business Essentials series provides comprehensive advice, personal coaching, background information, and guidance on the most relevant topics in business. Drawing on rich content from Harvard Business School Publishing and other sources, these concise guides are carefully crafted to provide a highly practical resource for readers with all levels of experience and will prove especially valuable for the new manager. To assure quality and accuracy, a specialized content adviser from a world-class business school closely reviews each volume. Whether you are a new manager seeking to expand your skills or a seasoned professional looking to broaden your knowledge base, these solution-oriented books put reliable answers at your fingertips.

The Resilient Entrepreneur is for anyone going on an entrepreneurial journey. The path to business success is difficult. You need resilience to overcome the obstacles and hardships along the way. This book will teach you the methods and mindset to become a more resilient entrepreneur.

From the basics of writing a business plan to the challenges of developing a marketing and sales program, this is the essential resource for success with a new venture. Drawing on rich content from Harvard Business School Publishing and other sources, this concise guide is carefully crafted to provide a highly practical resource for readers with all levels of experience, and will prove especially valuable for the new manager.

"What if there was a way to combine the stability of a day job with the excitement of a startup? All of the benefits of entrepreneurship with none of the pitfalls? In the 10% Entrepreneur, Patrick McGinnis show you how, by investing just 10% of your time and resources, you can become an entrepreneur without losing a steady paycheck."-- front flap

New venture management requires all the skills obtained within the typical MBA program, and then some. While those entering traditional management positions within established companies might expect to find established customers, a degree of predictability, formalized procedures, and earnings that may be taken more-or-less for granted, new ventures often are launched into highly dynamic environments characterized by rapid technological change, inherent unpredictability, and an uncertain cash flow. Such ventures often require rapid growth to succeed. While new ventures offer those who initiate them a high degree of independence, excitement, and potential for great reward, they also bring high risk, stress, and greater potential for failure. Thus, it takes a special set of skills, techniques, and temperament to succeed. These skills, along with the potential risks and rewards and environmental settings and characteristics, are explored in the Encyclopedia of New Venture Management. Features & Benefits: 150 carefully selected signed entries (each with Cross References and Further Readings) are organized in A-to-Z fashion to give students easy access to the full range of topics in new venture management. A thematic Reader's Guide in the front matter groups related entries by broad topical and thematic areas to make it easy for users to find related entries at a glance, with themes that include "Entrepreneurial Decision Making," "Corporate Entrepreneurship," "Entrepreneurial Marketing," "Leadership & Human Resources," "Financing & Development," and more. In the electronic version, the Reader's Guide combines with a detailed Index and the Cross References to provide users with robust search-and-browse capacities. A Chronology in the back matter helps students put individual events into broader historical context. A Glossary provides students with concise definitions to key terms in the field. A Resource Guide to classic books, journals, and web sites (along with the Further Readings accompanying each entry) helps guide students to further resources for their

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research journeys. An appendix includes the report, "The State of Small Business." The best entrepreneurs balance brilliant business ideas with a rigorous commitment to serving their customers' needs. If you read nothing else on entrepreneurship and startups, read these 10 articles by experts in the field. We've combed through hundreds of articles in the Harvard Business Review archive and selected the most important ones to help you build your company for enduring success. Leading experts and practitioners such as Clayton Christensen, Marc Andreessen, and Reid Hoffman provide the insights and advice that will inspire you to: Understand what makes entrepreneurial leaders tick Know what matters in a great business plan Adopt lean startup practices such as business model experimentation Be prepared for the race for scale in Silicon Valley Better understand the world of venture capital--and know what you'll get along with VC funding Take an alternative approach to entrepreneurship: buy an existing business and run it as CEO This collection of articles includes "Hiring an Entrepreneurial Leader," by Timothy Butler; "How to Write a Great Business Plan," by William A. Sahlman; "Why the Lean Start-Up Changes Everything," by Steve Blank; "The President of SRI Ventures on Bringing Siri to Life," by Norman Winarsky; "In Search of the Next Big Thing," an interview with Marc Andreessen by Adi Ignatius; "Six Myths About Venture Capitalists," by Diane Mulcahy; "Chobani's Founder on Growing a Start-Up Without Outside Investors," by Hamdi Ulukaya; "Network Effects Aren't Enough," by Andrei Hagiu and Simon Rothman; "Blitzscaling," an interview with Reid Hoffman by Tim Sullivan; "Buying Your Way into Entrepreneurship," by Richard S. Ruback and Royce Yudkoff; and "The Founder's Dilemma," by Noam Wasserman.

