

Clockspeed Winning Industry Control In The Age Of Temporary Advantage

By studying the work of hundreds of the most original and effective business minds, the authors present a common architecture that illuminates exceptional analysis and creative performance. 2 x 2 Thinking is characterized by a fundamental appreciation for the dynamic and complex nature of business. The best strategists go out of their way to tackle dilemmas rather than merely solve problems. They use opposition, creative tension, iteration and transcendence to get to the heart of issues and involve critical others in finding the best solutions. The authors demonstrate how to apply the 2 x 2 approach to a wide range of important business challenges.

Closed-loop supply chain activities such as remanufacturing, recycling, dismantling for spare parts, and reverse logistics have helped many companies tap into new revenue streams by finding secondary markets for their products, all while reducing their overall carbon footprint. A comprehensive yet concise presentation of closed-loop supply chain processes, *Closed-Loop Supply Chains: New Developments to Improve the Sustainability of Business Practices* investigates the state of the art in this rapidly growing and environmentally significant field. Written by academic experts, in language that is accessible to practitioners, this reader-friendly reference examines recent research and case studies of companies running profitable reuse/remanufacture/recycling operations in various industries. It illustrates profitable practices in returned and recovered products, and clearly explains how to: design a reverse logistics network, conduct production planning, implement effective marketing strategies for recovered products, and apply closed-loop supply chain strategies in other industries besides manufacturing. From product development to materials to assembly and profitability, this authoritative resource illustrates the impact of these processes across all aspects of the supply chain. It provides a business perspective of how to properly implement these processes in your company to achieve profitable and sustainable operations in a more environmentally friendly manner. It also: Investigates strategic decisions companies face in regard to the secondary market for their products, including opportunity costs Examines tactical issues firms will face once the decision to remanufacture has been made, including how to market remanufactured products Summarizes the key characteristics and practices in a variety of industries where remanufacturing has been successful Explains how to conceptualize and manage changes due to switching to a closed-loop supply chain Demonstrates how to handle changing legislation Designed for ease of reference, each chapter covers a specific topic—in a completely self-contained manner—allowing readers to quickly and easily reference the chapters of particular relevance to their industry and situation.

For research in all subjects and among different philosophical paradigms, research methodologies form one of the key issues to rely on. This volume brings a series of papers together, which present different research methodologies as applied in supply chain management. This comprises review oriented papers that look at what kind of methodologies have been applied, as well as methodological papers discussing new developments needed to successfully conduct research in supply chain management. The third group is made up of applications of the respective methodologies, which serve as examples on how the different methodological approaches can be applied. All papers have undergone a review process to ensure their quality. Therefore, we hope that this book will serve as a valid source for current and future researchers in the field. While the workshop on “Research Methodologies in Supply Chain Management” took place at the Supply Chain Management Center, Carl von Ossietzky University in Oldenburg, Germany, it is based on a collaboration with the Supply Chain Management Group of the Department of Operations Management at the Copenhagen Business School and the Department of Production Management at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration. We would like to thank all those who contributed to the workshop and this book.

A Perspective on Two Decades of Rapid Modeling It is an honor for me to be asked to write a foreword to the Proceedings of the 1st Rapid Modeling Conference. In 1987, when I coined the term “Rapid Modeling” to denote queuing modeling of manufacturing systems, I never imagined that two decades later there would be an international conference devoted to this topic! I am delighted to see that there will be around 40 presentations at the conference by leading researchers from around the world, and about half of these presentations are represented by written papers published in this book. I congratulate the conference organizers and program committee on the success of their efforts to hold the first ever conference on Rapid Modeling. Attendees at this conference might find it interesting to learn about the history of the term Rapid Modeling in the context it is used here. During the fall of 1986 I was invited to a meeting at the Headquarters of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) in Dearborn, Michigan. By that time I had successfully demonstrated several industry applications of queuing network models at leading manufacturers in the USA. Although in principle the use of queuing networks to model manufacturing systems was well known in the OR/MS community and many papers had been published, the actual use of such models by manufacturing professionals was almost nonexistent.

