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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The true story of a seemingly ordinary mail carrier whose approach to work and life has the power to transform the everyday into the extraordinary “ This beloved business classic has inspired millions of people over the years, and today Mark Sanborn ’ s transformative insights are more timely and necessary than ever. ” —Jon Gordon, author of The Energy Bus and co-author of The Coffee Bean Meet Fred. In this small yet powerful book, Mark Sanborn, member of the Speaker Hall of Fame, recounts the story of a USPS carrier who introduced himself one day shortly after Sanborn had moved to a new home in Denver. Fred, however, was no average mailman. As Sanborn came to discover, Fred was the kind of worker who exemplifies everything “ right ” with customer service. Did people want packages left on the porch or prefer a notice to pick them up at the post office? Fred made sure he knew the answer. When another delivery service left a package at the wrong house, Fred shepherded it safely to the intended recipient. Others might have seen delivering mail as less-than-glamorous work, but Fred seized the chance to find meaning in the mundane, competing with himself every day to find opportunities to make his customers smile. We ’ ve all encountered people like Fred. In this deeply inspiring book, Sanborn illuminates the four basic principles anyone can use to bring fresh energy and creativity to our work and life: how to make a tangible difference every day, build stronger relationships, create real value for others without spending a penny, and constantly reinvent yourself.

*The Escape of Light* Pragmatic Bookshelf  
In the game of love you can't afford to drop the ball... Zoe's always been shy. At college, to try to help her, her friend dares her to do the craziest thing she can think of... kiss a random guy. She follows Dylan into a room she thinks is a classroom and ends up seeing a little too much of him. She can hardly kiss him now... not when, after their embarrassing encounter and certainly not after he tells her he has a girlfriend. But when he finds out about the dare, the two make a pact... if they ever cross paths again – and they're both single – they'll kiss. Two years later, fate intervenes, and they end up as accidental roommates. Now Zoe's seeing a lot more of Dylan than she bargained for and it's even harder to resist peeking the second time round.

Leadership Skills That Inspire Incredible Results John Wiley & Sons

Shan is dishonest with the storekeeper in his rural Kentucky community, but he feels better about himself after his mother forces him to put things right.

*You Don't Need a Title to Be a Leader* Turner Publishing Company  
Traces the life and influence of the cosmetics innovator, describing his early years as a beautician for the Russian royal family, role in developing the images of leading Hollywood stars, and contributions to the establishment of the retail cosmetics industry.

*Grit to Great* John Wiley & Sons  
Get Fred! You can learn a lot from a mailman! Let Mark Sanborn, internationally acclaimed author and speaker, introduce you to Fred the postman and his remarkable way of making the ordinary extraordinary! Everyone makes a difference. The only question at the end of the day is, What kind of difference did you make? Everything is built on relationships. It is the humanness that makes a business great, not the businessness. You must continually create value for others, and it doesn't have to cost a penny. You can replace money with imagination. The object is to outthink your competition, not to outspend them. You can reinvent yourself regularly. No matter where you live, what job you hold, or what industry you work in, you wake up every morning with a blank slate and you can make your business and your life anything you choose!

*The Encore Effect* BookPros, LLC  
Wall Street Journal best-selling author Jon Acuff reveals the steps to getting unstuck and back onto the path of being awesome. Over the last 100 years, the road to success for most everyone has been divided into five stages that mirror the decades of working life: Your 20s are a period of Learning. This is the decade of trying a thousand things, exploring a multitude of interests, and discovering what really motivates you. Your 30s are a period of Editing. This is the decade of sorting out interests, where you discover what you really care about and who you really are. Your 40s are a period of Mastering. This is the decade of narrowing focus, honing skill sets, and becoming an expert in your field. Your 50s are a period of Harvesting. This is the decade of reaping the benefits of good decisions and enjoying the highest income-earning period in a career. Your 60s are a period of Guiding. This is the decade of mentoring, training, and encouraging others on their own road to success. Every successful person has followed these steps regardless of their occupation. But three things have changed the path to success and erased the decades associated with them: Finish lines are dead – Boomers are realizing that a lot of the things they were promised aren't going to materialize, and they have started second and third careers. Anyone can play – Technology has given access to an unprecedented number of people who are building online empires and changing their lives in ways that would have been

impossible years ago. Hope is boss – The days of “success first, significance later,” have ended. A new generation doesn't want to change the world eventually; they want to change it now through the wells they kickstart in Africa and the TOMS they wear on their feet. The value system has been flipped upside down. The result is that you've got an entire generation pushing down to start over, another generation pushing up to start for the first time, and in the middle of this collision, the tools to actually change the world. Experience years now trump chronological age. And while none of the five stages can be skipped, they can be shortened and accelerated. There are only two paths in life: average and awesome. The average path is easy because all you have to do is nothing. The awesome path is more challenging, because things like fear only bother you when you do work that matters. The good news is Start gives readers practical, honest, actionable insights to be more awesome, more often. It's time to punch fear in the face, escape average, and do work that matters. It's time to Start.

