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Ten years after the worldwide bestseller *Good to Great*, Jim Collins returns with another groundbreaking work, this time to ask: why do some companies thrive in uncertainty, even chaos, and others do not? Based on nine years of research, buttressed by rigorous analysis and infused with engaging stories, Collins and his colleague Morten Hansen enumerate the principles for building a truly great enterprise in unpredictable, tumultuous and fast-moving times. This book is classic Collins: contrarian, data-driven and uplifting.

Decline can be avoided. Decline can be detected. Decline can be reversed. Amidst the desolate landscape of fallen great companies, Jim Collins began to wonder: How do the mighty fall? Can decline be detected early and avoided? How far can a company fall before the path toward doom becomes inevitable and unshakable? How can companies reverse course? In *How the Mighty Fall*, Collins confronts these questions, offering leaders the well-founded hope that they can learn how to stave off decline and, if they find themselves falling, reverse their course. Collins' research project—more than four years in duration—uncovered five step-wise stages of decline: Stage 1: Hubris Born of Success Stage 2: Undisciplined Pursuit of More Stage 3: Denial of Risk and Peril Stage 4: Grasping for Salvation Stage 5: Capitulation to Irrelevance or Death By understanding these stages of decline, leaders can substantially reduce their chances of falling all the way to the bottom. Great companies can stumble, badly, and recover. Every institution, no matter how great, is vulnerable to decline. There is no law of nature that the most powerful will inevitably remain at the top. Anyone can fall and most eventually do. But, as Collins' research emphasizes, some companies do indeed recover—in some cases, coming back even stronger—even after having crashed into the depths of Stage 4. Decline, it turns out, is largely self-inflicted, and the path to recovery lies largely within our own hands. We are not imprisoned by our circumstances, our history, or even our staggering defeats along the way. As long as we never get entirely knocked out of the game, hope always remains. The mighty can fall, but they can often rise again.

Olivia Bennett is on the tenure track at Cornell University, the resident expert on Southern women writers. After moving to upstate New York from Atlanta, she falls in love with and purchases an old, run-down farmhouse. The only catch: she knows nothing about renovating a house, taking care of land, or snow. Joss Bauer is a New York native who grew up in her family's construction business. She has a soft spot for old houses, but no patience for overpaid debutantes who want to play at country living. When Olivia hires Joss to do the renovations on her new home, the sparks fly, in more ways than one. It turns out both women have a lot to learn about life, love, and the meaning of home. But when a scandal threatens Olivia's professional reputation, it puts her priorities and her newfound love on the line.

The *Challenge Built to Last*, the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the very beginning. But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? The *Study for Years*, this question preyed on the mind of Jim Collins. Are there companies that defy gravity and convert long-term mediocrity or worse into long-term superiority? And if so, what are the universal distinguishing characteristics that cause a company to go from good to great? The *Standards Using tough benchmarks*, Collins and his research team identified a set of elite companies that made the leap to great results and sustained those results for at least fifteen years. How great? After the leap, the good-to-great companies generated cumulative stock returns that beat the general stock market by an average of seven times in fifteen years, better than twice the results delivered by a composite index of the world's greatest companies, including Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric, and Merck. The *Comparisons* The research team contrasted the good-to-great companies with a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to make the leap from good to great. What was different? Why did one set of companies become truly great performers while the other set remained only good? Over five years, the team analyzed the histories of all twenty-eight companies in the study. After sifting through mountains of data and thousands of pages of interviews, Collins and his crew discovered the key determinants of greatness -- why some companies make the leap and others don't. The *Findings* The findings of the *Good to Great* study will surprise many readers and shed light on virtually every area of management strategy and practice. The findings include: *Level 5 Leaders*: The research team was shocked to discover the type of leadership required to achieve greatness. *The Hedgehog Concept (Simplicity within the Three Circles)*: To go from good to great requires transcending the curse of competence. *A Culture of Discipline*: When you combine a culture of discipline with an ethic of entrepreneurship, you get the magical alchemy of great results. *Technology Accelerators*: Good-to-great companies think differently about the role of technology. *The Flywheel and the Doom Loop*: Those who launch radical change programs and wrenching restructurings will almost certainly fail to make the leap. "Some of the key concepts discerned in the study," comments Jim Collins, "fly in the face of our modern business culture and will, quite frankly, upset some people." Perhaps, but who can afford to ignore these findings?

