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The Referable Speaker Basic Books

Most startups don't fail because they can't build a product. Most startups fail because they can't get traction. Startup advice tends to be a lot of platitudes repackaged with new buzzwords, but Traction is something else entirely. As Gabriel Weinberg and Justin Mares learned from their own experiences, building a successful company is hard. For every startup that grows to the point where it can go public or be profitably

acquired, hundreds of others sputter and die. Smart entrepreneurs know that the key to success isn't the originality of your offering, the brilliance of your team, or how much money you raise. It's how consistently you can grow and acquire new customers (or, for a free service, users). That's called traction, and it makes everything else easier—fund-raising, hiring, press, partnerships, acquisitions. Talk is cheap, but traction is hard evidence that you're on the right path. Traction will teach you the nineteen channels you can use to build a customer base, and how to pick the right ones for your business. It draws on inter-

views with more than forty successful founders, including Jimmy Wales (Wikipedia), Alexis Ohanian (reddit), Paul English (Kayak), and Dharmesh Shah (HubSpot). You'll learn, for example, how to:

- Find and use offline ads and other channels your competitors probably aren't using
- Get targeted media coverage that will help you reach more customers
- Boost the effectiveness of your email marketing campaigns by automating staggered sets of prompts and updates
- Improve your search engine rankings and advertising through online tools and research

Weinberg and Mares know that there's no one-size-fits-all solution; every startup faces unique challenges and will benefit from a blend of these nineteen traction channels. They offer a three-step framework

(called Bullseye) to figure out which ones will work best for your business. But no matter how you apply them, the lessons and examples in Traction will help you create and sustain the growth your business desperately needs.

The Profit Recipe Penguin

You've thought about starting your own business . . . but how can you decide if you should really take the leap? There's a lot on the line, and you have to ask yourself difficult questions: Do I have what it takes? Is it worth it? And how the hell do I do it? You need answers, not bullshit. This book has them.

Entrepreneurial Leap: Do You Have What it Takes to Become an Entrepreneur? is an easy-to-use guide that will help you decide, once and for all, if entrepreneurship is right for

you—because success as an entrepreneur depends on far more than just a great idea and a generous helping of luck. In this three-part book, Gino Wickman, bestselling author of *Traction*, reveals the six essential traits that every entrepreneur needs in order to succeed, based on real-world startups that have reached incredible heights. If these traits ring true for you, you'll get a glimpse of what your life would look like as an entrepreneur. What's more, Wickman will help you determine what type of business best suits your unique skill set and provide a detailed roadmap, with tools, tips, and exercises, that will accelerate your path to startup success. Packed with real-life stories and practical advice, *Entrepreneurial Leap* is a simple how-to manual for BIG results. Should

you take the leap toward entrepreneurship? Find out today and let tomorrow be the first step in your new journey, whatever shape it may take. *Franchise Vision* Penguin
Owning a business is tough; so is being married. If you're one of the millions of people who happen to be married to your business partner then you likely know the extra challenges that come along with mixing business with marriage. Finally, a book that will help you navigate through many of the main problems married couples face when they become business partners. Things like lack of direction, mixing roles, ineffective communication and poor money management are a tried and true formula for disaster. Stop fighting over the business and putting that added

stress to your marriage! The training, exercises and experiences in this book are designed to open the door of communication, understanding, empathy and trust between you and your spouse like never before. Business owners who implement these strategies are able to grow their business AND strengthen their marriage, simultaneously.

Why Won't They Pay Me What I'm Worth? BenBella Books

Has your company struggled to roll EOS out to all levels of your organization? Do your employees understand why EOS is important or even what it is? What the Heck is EOS? is for the millions of employees in companies running their businesses on EOS (Entrepreneurial Operating System). An easy and fast read, this book answers the questions

many employees have about EOS and their company: • What is an operating system? • What is EOS and why is my company using it? • What are the EOS foundational tools and how do they impact me? • What's in it for me?

Designed to engage employees in the EOS process and tools, What the Heck is EOS? uses simple, straightforward language and provides questions about each tool for managers and employees to discuss creating more ownership and buy-in at the staff level. After reading this book, employees will not only have a better understanding of EOS but they will be more engaged, taking an active role in helping achieve your company's vision.