The first edition of *The Growth Experiment*, originally published in 1990 as a response to critics of the Reagan-era tax cuts, became a kind of bible for proponents of supply-side economics. This new and updated edition, which explores the economic effects of America's tax policy over the last five presidential administrations, makes a bold and timely argument against the centerpiece of Obama's economic policy—increasing taxes on the wealthy.

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Lawrence Lindsey provides a data-rich argument showing that because of changes in human behavior prompted by tax cuts, lowering taxes on the wealthy “costs” the treasury far less than most economists calculate and creates an economic boon to middle and lower income earners. Sure to be controversial, *The Growth Experiment Revisited* is essential reading for anyone looking to understand the arguments at the heart of this most fractious of American policy debates.

Risk is of fundamental importance in this era of the global economy. Supply chains must into account the uncertainty of demand. Moreover, the risk of uncertain demand can cut two ways: (1) there is the risk that unexpected demand will not be met on time, and the reverse problem (2) the risk that demand is over estimated and excessive inventory costs are incurred. There are other risks in unreliable vendors, delayed shipments, natural disasters, etc. In short, there are a host of strategic, tactical and operational risks to business supply chains. *Supply Chain Risk: A Handbook of Assessment, Management, and Performance* will focus on how to assess, evaluate, and control these various risks.

Intelligent readers who want to build their own embedded computer systems-- installed in everything from cell phones to cars to handheld organizers to refrigerators-- will find this book to be the most in-depth, practical, and up-to-date guide on the market. *Designing Embedded Hardware* carefully steers between the practical and philosophical aspects, so developers can both create their own devices and gadgets and customize and extend off-the-shelf systems. There are hundreds of books to choose from if you need to learn programming, but only a few are available if you want to learn to create hardware. *Designing Embedded Hardware* provides software and hardware engineers with no prior experience in embedded systems with the necessary conceptual and design building blocks to understand the architectures of embedded systems. Written to provide the depth of coverage and real-world examples developers need, *Designing Embedded Hardware* also provides a road-map to the pitfalls and traps to avoid in designing embedded systems. *Designing Embedded Hardware* covers such essential topics as: The principles of developing computer hardware Core hardware designs Assembly language concepts Parallel I/O Analog-digital conversion Timers (internal and external) UART Serial Peripheral Interface Inter-Integrated Circuit Bus Controller Area Network (CAN) Data Converter Interface (DCI) Low-power operation This invaluable and eminently useful book gives you the practical tools and skills to develop, build, and program your own application-specific computers.

In *Pressed for Time*, Judy Wajcman explains why we immediately interpret our experiences with digital technology as inexorably accelerating everyday life. She argues that we are not mere hostages to communication devices, and the sense of always being rushed is the result of the priorities and parameters we ourselves set rather than the machines that help us set them."--Jacket.

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TRANSPORTATION: A SUPPLY CHAIN PERSPECTIVE, 8E equips readers with a solid understanding of what is arguably the most critical and complex component of global supply chains. Taking a managerial approach, the text explains the fundamental role and importance of transportation in companies and in society, as well as the complex environment in which transportation service is provided today. It provides a framework and foundation for the role of transportation from a micro and macro perspective in supply chains. It also offers an overview of the operating and service characteristics, cost structure, and current challenges faced by current providers of transportation. In addition, the authors spotlight a variety of critical transportation management issues, providing insightful discussions of the strategic activities and challenges involved in the movement of goods through the supply chain. Completely up to date, the Eighth Edition features new readings, cases, and examples. It emphasizes global topics throughout, includes new coverage of hard and soft technology, and offers expanded discussions of fuel, energy, managerial, economic, and environmental issues. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Supply chains for electronic products are primarily driven by consumer electronics. Every year new mobile phones, computers and gaming consoles are introduced, driving the continued applicability of Moore's law. The semiconductor manufacturing industry is highly dynamic and releases new, better and cheaper products day by day. But what happens to long-field life products like airplanes or ships, which need the same components for decades? How do electronic and also non-electronic systems that need to be manufactured and supported for decades manage to continue operation using parts that were available for a few years at most? This book attempts to answer these questions. This is the only book on the market that covers obsolescence forecasting methodologies, including forecasting tactics for hardware and software that enable cost-effective proactive product life-cycle management. This book describes how to implement a comprehensive obsolescence management system within diverse companies. *Strategies to the Prediction, Mitigation and Management of Product Obsolescence* is a must-have work for all professionals in product/project management, sustainment engineering and purchasing.

