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Peaks and Valleys Doubleday

Make workplace conflict resolution a game that EVERYBODY wins! Recent studies show that typical managers devote more than a quarter of their time to resolving coworker disputes. The Big Book of Conflict-Resolution Games offers a wealth of activities and exercises for groups of any size that let you manage your business (instead of managing personalities). Part of the acclaimed,

bestselling Big Books series, this guide offers step-by-step directions and customizable tools that empower you to heal rifts arising from ineffective communication, cultural/personality clashes, and other specific problem areas—before they affect your organization's bottom line. Let The Big Book of Conflict-Resolution Games help you to: Build trust Foster morale Improve processes Overcome diversity issues And more Dozens of physical and verbal activities help create a safe environment for teams to explore several common forms of conflict—and their resolution. Inexpensive, easy-to-implement, and proved effective at Fortune 500 corporations and mom-and-pop businesses alike, the exercises in The Big Book of Conflict-Resolution Games delivers everything you need to make your workplace more efficient, effective,

and engaged.

The Social Brand McGraw Hill
Professional

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Who Moved My Cheese?*, a brilliant new parable that shows readers how to stay calm and successful, even in the most challenging of environments. A young man lives unhappily in a valley. One day he meets an old man who lives on a mountain peak. At first the young man doesn't realize that he is talking to one of the most peaceful and successful people in the world. But in the course of further encounters and conversations, the young man comes to understand that he can apply the old man's remarkable principles and practical tools to his own life to change it for the better. Spencer Johnson knows how to tell a deceptively simple story that teaches deep lessons. The One

Minute Manager (co-written with Ken Blanchard) sold 15 million copies and stayed on the New York Times bestseller list for more than twenty years. Since it was published a decade ago, *Who Moved My Cheese?* has sold more than 25 million copies. In fact there are more than 46 million copies of Spencer Johnson's books in print, in forty-seven languages—and with today's economic uncertainty, his new book could not be more relevant. Pithy, wise, and empowering, *Peaks and Valleys* is clearly destined to become another Spencer Johnson classic.

Introduction to Probability HarperCollins

TURNING THE SHIP AROUND Joe

Ferreira specializes in spectacular turnarounds. However, none of Joe's hard-won personal or professional successes prepared him for becoming the CEO of an organization the

same week it was threatened with imminent dissolution by the United States government. Faced with a toxic legacy culture and the worst performance metrics in his industry, Joe drew upon his most momentous personal and professional life experiences--almost failing out of high school, captaining a boat through the treacherous currents of the Bermuda Triangle, letting go of micromanagement tendencies by delegating critical medical procedures--to keep a lifesaving enterprise from losing its federal certification. A management memoir, the story of *Uncomfortable Inclusion* will intrigue, infuriate, and inspire leaders who are eager to turn their organizations into world leaders. As the title suggests, the book's most engaging and enlightening takeaway is Joe's ultimate commitment to uncomfortable inclusion, a management practice he proves is the single

most important factor for success. Joe's trials, tribulations, and ultimately sustainable triumphs as part of the journey of transforming a company from terrible to trailblazing offers encouragement to leaders on how to best invest in their company to achieve great results.

[The Goal](#) Forbesbooks

The Challenge Built to Last, the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the very beginning. But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? The Study For years, this question preyed on the mind of Jim Collins. Are there companies that defy gravity and convert long-term mediocrity or worse into long-term

superiority? And if so, what are the universal distinguishing characteristics that cause a company to go from good to great? The Standards Using tough benchmarks, Collins and his research team identified a set of elite companies that made the leap to great results and sustained those results for at least fifteen years. How great? After the leap, the good-to-great companies generated cumulative stock returns that beat the general stock market by an average of seven times in fifteen years, better than twice the results delivered by a composite index of the world's greatest companies, including Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric, and Merck. The Comparisons The research team contrasted the good-to-great companies with a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to make the leap from good to great. What was different? Why did one set of companies become truly great performers while the other set remained

only good? Over five years, the team analyzed the histories of all twenty-eight companies in the study. After sifting through mountains of data and thousands of pages of interviews, Collins and his crew discovered the key determinants of greatness -- why some companies make the leap and others don't. The Findings The findings of the Good to Great study will surprise many readers and shed light on virtually every area of management strategy and practice. The findings include: Level 5 Leaders: The research team was shocked to discover the type of leadership required to achieve greatness. The Hedgehog Concept (Simplicity within the Three Circles): To go from good to great requires transcending the curse of competence. A Culture of Discipline: When you combine a culture of discipline with an ethic of entrepreneurship, you get the magical alchemy of great results. Technology Accelerators: Good-to-great companies think

differently about the role of technology. The Flywheel and the Doom Loop: Those who launch radical change programs and wrenching restructurings will almost certainly fail to make the leap. "Some of the key concepts discerned in the study," comments Jim Collins, "fly in the face of our modern business culture and will, quite frankly, upset some people." Perhaps, but who can afford to ignore these findings?

