

## The Compassionate Geek Mastering Customer Service For IT Professionals

Your easy-to-follow step-by-step guide to configuring a Cisco router from the ground up The Accidental Administrator: Cisco Router Step-by-Step Configuration Guide is packed with more than 30 easy-to-follow interactive exercises, loads of screen captures, and lots of step-by-step examples to help you build a working router from scratch. Easily the most straightforward approach to learning how to configure a Cisco router, this book is filled with practical tips and secrets learned from years of Don's teaching and consulting on Cisco network devices. As a bonus, you won't waste your time on boring theory. All the essentials are covered in chapters on installing, backups and restores, and TCP/IP. You'll learn the nitty-gritty on subnetting, remote administration, routing protocols, static routing, access-control lists, site-to-site VPNs, network address translation (NAT), DHCP, password recovery, and security. There's even an entire chapter on the new Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6). Here's just some of what you'll find: How to configure and manage access lists How to set up a site-to-site VPN How to implement IPv6 All the information is presented in a straightforward style that you can understand and use right away. With The Accidental Administrator: Cisco Router Step-by-Step Configuration Guide you'll be able to sit down with your routers and build a working configuration in a matter of minutes. Of course, some of the more advanced configs may take a little longer, but even so, you'll be able to "get 'er done" in a minimal amount of time In addition, there are supporting videos and a supporting webpage to provide even more help and updated information.

In a series of essays that explore the notion of what brings significance to our existences, clarifying why we have this longing beyond the present moment and an insatiable dissatisfaction with where we are, scholar Frank Martella tackles the subject of finding meaning in life. With beautiful decorative elements and an engaging design, the book approaches its subject in a readily digestible form. It grapples with some of life's most pressing questions, like "Is happiness a worthy goal?" and "What is the foundation for meaning in a secular society?" and "Is life an existential void?" yet Martella answers these questions and more in a relaxed, conversational tone and with a wry sense of humor, placing some of life's greatest philosophical concerns and quandaries into a modern-day context. Martella quickly and concisely gets to the heart of the matter: your place in the world and how to find meaning in life as countless thinkers and philosophers have done before, yet the emphasis here is on what we do with the life we have and how we can make it more meaningful. Part prescriptive and part armchair philosophy book, A Wonderful Life is accessible to everyone, from the well-read scholar to the apprentice as well as anyone curious about how to extract the greatest meaning and sense of purpose from their existences.

Our work, in Information Systems and Technology, is about helping our end users do their jobs more productively, efficiently, and creatively. IT (Information Technology) is all about crafting creative technical solutions to perplexing human problems in the workplace." This is the understanding of the IT superstars. It is also the basis of this, the most recent of The Compassionate Geek series of books. In The Compassionate Geek: The 5 Principles of IT Customer Service Success, author Don R. Crawley explores the five characteristics which are common among IT customer service superstars. In plain language, he reveals the five principles, shows common roadblocks to success, and lays out simple and realistic steps you can take to implement the five principles in both your professional and personal life. You'll learn how to put humanity into our world of technology. Written in Crawley's conversational style with personal anecdotes, logic and reason, and a takeaway at the end of each chapter, The Compassionate Geek: The 5 Principles of IT Customer Service Success is not just your guidebook to elevating your customer service success, it's your guidebook to a new, more self-confident and compassionate way of living.

Named one of *Vulture's* Top 10 Best Books of 2020! Leftist firebrand Fredrick deBoer exposes the lie at the heart of our educational system and demands top-to-bottom reform. Everyone agrees that education is the key to creating a more just and equal world, and that our schools are broken and failing. Proposed reforms variously target incompetent teachers, corrupt union practices, or outdated curricula, but no one acknowledges a scientifically-proven fact that we all understand intuitively: Academic potential varies between individuals, and cannot be dramatically improved. In *The Cult of Smart*, educator and outspoken leftist Fredrick deBoer exposes this omission as the central flaw of our entire society, which has created and perpetuated an unjust class structure based on intellectual ability. Since cognitive talent varies from person to person, our education system can never create equal opportunity for all. Instead, it teaches our children that hierarchy and competition are natural, and that human value should be based on intelligence. These ideas are counter to everything that the left believes, but until they acknowledge the existence of individual cognitive differences, progressives remain complicit in keeping the status quo in place. This passionate, voice-driven manifesto demands that we embrace a new goal for education: equality of outcomes. We must create a world that has a place for everyone, not just the academically talented. But we'll never achieve this dream until the Cult of Smart is destroyed.

Brands of Faith

The New Psychology of Success

Mastering the Skills for Success in Life, Business, and School, or How to Become an Expert in Just About Anything

140 Linux Configuration Commands Explained in 140 Characters Or Less

Roll Models

One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia

A Giacometti Portrait

A Complete Guide to the Models, Tools and Techniques of Organizational Change

Dear Friend, This book teaches you the hidden secrets of self-reliance so you can reach your full potential and accomplish your grandest goals and dreams. It will help you to discover your true purpose and calling in life. How to get any job or career you want. How you can get the upper hand in any personal or professional negotiation. The ultimate time management strategy that will help you maximize the use of your time, enable you to focus on your core competencies and reach your goals in the quickest most efficient way possible. It will teach you success and problem solving mindsets and skillsets that will enable you to overcome any obstacle, challenge or setback. The secrets to health, vitality and unlimited energy that keeps you free from common colds, flu and illnesses so you can enjoy your life with exceptional mental clarity, focus and efficiency.