The definitive biography of Tsien Hsue-Shen, the pioneer of the American space age who was mysteriously accused of being a communist, deported, and became -- to America's continuing chagrin -- the father of the Chinese missile program.

Amiya Chakravarty is a big name in production manufacturing and Josh Eliashberg is a huge name in marketing. This is one of the first books that examines the interface of Marketing and Production, with the chapters written by well-known people in the field. Hardcover version published in December 2003.

Eighteen-year-old Eli discovers a shocking secret about his life and his family while working for a Nobel Prize-winning scientist whose specialty is genetic engineering.

Since its first publication, Michael J. Mauboussin's popular guide to wise investing has been translated into eight languages and has been named best business book by *BusinessWeek* and best economics book by *Strategy+Business*. Now updated to reflect current research and expanded to include new chapters on investment philosophy, psychology, and strategy and science as they pertain to money management, this volume is more than ever the best chance to know more than the average investor. Offering invaluable tools to better understand the concepts of choice and risk, *More Than You Know* is a unique blend of practical advice and sound theory, sampling from a wide variety of sources and disciplines. Mauboussin builds on the ideas of visionaries, including Warren Buffett and E. O. Wilson, but also finds wisdom in a broad and deep range of fields, such as casino gambling, horse racing, psychology, and evolutionary biology. He analyzes the strategies of poker experts David Sklansky and Puggy Pearson and pinpoints parallels between mate selection in guppies and stock market booms.

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For this edition, Mauboussin includes fresh thoughts on human cognition, management assessment, game theory, the role of intuition, and the mechanisms driving the market's mood swings, and explains what these topics tell us about smart investing. *More Than You Know* is written with the professional investor in mind but extends far beyond the world of economics and finance. Mauboussin groups his essays into four parts—Investment Philosophy, Psychology of Investing, Innovation and Competitive Strategy, and Science and Complexity Theory—and he includes substantial references for further reading. A true eye-opener, *More Than You Know* shows how a multidisciplinary approach that pays close attention to process and the psychology of decision making offers the best chance for long-term financial results.

The Definitive Business Guide to Surviving and Innovating in the Digital Age The world is changing faster than ever. With the rise of new digital markets and the consequent networkization of our environment, the phrase “The customer is always right” takes on a whole new meaning. This powerful guide from serial entrepreneur and radical innovation consultant Peter Hinssen shows you how to keep your company up to speed with your market, engage with customers at a time when loyalty keeps fading into the background, and transform your organization into a network in order to thrive in this era of digital disruption. *The Network Always Wins* provides step-by-step strategies to help you: Reinvent your company—even after the market has flipped Tap into the force of the network—and survive in a market characterized by speed, uncertainty, and complexity Maintain relevance—and stay on top of emerging trends Connect with your customers—and encourage them to interact This business guide is as illuminating as it is pleasant and fun to read. It provides everything you need to adapt your organization for this exciting new age of networks and digital disruption. You’ll learn how to evolve faster, connect deeper, and make better decisions than ever before. You’ll find proven methods to speed up your reaction time, beat the clock of your competitors, and anticipate consumer trends before they even happen. In today’s fast-moving marketplace, networks are power. This book shows you how to harness that power. For your company. For your customers. For your continued success in the digital age.