Scaling Up Gatekeeper Press

It's time to take your business to the

next level. Eileen Sharp and Vic Hightower were frustrated. After years of profitable, predictable growth, Swan Services was in a rut. Meetings were called and discussions held, but few decisions were made and even less got done. People were pointing fingers and assigning blame, but nothing happened to solve Swan's mounting problems. It felt as though they were working harder than ever but with less impact. The company Eileen and Vic had founded and built for 10 years was a different place. It just wasn't fun anymore. Their story is not unusual. The challenges they were facing are common, predictable, and solvable. Get A Grip tells the story of how Swan Services resolves its issues by implementing the Entrepreneurial Operating System®. With the help of

EOS, Eileen, Vic, and their leadership team master a set of managerial tools that allow them to get traction on their business, grow the business, and deliver better results for clients. The story of Swan Services is a fable, but the Entrepreneurial Operating System® is very real and has helped thousands of businesses worldwide. A complete entrepreneurial toolkit, EOS has helped thousands of businesses get to where they want to be. In Get A Grip, learn how Swan Services leaders learned to develop and commit to a clear vision, establish focus, build discipline, and create a healthier and more cohesive team. With characters and situations created from collective business experiences and stories, Get A Grip is a fable that will ring true for

entrepreneurial leaders the world over and guide them to get their companies on track.

The context of natural forest management and FSC certification in Brazil John Wiley & Sons

Cash is king and every service company should have stacks of by the end of each year. If not you need this book. Putting the profit into a service company requires understanding why people won't pay you what you are worth. Your price is your power and cash is king. In home services like plumbing, electrical, heating and air, pest control, carpet cleaning, roofing, siding or whatever you do can be not only profitable but pleasant for you and your customer. After 20 years struggling and trying to get technicians to sell and up sell in the

homes Rodney Koop finally found the solution. Sell them exactly "how" they already buy every day. Amazon, Best Buy, Home Depot, don't they make it look easy. I'll show you their secret and on the way show you a business model that actually works every day.

Page Two Press

A serial killer haunts the streets of Dayton, Ohio, leaving a trail of women's bodies in their wake. Two men can stop it, but one is not the hero you would expect. Charlie, a serial killer himself, is forced into an investigation he's being accused of. Detective Chance Roning is hot on his trail, forcing Charlie to fend for his very existence. An adventure like no other, you will sit on the edge of your seat as you fly through the pages to discover who the real killer is! 8

Get A Grip Taylor & Francis
Management decisions on appropriate practices and policies regarding tropical forests often need to be made in spite of innumerable uncertainties and complexities. Among the uncertainties are the lack of formalization of lessons learned regarding the impacts of previous programs and projects. Beyond the challenges of generating the proper information on these impacts, there are other difficulties that relate with how to socialize the information and knowledge gained so that change is transformational and enduring. The main complexities lie in understanding the interactions of social-ecological systems at different scales and how they varied through time in response to policy and other processes. This volume is part of a

broad research effort to develop an independent evaluation of certification impacts with stakeholder input, which focuses on FSC certification of natural tropical forests. More specifically, the evaluation program aims at building the evidence base of the empirical biophysical, social, economic, and policy effects that FSC certification of natural forest has had in Brazil as well as in other tropical countries. The contents of this volume highlight the opportunities and constraints that those responsible for managing natural forests for timber production have experienced in their efforts to improve their practices in Brazil. As such, the goal of the studies in this volume is to serve as the foundation to design an impact evaluation framework of the impacts of FSC

certification of natural forests in a participatory manner with interested parties, from institutions and organizations, to communities and individuals.

1501 Ways to Reward Employees

John Wiley & Sons

Twelve Steps to recovery.

Optimize for Growth BenBella Books
Award-winning speaker and business consultant Joey Coleman teaches audiences and companies all over the world how to turn a one-time purchaser into a lifelong customer. Coleman's theory of building customer loyalty isn't about focusing on marketing or closing the sale: It's about the First 100 Days® after the sale and the interactions the customer experiences. While new customers experience joy, euphoria, and

