

Losing My Virginity How I Survived Had Fun And Made A Fortune Doing Business My Way

"A revealing insight into modern sexuality."--Tatler "I recommend this wonderful book to people of all ages."--Cheryl Cohen Greene, DHS In an increasingly sexualized world, how we lose our virginity remains an untold story. *Losing It* is inspired by Kate Monro's Cosmopolitan award-nominated blog, *The Virginity Project*. Kate Monro is a blogger, author, and journalist. For the last 50 years, drug prohibition laws have put the market for illegal drugs into the hands of organised criminals. Now, it's time to take control. Ending the failed war on drugs will reduce drug-related violence, tackle organised crime, end the needless criminalisation of millions, and will halt the drain on government funds and resources. In this book, global opinion-leaders on the frontline of the drug debate describe their experiences and perspectives on what needs to be done. Highlighting the pitfalls behind drug policy to-date and bringing to light new policies and approaches, which make a clear case for galvanizing governments to end the war on drugs – once and for all.

From a Hackney council estate to the House of Lords, this is the extraordinary story of one of our greatest entrepreneurs. Alan Sugar was born in 1947 and brought up on a council estate in Clapton, in Hackney. As a kid he watched his dad struggle to support the family, never knowing from one week to the next if he'd have a job. It had a huge impact on him, fuelling a drive to succeed that was to earn him a sizeable personal fortune. Now he describes his amazing journey, from schoolboy enterprises like making and selling his own ginger beer to setting up his own company at nineteen; from Amstrad's groundbreaking ventures in hi-fi and computers, which made him the darling of the stock exchange, to the dark days when he nearly lost it all; from his pioneering deal with Rupert Murdoch to his boardroom battles at Tottenham Hotspur FC. In this compelling autobiography, he takes us into the world of *The Apprentice*, and describes his appointment as advisor to the government and elevation to the peerage. Like the man himself, *What You See Is What You Get* is forthright, funny and sometimes controversial.

The last night of a dysfunctional relationship precedes its one-night stand beginnings in this bittersweet heartbreak comedy. Tender, awkward and painfully funny, *'I Lost My Virginity to Chopin's Nocturne in B-Flat Minor'* probes the murky line between devotion and destruction in a modern relationship. *'Chopin'* is a bittersweet comedy which focuses in on the disparity between classes and how much of your self identity you would comprise for someone you love. Its fresh look at 'privilege', challenges how this is defined by both gender and upbringing, highlighting darker elements of toxic masculinity and the unhealthy nature of a dependent relationship. The piece explores a modern relationship being pulled apart by the divides of the class system and treads a murky line between devotion and destruction. It explores the politics of both the middle class and the working class, pitting them against each other to interrogate privilege, the gender divide and stereotypes. 'a delightful slice of relationship hell' - Christopher Brett Bailey 'A terrific two-hander. I'd prescribe this show for a bit of short sharp relationship counselling. - THE SCOTSMAN, * * * *

"The brave may not live forever-but the cautious do not live at all!" -Sir Richard Branson Richard Branson is an iconic entrepreneur and the founder of Virgin Airways, Virgin Records, and many other Virgin businesses around the world. Now he shares the inside track on his life in business and reveals the incredible truth about his most risky, brilliant, and audacious deals. Combining invaluable advice with remarkable, and candid stories of Virgin's greatest achievements, as well as some of its setbacks, this is a dynamic, inspirational, and truly original guide. Whether you are an executive, an entrepreneur, or are just starting out, Branson strips business down to show how you can succeed and make a difference.

From the Pulitzer Prize-winning bestselling author of *Alexander Hamilton*, the inspiration for the hit Broadway musical, comes this definitive biography of the Warburgs, one of the great German-Jewish banking families of the twentieth century. Bankers, philanthropists, scholars, socialites, artists, and politicians, the Warburgs stood at the pinnacle of German (and, later, of German-American) Jewry. They forged economic dynasties, built mansions and estates, assembled libraries, endowed charities, and advised a German kaiser and two American presidents. But their very success made the Warburgs lightning rods for anti-Semitism, and their sense of patriotism became increasingly dangerous in a Germany that had declared Jews the enemy. Ron Chernow's hugely fascinating history is a group portrait of a clan whose members were renowned for their brilliance, culture, and personal energy yet tragically vulnerable to the dark and irrational currents of the twentieth century.