*Evangelism for the Rest of Us* Crown Currency  
STUFF Good Players Should Know may very well be the best book ever written for basketball players. It is conversational and easy to understand, yet filled with subtle insights into the game of basketball. STUFF is page after page of creative concepts, common sense, and special tips that can not be found anywhere else. ? How do you guard a stronger player? ? How do you set up a game-winning steal? ? How do you ?strip? a rebound? ? How do you score with a strong-handed dribble while going to the weak side? ? How do you practice shooting for maximum game effectiveness? ? How do you recognize defensive changes? STUFF is like having a coach right beside you, in your room, discussing the fine points of the games. How do you think in the minutes of the game? How do you react to mistakes? What is your attitude about fouls? Eating? Superstitions? Injuries? All this and more makes STUFF a book that players will find indispensable. Basketball fans will enjoy it, but players won't do

**Fred 2.0** Ramsey Press  
In April of 2000, Gary Erickson turned down a \$120 million offer to buy his thriving company. Today, instead of taking it easy for the rest of his life and enjoying a luxurious retirement, he's working harder than ever. Why would any sane person pass up the financial opportunity of a lifetime? Raising the Bar tells the amazing story of Clif Bar's Gary Erickson and shows that some things are more important than money. Gary Erickson and coauthor Lois Lorentzen tell the unusual and inspiring story about following your passion, the freedom to create, sustaining a business over the long haul, and living responsibly in your community and on the earth. Raising the Bar chronicles Clif Bar's ascent from a homemade energy bar to a \$100 million phenomenon with an estimated 35 million consumers, and a company hailed by Inc. magazine as one of the fastest-growing private companies in the U.S. four years in a row. The book is filled with compelling personal stories from Erickson's life-trekking in the Himalayan mountains, riding his bicycle over roadless European mountain passes, climbing in the Sierra Nevada range--as inspiration for his philosophy of business. Throughout the book, Erickson--a competitive cyclist, jazz musician, world traveler, mountain climber, wilderness guide, and entrepreneur--convinces us that sustaining one's employees, community, and environment is good business. If you are a manager, executive, business owner, or board member, Raising the Bar is your personal guide to corporate integrity. If you are a sports enthusiast, environmentalist, adventure lover, intrigued by a unique corporate culture, or just interested in a good story, Raising the Bar is for you.

**The Fred Factor** Crown Business  
In Pursuit of Passionate Purpose, self-help guru TheresaSzcurek reveals that the real key to a successful and happy lifeis in knowing what it is that you truly desire and pursuing it withdetermination. Based on the everyday wisdom of eighty successfulpeople from all walks of life, along with the practical strategiesshe used to pursue her own passion, Szcurek presents a proven,step-by-step plan for effectively pursuing whatever your passionatepurpose is. By emulating the six strategies/characteristics thatalmost all truly successful people share, you?ll discover who youreally are, what you really want from life, and how to achieve it.

**Seven More Languages in Seven Weeks** Macmillan  
It is not native intelligence or natural talent that makes people excel, it's old-fashioned hard work, sweat equity, and determination. In Grit to Great, Linda Kaplan Thaler and Robin Koval tackle a topic that is close to their hearts, one that they feel is the real secret to their own success in their careers--and in the careers of so many people they know and have met. And that is the incredible power of grit, perseverance, perspiration, determination, and sheer stick-to-it-tiveness. We are all dazzled by the notion that there are some people who get ahead, who reach the corner office because they are simply gifted, or well-connected, or both. But research shows that we far overvalue talent and intellectual ability in our culture. The fact is, so many people get ahead--even the gifted ones--because they worked incredibly hard, put in the thousands of hours of practice and extra sweat equity, and made their own luck. And Linda and Robin should know--they are two girls from the Bronx who had no special advantages or privileges and rose up through their own hard work and relentless drive to succeed to the top of their highly competitive profession. In a book illustrated with a cornucopia of stories and the latest research on success, the authors reveal the strategies that helped them, and countless others, succeed at the highest levels in their careers and professions, and in their personal lives. They talk about the guts--the courage--necessary to take on tough challenges and not give up at the first sign of difficulty. They discuss the essential quality of resiliency. Everyone suffers setbacks in their careers and in life. The key, however, is to pick yourself up and bounce back. Drawing on the latest research in positive psychology, they discuss why optimists do better in school, work, and on the playing field--and how to reset that optimistic set point. They talk about industriousness, the notion that Malcolm Gladwell popularized with the 10,000-hour rule in his book Outliers. Creativity theorist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi believes it takes a minimum of 10 years for one's true creative potential to be realized. And the authors explore the concept of tenacity--the quality that allows us to remain focused and avoid distraction in order to get the job

done--an increasingly difficult task in today's fragmented, cluttered, high-tech, connected world. Written in the same short, concise format as The Power of Nice and leavened with the natural humor that characterizes Linda's and Robin's lives--and books--Grit to Great is destined to be the book everyone in business needs.