excitement, these feelings quickly shift to fear, doubt, and uncertainty as buyer's remorse sets in. Across all industries, somewhere between 20%-70% of newly acquired customers will stop doing business with a company with the first 100 days of being a new customer because they feel neglected in the early stages of customer onboarding. In *Never Lose a Customer Again*, Coleman offers a philosophy and methodology for dramatically increasing customer retention and as a result, the bottom line. He identifies eight distinct emotional phases customers go through in the 100 days following a purchase. From an impulse buy at Starbucks to the thoughtful purchase of a first house, all customers have the potential to experience the eight phases of the

customer journey. If you can understand and anticipate the customers' emotions, you can apply a myriad of tools and techniques -- in-person, email, phone, mail, video, and presents -- to cement a long and valuable relationship. Coleman's system is presented through research and case studies showing how best-in-class companies create remarkable customer experiences at each step in the customer lifecycle. In the "Acclimate" stage, customers need you to hold their hand and over-explain how to use your product or service. They're often too embarrassed to admit they're confused. Take a cue from Canadian software company PolicyMedical and their challenge of getting non-technical users to undergo a complex installation and implementation

process. They turned a series of project spreadsheets and installation manuals into a beautiful puzzle customers could assemble after completing each milestone. In the "Adopt" stage, customers should be welcomed to the highest tier of tribal membership with both public and private recognitions. For instance, Sephora's VIB Rogue member welcome gift provides a metallic membership card (private recognition) and a members-only shade of lipstick (for public display). In the final stage, "Advocate," loyal customers and raving fans are primed to provide powerful referrals. That's how elite entrepreneurial event MastermindTalks continues to sell-out their conference year after year - with zero dollars spent on marketing. By surprising their loyal

fans with amazing referral bonuses (an all-expenses paid safari?!) they guarantee their community will keep providing perfect referrals. Drawing on nearly two decades of consulting and keynoting, Coleman provides strategies and systems to increase customer loyalty. Applicable to companies in any industry and of any size (whether measured in employee count, revenue, or total number of customers), implementing his methods regularly leads to an increase in profits of 25-100%. Working with well-known clients like Hyatt Hotels, Zappos, and NASA, as well as mom-and-pop shops and solo entrepreneurs around the world, Coleman's customer retention system has produced incredible results in dozens of industries. His approach to

creating remarkable customer experiences requires minimal financial investment and will be fun for owners, employees, and teams to implement. This book is required reading for business owners, CEOs, and managers - as well as sales and marketing teams, account managers, and customer service representatives looking for easy to implement action steps that result in lasting change, increased profits, and lifelong customer retention. Heroic Leadership BenBella Books, Inc. OVER 1 MILLION COPIES SOLD! Do you have a grip on your business, or does your business have a grip on you? All entrepreneurs and business leaders face similar frustrations—personnel conflict, profit woes, and inadequate growth. Decisions never seem to get made, or,

once made, fail to be properly implemented. But there is a solution. It's not complicated or theoretical. The Entrepreneurial Operating System® is a practical method for achieving the business success you have always envisioned. More than 80,000 companies have discovered what EOS can do. In Traction, you'll learn the secrets of strengthening the six key components of your business. You'll discover simple yet powerful ways to run your company that will give you and your leadership team more focus, more growth, and more enjoyment. Successful companies are applying Traction every day to run profitable, frustration-free businesses—and you can too. For an illustrative, real-world lesson on how to apply Traction to your business, check

out its companion book, *Get A Grip. Managing By The Numbers* MIT Press. The food industry sucks time, energy and money with often very little rewards. Yet everyone thinks they can start and manage a restaurant. But in this day and age, margins are so thin that it is difficult for most to keep their doors open. In this book, a passionate and successful entrepreneur shares his experiences to help you make your restaurant leaner and more profitable. Get into the food industry trends that most restaurants aren't following and set yourself up for the freedom and cash that you thought you would have by owning your food business.

The Age of Speed John Wiley & Sons. Today more than ever, businesses need fresh ideas to nurture talent and retain

employees—enter 1,501 Ways to Reward Employees, thoroughly revised, updated, and even more chockablock with ideas than 1,001 Ways to Reward Employees, the groundbreaking national bestseller. Adapted to meet the needs of an evolving workplace—especially to deal creatively with virtual employees, freelancers and permalancers, international colleagues, and the rule-bending expectations of millennials—its 1,501 low-and no-cost rewards and strategies are drawn from thousands of companies across the globe. Ideas range from the informal (Wells Fargo’s thank-you e-cards) and the offbeat (JS Communications two free “I Don’t Want to Get Out of Bed” Days) to the formal (J. C. Penney “affirms” new managers in a moving ceremony) to the totally nutty