Traces the author's decision to quit her job and travel the world for a year after suffering a midlife crisis and divorce, an endeavor that took her to three places in her quest to explore her own nature, experience fulfillment and learn the art of spiritual balance. (Biography & autobiography). Reissue. A best-selling book. Movie tie-in. Christopher Hitchens, described in the *London Observer* as "one of the most prolific, as well as brilliant, journalists of our time" takes on his biggest subject yet -- the increasingly dangerous role of religion in the world. In the tradition of Bertrand Russell's "Why I Am Not a Christian and Sam Harris's " recent bestseller, *The End Of Faith*, Christopher Hitchens makes the ultimate case against religion. With a close and erudite reading of the major religious texts, he documents the ways in which religion is a man-made wish, a cause of dangerous sexual repression, and a distortion of our origins in the cosmos. With eloquent clarity, Hitchens frames the argument for a more secular life based on science and reason, in which hell is replaced by the Hubble Telescope's awesome view of the universe, and Moses and the burning bush give way to the beauty and symmetry of the double helix.

Dimensions of Human Behavior: Person and Environment presents a current and comprehensive examination of human behavior using a multidimensional framework. Author Elizabeth D. Hutchison explores the biological dimension and the social factors that affect human development and behavior, encouraging readers to connect their own personal experiences with social trends in order to recognize the unity of person and environment. Aligned with the 2015 curriculum guidelines set forth by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the substantially updated Sixth Edition includes a greater emphasis on culture and diversity, immigration, neuroscience, and the impact of technology. Twelve new case studies illustrate a balanced breadth and depth of coverage to help readers apply theory and general social work knowledge to unique practice situations.

Building Analytics Teams

Why Games Make Us Better and How They Can Change the World

Creating Success from the Inside Out

Being Human in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

The Unexpected Path to Achieving Success, Happiness (and World Peace)

The Accidental Administrator

The 5 Principles of IT Customer Service Success

Agricultural Marketing and Price Analysis

"With good judgment, little else matters. Without it, nothing else matters." Whether we're talking about United States presidents, CEOs, Major League coaches, or wartime generals, leaders are remembered for their best and worst judgment calls. In the face of ambiguity, uncertainty, and conflicting demands, the quality of a leader's judgment determines the fate of the entire organization. That's why judgment is the essence of leadership. Yet despite its importance, judgment has always been a fairly murky concept. The leadership literature has been conspicuously quiet on what, exactly, defines it. Does judgment differ from common sense or gut instinct? Is it a product of luck? Of smarts? Or is there a process for making consistently good calls? Noel Tichy and Warren Bennis have each spent decades studying and teaching leadership and advising top CEOs such as Jack Welch and Howard Schultz. Now, in their first collaboration, they offer a powerful framework for making tough calls when the stakes are high and the right path is far from obvious. They show how to recognize the critical moment before a judgment call, when swift and decisive action is essential, and also how to execute a decision after the call. Tichy and Bennis bring their three-dimensional model to life with interviews with world-class leaders who have thrived or suffered because of their judgment calls. These stories include: • Jeff Immelt, CEO of General Electric, whose judgment to grow through research and development transformed GE into the world's premier technology growth company. • Joel Klein, chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, who made tough calls about teachers, students, and parents while turning around a troubled school system. • Jim McNeerney, CEO of Boeing, whose strategic judgment helped him reinvestigate his company and restore a culture of trust and respect. • The late general Wayne Downing, who found an unexpected opportunity in the midst of crisis when he led the Special Operations raid to capture Manuel Noriega. • A. G. Lafley, CEO of Procter & Gamble, who bet \$57 billion to purchase Gillette and reinvent his company. • Brad Anderson, CEO of Best Buy, who made the call to commit totally to a customer-centric strategy and led his people to execute it. Whether you're running a small department or a global corporation, Judgment will give you a framework for evaluating any situation, making the call, and correcting if necessary during the execution phase. It will show you how to handle the overlapping domains of people, strategy, and crisis management. And it will help you teach your entire team to make the right call more often. No organization can afford to neglect this crucial discipline—and no previous book has ever brought it into such clear focus.

From the renowned psychologist who introduced the world to "growth mindset" comes this updated edition of the million-copy bestseller—featuring transformative insights into redefining success, building lifelong resilience, and supercharging self-improvement. "Through clever research studies and engaging writing, Dweck illuminates how our beliefs about our capabilities exert tremendous influence on how we learn and which paths we take in life."—Bill Gates, *GatesNotes* "It's not always the people who start out the smartest who end up the smartest." After decades of research, world-renowned Stanford University psychologist Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D., discovered a simple but groundbreaking idea: the power of mindset. She shows how success in school, work, sports, the arts, and almost every area of human endeavor can be dramatically influenced by how we think about our talents and abilities. People with a fixed mindset—those who believe that abilities are fixed—are less likely to flourish than those with a growth mindset—those who believe that abilities can be developed. Mindset reveals how great parents, teachers, managers, and athletes can put this idea to use to foster outstanding accomplishment. In this edition, Dweck offers new insights into her now famous and broadly embraced concept. She introduces a phenomenon she calls false growth mindset and guides people toward adopting a deeper, truer growth mindset. She also expands the mindset concept beyond the individual, applying it to the cultures of groups and organizations. With the right mindset, you can motivate those you lead, teach, and love—to transform their lives and your own.

