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Bulletproof Problem Solving

The One Skill That Changes Everything

John Wiley & Sons **Complex problem solving is the core skill for 21st Century Teams Complex problem solving is at the very top of the list of essential skills for career progression in the modern world. But how problem solving is taught in our schools, universities, businesses and organizations comes up short. In Bulletproof Problem Solving: The One Skill That Changes Everything you'll learn the seven-step systematic approach to creative problem solving developed in top consulting firms that will work in any field or industry, turning you into a highly sought-after bulletproof problem solver who can tackle challenges that others balk at. The problem-solving technique outlined in this book is based on a highly visual, logic-tree method that can be applied to everything from everyday decisions to strategic issues in business to global social challenges. The authors, with decades of experience at McKinsey and Company, provide 30 detailed, real-world examples, so you can see exactly how the technique works in action. With this bulletproof**

approach to defining, unpacking, understanding, and ultimately solving problems, you'll have a personal superpower for developing compelling solutions in your workplace. Discover the time-tested 7-step technique to problem solving that top consulting professionals employ Learn how a simple visual system can help you break down and understand the component parts of even the most complex problems Build team brainstorming techniques that fight cognitive bias, streamline workplanning, and speed solutions Know when and how to employ modern analytic tools and techniques from machine learning to game theory Learn how to structure and communicate your findings to convince audiences and compel action The secrets revealed in **Bulletproof Problem Solving** will transform the way you approach problems and take you to the next level of business and personal success.

The McKinsey Way

McGraw Hill Professional "If more business books were as useful, concise, and just plain fun to read as **THE MCKINSEY WAY**, the business world would be a better place." --Julie Bick, best-selling author of **ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW IN BUSINESS I LEARNED AT MICROSOFT**. "Enlivened by witty anecdotes, **THE MCKINSEY WAY** contains valuable lessons on widely diverse topics such as marketing, interviewing, team-building, and brainstorming." --Paul H. Zipkin, Vice-Dean, The Fuqua School of Business It's been called "a breeding ground for gurus." McKinsey & Company is the gold-standard consulting firm whose alumni include titans such as "In Search of Excellence" author Tom Peters, Harvey Golub of American Express, and Japan's Kenichi Ohmae. When Fortune 100 corporations are stymied, it's the "McKinsey-ites" whom they call for help. In **THE MCKINSEY WAY**, former McKinsey associate Ethan Rasiel lifts the veil to show you how the secretive McKinsey works its magic, and helps you emulate the firm's well-honed practices in problem solving, communication, and management. He shows you how McKinsey-ites think about business problems and how they work at solving them, explaining the way McKinsey approaches every aspect of a task: How McKinsey recruits and molds its elite consultants; How to "sell without selling"; How to use facts, not fear them; Techniques to jump-start research and make brainstorming more productive; How to build and keep a team at the top its game; Powerful presentation methods, including the famous waterfall chart, rarely seen outside McKinsey; How to get ultimate "buy-in" to your findings; Survival tips for working in high-pressure organizations. Both a behind-the-scenes look at one of the most admired and secretive companies in the business world and a toolkit of problem-solving techniques without peer, **THE MCKINSEY WAY** is fascinating reading that empowers every business decision maker to become a better strategic player in any organization.

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Problem Solving 101

A Simple Book for Smart People

Penguin The fun and simple problem-solving guide that took Japan by storm Ken Watanabe originally wrote Problem Solving 101 for Japanese schoolchildren. His goal was to help shift the focus in Japanese education from memorization to critical thinking, by adapting some of the techniques he had learned as an elite McKinsey consultant. He was amazed to discover that adults were hungry for his fun and easy guide to problem solving and decision making. The book became a surprise Japanese bestseller, with more than 370,000 in print after six months. Now American businesspeople can also use it to master some powerful skills. Watanabe uses sample scenarios to illustrate his techniques, which include logic trees and matrixes. A rock band figures out how to drive up concert attendance. An aspiring animator budgets for a new computer purchase. Students decide which high school they will attend. Illustrated with diagrams and quirky drawings, the book is simple enough for a middle schooler to understand but sophisticated enough for business leaders to apply to their most challenging problems.

Cracked it!

How to solve big problems and sell solutions like top strategy consultants

Springer Solving complex problems and selling their solutions is critical for personal and organizational success. For most of us, however, it doesn't come naturally and we haven't been taught how to do it well. Research shows a host of pitfalls trips us up when we try: We're quick to believe we understand a situation and jump to a flawed solution. We seek to confirm our hypotheses and ignore conflicting evidence. We view challenges incompletely through the frameworks we know instead of with a fresh pair of eyes. And when we communicate our recommendations, we forget our reasoning isn't obvious to our audience. How can we do it better? In Cracked It!, seasoned strategy professors and consultants Bernard Garrette, Corey Phelps and Olivier Sibony present a rigorous and practical four-step approach to overcome these pitfalls. Building on tried-and-tested (but rarely revealed) methods of top strategy consultants,

research in cognitive psychology, and the latest advances in design thinking, they provide a step-by-step process and toolkit that will help readers tackle any challenging business problem. Using compelling stories and detailed case examples, the authors guide readers through each step in the process: from how to state, structure and then solve problems to how to sell the solutions. Written in an engaging style by a trio of experts with decades of experience researching, teaching and consulting on complex business problems, this book will be an indispensable manual for anyone interested in creating value by helping their organizations crack the problems that matter most.