(the legendary honor of having your office “sodded”—literally, grassed over—at Microsoft). For bosses, managers, entrepreneurs, small-business owners, consultants—anyone who’s responsible for working successfully in an ever-tougher economy—this is the rewards bible. *The Great CEO Within: The Tactical Guide to Company Building Advantage* Media Group

Our thermal environment is as rich in cultural associations as our visual, acoustic, olfactory, and tactile environments. This book explores the potential for using thermal qualities as an expressive element in building design. Until quite recently, building technology and design has favored high-energy-consuming mechanical methods

of neutralizing the thermal environment. It has not responded to the various ways that people use, remember, and care about the thermal environment and how they associate their thermal sense with their other senses. The hearth fire, the sauna, the Roman and Japanese baths, and the Islamic garden are discussed as archetypes of thermal delight about which rituals have developed—reinforcing bonds of affection and ceremony forged in the thermal experience. Not only is thermal symbolism now obsolete but the modern emphasis on central heating systems and air conditioning and hermetically sealed buildings has actually damaged our thermal coping and sensing mechanisms. This book for the solar age could help change all that and open up

for us a new dimension of architectural experience. As the cost of energy continues to skyrocket, alternatives to the use of mechanical force must be developed to meet our thermal needs. A major alternative is the use of passive solar energy, and the book will provide those interested in solar design with a reservoir of ideas.

The Ultimate Sales Machine Penguin

Based on the premise that accountants often make finance unnecessarily confusing, this no-frills guide will help small business owners see beyond the numbers and translate financial statements into tangible business success. The author shows the reader how to use key financial indicators as a basis for smart business decisions, with a focus on companies in the range

between start-up and \$5 million in revenue. In a humorous and conversational tone, Crabtree explains how even the most harried business owners can use financial metrics to improve their bottom line. The author's down-to-earth discussion includes many insights: Most business owners are probably not paying themselves enough; Paying taxes can be a positive in accounting; A company-wide salary cap can help immensely with personnel decisions. Additionally, the numerous examples help readers see for themselves how following the author's advice will have a direct impact on their profits.

Entrepreneurial Leap CIFOR

You may be a senior executive wondering how to engage hundreds or

thousands of employees in your vision, strategy or the transformation of the business; or a specialist in HR, communication and change, tasked with the challenge of 'aligning and mobilising' your people. In either case, you no longer want compliant people, you want individuals who will engage their creativity at work. For their part, engaged employees want a say in their work and in how the business changes. The Chief Engagement Officer explores a management philosophy which recognises the value of opening up decision making to the right groups to improve the quality of decisions and change, accelerate execution and broaden ownership. John Smythe asks what the concept of engagement means for employer and employee; tests

whether and how it is different from internal communication and provides a practical framework for those who want to engage colleagues but need advice based on applied experience. The book includes a tapestry of reports from organisations who are engaging their employees to drive performance and change. The author demonstrates how powerful models, developed from his work at SmytheDorwardLambert, his time as an organisational fellow with McKinsey and Company, and his consultancy with Engage for Change, can be used to take this process forward in any organisation. The Chief Engagement Officer is a highly readable guide to the revolution that is needed in employee communication and organisational leadership from one of the

most experienced and well-regarded experts on employee communication. *Traction* McGraw Hill Professional Know if you'll hit your targets before pulling the trigger on any marketing plan More than sixty five percent of new products are commercial failures, and if you compound this with a recession, now more than ever you can't afford to be wrong. In *If You Build It Will They Come*, business professor and strategy consultant Rob Adams shows you how to make sure you hit your target market before you spend a lot of money. He shows you the fast, systematic and proven approach of performing Market Validation in advance of making a large product investment. Adams outlines a simple and effective market validation and testing strategy that is proven,

giving entrepreneurs and managers the ability to dramatically improve the prospect of product success. He explains how to quickly gather information on competitors, directly interview members of your target market, and figure out what the market really wants to buy, versus what customers say they want. The steps to quickly understanding the viability of your market Where to go to gather the information needed to hit the market requirements How to follow through with the right product launched in the right way Adams cuts through the fancy terms and expensive market research that gives lots of data but no real product oriented information about usage, pricing, features and competitive forces. In the end you'll produce results on your first release of a far more

mature product, shipped in a faster timeframe with features customers will actually use. This book is for anyone involved with designing, developing and launching new products. Its examples and advice cover everything from the fledgling start-up that needs their first product to work just to survive to the successful Fortune Class company establishing new worldwide markets. Examples cut across all major industrial sectors including consumer, retail, manufacturing, technology, life sciences and services. This book offers the step-based guidance you need to make sure failure is not an option.