A practical guide to effective business model testing 7 out of 10 new products fail to deliver on expectations. Testing Business Ideas aims to reverse that statistic. In the tradition of Alex Osterwalder's global bestseller Business Model Generation, this practical guide contains a library of hands-on techniques for rapidly testing new business ideas. Testing Business Ideas explains how systematically testing business ideas dramatically reduces the risk and increases the likelihood of success for any new venture or business project. It builds on the internationally popular Business Model Canvas and Value Proposition Canvas by integrating Assumptions Mapping and other powerful lean startup-style experiments. Testing Business Ideas uses an engaging 4-color format to: Increase the success of any venture and decrease the risk of wasting time, money, and resources on bad ideas Close the knowledge gap between strategy and experimentation/validation Identify and test your key business assumptions with the Business Model Canvas and Value Proposition Canvas A definitive field guide to business model testing, this book features practical tips for making major decisions that are not based on intuition and guesses. Testing Business Ideas shows leaders how to encourage an experimentation mindset within their organization and make experimentation a continuous, repeatable process.

The story of how software firm Neoforma became a dotcom enterprise and three billion dollar public company, and survived its struggles in the face of daunting obstacles.

The 'Entrepreneurs Toolkit' is a comprehensive guide outlining the essential entrepreneur skills to spot a marketable opportunity, the essential business skills to start a new venture and the essential management skills to make-it-happen. This book discusses the tools and techniques the entrepreneur uses to: Spot innovative opportunities; Market the product; Network and negotiate; Manage rapid growth. The 'Small Business Entrepreneur' is a comprehensive guide outlining the essential management skills to run a small business on a day-to-day basis. This book discusses the tools and techniques the small business entrepreneur uses to: Buy and register a business; Write a business plan; Sell a product or service; Produce the monthly accounts.

This title focuses on opportunities for growth and innovation through entrepreneurial supply chains, taking the reader through the entire process of opportunity identification, due diligence,

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writing the business plan, managing risks, integrating the entrepreneurial supply chain venture, and reaping the payoff.

Businesses that survive for five years have the best chance of success. Plan for sixty months right from the start. Some entrepreneurs empty their checking accounts, take on massive amounts of debt, risk their homes, and hope after two years their businesses will have the financial strength to continue. The Successful Entrepreneur is for everyone who is financially conservative, wants to own a business, and finds the traditional risky method frightening and not right for them.

Outlines a revisionist approach to management while arguing against common perceptions about the inevitability of startup failures, explaining the importance of providing genuinely needed products and services as well as organizing a business that can adapt to continuous customer feedback.

You'll get up to speed fast on the most essential business skills with this set of concise, practical primers. Finance Basics explains the fundamentals of corporate finance—and its jargon; Running Meetings gives you the tools and checklists you need to keep your meetings effective and efficient; Presentations helps you create and deliver a persuasive performance, fast; Managing Projects shows you how to set up and execute on a project plan; Managing Time helps you to figure out where all the minutes of your day are going—and how to get them under control; Getting Work Done helps you to use each of those minutes more productively; Creating Business Plans shows you how to present the risks and rewards of your idea; Managing Up helps you to build your relationship with your boss; Delegating Work shows you how to hand work off right; and Giving Effective Feedback teaches you how to make potentially difficult confrontations and turn them into productive conversations. This 10-volume, specially priced boxed set makes a perfect gift for aspiring leaders who are short on time but need advice fast. Get up to speed fast on essential business skills. Whether you're looking for a crash course or a brief refresher, you'll find just what you need in HBR's 20-Minute Manager series—foundational reading for ambitious professionals and aspiring executives. Each book is a concise, practical primer, so you'll have time to brush up on a variety of key management topics. Advice you can quickly read and apply, from the most trusted source in business.