"Oh, screw it, let's do it." That's the philosophy that has allowed Richard Branson, in slightly more than twenty-five years, to spawn so many successful ventures. From the airline business (Virgin Atlantic Airways), to music (Virgin Records and V2), to cola (Virgin Cola), to retail (Virgin Megastores), and nearly a hundred others, ranging from financial services to bridal wear, Branson has a track record second to none. *Losing My Virginity* is the unusual, frequently outrageous autobiography of one of the great business geniuses of our time. When Richard Branson started his first business, he and his friends decided that "since we're complete virgins at business, let's call it just that: Virgin." Since then, Branson has written his own "rules" for success, creating a group of companies with a global presence, but no central headquarters, no management hierarchy, and minimal bureaucracy. Many of Richard Branson's companies--airlines, retailing, and cola are good examples--were started in the face of entrenched competition. The experts said, "Don't do it." But Branson found golden opportunities in markets in which customers have been ripped off or underserved, where confusion reigns, and the competition is complacent. And in this stressed-out, overworked age, Richard Branson gives us a new model: a dynamic, hardworking, successful entrepreneur who lives life to the fullest. Family, friends, fun, and adventure are equally important as business in Branson's life. *Losing My Virginity* is a portrait of a productive, sane, balanced life, filled with rich and colorful stories: Crash-landing his hot-air balloon in the Algerian desert, yet remaining determined to have another go at being the first to circle the globe Signing the Sex Pistols, Janet Jackson, the Rolling Stones, Boy George, and Phil Collins Fighting back when British Airways took on Virgin Atlantic and successfully suing this pillar of the British business establishment Swimming two miles to safety during a violent storm off the coast of Mexico Selling Virgin Records to save Virgin Atlantic Staging a rescue flight into Baghdad before the start of the Gulf War . . . And much more. *Losing My Virginity* is the ultimate tale of personal and business survival from a man who combines the business prowess of Bill Gates and the promotional instincts of P. T. Barnum. Also available in the UK from Virgin Publishing, and in Canada from General Publishing, From the Hardcover edition.

A fascinating journey into the hidden psychological influences that derail our decision-making, *Sway* will change the way you think about the way you think. Why is it so difficult to sell a plummeting stock or end a doomed relationship? Why do we listen to advice just because it came from someone "important"? Why are we more likely to fall in love when there's danger involved? In *Sway*,

renowned organizational thinker Ori Brafman and his brother, psychologist Rom Brafman, answer all these questions and more. Drawing on cutting-edge research from the fields of social psychology, behavioral economics, and organizational behavior, Sway reveals dynamic forces that influence every aspect of our personal and business lives, including loss aversion (our tendency to go to great lengths to avoid perceived losses), the diagnosis bias (our inability to reevaluate our initial diagnosis of a person or situation), and the "chameleon effect" (our tendency to take on characteristics that have been arbitrarily assigned to us). Sway introduces us to the Harvard Business School professor who got his students to pay \$204 for a \$20 bill, the head of airline safety whose disregard for his years of training led to the transformation of an entire industry, and the football coach who turned conventional strategy on its head to lead his team to victory. We also learn the curse of the NBA draft, discover why interviews are a terrible way to gauge future job performance, and go inside a session with the Supreme Court to see how the world's most powerful justices avoid the dangers of group dynamics. Every once in a while, a book comes along that not only challenges our views of the world but changes the way we think. In Sway, Ori and Rom Brafman not only uncover rational explanations for a wide variety of irrational behaviors but also point readers toward ways to avoid succumbing to their pull.

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At 30, Duncan Bannatyne had no money and was enjoying life on the beaches of Jersey. He saw a story of someone who had made himself a millionaire, and decided to do the same. Five years later he had done it, and now he is worth £168 million. In this remarkable book, Bannatyne relives his colourful path to riches, from ice cream salesman to multi-millionaire, explaining how anyone could take the same route as he did - if they really want to. Hugely articulate, and with numerous fascinating and revealing stories to tell, this is an autobiography and a business book unlike any other - but then Bannatyne isn't like any other businessman, either.