Reinvention is the key to success in these volatile times—and Pamela Mitchell holds the key to reinvention! In *The 10 Laws of Career Reinvention*, America's Reinvention Coach® Pamela Mitchell offers every tool readers need to navigate the full arc of career change. Part I introduces the Reinvention Mindset, with what you need to know to be prepared mentally to get started. In Part II, you read the real-life stories of ten individuals who successfully made the leap to new and unexpected careers, using the 10 laws: The 1st Law: It Starts With a Vision for Your Life The 2nd Law: Your Body Is Your Best Guide The 3rd Law: Progress Begins When You Stop Making Excuses The 4th Law: What You Seek is on the Road Less Traveled The 5th Law: You've Got the Tools in Your Toolbox The 6th Law: Your Reinvention Board is Your Lifeline The 7th Law: Only a Native Can Give You the Inside Scoop The 8th Law: They Won't "Get" You Until You Speak Their Language The 9th Law: It Takes the Time That It Takes The 10th Law: The World Buys Into an Aura of Success Each story is followed by an in-depth lesson that explains how to adapt these laws to your own career goals, and what actions and precautions to take. The lessons answer all your tactical concerns about navigating the roadblocks, getting traction and managing your fears. The final section provides workbook exercises for fine-tuning your reinvention strategies for maximum results. Clear-headed, calming, practical, and thorough, this is the ideal action plan for getting through any career crisis and ending up securely in the lifestyle you've always dreamed of having.

The Mindful Geek tells you how to derive the real world benefits of hardcore mindfulness meditation without drinking the metaphysical Kool-Aid. Meditation teacher, Michael W. Taft gives you step-by-step instructions in the powerful and reliable techniques of mindfulness meditation, and outlines the psychological and neuroscientific research underpinning these practices. By treating mindfulness as a scientifically-based, psychological technique, you can keep your atheistic or agnostic secular skepticism and still maintain a powerful, regular, and deeply effective meditation practice. That's because meditation doesn't require you to believe in it or not. Like any good technology, if you use it correctly, it will do the job reliably whether you believe in it or not. And—make no mistake—meditation is a kind of technology: a technology for hacking the human wetware in order to improve your life. This book is a practical, hands-on manual about how to make the most of that technology for yourself. If you are smart, skeptical, technically-inclined, and have a desire to see what meditation is really all about, this book is for you. Michael has taught a lot of meditation programs at tech corporations like Google, so this material has been field-tested on some world-class geeks.

Develop the Focus and Strategy to Uncover the Life You Want

Engage

Secular Meditation for Smart Skeptics

Judgment

How Engineers, IT Pros, and Other Tech Specialists Can Master Human Relations Skills to Deliver Outstanding Customer Service

A Wonderful Life

The Rest God Offers in the Purpose He Gives You

Reality Is Broken

Now fully-revised and updated, this second edition of *ACT Made Simple* includes new information and chapters on self-compassion, flexible perspective taking, working with trauma, and more. Why is it so hard to be happy? Why is life so difficult? Why do humans suffer so much? And what can we realistically do about it? No matter how rewarding your job, as a mental health professional, you may sometimes feel helpless in the face of these questions. You are also well aware of the challenges and frustrations that can present during therapy. If you're looking for ways to optimize your client sessions, consider joining the many thousands of therapists and life coaches worldwide who are learning acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT). With a focus on mindfulness, client values, and a commitment to change, ACT is proven-effective in treating depression, anxiety, stress, addictions, eating disorders, schizophrenia, borderline personality disorder (BPD), and myriad other psychological issues. It's also a revolutionary new way to view the human condition—packed full of exciting new tools, techniques, and strategies for promoting profound behavioral change. A practical primer, ideal for ACT newcomers and experienced ACT professionals alike, *ACT Made Simple* offers clear explanations of the six ACT processes and a set of real-world tips and solutions for rapidly and effectively implementing them in your practice. This book gives you everything you need to start using ACT with your clients for impressive results. Inside, you'll find: scripts, exercises, metaphors, and worksheets to use with your clients; a session-by-session guide to implementing ACT; transcripts from therapy sessions; guidance for creating your own therapeutic techniques and exercises; and practical tips to overcome "therapy roadblocks." This book aims to take the complex theory and practice of ACT and make it accessible and enjoyable for therapists and clients.

When success from the inside out shares the inspiring and motivational story of Riparian Taylor, one of the world's youngest-ever CEOs of a publicly traded company. A millionaire by the young age of sixteen, Taylor tells you what it takes to succeed in life by following your own path and refusing to be defeated. When you ignore the voices of negativity and follow our own true passions, there are no obstacles you can't overcome.