Small-scale, incremental real estate development is gaining momentum as an alternative to more conventional approaches. Small-scale development helps create authentic places, acts as a magnet for new investment, and helps attract talent-based employment, all while fostering a more resilient local economy. This, in turn, helps communities better differentiate themselves when seeking new investment in an increasingly competitive landscape. Despite those virtues, entrepreneurial developers working to "build small" face jurisdictional and capital barriers that impede bringing this approach to scale. Drawing on extensive research and using case studies, interviews with over 100 developers, and first-hand knowledge gained from tours of several U.S. cities, author Jim Heid articulates what small-scale development means, why it is essential to communities of every size and in every location, and how entrepreneurial developers and community leaders can help remove obstacles to small--delivering successful projects and resulting in a better approach to building community.

Entrepreneur and bestselling author of The Lean Startup, Eric Ries reveals how entrepreneurial principles can be used by businesses of all kinds, ranging from established companies to early-stage startups, to grow revenues, drive innovation, and transform themselves into truly modern organizations, poised to take advantage of the enormous opportunities of the twenty-first century. In The Lean Startup, Eric Ries laid out the practices of successful startups – building a minimal viable product, customer-focused and scientific testing based on a build-measure-learn method of continuous innovation, and deciding whether to persevere or pivot. In The Startup Way, he turns his attention to an entirely new group of organizations: established enterprises like iconic multinationals GE and Toyota, tech titans like

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Amazon and Facebook, and the next generation of Silicon Valley upstarts like Airbnb and Twilio. Drawing on his experiences over the past five years working with these organizations, as well as nonprofits, NGOs, and governments, Ries lays out a system of entrepreneurial management that leads organizations of all sizes and from every industry to sustainable growth and long-term impact. Filled with in-the-field stories, insights, and tools, *The Startup Way* is an essential road map for any organization navigating the uncertain waters of the century ahead.

The purpose of this text is to provide an overview of basic business principles and how they can be used to enhance the stability and fiscal responsibility of neuropsychological practice. The principles discussed are defined and information is provided to guide practical application of the concepts. The book is designed to benefit professionals at varying levels of practice regardless of their work setting, but focuses primarily on the issues related to neuropsychological practice. Graduate school catalogs and training program brochures reveal a broad array of educational opportunities designed to prepare future professionals for independent practice in neuropsychology. However, little is offered to prepare neuropsychologists for the business realities that await them in the workplace. The expectation that they will simply see patients and do quality clinical work is often in conflict with institutional goals of making money so that the doors can remain open. The result can be a cataclysmic "crash" when altruistic ideals meet capitalistic needs. The concepts of "cash is king" and "no margin, no mission" are foreign to most neuropsychologists until our own fiscal bottom line is affected. *The Business of Neuropsychology* also contains an overview of business "basics," such as budget and fiscal tracking, strategies for communicating with stakeholders in the business, front and back office flow and processes, billing, coding, marketing, referral relationship development, and staff growth and development. *The Business of Neuropsychology* is part of the Oxford AACN Workshop series.

The one primer you need to develop your entrepreneurial skills. Whether you're imagining your new business to be the next big thing in Silicon Valley, a pivotal B2B provider, or an anchor in your local community, the HBR Entrepreneur's Handbook is your essential resource for getting your company off the ground. Starting an independent new business is rife with both opportunity and risk. And as an entrepreneur, you're the one in charge: your actions can make or break your business. You need to know the tried-and-true fundamentals--from writing a business plan to getting your first loan. You also need to know the latest thinking on how to create an irresistible pitch deck, mitigate risk through experimentation, and develop unique opportunities through business model innovation. The HBR Entrepreneur's Handbook addresses these challenges and more with practical advice and wisdom from Harvard Business Review's archive. Keep this comprehensive guide with you throughout your startup's life--and increase your business's odds for success. In the HBR Entrepreneur's Handbook you'll find: Step-by-step guidance through the entrepreneurial process Concise explanations of the latest research and thinking on entrepreneurship from Harvard Business Review contributors such as Marc Andreessen and Reid Hoffman Time-honed best practices Stories of real companies, from Airbnb to eBay You'll learn: Which skills and characteristics make for the best entrepreneurs How to gauge potential opportunities The basics of business models and competitive strategy How to test your assumptions--before you build a whole business How to select the right legal structure for your company How to navigate funding options, from venture capital and angel investors to accelerators and crowdfunding How to develop sales and marketing programs for your venture What entrepreneurial leaders must do to build culture and set direction as the business keeps growing