In business today, all advantage is temporary. In order to survive-let alone thrive-companies must be able to anticipate and adapt to change, or face rapid, brutal extinction. In *Clockspeed*, Charles Fine draws on a decade's worth of research at M.I.T.'s Sloan School of Management to introduce a new vocabulary for understanding the forces of competition and making strategic decisions that will determine the destiny of your company, as well as your industry. Taking inspiration from the world of biology, Fine argues that each industry has its own evolutionary life cycle (or “clockspeed”), measured by the rate at which it introduces new products, processes, and organizational structures. Just as geneticists study the fruit fly to gain insight into the evolutionary paths of all animals, managers in any industry can learn from the industrial fruit flies—such as Internet services, personal computers, and multimedia entertainment—which evolve through new generations at breakneck speed. Applying the lessons of the fruit flies to industries as diverse as bicycles, pharmaceuticals, and semiconductors, Fine illustrates how competitive advantage is lost or gained by how well a company manages dynamic web of relationships that run throughout its chain of suppliers, distributors, and alliance partners. Packed with revolutionary concepts and tools to help managers make key strategic decisions that affect current and future performance, *Clockspeed* shows, as no other book before it, how the ultimate core competency is mastering the art of supply chain design, carefully choosing which components and capabilities to keep in-house and which to purchase from outside. The consequences of faulty or visionary decisions can be enormous and dramatic. Witness the case of IBM in the early 1980s, when it outsourced key PC components to Microsoft and Intel, unleashing the “Intel Inside” phenomenon and a complete restructuring of the computer industry. Going further, Fine sees the personal computer as merely a component in the vast information-entertainment industry, which evolves

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at speeds unimagined a few years ago. He uses this "fruit fly" as well to peer into the future of industrial evolution and find practical advice for players in all industries, from automobiles to health care information systems. Clockspeed not only serves up some new "laws" of value chain dynamics, but it also offers recommendations for achieving industry leadership through simultaneous product, process, and supply chain design. In challenging managers to think like corporate geneticists Clockspeed contributes the next creative leap in business strategy. Argues that the speed and stimulation characteristic of twenty-first-century business life are conditions to be sought out and encouraged, and provides examples and advice for managing rapid change. Reprint. 50,000 first printing. The seventh edition of Operations and Supply Chain Management for MBAs is the definitive introduction to the fundamental concepts of supply chain and operations management. Designed specifically to meet the needs of MBA students, this market-leading book offers clear presentation of topics such as process planning and design, capacity and location planning, schedule and inventory management, and enterprise resource planning. A strategic, conceptual approach helps readers comprehend the contemporary issues they will soon be facing in industry. This concisely-formatted volume enables instructors to customize their courses for the unique requirements of MBA programs. Each chapter integrates material directly into the text rather than sidebars, highlights, and other pedagogical devices to achieve a smooth, easy-to-read narrative flow. Carefully selected questions prompt discussions that complement the mature, more experienced nature of MBA students, while case studies and supplementary materials illustrate key concepts and practices. Topics such as outsourcing and global sourcing, the role of information technology, and global competitiveness strategies assist students to understand working and competing in the globalized economy.

The two volumes IFIP AICT 459 and 460 constitute the refereed proceedings of the International IFIP WG 5.7 Conference on Advances in Production Management Systems, APMS 2015, held in Tokyo, Japan, in September 2015. The 163 revised full papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 185 submissions. They are organized in the following topical sections: collaborative networks; globalization and production management; knowledge based production management; project management, engineering management, and quality management; sustainability and production management; co-creating sustainable business processes and ecosystems; open cloud computing architecture for smart manufacturing and cyber physical production systems; the practitioner's view on "innovative production management towards sustainable growth"; the role of additive manufacturing in value chain reconfiguration and sustainability; operations management in engineer-to-order manufacturing; lean production; sustainable system design for green products; cloud-based manufacturing; ontology-aided production - towards open and knowledge-driven planning and control; product-service lifecycle management: knowledge-driven innovation and social implications; and service engineering.

In Five Key Principles of Corporate Performance Management, Bob Paladino

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shares his decades of experience to provide proven, real-world implementation insights from globally recognized and award-winning organizations. You'll discover what today's Fortune 100 companies are doing right, and how to implement their enterprise techniques and strategies within your own organization to maximize success.