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "The story of modern medicine and bioethics—and, indeed, race relations—is refracted beautifully, and movingly."—Entertainment Weekly NOW A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE FROM HBO® STARRING OPRAH WINFREY AND ROSE BYRNE • ONE OF THE "MOST INFLUENTIAL" (CNN), "DEFINING" (LITHUB), AND "BEST" (THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER) BOOKS OF THE DECADE • ONE OF ESSENCE'S 50 MOST IMPACTFUL BLACK BOOKS OF THE PAST 50 YEARS • WINNER OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE HEARTLAND PRIZE FOR NONFICTION NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The New York Times Book Review • Entertainment Weekly • O: The Oprah Magazine • NPR • Financial Times • New York • Independent (U.K.) • Times (U.K.) • Publishers Weekly • Library Journal • Kirkus Reviews • Booklist • Globe and Mail Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine: The first "immortal" human cells grown in culture, which are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets of cancer, viruses, and the atom bomb's effects; helped lead to important advances like in vitro fertilization, cloning, and gene mapping; and have been bought and sold by the billions. Yet Henrietta Lacks remains virtually unknown, buried in an unmarked grave. Henrietta's family did not learn of her "immortality" until more than twenty years after her death, when scientists investigating HeLa began using her husband and children in research without informed consent. And though the cells had launched a multimillion-dollar industry that sells human biological materials, her family never saw any of the profits. As Rebecca Skloot so brilliantly shows, the story of the Lacks family—past and present—is inextricably connected to the dark history of experimentation on African Americans, the birth of bioethics, and the legal battles over whether we control the stuff we are made of. Over the decade it took to uncover this story, Rebecca became enmeshed in the lives of the Lacks family—especially Henrietta's daughter Deborah. Deborah was consumed with questions: Had scientists cloned her mother? Had they killed her to harvest her cells? And if her mother was so important to medicine, why couldn't her children afford health insurance? Intimate in feeling, astonishing in scope, and impossible to put down, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* captures the beauty and drama of scientific discovery, as well as its human consequences.

A companion guidebook to the number-one bestselling *Good to Great*, focused on implementation of the flywheel concept, one of Jim Collins' most memorable ideas that has been used across industries and the social sectors, and with startups. The key to business success is not a single innovation or one plan. It is the act of turning the flywheel, slowly gaining momentum and eventually reaching a breakthrough. Building upon the flywheel concept introduced in his groundbreaking classic *Good to Great*, Jim Collins teaches readers how to create their own flywheel, how to accelerate the flywheel's momentum, and how to stay on the flywheel in shifting markets and during times of turbulence. Combining research from his *Good to Great* labs and case studies from organizations like Amazon, Vanguard, and the Cleveland Clinic which have turned their flywheels with outstanding results, Collins demonstrates that successful organizations can disrupt the world around them—and reach unprecedented success—by employing the flywheel concept.

The book that shows how to get the job done and deliver results . . . whether you're running an entire company or in your first management job Larry Bossidy is one of the world's most acclaimed CEOs, a man with few peers who has a track record for delivering results. Ram Charan is a legendary advisor to senior executives and boards of directors, a man with unparalleled insight into why some companies are successful and others are not. Together they've pooled their knowledge and experience into the one book on how to close the gap between results promised and results delivered that people in business need today. After a long, stellar career with General Electric, Larry Bossidy transformed AlliedSignal into one of the world's most admired companies and was named CEO of the year in 1998 by *Chief Executive* magazine. Accomplishments such as 31 consecutive quarters of earnings-per-share growth of 13 percent or more didn't just happen; they resulted from the consistent practice of the discipline of execution: understanding how to link together people, strategy, and operations, the three core processes of every business. Leading these processes is the real job of running a business, not formulating a "vision" and leaving the work of carrying it out to others. Bossidy and Charan show the importance of being deeply and passionately engaged in an organization and why robust dialogues about people, strategy, and operations result in a business based on intellectual honesty and realism. The leader's most important job—selecting and appraising people—is one that should never be delegated. As a CEO, Larry Bossidy personally makes the calls to check references for key hires. Why? With the right people in the right jobs, there's a leadership gene pool that conceives and selects strategies that can be executed. People then work together to create a strategy building block by building block, a strategy in sync with the realities of the marketplace, the economy, and the competition. Once the right people and strategy are in place, they are then linked to an operating process that results in the implementation of specific programs and actions and that assigns accountability. This kind of effective operating process goes way beyond the typical budget exercise that looks into a rearview mirror to set its goals. It puts reality behind the numbers and is where the rubber meets the road. Putting an execution culture in place is hard, but losing it is easy. In July 2001 Larry Bossidy was asked by the board of directors of Honeywell International (it had merged with AlliedSignal) to return and get the company back on track. He's been putting the ideas he writes about in *Execution* to work in real time.