Problem Solving Mindsets

How the Best Problem Solvers Crack the Code

Wiley Great problem solvers are made, not born. That's what McLean and Conn discovered after decades of problem solving with leaders across business, nonprofit, and policy sectors. These leaders learn to adopt a particularly open and curious mindset and adhere to a systematic process for cracking even the most inscrutable problems. They're terrific problem solvers under any conditions. And when conditions of uncertainty are at their peak, they're at their brilliant best. McLean and Conn identify six mutually reinforcing approaches underly their success: (1) being ever-curious about every element of a problem; (2) being imperfectionists, with a high tolerance for ambiguity; (3) having a "dragonfly eye" view of the world, to see through multiple lenses; (4) pursuing occurrent behavior and experimenting relentlessly; (5) tapping into the collective intelligence, acknowledging that the smartest people are not in the room; and (6) practicing "show and tell," because storytelling begets action (exhibit). In this sequel to their Amazon-bestseller, *Bulletproof Problem Solving*, they share the mindsets that allow problem solves to crack the code on even the most inscrutable of wicked problems. The mindsets of great problem solvers are just as important as the methods they employ. A mindset that encourages curiosity, embraces imperfection, rewards a dragonfly-eye view of the problem, creates new data from experiments and collective intelligence, and drives action through compelling show-and-tell storytelling creates radical new possibilities under high levels of unpredictability. Of course, these approaches can be helpful in a broad range of circumstances, but in times of massive uncertainty, they are essential.

The Pyramid Principle

Logic in Writing and Thinking

Pearson Education "Do you need to produce clear reports, papers, analyses, presentations and memos? If so, you need **The Pyramid Principle**. Communicating your ideas concisely and articulately to clients, colleagues or to the management board is a key factor in determining your personal business success. To gain the maximum effect you need to make maximum impact with your ideas upfront." "Applying the Pyramid Principle means you will save valuable time in writing and waste no time in getting your message across to your audience, making sure they grasp your meaning at once."--BOOK JACKET.

McKinsey Mind

McGraw Hill Professional **The groundbreaking follow-up to the international bestseller a hands-on guide to putting McKinsey techniques to work in your organization McKinsey & Company is the most respected and most secretive consulting firm in the world, and business readers just can't seem to get enough of all things McKinsey. Now, hot on the heels of his acclaimed international bestseller The McKinsey Way, Ethan Rasiel brings readers a powerful new guide to putting McKinsey concepts and skills into action The McKinsey Mind. While the first book used case studies and anecdotes from former and current McKinseyites to describe how "the firm" solves the thorniest business problems of their A-list clients, The McKinsey Mind goes a giant step further. It explains, step-by-step, how to use McKinsey tools, techniques and strategies to solve an array of core business problems and to make any business venture more successful. Designed to work as a stand-alone guide or together with The McKinsey Way, The McKinsey Mind follows the same critically acclaimed style and format as its predecessor. In this book authors Rasiel and Friga expand upon the lessons found in The McKinsey Way with real-world examples, parables, and easy-to-do exercises designed to get readers up and running.**

The McKinsey Engagement: A Powerful Toolkit For More Efficient and Effective Team Problem Solving

McGraw Hill Professional **The third volume in the internationally bestselling McKinsey Trilogy, The McKinsey Engagement is an action guide to realizing the consistently high level of business solutions achieved by the experts at the world's most respected consulting firms. Former consultant Dr. Paul Friga distills the guiding principles first presented in the bestselling The McKinsey Way and the tested-in-the-trenches methodologies outlined in The McKinsey Mind, and combines them with many of the principles and procedures implemented by the military and other organizations. The result is nothing less than the business equivalent of a Special Forces Field Manual. True to its stated goal of arming consultants and corporate problem solvers with a blueprint for achieving consistently phenomenal results, The McKinsey Engagement is short on theory and long on action. Each chapter focuses on one element in the celebrated TEAM FOCUS problem-solving model and features a concise discussion of a key concept or principle, followed by: Clear rules of engagement A set of operating tactics Sophisticated problem solving tools Easy-to-follow action steps Exercises, checklists, and training tips War stories and best practices case studies A toolkit for bringing clarity, discipline, and purpose to all your problem-solving and change management initiatives, The McKinsey Engagement is an indispensable guide for consultants, as well as for executives, managers, students, and corporate trainers.**