Over the past 100 years the European Automotive Industry has been repeatedly challenged by best practice. First by the United States, through the development of 'mass production' pioneered by Henry Ford and more recently by 'lean production techniques' as practised by the leading Japanese producers, particularly Toyota. It has consistently risen to these challenges and has shown it can compete and even outperform its competitors with world-class products. However, the European industry is now faced with growing competition and growth from new emerging low-cost countries and needs to re-define its competitive advantage to remain at the forefront of the sector. Automotive growth is driven by two factors, new markets and new technologies. Global competition is increasing, with technology and product differentiation becoming the most important sales factors, but with continued cost pressure. Within the market the winners will be more profitable and the losers will disappear. The Automotive Industry makes a significant contribution to the socio-economic fabric of the European Union. Manufacturing output represents €700 billion and research and development spending €24 billion. European automotive suppliers number 5000 member companies and represent 5 million employees and generate €500 billion in revenues. These are significant figures that generate wealth and high value employment within the EU. European firms must consistently improve their competitive position to ensure that the industry does not migrate to growing new markets.

Originally published in 1997 and now available as an ebook. The first book on 'the most profitable company on earth', by the bestselling author of Virgin King. This edition does not include illustrations.

This book, developed in collaboration with the Rutgers Center for Supply Chain Management and based upon research projects conducted with over 100 participating corporations, combines theory and practice in presenting the concepts necessary for strategic implementation of supply chain management techniques in a global environment. Coauthored by top teaching and research faculty and a senior industry executive, this academic/industry partnership ensures the relevance of the text in terms of both practical application and academic rigor. This book introduces students to the key drivers of supply chain performance, including demand forecasting, sales and operations planning, inventory control, capacity analysis, transportation models, supply chain integration, and project management and risk analysis. It is enhanced by real-life examples and case studies as well as strategies from best practices and a focus on social and economic impact. The content reaches beyond a traditional operations management text and draws on the extensive experience of the

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authors conducting industry projects through the Rutgers Center for Supply Chain Management. The input of senior business executives has been an invaluable asset in presenting a balanced knowledge of both quantitative models and qualitative insights. This book is suitable for courses at the MBA core level, MS in supply chain management level, upper undergraduate level, and also suitable for executive education. Request Inspection Copy

Get the secrets of success in this bestseller that can change life for the better. Claiming that the world is a giant negotiating table, renowned negotiator Cohen teaches the art of negotiation with dozens of concrete examples.

In business today, all advantage is temporary. In order to survive-let alone thrive-companies must be able to anticipate and adapt to change, or face rapid, brutal extinction. In Clock speed, Charles Fine draws on a decades worth of research at M.I.T.s Sloan School of Management to introduce a new vocabulary for understanding the forces of competition and making strategic decisions that will determine the destiny of your company, as well as your industry. Taking inspiration from the world of biology, Fine argues that each industry has its own evolutionary life cycle (or "clock speed"), measured by the rate at which it introduces new products, processes, and organizational structures. Just as geneticists study the fruit fly to gain insight into the evolutionary paths of all animals, managers in any industry can learn from the industrial fruit flies-such as Internet services, personal computers, and multimedia entertainment-which evolve through new generations at breakneck speed. Applying the lessons of the fruit flies to industries as diverse as bicycles, pharmaceuticals, and semiconductors, Fine illustrates how competitive advantage is lost or gained by how well a company manages dynamic web of relationships that run throughout its chain of suppliers, distributors, and alliance partners. Packed with revolutionary concepts and tools to help managers make key strategic decisions that affect current and future performance, Clock speed shows, as no other book before it, how the ultimate core competency is mastering the art of supply chain design, carefully choosing which components and capabilities to keep in-house and which to purchase from outside.

This book emphasizes three key messages; value, alignment and sustainability. The authors believe that SCM is a value enabler with strategic decisions in supply chain design. The text also argues that economic incentives should be designed to ensure the much needed alignment and supply chain design should be viewed as a dynamic process.