The thirty-two century-old hotels featured in this book have defied the passage of time for a variety of reasons, many explicable, some beyond explanation, all miraculous. For eighteen of them, it was the fortuitous creation of the New York City Landmark Preservation Commission in 1965. The landmarks law was enacted in response to the demolition of the iconic Pennsylvania Station in 1963. After 139 years, the following evaluation is still true: "New York is the paradise of hotels. In no other city do they flourish in such numbers, and nowhere else do they attain such a degree of excellence. The hotels of New York naturally take the lead of all others in America, and are regarded by all who have visited them as models of their kind." James D. McCabe, Jr. *Lights and Shadows of New York*, 1872

Stop standing still. Start standing out. Whether in school, factories, or corporate offices, people are in a mad rush to the middle, going about their business and fitting in. The problem is, while you may feel as if you're doing your own thing, you're not—you're doing what's expected of you. To stand out, take whatever you think is normal, and do the exact opposite. In *Find Your Yellow Tux*, Jesse Cole, in-demand speaker and baseball ringleader, shares how you can achieve amazing things by doing the unexpected. Using examples from his life and the lives of his heroes—P. T. Barnum, Walt Disney, and MLB owner Bill Veck-Cole shows how to reinvigorate your goals, reignite your passions, and excel in business and beyond. The time to break the mold is now—with *Find Your Yellow Tux*, you'll discover how to find joy and success in everything you do.

From a gifted young writer, the story of his quest to reclaim his family's apartment building in Poland—and of the astonishing entanglement with Nazi treasure hunters that follows Menachem Kaiser's brilliantly told story, woven from improbable events and profound revelations, is set in motion when the author takes up his Holocaust-survivor grandfather's former battle to reclaim the family's apartment building in Sosnowiec, Poland. Soon, he is on a circuitous path to encounters with the long-time residents of the building, and with a Polish lawyer known as "The Killer." A surprise discovery—that his grandfather's cousin not only survived the war, but wrote a secret memoir while a slave laborer in a vast, secret Nazi tunnel complex—leads to Kaiser being adopted as a virtual celebrity by a band of Silesian treasure seekers who revere the memoir as the indispensable guidebook to Nazi plunder. Propelled by rich original research, Kaiser immerses readers in profound questions that reach far beyond his personal quest. What does it mean to seize your own legacy? Can reclaimed property repair rifts among the living? Plunder is both a deeply immersive adventure story and an irreverent, daring interrogation of inheritance—material, spiritual, familial, and emotional.

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Integrating the discipline of martial arts and Zen wisdom, the author utilizes special visualization techniques, mind-body exercises, and inspiration to help individuals find the path to mastery

Presents a series of interviews with successful people who demonstrate the author's three elements of success--involvement with something about which they are passionate, the cultivation of a sense of responsibility and accountability, and taking effective action. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

According to John Warrillow, the number one mistake entrepreneurs make is to build a business that relies too heavily on them. Thus, when the time comes to sell, buyers aren't confident that the company—even if it's profitable—can stand on its own. To illustrate this, Warrillow introduces us to a fictional small business owner named Alex who is struggling to sell his advertising agency. Alex turns to Ted, an entrepreneur and old family friend, who encourages Alex to pursue three criteria to make his business sellable: \* Teachable: focus on products and services that you can teach employees to deliver. \* Valuable: avoid price wars by specializing in doing one thing better than anyone else. \* Repeatable: generate recurring revenue by engineering products that customers have to repurchase often.

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Argues that "built-to-last" companies weigh down the market, presents a plan for transforming business practices, and explains how formerly successful companies fall into habits that compromise future productivity.

