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Prometheus's Child
Amacom Books

Drawing on the findings of the most ambitious national study to date on nonprofit strategic restructuring, the authors provide nonprofit managers, board members,

consultants, and foundation executives with research-based information to use in making tough decisions about whether and how to pursue a range of organizational partnerships—from jointly managed programs and consolidated administrative functions to full-scale mergers. The authors investigate two widespread assumptions—that strategic restructuring leads to greater organizational efficiency and that nonprofit consolidations are similar to

corporate consolidations. Six in-depth case studies of actual nonprofit restructurings highlight the costs and benefits associated with this increasingly adopted course of action, a trend that is expected to remain on the upswing for the foreseeable future.

Managing Business Complexity John Wiley & Sons

How to Innovate and Execute Leaders already know that innovation calls for a different set of activities, skills, methods, metrics, mind-sets, and leadership approaches. And it is well understood that creating a new business and optimizing an already existing one are two fundamentally

different management challenges. The real problem for leaders is doing both, simultaneously. How do you meet the performance requirements of the existing business—one that is still thriving—while dramatically reinventing it? How do you envision a change in your current business model before a crisis forces you to abandon it? Innovation guru Vijay Govindarajan expands the leader's innovation tool kit with a simple and proven method for allocating the organization's energy, time, and resources—in balanced measure—across what he calls “the three boxes”:

- **Box 1:** The present—Manage the core business at peak profitability
- **Box 2:** The past—Abandon ideas, practices, and attitudes that could inhibit innovation
- **Box 3:** The future—Convert breakthrough ideas into new products and businesses

The three-box

framework makes leading innovation easier because it gives leaders a simple vocabulary and set of tools for managing and measuring these different sets of behaviors and activities across all levels of the organization. Supported with rich company examples—GE, Mahindra & Mahindra, Hasbro, IBM, United Rentals, and Tata Consultancy Services—and testimonies of leaders who have successfully used this framework, this book solves once and for all the practical dilemma of how to align an organization on the critical but competing demands of innovation.

Factory Physics CRC Press
 Ten skills for agile leadership

- Complex challenges are all around us—they impact our companies, our communities, and our planet. This complexity and the emergence of networks is changing the practice of strategic management. Today's leaders need to understand how to design and guide complex

collaborations to accelerate innovation and change—collaborations that cross boundaries both inside and outside organizations. Strategic Doing introduces you to the new disciplines of agile strategy and collaborative leadership. You'll learn how to design and guide complex collaborations by following a discipline of simple rules that you won't find anywhere else. • Unleash the power of true collaboration • Learn and master the 10 skills of agile leadership • Apply individual skills to targeted situations • Introduces a new discipline of leadership strategy Filled with compelling case studies, Strategic Doing outlines a new discipline of leadership strategy specifically designed for open, loosely-connected networks.

Fad-Free Strategy John Wiley & Sons

The second edition of this award-winning reference provides step-by-step instructions for establishing and

maturing a project management office (PMO). Concise and easy to read, The Strategic Project Office, Second Edition covers the four primary areas of knowledge and practice regarding the PMO: governance and portfolio management, resource optimization, organizational change, and performance measurement. Winner of the 2001 David I. Cleland Project Management Literature Award from the Project Management Institute, the first edition introduced the concept of PMO as a strategic resource. This second edition adds reporting on cutting-edge research on the status and roles of today's PMO, highlights best practices, and includes case studies of award-winning PMOs. It

explores the various aspects of planning and implementing the strategic PMO and provides readers with an assessment model for measuring PMO practice maturity. New in the Second Edition: New and updated information on the use of collaborative and social media tools in project management New chapters on Project Portfolio Management and aligning projects and strategy New information on using the Strategic Project Office as a strategy management center Updated content that reflects the latest version of the PMBOK® Guide A CD-ROM with time-saving templates and forms The first edition has been the foundation for much of my thinking about initiative management,

and the second edition takes thought leadership to a new level. Crawford leverages years of experience to further improve an already excellent resource. The first edition of The Strategic Project Office sits on the top shelf of my bookcase. I ' m sure that the second edition will have a similar pride of place ... when I haven ' t loaned it out to members of my team as homework. —Paul Ritchie, PMP, Director, Global PMO, Mead Johnson Nutrition, Inc. Praise for the Award-Winning First Edition: ... provides a primer that is first-of-a-kind and best-of-class. Read it. Learn its lessons. Apply them. Improve your organization, your projects, and your global competitiveness. —PM