"Wise and witty... Losing It is cringingly insightful about sex and dating and all the ways we tie ourselves into knots over both." --The New York Times Book Review A hilarious novel that Maggie Shipstead calls "charming... witty and insightful," about a woman who still has her virginity at the age of twenty-six, and the summer she's determined to lose it—and find herself. Julia Greenfield has a problem: she's twenty-six years old and she's still a virgin. Sex ought to be easy. People have it all the time! But, without meaning to, she made it through college and into adulthood with her virginity intact. Something's got to change. To re-route herself from her stalled life, Julia travels to spend the summer with her mysterious aunt Vivienne in North Carolina. It's not long, however, before she unearths a confounding secret—her 58 year old aunt is a virgin too. In the unrelenting heat of the southern summer, Julia becomes fixated on puzzling out what could have lead to Viv's appalling condition, all while trying to avoid the same fate. For readers of Rainbow Rowell and Maria Semple, and filled with offbeat characters and subtle, wry humor, Losing It is about the primal fear that you just might. never. meet. anyone. It's about desiring something with the kind of obsessive fervor that almost guarantees you won't get it. It's about the blurry lines between sex and love, and trying to figure out which one you're going for. And it's about the decisions—and non-decisions—we make that can end up shaping a life.

'Branson has a list of achievements unmatched by any other UK businessman. For anyone burning with entrepreneurial zeal, his reminiscences are akin to a sacred text' Mail on Sunday THE NO.1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER The worldwide bestselling autobiography of iconic entrepreneur Sir Richard Branson, with over two million copies sold to date. Much more than a memoir, this is Sir Richard Branson's own take on his extraordinary life so far – and a definitive business guide that reveals his unique philosophy of commerce, success and life. In Losing My Virginity, you'll discover how Virgin grew from a mail-order music business into a path-breaking global brand. From the \$25 million Virgin Earth initiative to the launch of Virgin Galactic, this is a powerful and unique look into the life of an iconic global entrepreneur. Based on a True Story. A twenty-eight-year-old virgin-a dashing escort-and a weekend fling in Vegas with no strings attached. Amelia has decided it's time to "take care of the virginity thing." She's twenty-eight, never had a boyfriend, never had a one-night stand, and the last time she kissed a boy, she was in high school. What starts off as a joke finally comes to fruition when Amelia hires Liam for a weekend in Las Vegas. She's tired of waiting for the right man to come along, and takes the situation in her own hands. She's been eyeing Liam on the escort agency website for years, and

decides it's time to bite the bullet and see what all the fuss is about sex. She certainly gets more than she bargained for when Liam arrives. He's handsome, charming, understanding...a regular prince charming. But Liam is determined to teach her about more than just carnal pleasures. Seeing pain hiding behind Amelia's eyes, he is determined to teach her how to be open and the healing power of vulnerability. A fun, touching story about a woman taking control of her sexual healing.

Want more free books like this? Download our app for free at <https://www.QuickRead.com/App> and get access to hundreds of free book and audiobook summaries. Learn how a high school dropout became one of the most successful business leaders of today. As a multibillionaire, Richard Branson found success when he challenged convention and did the unexpected. Now, he's laying out his secrets for success to help future entrepreneurs and business leaders. With four decades of taking notes, failing at many endeavors, and succeeding at many more, Branson tells us what he's learned throughout his career as an entrepreneur. As you'll find out, Branson is more than just a great leader. You'll also discover how being a great listener and cultivating a passionate culture are perhaps two of the greatest skills you'll need for success. Keep reading to find out why speeches are a waste of time, how keeping it simple is key in business, and why young people are essential to a company's success.