An introduction to the engineering principles of embedded systems, with a focus on modeling, design, and analysis of cyber-physical systems. The most visible use of computers and software is processing information for human consumption. The vast majority of computers in use, however, are much less visible. They run the engine, brakes, seatbelts, airbag, and audio system in your car. They digitally encode your voice and construct a radio signal to send it from your cell phone to a base station. They command robots on a factory floor, power generation in a power plant, processes in a chemical plant, and traffic lights in a city. These less visible computers are called embedded systems, and the software they run is called embedded software. The principal challenges in designing and analyzing embedded systems stem from their interaction with physical processes. This book takes a cyber-physical approach to

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embedded systems, introducing the engineering concepts underlying embedded systems as a technology and as a subject of study. The focus is on modeling, design, and analysis of cyber-physical systems, which integrate computation, networking, and physical processes. The second edition offers two new chapters, several new exercises, and other improvements. The book can be used as a textbook at the advanced undergraduate or introductory graduate level and as a professional reference for practicing engineers and computer scientists. Readers should have some familiarity with machine structures, computer programming, basic discrete mathematics and algorithms, and signals and systems.

Authored by two of the leading authorities in the field, this guide offers readers the knowledge and skills needed to achieve proficiency with embedded software.

The changing manufacturing environment requires more responsive and adaptable manufacturing systems. The theme of the 5th International Conference on Changeable, Agile, Reconfigurable and Virtual production (CARV2013) is "Enabling Manufacturing Competitiveness and Economic Sustainability. Leading edge research and best implementation practices and experiences, which address these important issues and challenges, are presented. The proceedings include advances in manufacturing systems design, planning, evaluation, control and evolving paradigms such as mass customization, personalization, changeability, re-configurability and flexibility. New and important concepts such as the dynamic product families and platforms, co-evolution of products and systems, and methods for enhancing manufacturing systems' economic sustainability and prolonging their life to produce more than one product generation are treated. Enablers of change in manufacturing systems, production volume and capability, scalability and managing the volatility of markets, competition among global enterprises and the increasing complexity of products, manufacturing systems and management strategies are discussed. Industry challenges and future directions for research and development needed to help both practitioners and academicians are presented. About the Editor Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael F. Zaeh, born in 1963, has been and is Professor for and Manufacturing Technology since 2002 and, together with Prof. Dr.-Ing. Gunther Reinhart, Head of the Institute for Machine Tools and Industrial Management (iwb) at the Technische Universitaet Muenchen (TUM). After studying general mechanical engineering, he was doctoral candidate under Prof. Dr.-Ing. Joachim Milberg at TUM from 1990 until 1993 and received his doctorate in 1993. From 1994 to 1995, he was department leader under Prof. Dr.-Ing. Gunther Reinhart. From 1996 to 2002, he worked for a machine tool manufacturer in several positions, most recently as a member of the extended management. Prof. Dr.-Ing. Michael F. Zaeh is an associated member of the CIRP and member of acatech, WGP and WLP. His current researches include among others Joining and Cutting Technologies like Laser Cutting and Welding as well as Friction Stir Welding, Structural Behaviour and Energy Efficiency of Machine Tools and Manufacturing Processes like Additive Manufacturing. This book gathers together Peter Drucker's articles from Harvard Business Review and frames them with a thoughtful introduction from the Review's Editor Tom Stewart One of this century's most highly regarded students of management, Drucker has sought out, identified, and examined the most important issues confronting managers, from corporate strategy to management style to social change. Through his unique lens, this volume gives us the rare opportunity to trace the evolution of the great shifts in our

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workplaces, and to understand more clearly the role of managers. This book gathers together Drucker's articles from Harvard Business Review and frames them with a thoughtful introduction from the review's editor Thomas A. Stewart.