Network, Books in Focus

The Strategic Project Office

Wolters Kluwer Law & Business

Turbulence is not new to the business world. In fact, turbulence is increasing, and managers are seeing teams spinning their wheels.

Management systems are in a state of crisis and operations are more complex. The old top-down

operations mode no longer suffices. Today's businesses

demand speed and increased accuracy, forcing everyone to re-evaluate chains of command and tear down the walls between

functions. Amid the responsibilities of traditional management lies problem solving.

The push is toward moving decision-making authority down

the ladder to all levels. Managers are no longer equipped to or

capable of making the number and variety of necessary decisions in a

vacuum. The current mode is to have employees deal directly with

workplace issues and take corrective action without

complaint and without management involvement.

Coping with this reality and

preparation for these improvements in workplace problem solving requires interest and motivation.

Strategic Decision Making for

Successful Planning can facilitate this by demystifying and

simplifying the process. The book bridges philosophy and theory and

puts together a practical integration of all the tools necessary to get

results from your investment of time, energy, and money. What is

unique about this book is while it's based on a strong academic

foundation, it does not get bogged down in the human-planning or

psychological process of solving problems. It doesn't provide "pie-

in-the-sky" creative solutions or a five-year process for solving

problems and planning for the future. Numerous techniques and

tools are included to make the book the right balance between

practical and academic. The book also includes an extensive case

study to illustrate points made in the text.

Pandora's Legion Forge Books

Recognized as One of the Best Business Books for 2014 by

CIO Magazine Based on

interviews with more than 150 CIOs, IT/business executives, and academic thought leaders, *The Strategic CIO: Changing the Dynamics of the Business Enterprise* provides insight, success stories, and a step-by-step methodology to transform your IT organization into a strategic asset that drives customer value, increases revenues, and enhances shareholder wealth. The book details how strategic CIOs from FedEx, Procter & Gamble, McKesson, and other leading companies transformed their organizations. It illustrates the methods these CIOs used to become strategic partners that collaborate effectively within their organizations to leverage information and technology for a competitive advantage. The text will help you assess the key competencies and skills required by IT personnel to partner with your business teams to create new and enhanced products and services that create customer

value, increase margin, and enhance shareholder wealth. The book includes powerful methodologies, time-saving templates, proven best practices, and helpful assessments. It also details a four-phase methodology, along with the associated activities and tools, to help your IT organization successfully transform into a strategic IT organization. Gain insight into the four domain competencies and twelve associated skills required to build effective strategic IT organizations. Build your roadmap to success using the transformation methodology described in the text and you will be on your way to making your organization a strategic IT organization. Read Philip Weinzimer 's recent article that appeared on CIO.com.

FCC Record CRC Press
What people are saying about The New How "How are you going to get rid of your Air Sandwich if you don't even

know what it is? Provocative and practical at the same time." --Seth Godin, author of Linchpin "The New How is informative and provides exciting insights because the suggestions are practical and doable. Merchant gets the new reality--leadership fails not so much from flawed strategy as it does from failed processes of engagement from those responsible for implementing the strategy. In high-performing organizations, everyone acts like a leader, and they own the strategy and take actions to ensure its success. If you care about making a difference, read this book." --Barry Posner, author of The Leadership Challenge "Collaboration is a powerful, competitive weapon: this book shows you how to use it to win markets." --Mark Interrante, VP Content Products, Yahoo, Inc. "In a world in which the pace of change is ever quickening, collaboration, not control, is the route to a successful organization. This book tells you how to make your organization collaborative. And Nilofer Merchant's writing is a model of clarity." --Barry Schwartz, author of The Paradox of Choice: Why More Is Less "Want to transform your organization into a collaborative enterprise? Nilofer Merchant provides insightful and practical strategies in The New How." --Padmasree Warrior, CTO, Cisco Systems, Inc. "Merchant's book is a practical guide for the journey from strategy to implementation. The collaborative tools described here can help companies reach strategic success--and avoid pitfalls along the way."