Scenarios to bridge the communication gap of children with their aging parents and grandparents.

For centuries, experts have argued that learning was about memorizing information: You're supposed to study facts, dates, and details; burn them into your memory; and then apply that knowledge at opportune times. But this approach to learning isn't nearly enough for the world that we live in today, and in *Learn Better* journalist and education researcher Ulrich Boser demonstrates that how we learn can matter just as much as what we learn. In this brilliantly researched book, Boser maps out the new science of learning, showing how simple techniques like comprehension check-ins and making material personally relatable can help people gain expertise in dramatically better ways. He covers six key steps to help you "learn how to learn," all illuminated with fascinating stories like how Jackson Pollock developed his unique painting style and why an ancient Japanese counting device allows kids to do math at superhuman speeds. Boser's witty, engaging writing makes this book feel like a guilty pleasure, not homework. *Learn Better* will revolutionize the way students and society alike approach learning and makes the case that being smart is not an innate ability—learning is a skill everyone can master. With Boser as your guide, you will be able to fully capitalize on your brain's remarkable ability to gain new skills and open up a whole new world of possibilities.

People Who Live Successfully Following Spinal Cord Injury and How They Do It

Never Split the Difference

Person and Environment

A Guide to Computer User Support For Help Desk and Support Specialists

Cisco Router Step-By-Step Configuration Guide

The Power of Living Gamefully

Mindset

SuperBetter

When working on a PC, laptop or mobile device, you'll want to keep this handy PC Troubleshooting Pocket Guide by your side. Jean Andrews provides clear, complete explanations to make technical topics easy to understand. The PC Troubleshooting Pocket Guide will help individuals diagnose computer problems with ease and speed. This portable, compact volume provides essential diagnostic and troubleshooting information, and is an essential tool for anyone who needs to find computer information quickly and efficiently.

When we look at a painting hanging on an art gallery wall, we see only what the artist has chosen to disclose—the finished work of art. What remains mysterious is the process of creation itself—the making of the work of art. Everyone who has looked at paintings has wondered about this, and numerous efforts have been made to discover and depict the creative method of important artists. A Giacometti Portrait is a picture of one of the 20th century's greatest artists at work. James Lord set for eighteen days while only his friend Alberto Giacometti did his portrait in oil. The artist painted, and the model recorded the sittings and took photographs of the work in its various stages. What emerged was an illumination of what it is to be an artist and what it was to be Giacometti—a portrait in prose of the man and his art. A work of great literary distinction, A Giacometti Portrait is, above all, a subtle and important evocation of a great artist.

Friendly and readable, *Agricultural Marketing and Price Analysis* presents a comprehensive approach to agricultural price analysis, agricultural market structures, and agricultural marketing strategies. The authors engage students with very little exposure to economics and with only a basic grasp of algebra. The text utilizes a fresh approach and supplies thorough coverage of core topics, as well as complex topics such as general equilibrium models, game theory, and econometrics. It also provides an introduction to data analysis and incorporates many examples. Supplemental materials are available for additional practice and further exploration. Unique to the Second Edition is the inclusion of a chapter on consumer behavior and food preferences, as well as relevant areas of research. The authors introduce readers to the agricultural supply chain, including forecasting and inventory management. Succinct and approachable, this text sets the stage for an enjoyable and effective learning experience.

With *Search Inside Yourself*, Chade-Meng Tan, one of Google's earliest engineers and personal growth pioneer, offers a proven method for enhancing mindfulness and emotional intelligence in life and work. Meng's job is to teach Google's best and brightest how to apply mindfulness techniques in the office and beyond; now, readers everywhere can get insider access to one of the most sought after classes in the country, a course in health, happiness and creativity that is improving the livelihood and productivity of those responsible for one of the most successful businesses in the world. With forewords by Daniel Goleman, author of the international bestseller *Emotional Intelligence*, and Jon Kabat-Zinn, renowned mindfulness expert and author of *Coming To Our Senses*, Meng's *Search Inside Yourself* is an invaluable guide to achieving your own best potential.

Mastering the Core Teachings of the Buddha

Growing Up for Beginners

Controlling the Human Element of Security

Marketing Religion in a Commercial Age

Songs in the Key of Z

Mastering Strategy: Workshops for Business Success

Navigating the Emotional Terrain of Our Elders

IT Technical Support Troubleshooting Pocket Guide

"So many women are embarrassed because they think their purpose is rooted in what they do. Instead, it's rooted in who God is. Learn how we flourish as his image-bearers!"

A practical Linux command reference, complete with 164 screen captures and plain language explanations.

The definitive, bestselling text in the field of change management. Making Sense of Change Management provides a thorough overview of the subject for both students and professionals. Along with explaining the theory of change management, it comprehensively covers the models, tools, and techniques of successful change management so organizations can adapt to tough market conditions and succeed by changing their strategies, structures, boundaries, mindsets, behaviors and of course their expectations of the people who work within them. This completely revised and updated 4th edition of *Making Sense of Change Management* includes more international examples and case studies, emerging new thinking and practice in the area of cultural change and a new chapter on the interrelationship with project management (PM) and change management. It also covers complexity models, agile approaches, and stakeholder management along with cultural sensitivity and what to do when cultures collide. Making Sense of Change Management remains essential reading for anyone who is currently part of, or leading, a change initiative. Online supporting resources include lecture slides, making this an ideal textbook for MBA or graduate students focusing on leading or managing change.