Life lessons from an ambitious guy that is in love with Sweden."LMSV I" takes an unfiltered approach to the essential topics about life in the current 20's decade. It tells you how to make your life better when moving abroad. When we travel abroad, we mostly do it with the best vibes. We want to have a bunch of new friends, a healthy mind, more money in our pockets, a less stressful life, better relationships and also feel more confident in general. However, the reality is that soon we find ourselves feeling insecure, doing self-sabotage and believing, without a plan, that it is just a momentary phase and our situation will be better in the future."LMSV I" is that plan. Moving to a new place gives us the chance to start again. Who said we need to be the same person forever? It is possible to kill the anxiety, the depression, the addictions, the social media consumption, the unhealthy diet, the unproductive days, the toxic relationships and the meaningless vibes. I define success as having the true freedom to do something without having something to hold you back. You can have the desire of sleeping with a good-looking Swedish girl (but no confidence), the desire of starting your own company or working for the company you want (but no capital or a solid network), the desire of having good long-lasting Swedish friendships (but not speaking Swedish), and the desire of being healthier in the mind and in the body (but little knowledge about how). Or whatever goal you have in your bucket list. Every goal demands hard work on yourself. There is no free lunch in the market nor in life. To come to Sweden and get this freedom, one needs to have a structured mindset. It is an amazing country with lots of opportunities but you have to calibrate your life in order to be able to integrate in the society and to exploit all the advantages it has to offer. This book is taking one step closer to all the international men, and also the swedes, to achieve more of that desired freedom. We are in a never ending process of becoming our better self and Sweden is a place that will get you inspired to do so. Sweden has the special characteristic that forces you to be your best in order to integrate successfully in society. It is a rich, innovative and educated country that has high standards for everything. I guarantee that as Jay Z says about NY, if you can make it here in Sweden you can make it anywhere. Read it, share it and let's create a better world together.

Kaveri is thirty; single; knows seven languages; is an interpreter by profession; has read all the books about men and how to get a date. Yet; she has not been able to figure out the language of love. Since the 'THE ONE GREAT LOVE' of her life has eluded her for thirty years and might never show up; she decides to take matters into her own hands. On her thirtieth birthday; she makes a resolution—love or no love; she is going to lose her virginity. Life; however; has other plans! This is a story of a spirited woman who plunges into a rollercoaster ride filled with ideas; ideals and adventures—each new day competing with yesterday to make her rethink and re-evaluate life and love.

I Had to Lose My Virginity is a compelling story of an extraordinary woman who emerges from obscurity to become one of the successful and influential women entrepreneurs in Africa. This truly amazing story, skillfully told in a mix of poetry and vivid prose, provides intimate and insightful glimpse into a life that has defied biting poverty, personal failure and tragedy to become a remarkable portrait of success. The reader will doubtless find this book provocative, motivating and inspiring.

The perfect gag gift for insecure teenagers and college students everywhere, First Timer's Kit offers a comprehensive sexual education, courtesy of semi-credible medical expert Dr. Eric Ryland Horner. Contents include: Dr. Horner's comprehensive textbook, How to Lose Your Virginity in 96 Pages 10 Sexual Position Study Cards (ranked by difficulty, from beginner to advanced to Cirque du Soleil) 10 Heroes of Intercourse Trading Cards (includes the extremely rare Dr. Ruth Westheimer card) Certificate of Copulation (suitable for framing) And more! Full of hilarious anatomical diagrams, ridiculous advice, and tips for surviving the morning after, the First Timer's Kit encourages readers to stop masturbating and start living!

Nervous, inexperienced, confused. For most, losing your virginity is one of life's most significant moments, always to be remembered. Of course, experiences vary, but Laura Carpenter asks: Is there an ideal way to lose it? What would constitute a "positive" experience? What often compels the big step? And, further, what does "going all the way" really mean for young gays and lesbians? In this first comprehensive study of virginity loss, Carpenter teases out the complexities of all things virgin by drawing on interviews with both young men and women who are straight, gay or bisexual. Virginity Lost offers a rare window into one of life's most intimate and significant sexual moments. The stories here are frank, poignant and fascinating as Carpenter presents an array of experiences that run the gamut from triumphant to devastating. Importantly, Carpenter argues that one's experience of virginity loss can have a powerful impact on one's later sexual experiences. Especially at a time of increased debate about sexual abstinence versus safe sex education in public schools, this important volume will provide essential information about the sex lives of young people.

Sir Richard Branson's amazing memoir is now updated to include the effect on the Virgin Group of 11 September, his views on the war in Iraq, the rise of Virgin Blue and the flotation of Virgin Mobile. Discover how Virgin is moving into the US domestic flight market and why he set up the charitable body "Virgin Unite". As ever, his thirst for challenge is unquenched. Sir Richard reveals the thrills of the world record attempt with the Virgin Atlantic Global Flyer and taking Virgin to the final frontier as Virgin Galactic are poised for a new era of commercial space travel. Compelling. Brilliant. Revealing. Funny. Inspirational. Extraordinary. Revealing Sir Richard's unique story, his personal philosophy on life, the Virgin brand and business Losing My Virginity is an autobiography without equal.