Inbound PR

The PR Agency's Manual to Transforming Your Business With Inbound

John Wiley & Sons **The digital era's new consumer demands a new approach to PR Inbound PR is the handbook that can transform your agency's business. Today's customer is fundamentally different, and traditional PR strategies are falling by the wayside. Nobody wants to feel "marketed to;" we want to make our own choices based on our own**

research and experiences online. When problems arise, we demand answers on social media, directly engaging the company in front of a global audience. We are the most empowered, sophisticated customer base in the history of PR, and PR professionals must draw upon an enormous breadth of skills and techniques to serve their clients' interests. Unfortunately, those efforts are becoming increasingly ephemeral and difficult to track using traditional metrics. This book merges content and measurement to give today's PR agencies a new way to build brands, evaluate performance and track ROI. The ability to reach the new consumer, build the relationship, and quantify the ROI of PR services allows you to develop an inbound business and the internal capabilities to meet and exceed the needs of the most demanding client. In this digital age of constant contact and worldwide platforms, it's the only way to sustainably grow your business and expand your reach while bolstering your effectiveness on any platform. This book shows you what you need to know, and gives you a clear framework for putting numbers to reputation. Build brand awareness without "marketing to" the audience Generate more, higher-quality customer or media leads Close the deal and nurture the customer or media relationship Track the ROI of each stage in the process Content is the name of the game now, and PR agencies must be able to prove their worth or risk being swept under with obsolete methods. Inbound PR provides critical guidance for PR growth in the digital era, complete with a practical framework for stimulating that growth.

CEO Excellence

The Six Mindsets That Distinguish the Best Leaders from the Rest

Simon and Schuster "Based on extensive interviews with today's . . . corporate leaders, this look at how the best CEOs do their jobs focuses on the mindsets and actions that foster an environment of excellence"--

Designing Solutions for Your Business Problems

A Structured Process for Managers and Consultants

John Wiley & Sons **Designing Solutions for Your Business Problems** is an essential resource for managers and consultants who help organizations resolve ambiguous problems and develop new opportunities. Taking a hands-on, practical approach, Betty Vandebosch—a leading management consultant and educator—outlines the details on how to conduct a proven process for designing solutions. **Designing Solutions for Your Business Problems** will teach you how to curtail investigation and generate and justify ideas without sacrificing thoroughness, creativity, persuasiveness, and fit. You will be able to capitalize on more opportunities, and your problem-solving skills will become more efficient and your solutions more compelling. This book will help you design better solutions and design them faster. Betty Vandebosch offers a variety of useful techniques such as the "scooping diagram," which provides a framework for action, and the "logic diagram," which tests the validity of a potential solution. In addition, the book contains illustrative real-life examples of the Designing Solutions approach from a variety of organizations.

The Design of Insight

How to Solve Any Business Problem

Stanford University Press **Familiar modes of problem solving may be efficient, but they often prevent us from discovering innovative solutions to more complex problems. To create meaningful change, we must train ourselves to discover previously unseen variables in day-to-day challenges. The Design of Insight is intended to be a personal problem-solving platform for decision makers and advisors who seek answers to critical business questions. It introduces an approach that uses multiple "problem-solving languages" to systematically expand our understanding of problem framing and high quality problem solving. Useful as a critical thinking approach or a think-out-loud document for strategic teams, this brief is a resource for enriching and implementing thoughtful management practices.**

Case Interview Secrets

A Former McKinsey Interviewer Reveals how to Get Multiple Job Offers in Consulting

Cheng, a former McKinsey management consultant, reveals his proven, insider's method for acing the case interview.

Organization and Management Problem Solving

A Systems and Consulting Approach

SAGE Ziegenfuss presents a tested model for analysing organisation and management problems and a series of case studies to help the reader apply problem-solving to real experiences.

Brainsteering

The Better Approach to Breakthrough Ideas

Harper Collins “[The Coyne’s] logical thinking exercises will help readers to maximize their ideation skills, both by systematically exploring every possible nook and cranny of an issue to find new ideas, and by systematically evaluating and honing the results.” —Publishers Weekly From business strategists (and brothers) Shawn and Kevin Coyne comes a breakthrough approach to developing better ideas. Brainsteering is a comprehensive, research-based, tried-and-tested approach to the principal challenge in business and life: how to consistently and effectively create powerful new ideas. Brainsteering offers a way out of fruitless brainstorming sessions. In the tradition of the Heath Brothers’ Made to Stick and Gordon Mackenzie’s Orbiting Giant Hairball, the Coyne’s deliver the surest path to success

for anyone looking to unlock the secrets of innovation.

Getting It Right

Notre Dame on Leadership and Judgment in Business

John Wiley & Sons **To be a successful business leader, executives need to make values-based problem solving a habit of mind, argue management experts and Notre Dame professors Viva Bartkus and Ed Conlon. In Getting It Right, Bartkus and Conlon draw on insights from consulting, management, and academia to deliver a powerful message: no matter how chaotic the marketplace, leaders can still address even the most staggering challenges in a calm and confident manner.**

Succeeding as a Management Consultant

Learn the skills used by the leading management consulting firms, such as McKinsey, BCG, et al.