A menu of today's hottest business opportunities--each with a startup cost of less than \$5,000 The one primer you need to develop your entrepreneurial skills. Whether you're imagining your new business to be the next big thing in Silicon Valley, a pivotal B2B provider, or an anchor in

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your local community, the HBR Entrepreneur's Handbook is your essential resource for getting your company off the ground. Starting an independent new business is rife with both opportunity and risk. And as an entrepreneur, you're the one in charge: your actions can make or break your business. You need to know the tried-and-true fundamentals--from writing a business plan to getting your first loan. You also need to know the latest thinking on how to create an irresistible pitch deck, mitigate risk through experimentation, and develop unique opportunities through business model innovation. The HBR Entrepreneur's Handbook addresses these challenges and more with practical advice and wisdom from Harvard Business Review's archive. Keep this comprehensive guide with you throughout your startup's life--and increase your business's odds for success. In the HBR Entrepreneur's Handbook you'll find:

- Step-by-step guidance through the entrepreneurial process
- Concise explanations of the latest research and thinking on entrepreneurship from Harvard Business Review contributors such as Marc Andreessen and Reid Hoffman
- Time-honed best practices
- Stories of real companies, from Airbnb to eBay
- You'll learn: Which skills and characteristics make for the best entrepreneurs
- How to gauge potential opportunities
- The basics of business models and competitive strategy
- How to test your assumptions--before you build a whole business
- How to select the right legal structure for your company
- How to navigate funding options, from venture capital and angel investors to accelerators and crowdfunding
- How to develop sales and marketing programs for your venture
- What entrepreneurial leaders must do to build culture and set direction as the business keeps growing

HBR Handbooks provide ambitious professionals with the frameworks, advice, and tools they need to excel in their careers. With step-by-step guidance, time-honed best practices, real-life stories, and concise explanations of research published in Harvard Business Review, each comprehensive volume helps you to stand out from the pack--whatever your role.

This book reports the best practices that companies established in Latin America are implementing in their manufacturing processes in order to generate high quality products and stay in the market. It lists the technologies, production and administrative philosophies that are being implemented, presenting a collection of successful cases of studies from Latin America. The book describes how the tools and techniques are being integrated, modified and combined to create new technical resources for assisting the decision making process for better economic performance in manufacturing companies. The efforts deployed for assisting the transformation of raw materials into products and services are described. The authors explain the main key success factors or drivers for success of each tool, technique or hybrid combination approach applied to solve manufacturing problems.

How does the future look like? What's going to happen to our businesses? Are we at the beginning of a new era or we will soon go back to how it used to be? Analysts say that our habits are going to change, and so consumer behaviours. But the recent events may just have accelerated inevitable changes. So, what do you need to know to keep your business running during uncertain times? What should you focus on? If you own a small or a medium business, you can't afford to miss this book! Growth Marketing will show you the key things you need to know to outmanoeuvre uncertainty and get your business ready for the future. You will learn:

- Branding Secrets: proven successful techniques to make your brand irresistible and stick into people's mind
- Monetization Techniques: learn how to monetize your customers and sell more, more often without the need of creating new products
- Purchase Behavior: discover the one single force that drives human behavior during the buying process and how you can apply it to your business
- Customer Relationship: learn how to get new customers and increase loyalty of your customer base, so they will always come back to buy from you
- Website Secrets: the key secrets of a modern website that sells. Get your website ready to take orders and accept transactions
- Facebook and Google Ads: super easy step by step instructions to setup your campaigns with budget recommendation and flexible targeting suggestions, even if you are not

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tech savvy Rank Higher in the Search Engines: secret techniques to drive free traffic to your website and get more visitors Business Strategy Core principles: learn smart actions you can take to start or accelerate the digital pivot you need to make to prepare for the new era What are you waiting for? Growth Marketing written for entrepreneurs to give them all the tools they need to prepare for the times ahead. Prepare for what's next. Embrace digital change and thrive. Read Growth Marketing.