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Whether stud or dud, hot dish or cold fish, you're never the same after you first "do the deed." But how wild, weird, or earth shattering was it for your neighbor, the person next to you on the bus, or your veterinarian? In *How to Lose Your Virginity... and How Not To*, compiled from 1,000 face-to-face interviews across North America, Shawn Wickens makes us transfixed voyeurs in scores of others' seminal "coming" of age moments. From Kelsie Testa in *Jerk Magazine*: "A compilation of shocking yet heartwarming tales of orifices, secretions, and vulgarity that pleasantly ends in an orgasm. From condom follies to mixed-race orgies, Wickens proves that no formula exists when it comes to this seminal and 'ground-breaking' event.... One central message remains the same for all of these first-timers: losing your virginity is weird and exhilarating, whether you lost it with your middle-school bus driver named Frank at age 13 or you waited until marriage." Featured in the *New York Daily News*, *The Huffington Post* and *Jezebel.com*. Breakthru Radio calls *How to Lose Your Virginity*, "...an entertaining and enlightening read for virgins and non-virgins alike." A portion of the proceeds is donated to RAINN (Rape and Incest National Network)

Want more free books like this? Download our app for free at <https://www.QuickRead.com/App> and get access to hundreds of free book and audiobook summaries. An inside look at how the human brain influences our everyday decisions and how we can unlock our potential and adapt our habits to enact positive change. A graduate of both Yale and Harvard, and winner of the Pulitzer Prize, Charles Duhigg introduces how you can overcome the power of habit in his *New York Times* bestseller, *The Power of Habit*. With insight, experience, and research, Duhigg teaches us how to adapt our habits which make up 40 percent of what we do every day! 40 percent of our day is spent on behaviors which are normally unconscious, now imagine the potential of putting that 40 percent of your behavior under your control and the opportunities become endless. Duhigg believes that changing one small habit can have a snowball effect on the rest of your decisions, leading to endless positive improvements in your life. Through willpower and belief, you can take the necessary actions to adapt your habits and be on your way to living a better, positive life.

We all know that stress is serious. If ignored too long, it becomes life-threateningly serious. Yet 83 percent of Americans are doing nothing about it. Don't be one of them. There's now a solution to stress that literally rewires your brain for a life of doing well, and being well, on your way to flourishing. The most important brain discovery in the last 400 years concerns a simple but powerful shift in attitude that can change a brain wired for stress into a brain powered for success. This specific shift literally rewires the brain to deliver the full measure of intelligence, creativity, and emotional balance that enables you to flourish instead of struggle. It's a higher state of mind anyone can attain stimulating the higher brain function that unblocks the health, wealth, and love we all desire. Fail to make this shift and you will lack the brainpower to fulfill your dreams. Your stress provoking brain will continue to dump toxic stress hormones into your system, shrinking brain mass, limiting brain bandwidth, depressing your emotional set point, and shortening your lifespan. You can solve these problems and fulfill your aspirations. *The End of Stress: Four Steps to Rewire Your Brain* guides you through an evidence-based process that achieves this powerful shift. The book is designed as a workshop-in-a-book, supported by a website of tools, audio files, and materials that make it easy.

She is just 18 and wants to lose her virginity. But not by a boy, she wants a man. Her first time is with a male porn star who take her cherry and leaves her wanting so much more.

The Virgin Group entrepreneur offers advice, shares his experiences, and discusses business insights collected from his syndicated "New York Times" column.

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When an announcement is made for a special scholarship, four best friends begin a special club that is designed to demonstrate the "purity" required by the scholarship committee.

So begins the hilarious, heartwarming and humiliating journey of a man traversing three continents, nine countries, and countless cities and towns around Australia and the world, going from helicopters to horses, to hotels, to hospital beds, to history, to heroics, to halos, to hallucinations, all in the attempt to lose his virginity 52 times. Adrenalin pumped, artistic muscles flexed, his body went beyond its limits, his embarrassment reserves were drained beyond belief, butterflies thrived, and vomit spilled around the world. In the meantime, his life changed in more amazing ways than he had ever imagined. Reading this book might just change your life too.

Global business icon Richard Branson has written many books, but none have been more popular than his first memoir, 1998's *Losing My Virginity*. Now he's finally publishing his second volume of memoirs, covering all of his fascinating ups and downs of the past two decades.