The Cult of the Customer

HarperCollins

Anyone can buy stock in a public company, but not all shareholders are equally committed to a company's long-term success. In an increasingly fragmented financial world, shareholders' attitudes

toward the companies in which they invest vary widely, from time horizon to conviction. Faced with indexers, short-term traders, and activists, it is more important than ever for businesses to ensure that their shareholders are dedicated to their missions. Today's companies need "quality shareholders," as Warren Buffett called those who "load up and stick around," or buy large stakes and hold for long periods. Lawrence A. Cunningham offers an expert guide to the benefits of attracting and

keeping quality shareholders. owners. Focusing on the
He demonstrates that a high benefits for corporations and
density of dedicated long-term their investors, he reveals
shareholders results in what draws quality
numerous comparative and shareholders to certain
competitive advantages for companies and what it means to
companies and their managers, have them in an investor base.
including a longer runway to This book is vital reading for
execute business strategy and investors, executives, and
a loyal cohort against directors seeking to
adversity. Cunningham explores understand and attract the
dozens of corporate practices kind of shareholders that
and policies—such as rational their companies need.
capital allocation, long-term **Playing to Win** Columbia University
performance metrics, and a Press
shareholder orientation—that * Our summary is short, simple and
can help shape the shareholder pragmatic. It allows you to have
base and bring in committed the essential ideas of a big book
in less than 30 minutes. By

reading this summary, you will discover how, thanks to the process he invented - EFCS ("Employees First, Customers Second") or "Employees First, Customers Second" - Vineet Nayar has taken his HCLT company from a company in decline to a model of success. You will also discover that : the process of change begins by accepting to face up to the failures of your company; change starts by creating a climate of trust; trust is generated by transparency in the company, i.e. the circulation of key information, so that everyone can take ownership of their development issues; the inversion of the structural pyramid, by putting functional positions at the service of value creators and not the other way round, leads to a change in mentality in the company; the CEO must not take responsibility for change alone, but must transfer it to all his employees, who create value; simple actions, called catalysts, can bring about major changes and lead to relevant questioning. Vineet Nayar questioned everything after hearing an anecdote from a racing driver. When the brakes fail, the best solution is neither to slow down nor to try to brake by all means, but to accelerate to overtake all his competitors and then to advise on how to proceed. He was in a similar situation: HCLT, the company he ran, was no longer keeping pace with its competitors. He had to make the decision to push

for this change. It is this change and the way it was made that he describes in his book. *Buy now the summary of this book for the modest price of a cup of coffee!

Leadership Vertigo Simon and Schuster

In recent years, emerging markets have come to represent the largest share of global GDP and have made gains in economic development and political influence. In turn, emerging market companies have taken on a new level of importance in driving innovation, local development and global competition. Advancing an

integrative view that captures the diversity of innovation among companies in emerging markets, this book highlights the rapid evolution of emerging markets from imitators to innovation leaders. Building upon research conducted by the Emerging Multinational Research Network (EMRN) in collaboration with several universities in North and South America, Europe and China, this rich and expansive collection includes studies of innovation in regions yet to receive focused analysis in

the field. The authors also re-examine dominant theories of innovation and capability creation based on a broad range of case studies and research insights. Offering a taxonomy of emerging market innovations, this collection reveals the unique drivers, types, and outcomes of innovation in emerging markets.

The Making of a Manager

Business Plus

How to develop an all-star staff, even if you don't know the first thing about managing "Your employees are,

hopeful human beings whose success is at least partly dependent on your skill as a manager, human beings who will thrive with skillful and consistent attention and wither without it." Erika Andersen has helped some of the best-managed companies in the world develop their employees. Now she explains how to stay ahead of the competition by investing in your people. You'll discover that:

- Listening is your most powerful asset. Use it to motivate and build commitment.

• Everything you know about interviewing is wrong. Discover what you really need in a potential employee. • Successful companies hire for keeps. Get people feeling like part of the team from day one. Whether you're a first-time manager or a senior executive, Andersen will help you create a dynamic workplace, where the efforts you make today will blossom into success for years to come.