Firmsconsulting LLC **Written for business leaders and consultants who are trying to solve significant problems and create measurable value. Readers can view the templates used in consulting studies and how they are used. All the foundational strategy and business analyses tools are taught along with the soft skills and practical tools to solve any business problem. This is the only book of its kind walking the reader step-by-step through a complete consulting study. This book follows an engagement team as they assist a large company in diagnosing and fixing deep and persistent organizational issues over an 8-week assignment. Readers will learn how they successfully navigate a challenging client environment, frame the problem and limit the scope, develop hypotheses, build the analyses and provide the final recommendations. We have placed the explanation of management consulting techniques within a lively and engaging storyline, which allows the reader to truly understand the challenges faced on consulting**

engagements, connect with the characters, and understand both how and why they debated elements of the study. It is written so that the reader may follow, understand, and replicate a strategic engagement using the same techniques used by the leading firms, such as McKinsey, Bain, and BCG. To make the story realistic and useful, we have worked with one client engagement throughout the book. Using different examples and different clients to explain concepts would have made it difficult for readers to see the data linkages and development of the final recommendations. The client and engagement are fictitious. The data presented are also fictitious, but they are based on actual consulting engagements and the experiences of the author and the contributing McKinsey, BCG, et. al. partners at FIRMSconsulting.com & StrategyTraining.com. RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR FREE EPISODES FROM EX-MCK ET AL. PARTNERS AT FIRMSCONSULTING.COM/PROMO FREE EPISODE FROM THIS BOOKS COMPANION COURSE AT FIRMSCONSULTING.COM/SAAMC

No Ordinary Disruption

The Four Global Forces Breaking All the Trends

PublicAffairs Our intuition on how the world works could well be wrong. We are surprised when new competitors burst on the scene, or businesses protected by large and deep moats find their defenses easily breached, or vast new markets are conjured from nothing. Trend lines resemble saw-tooth mountain ridges. The world not only feels different. The data tell us it is different. Based on years of research by the directors of the McKinsey Global Institute, *No Ordinary Disruption: The Four Forces Breaking all the Trends* is a timely and important analysis of how we need to reset our intuition as a result of four forces colliding and transforming the global economy: the rise of emerging markets, the accelerating impact of technology on the natural forces of market competition, an aging world population, and accelerating flows of trade, capital and people. Our intuitions formed during a uniquely benign period for the world economy—often termed the Great Moderation. Asset prices were rising, cost of capital was falling, labour and resources were abundant, and generation after generation was growing up more prosperous than their parents. But the Great Moderation has gone. The cost of capital may rise. The price of everything from grain to steel may become more volatile. The world's labor force could shrink. Individuals, particularly those with low job skills, are at risk of growing up poorer than their parents. What sets *No Ordinary Disruption* apart is depth of analysis combined with lively

writing informed by surprising, memorable insights that enable us to quickly grasp the disruptive forces at work. For evidence of the shift to emerging markets, consider the startling fact that, by 2025, a single regional city in China—Tianjin—will have a GDP equal to that of the Sweden, of that, in the decades ahead, half of the world's economic growth will come from 440 cities including Kumasi in Ghana or Santa Carina in Brazil that most executives today would be hard-pressed to locate on a map. What we are now seeing is no ordinary disruption but the new facts of business life— facts that require executives and leaders at all levels to reset their operating assumptions and management intuition.

Winners Take All

The Elite Charade of Changing the World

Vintage **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • The groundbreaking investigation of how the global elite's efforts to "change the world" preserve the status quo and obscure their role in causing the problems they later seek to solve. An essential read for understanding some of the egregious abuses of power that dominate today's news. "Impassioned.... Entertaining reading." —The Washington Post Anand Giridharadas takes us into the inner sanctums of a new gilded age, where the rich and powerful fight for equality and justice any way they can—except ways that threaten the social order and their position atop it. They rebrand themselves as saviors of the poor; they lavishly reward "thought leaders" who redefine "change" in ways that preserve the status quo; and they constantly seek to do more good, but never less harm. Giridharadas asks hard questions: Why, for example, should our gravest problems be solved by the unelected upper crust instead of the public institutions it erodes by lobbying and dodging taxes? His groundbreaking investigation has already forced a great, sorely needed reckoning among the world's wealthiest and those they hover above, and it points toward an answer: Rather than rely on scraps from the winners, we must take on the grueling democratic work of building more robust, egalitarian institutions and truly changing the world—a call to action for elites and everyday citizens alike.