It is increasingly clear that fifty years of international development have done little to reduce poverty in Africa. Indeed, more and more academics and practitioners are highlighting the detrimental effect of traditional development – as carried out by international agencies and NGOs – which often leads to dependency, inefficiency, waste and poor governance. Yet there is a new movement that is surging ahead in its attempt to reduce poverty and generate wealth in Africa: microfranchising. Set up by pioneering organizations such as VisionSpring and HealthStore, microfranchising is based on one of the most successful market-based models in Western economies: franchising. From McDonald's to Coca-Cola, franchising has proven itself to be an effective and replicable way of scaling up a business rapidly in the Western context. It is only recently that members of the growing body of social entrepreneurs have turned to the franchise model as one of the responses to Africa's endemic economic stagnation. And the results have been inspiring: instead of the dependency generated by traditional charity development projects, these new social capitalists have generated enterprise and self-sustainability in the most challenging environments of rural Africa. This long-needed book looks at the growth in microfranchising as a tool to generate wealth among poor communities in Africa. The book traces the evolution of the concept of microfranchising, from its foundation in Western models to its implementation in African countries today. It provides practical steps from the world's leading experts on how to set up a microfranchise, from recruiting franchisees, to building a brand and a supply chain. It gives case studies of successful microfranchises, told by the enterprises themselves. It continues with a theoretical analysis of the place of microfranchising within global social entrepreneurship. It ends with a look at the future for microfranchising, with recommendations for development. Edited by the former CEO of SolarAid, which created the Sunny Money microfranchise, the book provides a ground-breaking set of case studies and analysis of microfranchising for development. It brings together academics and practitioners to provide context, analysis and practical advice. Indeed, it provides the theory, the practical advice and the case studies to guide any entrepreneur, NGO, business or government interested in setting up their own microfranchise scheme. Managing Projects Large and Small: The Fundamental Skills for Delivering on Cost and On Time When it comes to project management, success lies in the details. This book walks managers through every step of project oversight from start to finish. Thanks to the book's comprehensive information on everything from planning and budgeting to team building and after-project reviews, managers will master the discipline and skills they need to achieve stellar results without wasting time and money. The Harvard Business Essentials series is for managers at all levels but is especially relevant for new managers. It offers on-the-spot guidance, coaching, and tools on the most relevant topics in business. Each book includes the critical information that managers need on a given topic-from budgeting to hiring to communication to strategy-and offers interactive tools and worksheets that translate advice into action. Providing ready answers to day-to-day issues, these guides make sound, trusted mentoring advice available whenever managers need it. Other Books in the HBE Series: Managing Change and Transition Hiring and Keeping the Best People Finance for Managers Business Communications Innovation Negotiation

'Innovative, well organised, readable and authoritative. This is a text that takes a modern and refreshing approach to a subject that is an essential ingredient on today's economic agenda' - Graham Beaver, Professor of Strategic Management, Visiting Professor to Queensland

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University of Technology, Fellow of the University of Warwick Not everyone who wants to study entrepreneurship has a theoretical background in business. Specifically written for students who do not have a strong business theory background, the authors of *Entrepreneurship for Everyone* bring alive the crucial issues for understanding this dynamic field. Going beyond the traditional textbook, the authors equip students with the necessary business knowledge and essential practical advice on applying that knowledge in the real world, to a range of types of industry - from sustainable industries, information technology, healthcare, biotechnology, as well as the musical and creative industries. Key entrepreneurship concepts that are covered include: - the theories and tools of creative thinking - market research - intellectual property protection - relevant economics If you are coming to this area anew, and especially if you are interested in how entrepreneurship is applied, putting this text back on the shelf could cost you real success.

A complete set of tools for applying entrepreneurial strategies and techniques to your nonprofit As a follow-up to their book *Enterprising Nonprofits*, the authors of *Strategic Tools for Social Entrepreneurs* provide a full set of practical tools for putting the lessons of business entrepreneurship to work in your nonprofit. The book offers hands-on guidance that helps social sector leaders hone their entrepreneurial skills and carry out their social missions more effectively than ever before. This practical and easy-to-use book is filled with examples, exercises, checklists, and action steps that bring the concepts, frameworks, and tools to life. Detailed explanations of all the tools and techniques will help you personalize and apply them to your nonprofit organization-making it stronger, healthier, and better able to serve the needs of our communities. Praise for *Strategic Tools for Social Entrepreneurs* "I search constantly for resources that can help provide insight and guidance to take Teach For America to a higher level; *Strategic Tools for Social Entrepreneurs* does this and more. The book takes the best practices of for-profits and social enterprises and adapts them to the needs of entrepreneurial, mission-driven nonprofits. *Strategic Tools for Social Entrepreneurs* is a tremendous contribution to social entrepreneurs and to the nonprofit sector-many thanks to the authors for identifying this need and filling it!" -Wendy Kopp Founder and President, Teach For America All of the royalties from this book will be used by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to support continuing work on social entrepreneurship.