A former international hostage negotiator for the FBI offers a new, field-tested approach to high-stakes negotiations—whether in the boardroom or at home. After a stint policing the rough streets of Kansas City, Missouri, Chris Voss joined the FBI, where his career as a hostage negotiator brought him face-to-face with a range of criminals, including bank robbers and terrorists. Reaching the pinnacle of his profession, he became the FBI's lead international kidnapping negotiator. *Never Split the Difference* takes you inside the world of high-stakes negotiations and into Voss's head, revealing the skills that helped him and his colleagues succeed where it mattered most: saving lives. In this practical guide, he shares the nine effective principles—counterintuitive tactics and strategies—you too can use to become more persuasive in both your professional and personal life. His life is a series of negotiations who should be prepared for: buying a car, negotiating a salary, buying a home, renegotiating rent, deliberating with your partner. Taking emotional intelligence and intuition to the next level, *Never Split the Difference* gives you the competitive edge in any discussion.

The Compassionate Geek

The Cult of Smart

Insights on Finding a Meaningful Existence

The Mindful Geek

Life 3.0

An Easy-To-Read Primer on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

Learn Better

The 10 Laws of Career Reinvention

"I thought life was pretty much over." Paul Herman "I was afraid people wouldn't see me for who I still was." Cathy Green "I didn't need this to be a better person." Susan Douglas "I wasn't sure I wanted to live "this way."" Kevin Wolitzky The above four people and 49 more just like them went on to find high levels of success and lead satisfying lives. Together they tell 53 stories of moving forward to meet all the challenges, fears, obstacles, and problems common to the life-altering circumstances after spinal cord injury, and doing it without benefit of wealth, large settlements or solid health coverage. Ranging in age from 21 to 67, disabled from three to 48 years they share 931 years of disability experience. Roll Models is a valuable new resource for recently injured people and their families, and for nurses, therapists, psychologists and all other professionals who treat, work with and care for people with spinal cord injury. Straight from the horse's mouth, survivors explore their experiences with disability and answer many questions those in rehab are asking: Early Thoughts What were your thoughts immediately following injury? What were your initial thoughts and reactions regarding SCI and the future? The First Years What were your biggest fears during that first year or so? How did you get past those early fears? Changes, Obstacles and Solutions How much different are you now, compared to how you were before injury? What's been the biggest obstacle? How did you address these obstacles? Finding What Works What have been the most difficult things for you to deal with since injury? What's the worst thing about having an SCI and using a chair? What's been your biggest loss due to injury? Is SCI the worst thing that ever happened to you? Tell me something about your problem solving skills. How do you deal with stress? What do you do to relieve stress? Salvations, Turning Points and More Was there any one thing that was your "salvation" or key to your success? Was there a turning point for you when you began to feel things were going to get better? What personal factors, habits and beliefs have helped you the most? SCI and Meaning Do you find any meaning, purpose or lessons in your disability? Did any positive opportunities come your way because of your injury? What's your greatest accomplishment? What are you most proud of? "A wonderful roadmap with many alternate routes to living and thriving with SCI." Minna Hong, SCI survivor and Peer Support Coordinator/Vocational Liaison, Shepherd Center "Avoids the trap of providing a "one size fits all mentality" and provides solutions as varied as the individuals used as examples. Accentuates the positives while not sugar coating the difficulties. Essential reading." Jeff Crescy SCI survivor and Director of Consumer and Community Affairs, SCI Project, Rancho Los Amigos "A great resource for people as they venture out into the world, or search for meaning and a deeper, richer life. Filled with examples of real people and their real experiences." Terry Taylor, ND, RN, SCI survivor, Patient & Family Education Program Coordinator, Craig Hospital "A wonderful tool for the newly spinal cord injured individual, as well as the therapists and counselors working with them. This certainly hits the mark in capturing important survival strategies." Jack Dahlberg, SCI survivor, Past President of the National Spinal Cord Injury Association "Artfully crafted and organized, Roll Models sensitively portrays life following spinal cord injury. Informative, creative, sensitive, as well as infused with humor and a kind heart. Recommended with my highest accolades." Lester Butt, Ph.D., ABPP, Director of the Department of Psychology, Craig Hospital

Equip current and future user-support professionals with the critical people skills and exceptional technical knowledge necessary to provide outstanding support with Beise's A GUIDE TO COMPUTER USER SUPPORT FOR HELP DESK AND SUPPORT SPECIALISTS, 6E. This useful guide focuses on the informational resources and technical tools students need most to function effectively in a support position. Readers develop the skills to handle troubleshooting and problem solving, successfully communicate with clients, determine a client's specific needs, and train end-users, as well as handle budgeting and other management priorities. Clear, balanced coverage in this edition highlights the latest trends and developments, from Web and e-mail-based support to assistance with Windows 7 and cloud computing. Engaging special features, such as Tips and On the Web Pointers, provide important insights, while new Discussion Questions and Case Projects encourage active participation in the learning process. Leading professional software HelpSTAR and Microsoft Office Project Professional 2010 accompany Beise's A GUIDE TO COMPUTER USER SUPPORT FOR HELP DESK AND SUPPORT SPECIALISTS, 6E to reinforce the knowledge and skills your students need for success in today's user-support positions. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Irwin Chusid profiles a number of "outsider" musicians - those who started as "outside" and eventually came "in" when the listening public caught up with their radical ideas. Included are The Shaggs, Tiny Tim, Syd Barrett, Joe Meek, Captain Beefheart, The Cherry Sisters, Daniel Johnston, Harry Partch, Wesley Willis, and others.