Lords of Strategy

The Secret Intellectual History of the New Corporate World

Harvard Business Press **Imagine, if you can, the world of business - without corporate strategy. Remarkably, fifty years ago that's the way it was. Businesses made plans, certainly, but without understanding the underlying dynamics of competition, costs, and customers. It was like trying to design a large-scale engineering project without knowing the laws of physics. But in the 1960s, four mavericks and their posses instigated a profound shift in thinking that turbocharged business as never before, with implications far beyond what even they imagined. In *The Lords of Strategy*, renowned business journalist and editor Walter Kiechel tells, for the first time, the story of the four men who invented corporate strategy as we know it and set in motion the modern, multibillion-dollar consulting industry: Bruce Henderson, founder of Boston Consulting Group Bill Bain, creator of Bain & Company Fred Gluck, longtime Managing Director of McKinsey & Company Michael Porter, Harvard Business School professor Providing a window into how to think about strategy today, Kiechel tells their story with novelistic flair. At times inspiring, at times nearly terrifying, this book is a revealing account of how these iconoclasts and the organizations they led revolutionized the way we think about business, changed the very soul of the corporation, and transformed the way we work.**

The Private Equity Strategy Quick Guide : Solve problems like the leading management consulting firms,

such as McKinsey, BCG, et al.

Firmsconsulting LLC Do you have less than 1.5 hours to understand the principles and best practices of developing a private equity investment strategy? Do you want to make informed decisions as a leader? This quick guide is for leaders who are pressed for time and need to know the contours of the right approach to make informed decisions, ask the right questions, understand how to analyze the problem and how to provide guidance and input to their teams. We lay out the business case to encourage target companies to agree to the deal and lead indicators for when a potential target acquisition should be approached. The investment thesis is a guide serving four stakeholders. First, it describes the thinking of the principals who are proposing the investment strategy. In other words, why do they believe this investment strategy will work, and how it will work. Second, it is used within the private equity firm to question the strategy. The more unique the strategy, relative to what competitors are pursuing, the more discussions are needed. Third, it becomes the critical document to raise investment funding and help investors understand the risk tolerance and risk appetite of the fund, as well as their potential exit timelines. Fourth, it is also often used to educate and encourage potential acquisition targets to agree to the deal. Over the past 10 years on StrategyTraining.com and FIRMSconsulting.com, you have seen us help numerous clients solve complex business problems: developing a big data strategy, a corporate strategy, a digital & IT strategy, a pandemic & disaster strategy, a luxury brands strategy, a turnaround & transformation strategy, and more—all based on the combined best practices of the author and the ex-McKinsey, BCG et al., partners who produce all the strategy training programs on StrategyTraining.com. Our quick guides distill the steps, actions, processes and considerations that go into developing a unique investment thesis to drive a private equity strategy. You will understand the logic behind the investment thesis, potential pitfalls and how we use it to filter potential acquisitions. You will understand the output that comes from all the hypotheses, decision trees, and prioritizing tools we teach across all our programs, summarizing the best practices from ex-McKinsey, BCG et al. partners to help you solve mankind's most pressing problems. While we can't guarantee the results for each reader, those who have read our books and members who use our online training programs on StrategyTraining.com/apps and SLIDES report: Greater recognition More leadership roles Greater contribution Quicker onboarding Deeper understanding of the issues Strategy perspective of the issues Deeper insights Rapid promotions Sense of purpose Clarity of thought If you find this quick guide helpful, you may also benefit from The Private Equity Strategy Journal. The Private Equity Strategy Journal and The Private Equity Strategy Quick Guide are complementary.

They both contain useful and different information to explain the problem. The quick guide is for leaders who want to understand the problem to guide their teams. The Journal is for those who want to do the work to solve the problem.

Big Data, Analytics, and the Future of Marketing & Sales

Big Data is the biggest game-changing opportunity for marketing and sales since the Internet went mainstream almost 20 years ago. The data big bang has unleashed torrents of terabytes about everything from customer behaviors to weather patterns to demographic consumer shifts in emerging markets. This collection of articles, videos, interviews, and slideshares highlights the most important lessons for companies looking to turn data into above-market growth: Using analytics to identify valuable business opportunities from the data to drive decisions and improve marketing return on investment (MROI) Turning those insights into well-designed products and offers that delight customers Delivering those products and offers effectively to the marketplace. The goldmine of data represents a pivot-point moment for marketing and sales leaders. Companies that inject big data and analytics into their operations show productivity rates and profitability that are 5 percent to 6 percent higher than those of their peers. That's an advantage no company can afford to ignore.