The No Asshole Rule Harper Collins
"The definitive guide to building powerful brands in today's social era-written by a true industry expert." " Nader Tavassoli,

Professor of Marketing, London Business School and non-executive chairman of The Brand Inside "The new marketing manifesto of today's social era. A book that doesn't paper over the cracks of your marketing strategy (by rushing to social media platforms), but tackles the root issue and challenges and guides you to become what you need to "be" to succeed in this era: social. Within a single decade, the media landscape has fundamentally changed, and with it the way people interact with each other and with brands. Social media has emerged from its infancy-but businesses are still struggling to adapt. The Social Brand will unlock your brand to be successful in the social era. It shows how large or

small companies, nonprofits, and other organizations should stop asking themselves the wrong questions, like: "Should I be on Twitter, Vine, or Snapchat?" "How do I need to talk to people on Facebook and Instagram?" It demonstrates that it's not (just) about shifting budget to these new platforms or creating a "social media strategy"-it's about creating a Social Brand. "In order to be social, you have to give people something they truly value. If you do, they will want to seek it out and share it with others." This way social media isn't just another media channel to drive your message home in; it's an environment in which you can engage in a social relationship. To demonstrate how this works, the book introduces the concept of the Brand Bank Account. This new marketing framework identifies a simple four-step plan that will enable brands to become social at the very core of their business. It identifies what are brand deposits and what are withdrawals, and shows that the more deposits you make-the more you give to your customer-the more loyal he or she will be. The book challenges old "taking" forms of marketing and beliefs; it demonstrates why we should no longer use "positioning statements" and words like "consumer" or "target audience." The book explains why most traditional advertising ends up being a withdrawal from your brand's bank

balance, and it's chockablock with Collins
inspiring giving forms of The definitive guide to working
marketing. The book inspires and with -- and surviving --
guides you to resolve the two areas bullies, creeps, jerks,
business struggle with most: social tyrants, tormentors, despots,
media and corporate social backstabbers, egomaniacs, and
responsibility. Through extensive all the other assholes who do
research of more than 250,000 their best to destroy you at
people on products and brands, the work. "What an asshole!" How
book reveals a way to increase your many times have you said that
brand's likeability by 20% when you about someone at work? You're
define a clear and credible brand not alone! In this
mission and keep it close to your groundbreaking book, Stanford
product. "If you work in marketing University professor Robert I.
and still use words like "consumer, Sutton builds on his acclaimed
target, " and "audience, " Harvard Business Review article
need to hurry up and buy this book. to show you the best ways to
It might just save your job." "Paul deal with assholes...and why
Kemp-Robertson, Co-founder, they can be so destructive to
Contagious
Uncomfortable Inclusion Harper

your company. Practical, compassionate, and in places downright funny, this guide offers: Strategies on how to pinpoint and eliminate negative influences for good Illuminating case histories from major organizations A self-diagnostic test and a program to identify and keep your own "inner jerk" from coming out The No Asshole Rule is a New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today and Business Week bestseller.

Gung Ho! BenBella Books
Written to reflect the realities of today's business environment, Power Mentoring is a nuts-and-bolts guide for

anyone who wants to create a connection with a protégé or mentor, or to improve a current mentoring relationship. Filled with illustrative examples and candid insights from fifty of America's most successful mentors and protégés, Power Mentoring unlocks the secrets of great mentoring relationships and shows how anyone (including those who are well established in their careers, or those who are just starting out) can become a successful mentor or protégé. Based on compelling interviews

from Ellen Ensher and Susan Murphy's own research, this important resource explains what it takes to develop a "power mentoring" network consisting of a variety of mentors across a range of organizations and industries. The authors provide strategies for establishing such power mentoring relationships, outline the best practices, and offer insights from mentors and protégés in a variety of fields including technology, politics, and the media.

Create Amazing McGraw Hill

Professional
Employees First, Customers
Second Harvard Business Press
Good to Great Routledge
Imagine a management philosophy based not upon serving a company's customers, but on serving the company's employees. Vineet Nayar, CEO of HCL Technologies in India, has put such a philosophy into practice with remarkable results. His "employee first, customer second" mantra has been recognized globally as an example of organizational innovation, and was deemed a "new and radical management philosophy" ripe for the

picking in the Western world by Business Week. In this book, Nayar himself describes his blunt refusal to treat the flesh and blood of HCL--its people--as "human resource" or as "intellectual capital" or even as an asset like all its other assets--and how his unique perspective led to an holistic transformation of his organization. By putting employees on top of the organizational pyramid, he argues, your company can fully realize the value created in the interface between customers and employees. This book leads managers and executives through the five core aspects of Nayar's approach, demonstrating how to create a sense of urgency, overhaul incentives and reporting structures, foster transparency in communications and feedback, provide platforms for achievement and personal growth, and finally recognize the potential of every individual in the organization. The "Employee First" philosophy should be the fulcrum of the transformation journey of any organization.