--Tom Kelley, General Manager, IDEO, and author of *Ten Faces of Innovation* Once in a generation, a book comes along that transforms the business landscape. For today's business leaders, *The New How* redefines the way companies create strategies and win new markets. Management gurus have always said "people matter." But those same gurus still relegate strategy to an elite set of executives who focus on frameworks, long presentations, and hierarchical approaches. Business strategy typically has been planned by corporate chiefs in annual meetings, and then dictated to managers to carry out. *The New How* turns that notion on its head. After many years of working with Apple, Adobe, HP, and many other companies, Nilofer Merchant discovered

the secret sauce: the best way to create a winning strategy is to include employees at all levels, helping to create strategy they not only believe in, but are also equipped to implement. In *The New How*, Nilofer shows today's corporate directors, executives, and managers how they can transform their traditional, top-down approach to strategy planning and execution into collaborative "stratecution" that has proven to be significantly more effective. Enhance performance and outcomes by deflating the "air sandwich" between executives in the boardroom and employees Recognize that strategy and execution are thoroughly intertwined Understand how successful strategy is founded in effective idea selection-a pile of good ideas doesn't necessarily build

good strategy Create company support practical decision-
strategy and link it to targeted making. Managing Business
execution, using the practical Complexity is the first
models and techniques complete business-oriented
provided agent-based modeling and

Mastering Strategy Berrett-
Koehler Publishers

Agent-based modeling and simulation (ABMS), a way to simulate a large number of choices by individual actors, is one of the most exciting practical developments in business modeling since the invention of relational databases. It represents a new way to understand data and generate information that has never been available before--a way for businesses to view the future and to understand and anticipate the likely effects of their decisions on their markets and industries. It thus promises to have far-reaching effects on the way that businesses in many areas use computers to

simulation resource. It has three purposes: first, to teach readers how to think about ABMS, that is, about agents and their interactions; second, to teach readers how to explain the features and advantages of ABMS to other people and third, to teach readers how to actually implement ABMS by building agent-based simulations. It is intended to be a complete ABMS resource, accessible to readers who haven't had any previous experience in building agent-based simulations, or any other kinds of models, for that matter. It is also a collection of ABMS business applications resources, all assembled in one place for the first time. In

short, *Managing Business Complexity* addresses who needs ABMS and why, where and when ABMS can be applied to the everyday business problems that surround us, and how specifically to build these powerful agent-based models.

Ten Years to Midnight

Macmillan

Down to earth, real answers on how to manage technology—from renowned IT leaders Filled with over thirty contributions from practitioners who handle both the day-to-day and longer term challenges that Information Technology (IT) departments and their parent businesses face, this hands-on, practical IT desk reference is written in lay terms for business people and IT personnel alike. Without jargon and lofty theories, this resource will help you assist your organization in addressing project risks in a global and

interconnected world. Provides guidance on how business people and IT can work together to maximize business value Insights from more than thirty leading IT experts Commonsense, rational solutions for issues such as managing outsourcing relationships and operating IT as a business Offering solutions for many of the problems CIOs face, this unique book addresses the Chief Information Officer's role in managing and running IT as a business, so the IT department may become a full strategic partner in the organization's crucial decisions.