Good Strategy, Bad Strategy

The Difference and Why It Matters

Crown Books **Argues that a manager's central responsibility is to create and implement strategies, challenges popular motivational practices, and shares anecdotes discussing how to enable action-oriented plans for real-world results.**

Ask Your Developer

How to Harness the Power of Software Developers and Win in the 21st Century

HarperCollins **Jeff Lawson, developer turned CEO of Twilio (one of Bloomberg Businessweek's Top 50 Companies to Watch in 2021), creates a new playbook for unleashing the full potential of software developers in any organization, showing how to help management utilize this coveted and valuable workforce to enable growth, solve a wide range of business problems, and drive digital transformation. From banking and retail to insurance and finance, every industry is turning digital, and every company needs the best software to win the hearts and minds of customers. The landscape has shifted from the classic build vs. buy question, to one of build vs. die. Companies have to get this right to survive. But how do they make this transition? Software developers are sought after, highly paid, and desperately needed to compete in the modern, digital economy. Yet most companies treat them like digital factory workers without really understanding how to unleash their full potential. Lawson argues that developers are the creative workforce who can solve major business problems and create hit products for customers—not just grind through rote tasks. From Google and Amazon, to one-person online software companies—companies that bring software developers in as partners are winning. Lawson shows how leaders who build industry changing software products consistently do three things well. First, they understand why software developers matter more than ever. Second, they understand developers and know how to motivate them. And third, they invest in their developers' success. As a software developer and public company CEO, Lawson uses his unique position to bridge the language and tools executives use with the unique culture of high performing, creative software developers. Ask Your Developer is a toolkit to help business leaders, product managers, technical leaders, software developers, and executives achieve their common goal—building great digital products and experiences. How to compete in the digital economy? In short: Ask Your Developer.**

Beyond Performance

How Great Organizations Build Ultimate Competitive Advantage

John Wiley & Sons **The secret of achieving and sustaining organizational excellence revealed In an ever-changing world where only a third of excellent organizations stay that way over the long term, and where even fewer are able to implement successful change programs, leaders are in need of big ideas and new tools to thrive. In Beyond Performance, McKinsey & Company's Scott Keller and Colin Price give you everything you need to build an organization that can execute in the short run and has the vitality to prosper over the long term. Drawing on the most exhaustive research effort of its kind on organizational effectiveness and change management, Keller and Price put hard science behind their big idea: that the health of an organization is equally as important as its performance. In the book's foreword, management guru Gary Hamel refers to this notion as "a new manifesto for thinking about organizations." The authors illustrate why copying management best practices from other companies is more dangerous than helpful. Clearly explains how to determine the mutually reinforcing combination of management practices that best fits your organization's context. Provides practical tools to achieve superior levels of performance and health through a staged change process: aspire, assess, architect, act, and advance. Among these are new techniques for dealing with those aspects of human behavior that are seemingly irrational (and therefore confound even the smartest leaders), yet entirely predictable. Ultimately, building a healthy organization is an intangible asset that competitors copy at their peril and that enables you to skillfully adapt to and shape your environment faster than others—giving you the ultimate competitive advantage.**

The McKinsey Mind

Tata McGraw-Hill Education **Packed with insights and brainstorming exercises for establishing the McKinsey mind-set, this book is an in-depth guidebook for applying McKinsey methods in any industry and organizational environment. Taking a**

step-by-step approach, The McKinsey Mind looks at the McKinsey mystique from every angle. Owners, executives, consultants, and team leaders can look to this comprehensive treatment for ways to: Follow McKinsey's MECE (mutually exclusive, collectively exhaustive) line of attack Frame business problems to make them susceptible to rigorous fact-based analysis Use the same fact-based analysis in conjunction with gut instinct to make strategic decisions Conduct meaningful interviews and effectively summarize the content of those interviews Analyze the data to find out the so what Clearly communicate fact-based solutions to all pertinent decision makers Capture and manage the knowledge in any organization to maximize its value

The Strategy Journal

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The McKinsey Edge: Success Principles from the World's Most Powerful Consulting Firm

McGraw Hill Professional 47 strategies elite managers follow to reach the highest level of success The McKinsey Edge culls the personal best practices of an exclusive group of managers connected to McKinsey & Company, a firm that services eighty percent of the world's largest corporations. Through a wealth of 47 rigorously selected, battle-tested, immediately implementable, and practical tips, readers discover the secrets to building the self, growing with others,

enhancing process management, and going the extra mile to reach the next leadership horizon. Everyone struggling to accelerate their career will keep this book at their fingertips for its rare, real-world advice for ascending through the levels of management—all of which require specific mindsets and capabilities that only a handful of people ever master.

R for Data Science

Import, Tidy, Transform, Visualize, and Model Data

"O'Reilly Media, Inc." Learn how to use R to turn raw data into insight, knowledge, and understanding. This book introduces you to R, RStudio, and the tidyverse, a collection of R packages designed to work together to make data science fast, fluent, and fun. Suitable for readers with no previous programming experience, R for Data Science is designed to get you doing data science as quickly as possible. Authors Hadley Wickham and Garrett Golemund guide you through the steps of importing, wrangling, exploring, and modeling your data and communicating the results. You'll get a complete, big-picture understanding of the data science cycle, along with basic tools you need to manage the details. Each section of the book is paired with exercises to help you practice what you've learned along the way. You'll learn how to: **Wrangle**—transform your datasets into a form convenient for analysis **Program**—learn powerful R tools for solving data problems with greater clarity and ease **Explore**—examine your data, generate hypotheses, and quickly test them **Model**—provide a low-dimensional summary that captures true "signals" in your dataset **Communicate**—learn R Markdown for integrating prose, code, and results