A call to redefine mobility so that it is connected, heterogeneous, intelligent, and personalized, as well as sustainable, adaptable, and city-friendly. The twentieth century was the century of the automobile; the twenty-first will see mobility dramatically re-envisioned. Automobiles altered cityscapes, boosted economies, and made personal mobility efficient and convenient for many. We had a century-long love affair with the car. But today, people are more attached to their smartphones than their cars. Cars are not always the quickest mode of travel in cities; and emissions from the rapidly growing number of cars threaten the planet. This book, by three experts from industry and academia, envisions a new world of mobility that is connected, heterogeneous, intelligent, and personalized (the CHIP architecture). The authors describe the changes that are coming. City administrators are shifting from designing cities for cars to designing cities for people. Nations and cities will increasingly employ targeted user fees and offer subsidies to nudge consumers toward more sustainable modes. The sharing economy is coaxing many consumers to shift from being owners of assets to being users of services. The auto industry is responding with connected cars that double as virtual travel assistants and by introducing autonomous driving. The CHIP architecture embodies an integrated, multimode mobility system that builds on ubiquitous connectivity, electrified and autonomous vehicles, and a marketplace open to innovation and entrepreneurship. Consumers will exercise choice on the basis of user experience and efficiency, aided by "intelligent advisors," accessible through their mobile devices. An innovative mobility architecture reconfigured for this century is a social and economic necessity; this book charts a course for achieving it.

Drawing on the innovative concept of Organizational IQ and a study of companies in seventeen countries, *Survival of the Smartest* charts a course for managers to follow into the twenty first century. At the heart of the book is the authors' assessment tool of an organization's future health, which they call Organizational IQ. It measures a company's ability to quickly process information and make effective decisions. As industry clockspeeds accelerate everywhere, a high IQ has become a prerequisite for survival. Low IQ companies that the authors studied, on the other hand, have already vanished. Case studies from Hewlett-Packard, British Petroleum, Sun Microsystems and Chrysler, among others, illustrate how companies can improve their Organizational IQ. How did Hewlett-Packard become the dominant player in printing? How did British Petroleum transform itself from a stodgy behemoth into the most agile and competitive player in the oil industry? How did Chrysler rise from the brink of bankruptcy to become the auto industry's prized asset? In these companies, technology by itself only played a secondary role: to be successful, the entire organization had to become smarter. The authors show how key strategic decisions turned around these companies'

Organizational IQ-and with it, their fortunes. A detailed company case study takes you in slow motion through the different steps you can take to improve the IQ of your own organization. *Survival of the Smartest* offers a rare blend of a coherent framework, in-depth company case studies, a sound research base, and a detailed, step-by-step implementation example. Based on a landmark study of 164 organizations worldwide, conducted as part of a partnership between Stanford University, McKinsey & Company

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and the University of Augsburg, Organizational IQ is proving to be the acid test for the success or failure of companies around the world. Haim Mendelson, PhD, is the James Irwin Miller Professor of Information Systems at the Stanford Business School, leader of the Technology, Organizations, and Markets area at the Stanford Computer Industry Project, co-director of the Stanford Executive Program on Strategic Uses of Information Technology, and a consultant to leading high-tech firms and financial institutions.

Johannes Ziegler, PhD, is the cofounder of Synesis Management Consulting. Synesis helps senior executives in leading high-tech companies, including Hewlett-Packard, Cisco, 3Com, and Intuit, to measure and improve their Organizational IQs. Before founding Synesis, Dr. Ziegler was a consultant with McKinsey & Company.

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You think you have a winning strategy. But do you? Executives are bombarded with bestselling ideas and best practices for achieving competitive advantage, but many of these ideas and practices contradict each other. Should you aim to be big or fast? Should you create a blue ocean, be adaptive, play to win—or forget about a sustainable competitive advantage altogether? In a business environment that is changing faster and becoming more uncertain and complex almost by the day, it's never been more important—or more difficult—to choose the right approach to strategy. In this book, The Boston Consulting Group's Martin Reeves, Knut Haanæs, and Janmejaya Sinha offer a proven method to determine the strategy approach that is best for your company. They start by helping you assess your business environment—how unpredictable it is, how much power you have to change it, and how harsh it is—a critical component of getting strategy right. They show how existing strategy approaches sort into five categories—Be Big, Be Fast, Be First, Be the Orchestrator, or simply Be Viable—depending on the extent of predictability, malleability, and harshness. In-depth explanations of each of these approaches will provide critical insight to help you match your approach to strategy to your environment, determine when and how to execute each one, and avoid a potentially fatal mismatch. Addressing your most pressing strategic challenges, you'll be able to answer questions such as: • What replaces planning when the annual cycle is obsolete? • When can we—and when should we—shape the game to our advantage? • How do we simultaneously implement different strategic approaches for different business units? • How do we manage the inherent contradictions in formulating and executing different strategies across multiple businesses and geographies? Until now, no book brings it all together and offers a practical tool for understanding which strategic approach to apply. Get started today.