Strategic Restructuring for Nonprofit Organizations

Academic Press

In today's rapidly changing business landscape, effective decision making and problem solving are critical skills for managers, leaders, and business owners. ' Smart Decisions: Mastering Problem Solving with Strategic Solutions for Business

Success ' is a comprehensive guide that equips readers with practical strategies and tools to navigate the complexities of decision making and effective problem-solving. Through real-world examples, case studies, and interactive exercises, readers will learn how to identify and define problems, gather and analyze information, generate and evaluate options, and make sound decisions. The book also explores the importance of ethical considerations in decision making and provides guidance on developing a decision-making culture within organizations. With a focus on continuous learning and improvement, this book offers readers a roadmap for honing their problem-solving and decision-making skills and achieving greater success in their professional endeavors.

Implementing World Class IT Strategy Gerard Assey

"Daniel Cassidy has written a detailed, comprehensive guide

for managers to understand and succeed at the ongoing process of managing a company retirement plan. If motivating your employees is important to you as a manager, this book is an essential key to your success."

--Josh Gordon, author of Presentations That Change Minds and Selling 2.0 Written by renowned retirement benefits planning specialist Daniel Cassidy, A Manager's Guide to Strategic Retirement Plan Management focuses on current best practices regarding company-sponsored retirement plans within the United States. Filled with in-depth insights and expert advice, this valuable guide will aid managers in applying strategic thinking to their retirement plan management activities--whether it be a 401(k) plan, investing in company stock, or a traditional defined benefit plan. It will also help you to view retirement plans in a holistic manner--ever more necessary given the

unpredictable economy and recent troubles with companies such as Enron and WorldCom. Covering everything from administrative issues to financial and legal responsibilities, *A Manager's Guide to Strategic Retirement Plan Management* will allow you to make the best decisions possible while managing this ongoing process and help you find solutions that best fit your organization's specific needs.

The Power of Strategic Commitment Routledge
Fun to read yet full of powerful business information, this guide provides a comprehensive toolkit for crafting winning strategies in today's competitive environment. *Mastering Strategy: Workshops for Business Success* uses a series of workshops to strip away confusion and present popular and proven strategy frameworks in an easy-to-understand, straightforward, and entertaining manner. Using

everyday language that avoids jargon, the workshops in this comprehensive toolkit help readers identify the competitive patterns of any industry, understand any company's competitive position in its market, formulate a set of strategic solutions for a company, and recognize the risk-return trade-offs of those strategic solutions. The authors cover introductory competitive strategy concepts while also providing guidance for business people intent on taking their strategic thinking skills to the next level. From business professionals seeking to quickly grasp and employ strategy essentials, to would-be entrepreneurs sizing up the potential of their business opportunity, to scientists pursuing commercialization of their inventions, this book is the ideal resource to make each a more effective strategic thinker. *The Strategic Project Office*, Second Edition John Wiley &

Sons

Good Strategy/Bad Strategy clarifies the muddled thinking underlying too many strategies and provides a clear way to create and implement a powerful action-oriented strategy for the real world. Developing and implementing a strategy is the central task of a leader. A good strategy is a specific and coherent response to—and approach for—overcoming the obstacles to progress. A good strategy works by harnessing and applying power where it will have the greatest effect. Yet, Rumelt shows that there has been a growing and unfortunate tendency to equate Mom-and-apple-pie values, fluffy packages of buzzwords, motivational slogans, and financial goals with “strategy.” In Good Strategy/Bad Strategy, he debunks these elements of “bad strategy” and awakens an understanding of the power of a “good strategy.” He introduces nine sources of power—ranging from using leverage to effectively focusing on growth—that are eye-opening yet pragmatic tools that can easily be put to work on Monday morning,

and uses fascinating examples from business, nonprofit, and military affairs to bring its original and pragmatic ideas to life. The detailed examples range from Apple to General Motors, from the two Iraq wars to Afghanistan, from a small local market to Wal-Mart, from Nvidia to Silicon Graphics, from the Getty Trust to the Los Angeles Unified School District, from Cisco Systems to Paccar, and from Global Crossing to the 2007 – 08 financial crisis. Reflecting an astonishing grasp and integration of economics, finance, technology, history, and the brilliance and foibles of the human character, Good Strategy/Bad Strategy stems from Rumelt’s decades of digging beyond the superficial to address hard questions with honesty and integrity.