Richard Branson, who has been called "England's most outrageous billionaire," is also one of the world's most successful business leaders. Since the age of 16, when he founded *Student* magazine, Branson has been creating companies and finding innovative ways to grow them into the prodigious conglomerate known as the Virgin Group. At the age of 20, Branson founded a mail-order record retailer. Two years later he built a recording studio where the first artist signed to his Virgin label, Mike Oldfield, recorded the haunting soundtrack to *The Exorcist*. Decades later, industries as varied as entertainment (Virgin Music), retail (Virgin Megastores), transportation (Virgin Airlines), and telecommunications (Virgin Mobile) all bear Branson's business moniker. For the first time, the most thought-provoking, revealing, and inspiring quotes from Branson are compiled in a single book. *Virgin Rebel: Richard Branson in His Own Words* is a comprehensive guidebook to the inner workings of the Virgin Group chairman and founder. Hundreds of Branson's best quotes, comprising thoughts on business, music, entrepreneurship, politics, exploration, and

life lessons, provide an intimate and direct look into the mind of this modern business icon.

"Impressionistic and engaging ... Fankhauser boldly offers new wisdom." - Bromleigh McCleneghan, pastor and author of Good Christian Sex --- On the 8th day, God created sexual intercourse. And it was good. But for girls like Dani Fankhauser who were told sex was only to happen once you cross the threshold of marriage, that "goodness" seemed...questionable. As young women, we learned how to say "No" to sex, but not how to ask a guy to put on a condom. We were told to limit physical affection because it undermined love, but not how to deal with our own desires and drive. Our own bodies, and their capacity for pleasure, were left a mystery. In SHAMELESS, Fankhauser writes about the questions she had that couldn't be answered by mainstream culture or by Christian communities - about shame, love, intimacy, and STDs.

The guide to shortening your execution cycle down from one year to twelve weeks Most organizations and individuals work in the context of annual goals and plans; a twelve-month execution cycle. Instead, The 12 Week Year avoids the pitfalls and low productivity of annualized thinking. This book redefines your "year" to be 12 weeks long. In 12 weeks, there just isn't enough time to get complacent, and urgency increases and intensifies. The 12 Week Year creates focus and clarity on what matters most and a sense of urgency to do it now. In the end more of the important stuff gets done and the impact on results is profound. Explains how to leverage the power of a 12 week year to drive improved results in any area of your life Offers a how-to book for both individuals and organizations seeking to improve their execution effectiveness Authors are leading experts on execution and implementation Turn your organization's idea of a year on its head, and speed your journey to success.

Slow down, own who you really are and unleash your inner brilliance. You already have everything you need to become truly brilliant — to lead a successful, fulfilling life — even though it doesn't always feel like it. When everything external to us is moving so quickly, we feel out of control and exhausted; we worry about what we don't have or what we need more of; we seek solutions to band-aid our perceived imperfections and doubts. Crowded calendars and unending demands at home and work give us little time to look internally — though it is within each of us where the answers can be found. At a time when we suffer from unprecedented stress, comparison-itis and self-doubt, author Janine Garner asks us to slow down and turn our focus inward. She challenges you to take ownership of who you are and who you want to become, to rise above limitations, and unleash your brilliance within. Learn the 4 Laws of Brilliance and explore how to:

- discover and own your spotlight
- harness your natural energy
- connect and collaborate with intent
- enhance and magnify your influence.

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A provocative social history examines the history of virginity and of noted virgins in Western culture, describing the unique fascination civilization has had for virginity from a social, political, economic, philosophical, medical, and legal standpoint. Reprint. This is a book on leadership from someone who has never read a book on leadership in his life. While building the Virgin Group over the course of forty years, Richard Branson has never shied away from tackling seemingly outlandish challenges that others (including his own colleagues on many occasions) considered sheer lunacy. He has taken on giants like British Airways and won, and monsters like Coca-Cola and lost. Now Branson gives an inside look at his strikingly different, swashbuckling style of leadership. Learn how fun, family, passion, and the dying art of listening are key components to what his extended family of employees around the world has always dubbed (with a wink) "the Virgin Way." This unique perspective comes from a man who dropped out of school at sixteen, suffers from dyslexia, and has never worked for anyone but himself. He may be famous for thinking outside the box--an expression he despises--but Branson asserts that "you'll never have to think outside the box if you refuse to let anyone build one around you."

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