Newly expanded edition. A real-world, plain-language how-to guide for delivering amazing customer service to customers and end-users. Now in its third edition, The Compassionate Geek is the definitive guide for delivering amazing customer service to customers and end-users. Filled with practical tips, best practices and real-world techniques, The Compassionate Geek is a quick read with equally fast results. Each chapter contains a reflection and discussion section to help improve customer service skills. Inside are lots of personal stories and examples of mistakes made and lessons learned in addition to an entire chapter on overcoming personal and professional obstacles. All of the information is presented in a straightforward style that can be understood and used right away. There's nothing foo-foo, just down-to-earth tips and technical support best practices learned from years of working with technical staff and demanding customers and end-users. Here's what you'll find: The four intrinsic qualities of great customer service providers Customer service tips on how to say no without alienating your customer or end user Best practices for communicating with email, including examples Best practices for communicating using chat and texting Ten tips for being a good listener Two practical ways to keep your emotions in check using emotional intelligence (eq) techniques A six-step flow chart for handling customer and end user calls Customer service skills to use when the customer or end user is wrong How to work with the different generations in the workplace Motivational stories of human triumph with reflection and discussion questions Techniques for overcoming personal and professional obstacles All of the information is presented in a straightforward style that you can understand and use right away. There's nothing "foo-foo," just down-to-earth tips and technical support best practices learned from years of working with technical staff and demanding customers and end users.

An Unusually Hardcore Dharma Book - Revised and Expanded Edition

Essential Survival Skills for Any Economy

A wonderful book club read

The Complete Guide for Brands and Businesses to Build, Cultivate, and Measure Success in the New Web

Harnessing analytics and artificial intelligence for business improvement

Making Sense of Change Management

How Our Broken Education System Perpetuates Social Injustice

Another Country

Note: There is a newer version of this book available. Please look up ISBN 978-0983660736. A real-world, plain-language how-to guide for delivering amazing customer service to end-users. Now in its second edition, The Compassionate Geek was written by tech people for tech people. There are no frills, just best practices and ideas that actually work! Filled with practical tips, best practices, and real-world techniques, The Compassionate Geek is a quick read with equally fast results. Here's what you'll find: Best practices for communicating with email, including examples The four intrinsic qualities of great service providers Best practices for communicating using chat and texting Ten tips for being a good listener Two practical ways to keep your emotions in check A flow chart for handling user calls What to do when the user is wrong How to work with the different generations in the workplace All of the information is presented in a straightforward style that you can understand and use right away. There's nothing "foo-foo," just down-to-earth tips and best practices learned from years of working with IT pros and end-users.

Fun to read yet full of powerful business information, this guide provides a comprehensive toolkit for crafting winning strategies in today's competitive environment. • Presents the most effective and useful strategy concepts and frameworks in a condensed, easy-to-grasp and entertaining manner that anyone or any business can benefit from • Provides many current and classic examples to show the application of the frameworks, making key concepts easy to understand • Organizes information in a logical order where concepts presented in previous works provides the base for additional ideas and strategies, giving readers a synergistic, comprehensive picture of strategic challenges and opportunities • Shows readers not just how to craft marketing strategy but also how to advocate for their strategic ideas

In a society overrun by commercial clutter, religion has become yet another product sold in the consumer marketplace, and faiths of all kinds must compete with a myriad of more entertaining and more convenient leisure activities. Brands of Faith argues that in order to compete effectively faiths have had to become brands — easily recognizable symbols and spokespersons with whom religious prospects can make immediate connections Mara Einstein shows how religious branding has expanded over the past twenty years to create a blended world of commerce and faith where the sacred becomes secular and the secular sacred. In a series of fascinating case studies of faith brands, she explores the significance of branded church courses, such as Alpha and The Purpose Driven Life, mega-churches, and the popularity of the televangelist Joel Osteen and television presenter Oprah Winfrey, as well as the rise of Kaballah. She asks what the consequences of this religious commercialism — good and bad, Repackaging religion — updating music, creating ten-targeted beliefs — is justifiable and necessary. However, when the content becomes obscured, religion may lose its unique selling proposition — the very ability to raise us above the market.