Northamptonshire is renowned for the production of high-quality boots and shoes, which were exported throughout the world. Its manufacturers dispatched huge cargoes of footwear for all climates and terrains to the colonies. Periodically the demands of war also spurred production to new heights and created new markets. This book outlines the evolution of boot and shoemaking in Northamptonshire. It examines the landscapes and buildings created in the service of the industry, highlighting their special qualities and emphasising the importance of conservation and regeneration in preserving the best of the boot and shoe heritage for the future.

Marketing, Interrupted will put you on apath to transform your marketing: how your customer experiences you, understands you, and interacts with you. It is a change in mindset as well as methodology. No longer is the brand story simply about you and what you offer. Your brand, your products, your services are not really the hero. The power and impact of your brand, your product, your services and your story comes from making the customer the hero, and you, the marketer, serving as the guide on their buying journey. Throughout the entire customer lifecycle, the intention is actually the requirement is to deliver on the brand promise. Only then will prospects become customers, and customers become brand advocates. Why? Because transforming marketing is about so much more than what you do. It's about: Why you do what you do? What it is you do, based on that why? How you deliver it to your customers? What the impact is on their lives? This level of marketing impact is required to give your customers a reason to care, a reason to buy, a reason to engage, a reason to stay. Market leaders routinely beat their competition and perhaps even change the rules of the game as they become category leaders and category definers. Marketing, Interrupted will move you to the top of your industry in terms of your financial performance and help you set the benchmarks which others aspire. You'll gain mind share and advocacy, where your customers don't just buy your products and services, they tell your story for you because your story matters to them. So, if you have the desire to win in the market, the patience to tolerate a little crazy, the endurance to drive to the top and the tenacity to stay there, then read on! This book is for you!

Marriage is a journey that begins with a decision. But that decision belies the myriad challenges that often wreck many marriage relationships, even before they take shape. How can you make your marriage survive the mile and make it to the finish line? In *Marriage Built to Last*, Jennifer Karina addresses the key challenges that face the modern marriage: communication, intimacy, sex, infidelity, and finances. Using her experience of over 30 years as both wife and mother, as well as those of others from her counselling sessions, she shows that there is no challenge too impossible to overcome. Beginning with the marriage proposal, she walks the marriage journey step by step, in a way that makes it so easy to follow. This is a useful guide to all women, especially young women, who are determined to find and sustain a happy and lasting marriage.

The Conservatives under David Cameron provides the first and definitive analysis of the development of 'New Conservative' ideology and policy during the tenure of David Cameron, identifying both continuity and change, and evaluating the party's fitness to govern.

This is the eBook version of the printed book. If the print book includes a CD-ROM, this content is not included within the eBook version. Discover your lifelong obsession: the passion that creates meaning you'll never want to escape from! Whether it's British Airways, Coca-Cola, or NASA, whenever the old guard takes its eye off the prize, Richard Branson feels a moral obligation to set the big guy & rsquo;s platform on fire. You have to admire billionaires like this. What keeps them so passionately involved even after they've long since & ldrived & rrdquo;? If you liked this Element, read more from Jerry Porras, Stewart Emery, and Mark Thompson, including *Success Built to Last: Creating a Life that Matters* (ISBN: 9780132287517). Available in print and digital formats.

A great devotional for teenagers, a verse by verse journey through the book of James.

How maverick companies have passed up the growth treadmill — and focused on greatness instead. It's an axiom of business that great companies grow their revenues and profits year after year. Yet quietly, under the radar, a small number of companies have rejected the pressure of endless growth to focus on more satisfying business goals. Goals like being great at what they do, creating a great place to work, providing great customer service, making great contributions to their communities, and finding great ways to lead their lives. In *Small Giants*, veteran journalist Bo Burlingham takes us deep inside fourteen remarkable companies that have chosen to march to their own drummer. They include Anchor Brewing, the original microbrewer; CitiStorage Inc., the premier independent records-storage business; Clif Bar & Co., maker of organic energy bars and other nutrition foods; Righteous Babe Records, the record company founded by singer-songwriter Ani DiFranco; Union Square Hospitality Group, the company of restaurateur Danny Meyer; and Zingerman's Community of Businesses, including the world-famous Zingerman's Deli of Ann Arbor. Burlingham shows how the leaders of these small giants recognized the full range of choices they had about the type of company they could create. And he shows how we can all benefit by questioning the usual definitions of business success. In his new afterward, Burlingham reflects on the similarities and learning lessons from the small giants he covers in the book. From the Hardcover edition.