Smart Decisions: Mastering Problem Solving with Strategic Solutions for Business Success
Harvard Business Review Press
In this explosive new series from New York Times bestseller Harold Coyle and noted military author Barrett Tillman, a new type of war is

being fought by private paramilitary companies at the beck and call of the highest bidder. With the military and intelligence agencies spread thin, the US is constantly calling upon the services of these organizations--and Strategic Solutions Inc. is among the best. Members of Al-Qaida have set in place a vicious biological attack. Men and women infected with the highly communicable and deadly Marburg virus have been sent to major cities and sensitive locations throughout the world in hopes of creating a deadly, global epidemic. The dedicated men and women of SSI, led by former Rear Admiral Michael Derringer, are consummate professionals, nearly all ex-police or military, and are the among the best in the world at what they do. But the mastermind behind the living bio-weapons, Dr. Saeed Sharif, is more deadly than anyone could have possibly imagined.

Spread throughout the globe and thwarting attacks on their home facilities the staff at SSI soon find themselves engaged in a frontline game of ground warfare. And to make matters worse, two infected Marburg carriers are heading straight for the United States. Using every resource it has, SSI launches an all-out search for the walking plague carriers before thousands more become infected and die. Posing a frightening scenario that could become all too real in the near future, and filled with the details of the military world that have made Coyle's books bestsellers, Pandora's Legion hits the front lines of the new war against terrorism in this engrossing, high-stakes novel. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The New How [Paperback]
Berrett-Koehler Publishers
“ Shows how humans have brought us to the brink and

how humanity can find solutions. I urge people to read with humility and the daring to act. ” —Harpal Singh, former Chair, Save the Children, India, and former Vice Chair, Save the Children International In conversations with people all over the world, from government officials and business leaders to taxi drivers and schoolteachers, Blair Sheppard, global leader for strategy and leadership at PwC, discovered they all had surprisingly similar concerns. In this prescient and pragmatic book, he and his team sum up these concerns in what they call the ADAPT framework: Asymmetry of wealth; Disruption wrought by the unexpected and often problematic consequences of technology; Age disparities--stresses caused by very young or very old populations in developed and emerging countries; Polarization as a symptom of the breakdown in global and national consensus; and loss of Trust in the institutions that underpin and stabilize society. These concerns are in turn precipitating four crises: a crisis of prosperity, a crisis of technology, a crisis of institutional legitimacy, and a crisis of leadership. Sheppard and his team analyze the complex roots of these crises--but they also offer solutions, albeit often seemingly counterintuitive ones. For example, in an era of globalization, we need to place a much greater emphasis on developing self-sustaining local economies. And as technology permeates our lives, we need computer scientists and engineers conversant with sociology and psychology and poets who can code. The authors argue

persuasively that we have only a decade to make headway on these problems. But if we tackle them now, thoughtfully, imaginatively, creatively, and energetically, in ten years we could be looking at a dawn instead of darkness.

Signal iUniverse

How to close the gap between strategy and execution Two-thirds of executives say their organizations don't have the capabilities to support their strategy. In *Strategy That Works*, Paul Leinwand and Cesare Mainardi explain why. They identify conventional business practices that unintentionally create a gap between strategy and execution. And they show how some of the best companies in the world consistently leap ahead of their competitors. Based on new research, the authors reveal five practices for connecting strategy and execution used by

highly successful enterprises such as IKEA, Natura, Danaher, Haier, and Lego. These companies:

- Commit to what they do best instead of chasing multiple opportunities
- Build their own unique winning capabilities instead of copying others
- Put their culture to work instead of struggling to change it
- Invest where it matters instead of going lean across the board
- Shape the future instead of reacting to it

Packed with tools you can use for building these five practices into your organization and supported by in-depth profiles of companies that are known for making their strategy work, this is your guide for reconnecting strategy to execution.