The very idea that the teachings can be mastered will arouse controversy within Buddhist circles. Even so, Ingram insists that enlightenment is an attainable goal, once our fanciful notions of it are stripped away, and we have learned to use meditation as a method for examining reality rather than an opportunity to wallow in self-absorbed mind-nose. Ingram sets out concisely the difference between concentration-based and insight (vipassana) meditation; he provides example practices; and most importantly he presents detailed maps of the states of mind we are likely to encounter, and the stages we must negotiate as we move through clearly-defined cycles of insight. Its easy to feel overwated, at first, by Ingram's assurance and ease in the higher levels of consciousness, but consistently he writes as a down-to-earth and compassionate guide, and to the practitioner willing to commit themselves this is a glittering gift of a book. In this new edition of the bestselling book, the author rearranges, revises and expands upon the original material, as well as adding new sections that bring further clarity to his ideas.

Mastering Customer Service for I. T. Professionals

Eat Pray Love

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The world's most infamous hacker offers an insider's view of the low-tech threats to high-tech security Kevin Mitnick's exploits as a cyber-desperado and fugitive form one of the most exhaustive FBI manhunts in history and have spawned dozens of articles, books, films, and documentaries. Since his release from federal prison, in 1998, Mitnick has turned his life around and established himself as one of the most sought-after computer security experts worldwide. Now, in *The Art of Deception*, the world's most notorious hacker gives new meaning to the old adage, "It takes a thief to catch a thief." Focusing on the human factors involved with information security, Mitnick explains why all the firewalls and encryption protocols in the world will never be enough to stop a savvy grifter intent on rifling a corporate database or an irate employee determined to crash a system. With the help of many fascinating true stories of successful attacks on business and government, he illustrates just how susceptible even the most locked-down information systems are to a slick con artist impersonating an IRS agent. Narrating from the points of view of both the attacker and the victims, he explains why each attack was so successful and how it could have been prevented in an engaging and highly readable style reminiscent of a true-crime novel. And, perhaps most importantly, Mitnick offers advice for preventing these types of social engineering hacks through security protocols, training programs, and manuals that address the human element of security.

New York Times Best Seller How Will Artificial Intelligence affect crime, war, justice, jobs, society and our very sense of being human? The rise of AI has the potential to transform our future more than any other technology—and there's nobody better qualified or situated to explore that future than Max Tegmark, an MIT professor who's helped mainstream research on how to keep AI beneficial. How can we grow our prosperity through automation without leaving people lacking income or purpose? What career advice should we give today's kids? How can we make future AI systems more robust, so that they do what we want without crashing, malfunctioning or getting hacked? Should we fear an arms race in lethal autonomous weapons? All machines eventually outsmart us at all tasks, replacing humans on the job market and perhaps altogether? Will AI help life flourish like never before or give us more power than we can handle? What sort of future do you want? This book empowers you to join what may be the most important conversation of our time. It doesn't shy away from the full range of viewpoints or from the most controversial issues—from superintelligence to meaning, consciousness and the ultimate physical limits on life in the cosmos.

The authoritative account of the rise of Amazon and its intensely driven founder, Jeff Bezos, praised by the *Seattle Times* as "the definitive account of how a tech icon came to life." Amazon.com started off delivering books through the mail. But its visionary founder, Jeff Bezos, wasn't content with being a bookseller. He wanted Amazon to become the everything store, offering limitless selection and seductive convenience at disruptively low prices. To do so, he developed a corporate culture of relentless ambition and Kindle that's never been cracked. Until now. Brad Stone enjoyed unprecedented access to current and former Amazon employees and Bezos family members, giving readers the first in-depth, fly-on-the-wall account of life at Amazon. Compared to tech's other elite innovators -- Jobs, Gates, Zuckerberg -- Bezos is a private man. But he stands out for his raw pursuit of new markets, leading Amazon into risky new ventures like the science and cloud computing, and transforming retail in the same way Henry Ford revolutionized manufacturing. The Everything Store is the revealing, definitive biography of the company that placed one of the first and largest bets on the Internet and forever changed the way we shop and read. "A masterful, riveting, and highly readable work of journalism." —*The Boston Globe* "Powerful and provocative. . . . McGonigal makes a persuasive case that games have a lot to teach us about how to make our lives, and the world, better." —*San Jose Mercury News* "Jane McGonigal's insights have the elegant, compact, deadly simplicity of plutonium, and the same explosive force." —*Cory Doctorow*, author of *Little Brother* A visionary game designer reveals how we can harness the power of games to boost global happiness. With 174 million gamers in the United States alone, we now live in a world where every generation will be a gamer generation. But why. Jane McGonigal asks, should games be used for escapist entertainment alone? In this groundbreaking book, she shows how we can leverage the power of games to fix what is wrong with the real world-from social problems like depression and obesity to global issues like poverty and climate change and introduces us to cutting-edge games that are already changing the business, education, and nonprofit worlds. Written for gamers and non-gamers alike, *Reality Is Broken* shows that the future will belong to those who can understand, design, and play games. Jane McGonigal is also the author of *SuperBetter: A Revolutionary Approach to Getting Stronger, Happier, Braver and More Resilient*.