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A PBS Great American Read Top 100 Pick With extraordinary relevance and renewed popularity, George Orwell's 1984 takes on new life in this edition. "Orwell saw, to his credit, that the act of falsifying reality is only secondarily a way of changing perceptions. It is, above all, a way of asserting power." —The New Yorker In 1984, London is a grim city in the totalitarian state of Oceania where Big Brother is always watching you and the Thought Police can practically read your mind. Winston Smith is a man in grave danger for the simple reason that his memory still functions. Drawn into a forbidden love affair, Winston finds the courage to join a secret revolutionary organization called The Brotherhood, dedicated to the destruction of the Party. Together with his beloved Julia, he hazards his life in a deadly match against the powers that be. Lionel Trilling said of Orwell's masterpiece, "1984 is a profound, terrifying, and wholly fascinating book. It is a fantasy of the political future, and like any such fantasy, serves its author as a magnifying device for an examination of the present." Though the year 1984 now exists in the past, Orwell's novel remains an urgent call for the individual willing to speak truth to power.

Building change for the long game When we fundamentally commit to putting our students first, we must also commit to making changes in current practices that will last over time This practical, thoughtful book walks school leaders through the what, how, and why of a holistic change architecture to move teams toward impactful changes that will stand the test of time. Readers will learn to: ? Organize and create conditions in which the adults and students can flourish ? Focus on phases of change and address important leadership practices that will move change forward and address resistance ? Apply two long-term stories of district change to their own particular contexts, so they can avoid mistakes and focus on strategies that work ? Create their own relationship-rich, personalized path for leading and managing sustained change

live in? A world of love? A world of faith?

Learn How Structures Are Being Built To Withstand Nature's Destructive Forces.

"This is not a book about charismatic visionary leaders. It is not about visionary product concepts or visionary market insights. Nor is it about just having a corporate vision. This is a book about something far more important, enduring, and substantial. This is a book about visionary companies." So wrote Jim Collins and Jerry Porras in this groundbreaking book that shatters myths, provides new insights, and gives practical guidance to those who would like to build landmark companies that stand the test of time. Drawing upon a six-year research project at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, Collins and Porras took eighteen truly exceptional and long-lasting companies -- they have an average age of nearly one hundred years and have outperformed the general stock market by a factor of fifteen since 1926 -- and studied each company in direct comparison to one of its top competitors. They examined the companies from their very beginnings to the present day -- as start-ups, as midsize companies, and as large corporations. Throughout, the authors asked: "What makes the truly exceptional companies different from other companies?" What separates General Electric, 3M, Merck, Wal-Mart, Hewlett-Packard, Walt Disney, and Philip Morris from their rivals? How, for example, did Procter & Gamble, which began life substantially behind rival Colgate, eventually prevail as the premier institution in its industry? How was Motorola able to move from a humble battery repair business into integrated circuits and cellular communications, while Zenith never became dominant in anything other than TVs? How did Boeing unseat McDonnell Douglas as the world's best commercial aircraft company -- what did Boeing have that McDonnell Douglas lacked? By answering such questions, Collins and Porras go beyond the incessant barrage of management buzzwords and fads of the day to discover timeless qualities that have consistently distinguished out-standing companies. They also provide inspiration to all executives and entrepreneurs by destroying the false but widely accepted idea that only charismatic visionary leaders can build visionary companies. Filled with hundreds of specific examples and organized into a coherent framework of practical concepts that can be applied by managers and entrepreneurs at all levels, *Built to Last* provides a master blueprint for building organizations that will prosper long into the twenty-first century and beyond.

Identifying 18 "visionary" companies, the authors set out to determine what's special about them and to provide a blueprint for prosperity. Includes hundreds of examples showing what makes the truly exceptional firms different from the everyday ones.