Mapping Innovation: A Playbook for Navigating a Disruptive Age

McGraw Hill Professional Map the innovation space—and blaze a path to profits and growth Countless books, articles, and other advice promise leaders solutions to the complex challenges they face. Some offer quick, silver-bullet remedies—a straight line to success!—and some are so technical that readers get lost before they begin. Now, there's Mapping

Innovation, a refreshing alternative in the crowded business innovation space. Engaging and informative without sacrificing substance and expertise, this groundbreaking guide provides thorough background on some of the greatest innovations of the past century as well as . It details the processes that advanced them from inception to world-changing products—and shows you how to replicate their success. Business innovation expert Greg Satell helps you find your way by revealing the four models of innovation: Basic Research, Breakthrough Innovation, Sustaining Innovation, and Disruptive Innovation. One size does not fit all, so he provides a framework—the Innovation Matrix—for discovering which “type” of innovation process best suits the problem you need to solve. It’s about asking the right questions, so that you can apply the right strategies to the problems you need to solve. In the end, you’ll have a crystal clear model for disrupting the marketplace, scaling your efforts to propel your enterprise forward, and leverage digital platforms to your advantage. Mapping Innovation offers a simple and accessible but powerful approach to developing a strategy that will put you light years ahead of the competition!.

The Book of Mistakes

9 Secrets to Creating a Successful Future

Center Street **Have you ever wondered why some people seem to catch all the breaks and win over and over again? What do the super successful know? What is standing between you and your wildest dreams? The Book of Mistakes will take you on an inspiring journey, following an ancient manuscript with powerful lessons that will transform your life. You'll meet David, a young man who with each passing day is more disheartened and stressed. Despite a decent job, apartment, and friends, he just feels hollow . . . until one day he meets a mysterious young woman and everything starts to change. In this self-help tale wrapped in fiction, you'll learn the nine mistakes that prevent many from achieving their goals. You'll learn how to overcome these hurdles and reinvent your life. This success parable is packed with wisdom that will help you discover and follow your personal purpose, push beyond your perceived capabilities, and achieve more than you ever dreamed possible. You'll find yourself returning again and again to a deceptively simple story that teaches actionable insights and enduring truths.**

McKinsey's Marvin Bower

Vision, Leadership, and the Creation of Management Consulting

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Values in Sustainable Development

Routledge To enhance sustainable development research and practice the values of the researchers, project managers and participants must first be made explicit. *Values in Sustainable Development* introduces and compares worldviews

and values from multiple countries and perspectives, providing a survey of empirical methods available to study environmental values as affected by sustainable development. The first part is methodological, looking at what values are, why they are important, and how to include values in sustainable development. The second part looks at how values differ across social contexts, religions and viewpoints demonstrating how various individuals may value nature from a variety of cultural, social, and religious points of view. The third and final part presents case studies ordered by scale from the individual and community levels through to the national, regional and international levels. These examples show how values can motivate, be incorporated into and be an integral part of the success of a project. This thought-provoking book gives researchers, students and practitioners in sustainable development a wealth of approaches to include values in their research.

Summary of Ethan M. Rasiel's The McKinsey Way

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Creating Desired Futures

How Design Thinking Innovates Business

Walter de Gruyter Today's society is making great leaps in its effort to obtain ever more and ever more specific know-how in various specialties, with the consequence that the structures of today's companies are become increasingly complex. This in turn leads to problems at the points of interface, which calls for a comprehensive approach to solutions. Creating Desired Futures defines design a creative, analytical method to develop and explore alternative solutions to complex problems, and it shows that design is particularly well suited to the business world's current need

for innovative strategies. In twenty-four essays by designers, architects, and representatives of large companies such as Nike and Shell, the book shows how such a design-based approach can help define, assess, and solve problems for companies. It presents not only specific strategies from actual practice but also innovative approaches from the world of corporate consulting. Essays by researchers and teachers discuss theoretical aspects of the subject "Design Thinking." Michael Shamiyeh is a practicing architect with his own firm (Shamiyeh Associates) and also founder and direction of the DOM (Design—Organisation—Media) Research Laboratory at the Kunstuniversität Linz. He works on the relevance of creative, analytical approaches in architectural thinking to solve complex problems in the area of Strategic Business Thinking and Innovation. Shamiyeh has received numerous awards, including the Innovation Prize (2008) of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research and well as the Future Award (ZuP, 2003) and the Award for Entrepreneurship (2000), both awarded by the Austrian government.

The Thinker's Toolkit

14 Powerful Techniques for Problem Solving

Currency An invaluable resource for any manager or professional, this book offers a collection of proven, practical methods for simplifying any problem and making faster, better decisions every time.