Never Lose a Customer Again Ballantine Books

Do you worry that your business will collapse without your constant

presence? Are you sacrificing your family, friendships, and freedom to keep your business alive? What if instead your business could run itself, freeing you to do what you love when you want, while it continues to grow and turn a profit? It's possible. And it's easier than you think. If you're like most entrepreneurs, you started your business so you could be your own boss, make the money you deserve, and live life on your own terms. In reality, you're bogged down in the daily grind, constantly putting out fires, answering an endless stream of questions, and continually hunting for cash. Now, Mike Michalowicz, the author of Profit First and other small-business bestsellers, offers a straightforward step-by-step path out of this dilemma. In Clockwork, he draws on more than six

years of research and real life examples to explain his simple approach to making your business ultra-efficient. Among other powerful strategies, you will discover how to: Make your employees act like owners: Free yourself from micromanaging by using a simple technique to empower your people to make smart decisions without you. Pinpoint your business's most important function: Unleash incredible efficiency by identifying and focusing everyone on the one function that is most crucial to your business. Know what to fix next: Most entrepreneurs try to fix every inefficiency at once and end up fixing nothing. Use the "weakest link in the chain" method to find the one fix that will add the most value now. Whether you have a staff of one, one hundred, or

somewhere in between, whether you're a new entrepreneur or have been overworked and overstressed for years, Clockwork is your path to finally making your business work for you.

Fanatical Prospecting John Wiley and Sons

Famous entrepreneur Scott Olivet (Oakley, Mervin Manufacturing, Da Kine and more) said "90% of business books should be pamphlets or workbooks." We agree ... we hope that you will write in the space provided here, in the margins, everywhere ... In order to support your leadership journey and growth, we recommend focusing on ONE Paper Napkin Wisdom per week. There are takeaways, and five questions at the end that we all Firestarters, designed to ignite your leadership transformation.

The Firestarters are short questions that will allow you to focus, align, and act. Each week, as you grow your leadership in simple steps, you will focus on building one aspect of your leadership muscle. In order to really be impactful, you will need to focus on the task at hand and on completing the steps and answering the five questions in the Firestarter. Reading the chapter and answering the questions should take no more than 10 to 15 minutes a week. Then align yourself with people who can help you. Join in the conversation on the PaperNapkin Wisdom community on Facebook. Surround yourself with team members, peers, and mentors who can help you with your journey. We challenge you to be transparent about the transformation you plan to make. Do

not underestimate what you can accomplish in a year. Finally, act. Execute what you have said you will do in the Fire-Starter and ignite your leadership journey. You can also go to PaperNapkinWisdom.com and listen to the entire interview with each of our Paper Napkin Wisdom guests. Just search for their name and go. This is especially useful if the message in the week's lesson is causing you to stall.

Hi, My Names Charlie BenBella Books, Inc.

A no-nonsense, implementable handbook for taking part in the Entrepreneur Revolution We are living in revolutionary times; times with an impact as significant and far-reaching as the previous Industrial Revolution was to the Agricultural Age. Technological shifts

have allowed micro-businesses to compete with large corporations. Small business can now have a global footprint, can be structured in low tax environments, move products anywhere in the world, and access unprecedented levels of support. Entrepreneur Revolution means taking the initiative to do something that you love, something that you're good at, and something that will make you money. This masterclass in gaining an entrepreneurial mindset will show how to change the way you think, the way you network, and the way you make a living. Includes new statistics, activities, case studies, and research Takes a look at how the brain can affect the entrepreneurial mindset Offers new ideas for entrepreneurs starting a new business Helps you shake

off old ideas and make a great,
independent leap forward This inspiring
and practical book shows you how to

break free from The Industrial Revolution
mindset, quit working so hard, follow
your dream—and make a fortune along
the way.