*Built to Last* is not an introduction to network marketing. It's the missing piece for many would-be top network marketing professionals. The super successful build with the mindset of a CEO while everyone else builds with the mindset of an employee. If you are willing to do the work, *Built to Last* provides a step-by-step guide to becoming a leader who achieves enormous success in your network marketing business. In this book you will learn: The mindset and philosophy of top network marketers How to identify and push past your limiting beliefs How to lead yourself so you can lead others How to attract leaders into your business How to mentor and develop leaders How to push those you're mentoring past their limiting beliefs How to create financial and time freedom How to earn a 6- or 7-figure income year after year Following the detailed guidance Keith Callahan offers in *Built to Last*, he went from bankruptcy to 7-figure success in his network marketing business. During nearly a decade in the industry, he has mentored many people on his team of 30,000 distributors to 6- and 7-figure success. With Keith Callahan's book, you can build a network marketing team that allows you to help the most people and earn the highest, long-term, stable income. The end goal is a business that thrives for years to come and does so - here's the important part - with or without you.

In the epic conclusion to the BKI series, New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Julie Ann Walker delivers her biggest bombshell yet! Welcome to Black Knights Inc. What appears to be a tricked-out motorcycle shop on the North Side of Chicago is actually headquarters for the world's most elite covert operatives. Deadly, dangerous, and determined, they'll steal your breath and your heart. After a mission-gone-sideways forces Jamin "Angel" Agassi to change his identity, he's determined to bring down the world's worst crime syndicate kingpin once and for all. That's going to be the easy part. Keeping Interpol agent Sonya Butler from discovering who he really is—and blazing another trail into his heart—is the challenge. *Black Knights Inc Series: Hell on Wheels* (Book 1) In *Rides Trouble* (Book 2) *Rev It Up* (Book 3) *Thrill Ride* (Book 4) *Born Wild* (Book 5) *Hell for Leather* (Book 6) *Full Throttle* (Book 7) *Too Hard to Handle* (Book 8) *Wild Ride* (Book 9) *Fuel for Fire* (Book 10) *Hot Pursuit* (Book 11) *Built to Last* (Book 12) *What People Are Saying About Black Knights Inc: "A fast-paced, sexy thrill ride." —Kirkus for Fuel for Fire "An intriguing mix of fast-paced action and sizzling romance!" —Fresh Fiction for Thrill Ride "Exhilarating, not-to-be missed!" —RT Book Reviews for Too Hard to Handle*

*Crisis & Renewal* presents a radical view of how all successful organizations evolve and renew themselves and of what managers must do to lead the revival. Contrary to traditional organizational theory, which emphasizes rationality and control in the management of change, this book argues that there are times when managers must deliberately create crises by committing acts of "ethical anarchy" in order to break the constraints of success and renew their organizations. Hurst develops a model of change -- the organizational ecocycle -- to explain how even successful organizations become systematically vulnerable to catastrophe. He brings the model to life with stories of crisis and renewal from both his own management and consulting experiences and a cross-section of enterprises -- from the hunter-gatherers of the Kalahari and the Quakers of the Industrial Revolution to contemporary organizations such as 3M and Nike. Born when people come together to capitalize on an opportunity, young organizations are usually dedicated to innovation and learning. As they grow and age, they become preoccupied with performance. Sooner or later they become constrained by their own success. For, in the pursuit of performance, what were once self-selected roles become designated tasks, flexible teams become rigid structures, open networks give way to closed systems, and control supplants commitment as people change. The risk, says Hurst, is that this single-minded, performance orientation may render organizations dangerously insensitive to subtle changes in the environment, seriously damaging their ability to learn. *Renewal* changing a performance organization back into a learning organization demands the restoration of the excitement, emotional commitment, and values often missing from large enterprises. It involves returning to the founding principles of the firm to reconnect the past with the present. In the aftermath of crisis, only shared values can hold a renewing organization together. *Crisis & Renewal* gives managers the theoretical grounding and the practical tools for leading their organizations to new life. The Management of Innovation and Change Series.

A member of the AWL OD Series! This book presents a conceptual framework for organizations that will help managers and change-practitioners to better understand organizations. Drawing on that framework, the book describes an approach for diagnosing failings in organizational functioning and for planning a comprehensive set of actions needed to change the organization into a more effective system. This approach, called "Stream Analysis," is explained in detail and examples from three types of organizations are used to illustrate the explanation of the techniques of Stream Analysis.

Profiles seventeen architectural and engineering achievements spanning over two centuries, including the Brooklyn Bridge, Transcontinental Railroad, and U.S. Interstate Highway System.

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