How a bottom-up problem-solving ethos, multidisciplinary approach, and experimental mindset has nurtured entrepreneurship at MIT. MIT is world-famous as a launching pad for entrepreneurs. MIT alumni have founded at least 30,000 active companies, employing an estimated 4.6 million people, with revenues of approximately \$1.9 trillion. In the 2010s, twenty to thirty ventures were spun off each year to commercialize technologies developed in MIT labs (with intellectual property licensed by MIT to these companies); in the same decade, MIT graduates started an estimated 100 firms per year. How has MIT become such a hotbed of entrepreneurship? In *From the Basement to the Dome*, Jean-Jacques Degroof describes how MIT's problem-solving ethos, multidisciplinary approach, and experimental mindset nurture entrepreneurship. Degroof explains that, at first, the culture of entrepreneurship sprang from such extracurricular activities as forums, clubs, and competitions. Eventually, the Institute formally supported these activities, offering courses in entrepreneurship. Degroof describes why entrepreneurship is so uniquely aligned with MIT's culture: a history of bottom-up decision-making, a tradition of academic excellence, a keen interest in problem-solving, a belief in experimentation, and a tolerance for failure on the way to success. Entrepreneurship is the logical outcome of MIT's motto, *Mens et Manus* (mind and hand), translating theories and

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scientific discoveries into products and businesses--many of which have the goal of solving some of the world's most pressing problems. Degroof maps MIT's current entrepreneurial ecosystem of students, faculty, and researchers; considers the effectiveness of teaching entrepreneurship; and outlines ways that the MIT story could inspire conversations in other institutions about promoting entrepreneurship.

Both wise and witty, *Only As Good As Your Word* is a memoir of writing and friendship. Sue Shapiro imparts important lessons about what to do (and what not to do) while on the road to becoming a writer. *Only As Good As Your Word* is also a thoughtful tribute to her many writing mentors, as well as revealing the experience of being a mentor, the writing process itself and what makes a good writer. An acclaimed author, *Media Bistro* regular, and NYU and the New School teacher, Sue Shapiro is one of the most self-revealing contemporary writers. She's also one of the most wickedly funny, compulsively readable, authentic, warm, and thankfully, most self-aware, her style is no-holds-barred honest, edgy, and bracingly refreshing.

Today's leading authority on the subject of this text is the author, MIT Standish Professor of Management and Director of the System Dynamics Group, John D. Sterman. Sterman's objective is to explain, in a true textbook format, what system dynamics is, and how it can be successfully applied to solve business and organizational problems. System dynamics is both a currently utilized approach to organizational problem solving at the professional level, and a field of study in business, engineering, and social and physical sciences.

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- Variety: Determine your variety of offerings based on operational efficiency and market demand
- Velocity: Maintain a steady flow through all processes of the supply chain
- Variability: Manage inconsistencies carefully to reduce cost and improve quality
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America is in decline, and the rise of the East suggests a bleak future for the world's only superpower -- so goes the conventional wisdom. But what if the traditional measures of national status are no longer as important as they once were? What if America's well-being was assessed according to entirely different factors? In *The Upside of Down*, Charles Kenny argues that America's so-called decline is only relative to the newfound success of other countries. And there is tremendous upside to life in a wealthier world: Americans can benefit from better choices and cheaper prices offered by schools and hospitals in rising countries, and, without leaving home, avail themselves of the new inventions and products those countries will produce. The key to thriving in this world is to move past the jeremiads about America's deteriorating status and figure out how best to take advantage of its new role in a multipolar world. A refreshing antidote to prophecies of American decline, *The Upside of Down* offers a fresh and highly optimistic look at America's future in a wealthier world.

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