Strategic Thinking in Complex Problem Solving

Oxford University Press Whether you are a student or a working professional, you can benefit from being better at solving the complex problems that come up in your life. Strategic Thinking in Complex Problem Solving provides a general framework and the necessary tools to help you do so. Based on his groundbreaking course at Rice University, engineer and former strategy consultant Arnaud Chevallier provides practical ways to develop problem solving skills, such as investigating complex questions with issue maps, using logic to promote creativity, leveraging analogical thinking to approach unfamiliar problems, and managing diverse groups to foster innovation. This book breaks down the resolution process into four steps: 1) frame the problem (identifying what needs to be done), 2) diagnose it (identifying why there is a problem, or why it hasn't been solved yet), 3) identify and select potential solutions

(identifying how to solve the problem), and 4) implement and monitor the solution (resolving the problem, the 'do'). For each of these four steps - the what, why, how, and do - this book explains techniques that promotes success and demonstrates how to apply them on a case study and in additional examples. The featured case study guides you through the resolution process, illustrates how these concepts apply, and creates a concrete image to facilitate recollection. Strategic Thinking in Complex Problem Solving is a tool kit that integrates knowledge based on both theoretical and empirical evidence from many disciplines, and explains it in accessible terms. As the book guides you through the various stages of solving complex problems, it also provides useful templates so that you can easily apply these approaches to your own personal projects. With this book, you don't just learn about problem solving, but how to actually do it.

Beyond Performance 2.0

A Proven Approach to Leading Large-Scale Change

John Wiley & Sons **Double your odds of leading successful, sustainable change Leaders aren't short on access to change management advice, but the jury has long been out as to which approach is the best one to follow. With the publication of Beyond Performance 2.0, the verdict is well and truly in. By applying the approach detailed by authors, Scott Keller and Bill Schaninger, the evidence shows that leaders can more than double their odds of success—from thirty percent to almost eighty. Whereas the first edition of Beyond Performance introduced the authors' "Five Frames of Performance and Health" approach to change management, the fully revised and updated Beyond Performance 2.0 has been transformed into a truly practical "how to" guide for leaders. Every aspect of how to lead change at scale is covered in a step-by-step manner, always accompanied by practical tools and real-life examples. Keller and Schaninger's work is distinguished in many ways, one of which is the rigor behind the recommendations. The underpinning research is the most comprehensive of its kind—based on over 5 million data points drawn from 2,000 companies globally over a 15-year period. This data is overlaid with the authors' combined more than 40 years of experience in helping companies successfully achieve large-scale change. As senior partners in McKinsey & Company, consistently named the world's most prestigious management consulting firm, Keller and Schaninger also draw on the shared experience of their colleagues from offices in over 60 countries with unrivaled access to CEOs and senior teams.**

Beyond Performance 2.0 also dares to go against the grain—eschewing the notion of copying best practices and instead guiding leaders to make choices specific to their unique context and organization. It does this with meticulously balance of focus on short- and long-term considerations, and on fully addressing the hard technical and oft cultural elements of making change happen. Further, the approach doesn't just focus on delivering change; it builds an organization's muscle to continuously change, making it healthier so that it can act with increased speed and agility to stay perpetually ahead of its competition. Leaders looking for a proven approach to leading large-scale change from a trusted source have found what they are looking for in Beyond Performance 2.0.

McKinsey Management Techniques (EBOOK BUNDLE)

McGraw-Hill Professional Hone your management strategy and skills for long-term success—the McKinsey Way Two books in one eBook package! The international bestseller The McKinsey Way provides a through-the-keyhole look at McKinsey & Company, the world's leading management consulting firm. The McKinsey Mind reveals the hands-on secrets behind the firm's success—and explains how executives from any industry can use those tactics to be more proactive and successful in their day-to-day decision-making. Now, McKinsey Management Techniques combines both books into a single ebook—so you can access valuable management lessons of this legendary firm wherever and whenever you have your eBook reader. **The McKinsey Way—INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER** Get an inside look at how the secretive McKinsey works its magic—and learn how to emulate the firm's well-honed practices in problem solving, communication, and management. This detailed guide teaches you how to think about business problems, solve them, and approach every aspect of a task the McKinsey way. Learn how to: Recruit and mold elite consultants Sell without "selling" Jumpstart research and make brainstorming more productive Keep a team at the top its game Create and deliver powerful presentations **The McKinsey Mind** The McKinsey Mind reveal the ways in which McKinsey consultants consistently deliver their magic—and how you can apply their lessons to achieve exceptional results in companies from 10 employees to 10,000. Packed with insights and brainstorming exercises for honing your "McKinsey mindset," this in-depth guidebook helps you: Frame business problems to make them susceptible to rigorous fact-based analysis Use the same fact-based analysis—in conjunction with gut instinct—to make strategic decisions Conduct meaningful interviews and summarize the content of those interviews Analyze the data to find out the "so what" Clearly communicate fact-based solutions to all pertinent decision makers Capture and manage the knowledge in any organization to maximize its value