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How Religion Poisons Everything

ACT Made Simple

The Art of Deception

Negotiating As If Your Life Depended On It

God Is Not Great

How Winning Leaders Make Great Calls

The ultimate guide to branding and building your business in the era of the Social Web/Revised and updated with a Foreword by Ashton Kutcher Engage! thoroughly examines the social media landscape and how to effectively use social media to succeed in business/one network and

Master the skills necessary to hire and manage a team of highly skilled individuals to design, build, and implement applications and systems based on advanced analytics and AI Key Features Learn to create an operationally effective advanced analytics team in a corporate environment Select and undertake projects that have a high probability of success and deliver the improved top and bottom-line results Understand how to create relationships with executives, senior managers, peers, and subject matter experts that lead to team collaboration, increased funding, and long-term success for you and your team Book Description In Building Analytics Teams, John K. Thompson, with his 30+ years of experience and expertise, illustrates the fundamental concepts of building and managing a high-performance analytics team, including what to do, who to hire, projects to undertake, and what to avoid in the journey of building an analytically sound team. The core processes in creating an effective analytics team and the importance of the business decision-making life cycle are explored to help achieve initial and sustainable success. The book demonstrates the various traits of a successful and high-performing analytics team and then delineates the path to achieve this with insights on the mindset, advanced analytics models, and predictions based on data analytics. It also emphasizes the significance of the macro and micro processes required to evolve in response to rapidly changing business needs. The book dives into the methods and practices of managing, developing, and leading an analytics team. Once you've brought the team up to speed, the book explains how to govern executive expectations and select winning projects. By the end of this book, you will have acquired the knowledge to create an effective business analytics team and develop a production environment that delivers ongoing operational improvements for your organization. What you will learn Avoid organizational and technological pitfalls of moving from a defined project to a production environment Enable team members to focus on higher-value work and tasks Build Advanced Analytics and Artificial Intelligence (AA&AI) functions in an organization Outsource certain projects to competent and capable third parties Support the operational areas that intend to invest in business intelligence, descriptive statistics, and small-scale predictive analytics Analyze the operational area, the processes, the data, and the organizational resistance Who this book is for This book is for senior executives, senior and junior managers, and those who are working as part of a team that is accountable for designing, building, delivering and ensuring business success through advanced analytics and artificial intelligence systems and applications. At least 5 to 10 years of experience in driving your organization to a higher level of efficiency will be helpful. An innovative guide to living gamefully, based on the program that has already helped nearly half a million people achieve remarkable personal growth In 2009, internationally renowned game designer Jane McGonigal suffered a severe concussion. Unable to think clearly or work or even get out of bed, she became anxious and depressed, even suicidal. But rather than let herself sink further, she decided to get better by doing what she does best: she turned her recovery process into a resilience-building game. What started as a simple motivational exercise quickly became a set of rules for "post-traumatic growth" that she shared on her blog. These rules led to a digital game and a major research study with the National Institutes of Health. Today nearly half a million people have played SuperBetter to get stronger, happier, and healthier. But the life-changing ideas behind SuperBetter are much bigger than just one game. In this book, McGonigal reveals a decade's worth of scientific research into the ways all games—including videogames, sports, and puzzles—change how we respond to stress, challenge, and pain. She explains how we can cultivate new powers of recovery and resilience in everyday life simply by adopting a more "gameful" mind-set. Being gameful means bringing the same psychological strengths we naturally display when we play games—such as optimism, creativity, courage, and determination—to real-world goals. Drawing on hundreds of studies, McGonigal shows that getting superbetter is as simple as tapping into the three core psychological strengths that games help you build:

- Your ability to control your attention, and therefore your thoughts and feelings
- Your power to turn anyone into a potential ally, and to strengthen your existing relationships
- Your natural capacity to motivate yourself and super-charge your heroic qualities, like willpower, compassion, and determination

SuperBetter contains nearly 100 playful challenges anyone can undertake in order to build these gameful strengths. It includes stories and data from people who have used the SuperBetter method to get stronger in the face of illness, injury, and other major setbacks, as well as to achieve goals like losing weight, running a marathon, and finding a new job. As inspiring as it is down to earth, and grounded in rigorous research, SuperBetter is a proven game plan for a better life. You'll never say that something is "just a game" again.

A beautiful book, so compassionate... and ultimately very hopeful. I enjoyed it hugely. *Marian Keyes*

A clever, bittersweet, uplifting novel *Sophie Kinsella*

Writing with proper heart *Rachel Joyce*

It's not easy being a grown-up, but at 47, Eleanor hoped she'd be better at it by now... When Eleanor waves her daughter off for a gap-year trip, she finds herself stuck as a satellite wife, spinning in faithful orbit around her domineering husband, with only her clever but judgmental father Conrad for comfort. Andrew isn't mastering the art of growing up either. But when he finds his belongings dumped in bin bags on the drive, even he can see that his girlfriend is hinting he should move out. With no other options, he moves back in with his parents. Backing onto their garden lives artist Cecilia, living in chaotic clutter and dreaming of her ex-lovers, still acting like a stropky teenager at the age of 66. Four lives are drawn together by long-buried secrets of the past, and it is time for them all to grow up... before it's too late. Praise for Claire Calman: A poignant and beautifully articulated tale of love and loss, memory and forgetting, grief and guilt, new love and letting go. I was engrossed, often tearful, and finally, uplifted. *Isobel Wolff*

Simply wonderful. I was totally enchanted, Search Inside Yourself *Fiona Walker*