DIRECTORY OF CORPORATE COUNSEL. Berrett-Koehler Publishers

In *Prometheus's Child*, the first in an explosive series from New York Times bestseller Harold Coyle and noted military author Barrett Tillman, a new type of war is being fought by private paramilitary

companies at the beck and call of the highest bidder. With the military and intelligence agencies spread thin, the United States is constantly calling upon the services of these organizations--and Strategic Solutions Inc. is among the best. What begins as a relatively simply military-training mission in Chad turns into a high-stakes game of nuclear brinkmanship as the men and women of Security Solutions, Inc. stumble across a plot to extract and ship yellowcake—the base fuel for a nuclear weapon—to any number of countries hostile to the US. The in-country force tracks the operation to a supposedly abandoned remote mine in the desert. They strike, but a convoy carrying the yellowcake shipment escapes their trap. With time running out, the SSI teams must pull together like they never have before to find a ship in international waters and recover its deadly cargo—by any means necessary. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Strategic Decision Making for Successful Planning Harvard Business Review Press
Capable Company provides the “ Rosetta Stone ” executives have been seeking: a systematic way to translate strategy into action. Gives executives a systematic way to translate strategy into action. Helps companies to develop the capabilities that make strategy work. Assembles best-practice strategy execution methods from some of the world ’ s most highly-respected companies into a simple step-by-step process. Enables leaders at all levels to rapidly focus and align their actions, even as business conditions change. Packed with models, key points, practical examples, case studies, self-assessment techniques and templates.
Strategic Project Management Made Simple John Wiley & Sons
Prayer is effective when we observe biblical proceedings and respect the laws of God; it is warfare

against the enemy of our life and destiny. Curses can be defeated and destroyed when we submit ourselves to scriptural truth. Seeking solutions to matters that are curse-oriented demands that one engage the enemy involved in warfare. Wars cannot be fought to finish instantly without major preparations, and the enemy cannot be defeated or destroyed without effective strategies. For those facing this type of conflict

Strategic Deliverance Solutions: Discover and Destroy Ancestral Curses contains the essentials for a rewarding prayer life. Dr. Pauline Walley-Daniels informs, trains, and equips God's army before marching us off to spiritual wars. She writes to the heart of the matter in this guide, based upon the study of the book of Esther from the Bible. She explores the meaning and the impact of curses and considers how to break and uproot curses in the realm of warfare and confrontation. **Strategic Deliverance Solutions: Discover and Destroy Ancestral Curses** explains how to trace the root, and source of affliction. It also teaches on how to undertake a solution-

oriented mission in order to conquer the problem.

Strategic Doing John Wiley & Sons

Although there are countless books available on strategic management, there are few, if any, that supply practical coverage of strategic planning, execution, and measurement—until now. Considering the entire value chain, this book covers the complete process of strategic planning, execution, and measurement. Based on three decades of field-tested experience, **Strategic Planning, Execution, and Measurement (SPEM): A Powerful Tool for CEOs** provides both a consultant's view and an entrepreneurial approach to strategic planning, execution, and measurement. Walking you through the process, it begins by defining world-

class status, visions, missions, business models, and value chains. Next, it discusses the two most important prerequisites of strategic planning and includes a questionnaire to help you evaluate operations, systems, and structure in your organization. The book provides a matrix of 25 parameters for assessing the status of your organization that can help to pinpoint the perceptual gaps between top executives and owners. It includes a strategy bank with 150 generic strategies in the five performance areas of business and identifies methods for monitoring strategy execution that provide early warning signals. It also introduces the Entrepreneurial Score Card, a tool for improving the impact of strategic planning and execution in your organization. Detailing the structure and preparation process for the strategic plan, the book illustrates the financial impact of strategy execution and explains the various financial monitoring parameters used in the performance cards of individual employees. It concludes by describing an entrepreneurial approach to strategic planning and with a comprehensive case study that illustrates the entire strategy formulation process and its conversion into an annual budget. This book is ideal for CEOs, CFOs, COOs, business owners, heads of business verticals, heads of corporate planning or strategy, functional heads, teachers, students, and practicing consultants in the area of strategic planning.