Success in Innovation tackles its subject from a novel perspective: instead of focusing on factors for success, it specifically examines the factors for failure. Similar books often attempt to stimulate more effort on innovation with success stories and methods. But innovation is risky business and most innovative ideas fail. By understanding the typical pitfalls and hurdles in the process, and how to avoid or manage them, readers can significantly improve their chances of success. *Success in Innovation* is broad in scope and useful to managers, consultants, entrepreneurs, tech start-ups — anyone with a stake in new and powerful ideas, products, businesses, or methods. This book helps readers work smarter, not simply more. Provides guidelines for assessing innovative ideas Includes methods for valuing innovation Discusses the danger points in the innovation process Explains the planning and development processes Includes innovation models Discusses the methods for risk assessment

Learn what it takes to build a great business with this digital collection curated by Harvard Business Review; it contains everything you need to know about entrepreneurship, from leadership traits and a willingness to fail to financial intelligence and tips for building a business case. Includes *Financial Intelligence for Entrepreneurs*; *Fail Better*; *Heart, Smarts Guts, and Luck*; *Entrepreneur's Toolkit*; *HBR on Entrepreneurship*; *HBR Guide to Building Your Business Case*; *HBR Guide to Negotiating*; *How I Did It*; and the Harvard Business Review articles "Five Stages of Small Business Growth," and "Why Entrepreneurs Don't Scale."

Noted entrepreneur, business executive and entrepreneurship professor Cheryl Mayberry McKissack shares the essential inside information every entrepreneur needs in order to found

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and grow a new venture, with special emphasis on the most critical skill every entrepreneur must master: selling.

A hands-on resource that shows nonprofits how to adopt entrepreneurial behaviors and techniques The rising spirit of social entrepreneurship has created all kinds of new opportunities for nonprofit organizations. But at the same time, many are discovering more than their share of challenges as well. This essential book will help anyone in the field gain the necessary skills to meet these challenges. Written by the leading thinkers and practitioners in the field, *Enterprising Nonprofits* offers concise and engaging explanations of the most successful business tools being used by nonprofits today. The authors clearly describe all the concepts so you'll be able to embrace the methods of social enterprise for your organization. With this book, you'll learn how to use practical business techniques to dramatically improve the performance of your nonprofit. Praise for *Enterprising Nonprofits* "I can't imagine a better team to bring powerful insights and practical guidance to social entrepreneurs. Readers will be inspired by the examples, and then they will roll up their sleeves to apply the many useful management tools in this engaging book."-Rosabeth Moss Kanter, Harvard Business School, Author of *Evolve!: Succeeding in the Digital Culture of Tomorrow* "In one book, *Enterprising Nonprofits* does for social entrepreneurs what countless volumes have done for entrepreneurs in the business sector. A wonderful mixture of analysis, practical advice, and inspiration."-Paul Brest, President, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation All of the royalties from this book will be used by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to support continuing work on social entrepreneurship.

Inspired by the hottest online trends and technology, the experts at "Entrepreneur" uncover a virtual universe of online opportunities. Readers can discover their online niche, successfully set up their business, reach out to a worldwide customer base, and start raking in extra cash--and spend less than \$5,000 on startup.

Packed with practical information designed for business readers and managers at all levels, this essential volume offers insights on managing creativity in groups, developing creative conflict, and using technology to help foster innovation.

Are you a social entrepreneur looking to raise investment? Perhaps you're wondering where to start, but don't know how, or what social investors are looking for? Then this toolkit is for you! In eight modules, we guide you through all key steps, from how to tell your impact story to creating a compelling investor pitch. Along the way, we'll explain the technical aspects of raising finance and what social investors are really looking for. This Social Investment Toolkit is specifically written for social entrepreneurs - people using business methods to tackle social issues. We'll show how social entrepreneurs can best find social investors: funders who are eager to put their capital into businesses that deliver measurable impact on social or environmental causes as well as profitable financial returns. This guide assumes no prior knowledge about raising capital. We de-mystify the jargon of finance, and explain in simple steps what you need to know and what you need to do in order to be able to present a compelling case to funders. Drawing upon the experience of many of the field's most successful entrepreneurs and investors, the Social Investment Toolkit is packed with:

- Case Studies from entrepreneurs who've succeeded, showing how they did it
- Insights from Ashoka, the global association of the world's leading social entrepreneurs
- Practical advice from practitioners and pioneers in the field
- Diagnostic tools to help you work out which parts of your investment proposal to work on

The Toolkit also offers unique advice specifically for social enterprises, such as:

- The legal aspects of launching a social enterprise: should you be a for-profit, not-for-profit, or a hybrid?
- How can you blend philanthropy and investment?
- Valuing the Social Impact of your business
- How to make your mission the core of your business
- Key financial decisions: should you raise debt, equity or philanthropy?
- How can you protect your social mission while bringing in outside investors?

The Toolkit will also be of interest to social

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investors, students of social enterprise, and to anyone interested in learning the latest techniques from the rapidly developing field of social finance. Those with a finance background but unfamiliar with how finance operates in the social enterprise sector will also find this Toolkit useful. This is a must-read practical guide on how to raise social finance, packed with insights from one of the field's leading experts.

The perfect gift for aspiring leaders: 16 volumes of HBR 20-Minute Manager. This 16-volume, specially priced boxed set makes a perfect gift for aspiring leaders who are short on time but need advice fast, on topics from creating business plans and giving feedback to managing time and presentations. The set includes Creating Business Plans, Delegating Work, Difficult Conversations, Finance Basics, Getting Work Done, Giving Effective Feedback, Innovative Teams, Leading Virtual Teams, Managing Projects, Managing Time, Managing Up, Performance Reviews, Presentations, Running Meetings, Running Virtual Meetings, and Virtual Collaboration. Don't have much time? Get up to speed fast on the most essential business skills with HBR's 20-Minute Manager series. Whether you need a crash course or a brief refresher, each book in the series is a concise, practical primer that will help you brush up on a key management topic. Advice you can quickly read and apply, for ambitious professionals and aspiring executives--from the most trusted source in business. Also available as an ebook.

Manager's Toolkit: The 13 Skills Managers Need to Succeed Zeroing in on the specific skills that make great managers stand out from the pack, this comprehensive guide is both an essential primer for new managers and a valuable resource for seasoned executives. From hiring and retaining good people to motivating and developing team members, from understanding key financial statements to delegating work effectively, and from setting goals for others to managing your own career, this actionable guide walks readers through every aspect of managing in a complex business world. Filled with practical tools and tips, this essential toolkit will help managers to stay at the top of their game. The Harvard Business Essentials series is for managers at all levels but is especially relevant for new managers. It offers on-the-spot guidance, coaching, and tools on the most relevant topics in business. Each book includes the critical information that managers need on a given topic--from budgeting to hiring to communication to strategy--and offers interactive tools and worksheets that translate advice into action. Providing ready answers to day-to-day issues, these guides make sound, trusted mentoring advice available whenever managers need it. Other Books in the HBE Series: Managing Change and Transition Hiring and Keeping the Best People Finance for Managers Business Communications Innovation Negotiation

Most entrepreneurs have had to learn things the hard way--concepts such as: big ideas rarely make great businesses; laboring on a business plan can be a waste of time; and you will need dramatically more start-up money than you originally thought you did. But Len Green, an experienced investor, entrepreneur, and

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business professor, has encapsulated together all the inside secrets, proven strategies, and mistakes experienced so that you can learn it all beforehand, rather than when all your capital is on the line. Based on his popular Ultimate Entrepreneurship course, The Entrepreneur's Playbook explains how to:

- Locate sure-bet opportunities for improving products
- Find funding
- Take calculated risks and minimize failure
- Get serious about positioning, distributing, and licensing
- And more!

Plus, the invaluable instruction available for readers is now interactive. Dozens of exercises are given throughout the book that can be submitted online for feedback! Why stumble alone on a risky venture on your way to failure when you can tap into the best ideas and minds for increasing your chances for success?

"All of us have dreams, goals, and perhaps a project or two on the back burner. The Entrepreneur's Toolkit is your chance to make these aspirations a reality. Professor Goldsby provides a detailed roadmap for starting, nurturing, expanding, and eventually selling a business; and he shows how the same valuable skills translate to other spheres of life."--Publisher's website.

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