Power Mentoring John Wiley & Sons

In this completely revised and updated edition of the

customer service classic, Carl Sewell enhances his time-tested advice with fresh ideas and new examples and explains how the groundbreaking "Ten Commandments of Customer Service" apply to today's world. Drawing on his incredible success in transforming his Dallas Cadillac dealership into the second largest in America, Carl Sewell revealed the secret of getting customers to return again and again in the original Customers for Life. A lively, down-to-earth narrative, it set the standard for customer service excellence and became a perennial bestseller. Building on that solid foundation, this expanded edition features five completely new chapters, as well as significant additions to the original material, based on the lessons Sewell has learned over the last ten years. Sewell focuses on the expectations and demands of contemporary consumers and employees, showing that businesses can remain committed to quality service in the fast-paced new millennium by sticking to his

time-proven approach: Figure out what customers want and make sure they get it. His "Ten Commandants" provide the essential guidelines, including:

- Underpromise, overdeliver: Never disappoint your customers by charging them more than they planned. Always beat your estimate or throw in an extra service free of charge.
- No complaints? Something's wrong: If you never ask your customers what else they want, how are you going to give it to them?
- Measure everything: Telling your employees to do their

best won't work if you don't know how they can improve.

Driving Loyalty Currency

In today's competitive business climate, you can't just satisfy your customers. You have to be better than that, giving them experiences that they won't forget. Author Shep Hyken has spent thirty years studying great companies and the evangelists they create. In *The Cult of the Customer*, Hyken shows how to design a strategy that leads both customers and employees through five distinct cultural phases - from "uncertainty" to "amazement."

By presenting dozens of case

studies that show how great companies made this journey, Hyken identifies the critical internal and external changes that allowed them to build a Cult of the Customer - and shows how you can do it too. Hyken's message is both powerful and timely: the happier your customers and employees are, the more successful your company will be. The Cult of the Customer is your guide to creating a customer-focused culture that turns satisfied customers into customer evangelists.

Customers for Life Shortcut Edition

Many business leaders love their work and their company, but don't know what else to do to get their employees to love it, too. Their employees may be good people; however, leaders who want their team to become brilliant together are facing roadblocks. In *The CEO's Playbook*, Nora Ganescu shows businesses how to become that exciting and innovative workplace that creates one game-changing success after the other. She also understands the importance of key elements such as dedication, passion, and joy

at work and teaches leaders how to instill these qualities within their employees. If running your company feels more like pushing a huge boulder up the mountain, then you are not alone. The CEO's Playbook can help.

Make Work Great: Super Charge Your Team, Reinvent the Culture, and Gain Influence One Person at a Time Penguin

Are you considering starting an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) or converting your company to an ESOP? Or maybe making the big leap to a 100% employee-owned

company? If you want your company to perform at its absolute peak and you want the people who make that happen (you included) to receive the ultimate financial return—that of an owner—Create Amazing is your practical field guide to creating an amazing company and leaving a great legacy. There are more than 10,000,000 employee owners in America today. The results of employees owning a piece of the pie has been proven throughout American history, even before ESOPs became IRS law in 1974. Employees with

even a small capital interest not the only answer for
in their firms' successes are economic justice but it can be
more likely to stay, have a critical puzzle piece for
greater loyalty and pride, are tens of millions of Americans
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deliverables. Create Amazing
explores how employee
ownership—done the right
way—sparks an ownership
mindset among employees and
can be a catalytic force for
economic prosperity and
corporate endurance.
The Big Book of Conflict
Resolution Games: Quick,
Effective Activities to
Improve Communication, Trust
and Collaboration Harvard
Business Press
From the creator of the
popular website Ask a Manager
and New York's work-advice
columnist comes a witty,

practical guide to 200
difficult professional
conversations—featuring all-
new advice! There's a reason
Alison Green has been called
"the Dear Abby of the work
world." Ten years as a
workplace-advice columnist
have taught her that people
avoid awkward conversations in
the office because they simply
don't know what to say.
Thankfully, Green does—and in
this incredibly helpful book,
she tackles the tough
discussions you may need to
have during your career.
You'll learn what to say when

• coworkers push their work on (are not) and that you then take credit for it • communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work.”—Booklist (starred review) “The author’s friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers’ lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience.”—Library Journal (starred review) “I am a huge

you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit “reply all” • you’re being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate’s loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for Ask a Manager “A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green’s] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others

fan of Alison Green's Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor.”—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of *The No Asshole Rule* and *The Asshole Survival Guide*

“Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way.”—Erin Lowry, author of *Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together*

The Three Signs of a Miserable Job Penguin

The book is written for CEO's, business owners and managers that want to improve the experience they are providing to their customers. Five principles of customer service are illuminated with insightful interviews with CEO's, business owners and employees that consistently demonstrate good customer service. We share illustrations depicting real customer service situations, both good and bad, that bring levity to a serious subject. We also show the financial value

of implementing our principles and Markov chain Monte Carlo by providing the impact to four (MCMC). Additional business drivers and sharing the harsh reality of data on the sad state of customer service.

Global Strategic Management

Harvard Business Press

Developed from celebrated Harvard statistics lectures, Introduction to Probability provides essential language and tools for understanding statistics, randomness, and uncertainty. The book explores a wide variety of applications and examples, ranging from coincidences and paradoxes to Google PageRank