The Fred Factor HarperChristian + ORM

In his inspiring new book, You Don't Need a Title to Be a Leader, Mark Sanborn, the author of the national bestseller The Fred Factor, shows how each of us can be a leader in our daily lives and make a positive difference, whatever our title or position. Through the stories of a number of unsung heroes, Sanborn reveals the keys each one of us can use to improve our organizations and enhance our careers. Genuine leadership – leadership with a “little I”, as he puts it, is not conferred by a title, or limited to the executive suite. Rather, it is shown through our everyday actions and the way we influence the lives of those around us. Among the qualities that genuine leaders share: • Acting with purpose rather than getting bogged down by mindless activity • Caring about and listening to others • Looking for ways to encourage the contributions and development of others rather than focusing solely on personal achievements • Creating a legacy of accomplishment and contribution in everything they do As readers across the country discovered in The Fred Factor, Mark Sanborn has an unparalleled ability to explain fundamental business and leadership truths through simple stories and anecdotes. You Don't Need a Title to Be a Leader offers an inspiring message to anyone who wants to take control of their life and make a positive difference.

**The Fred Factor** Grand Central Publishing

Today's leaders often lack clarity and therefore the ability to execute, leaving their organizations mired in the status quo. Renowned leadership expert Mark Sanborn demystifies the essential elements of great leadership and provides a formula for leaders to achieve breakthrough success. Culture, inspiration, and emotion--these are the three new imperatives of the intentional leader. They're the focus of consistent action that a leader must take daily to lead powerfully in the world that is, not the world that was. While every company will approach these three imperatives differently, they're the backbone of a successful company, and they're the essential elements of intentional leadership. The Intention Imperative explains how five very different businesses use clarity of purpose and consistent action to achieve extraordinary success in their given fields. Using their practices as examples, Sanborn shows how they've harnessed the three imperatives and how it's possible to improve your own business by adopting their practices. The larger points of intentional leadership, intentional leaders, and their place in the current world are explained, giving readers the opportunity to spot the parallels in real-world examples. In addition, readers will Discover why motivation isn't enough today, and why employees need inspiration to deliver great results Build a culture that powers the right actions and creates the right results Make a shift in thinking, to design and deliver positive emotions for customers Learn how other organizations have applied intentional leadership principles and achieved breakthrough results

The Fred Factor Quest Books

An authoritative and relevant guide that provides practical advice for how to avoid and recover from burnout and embark on the pathway to thriving. Trapped. Stuck. Helpless. These are the words that people experiencing burnout use to describe their lives, but they don't have to. The words used after extinguishing burnout are hopeful, thriving, flourishing, and powerful. Nearly everyone has experienced burnout. Some have escaped burnout's grips, but at what cost, and after how long? When we find ourselves succumbing to the pressures of today that move us towards burnout, we need a clear path to get out and avoid it in the future. That's what Rob and Terri Bogue have put together - a clear path out of burnout. In the book, you'll learn: - What causes burnout and how to escape - How to more realistically value the results you're getting - When to ask for and receive more support - What four simple physical self-care activities reduce burnout - How to change your self-talk for the better - What to do to manage your demands so you're not so exhausted - How to better recognize your personal value - How to integrate your self-image and reduce your stress - How to identify and eliminate barriers to your efficacy - How to build resilience against setbacks - Why hope is essential - Why failure isn't final - How to be detached without being disengaged Rob and Terri convert abstract concepts into tangible activities that you can do to escape burnout. They convert nearly incomprehensible research into practical steps anyone can take. Intentionally short chapters can be read in only a few minutes, so you don't have to commit to a long book or chapter to start feeling better. "If you need to read one book about well-being, this is absolutely it." - Sharlyn Lauby, Author of HR Bartender

Boyd Baker Books

In Up, Down, or Sideways, Mark Sanborn, author of the bestselling book The Fred Factor, prepares you for life's inevitable cycles of up and down—and, too often, sideways. We tend to be surprised when downturns hit us and treat them as the exception—and when times are good, we act as if they will never change. In this book, Mark shows us what we should always be doing to be prepared for these cycles and events in our lives in order to make the most of them. Mark tells his own story of a downturn he experienced. Then, he identifies the principles and practices that will help you discover opportunities in both good times and bad, in up and sideways years. Mark provides timely wisdom that can't be ignored no matter where you are in your personal or professional life.

Jump Ship Armin Lear Press LLC

The activist and TED speaker Megan Phelps-Roper reveals her life growing up in the most hated family in America At the age of five, Megan Phelps-Roper began protesting homosexuality and other alleged vices alongside fellow members of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas. Founded by her grandfather and consisting almost entirely of her extended family, the tiny group would gain worldwide notoriety for its pickets at military funerals and celebrations of death and tragedy. As Phelps-Roper grew up, she saw that church members were close companions and accomplished debaters, applying the logic of predestination and the language of the King James Bible to everyday life with aplomb—which, as the church's Twitter spokeswoman, she learned to do with great skill. Soon, however, dialogue on Twitter caused her to begin doubting the church's leaders and message: If humans were sinful and fallible, how could the church itself be so confident about its beliefs? As she digitally jousted with critics, she started to wonder if sometimes they had a point—and then she began exchanging messages with a man who would help change her life. A gripping memoir of escaping extremism and falling in love, Unfollow relates Phelps-Roper's moral awakening, her departure from the church, and how she exchanged the absolutes she grew up with for new forms of warmth and community. Rich with suspense and thoughtful reflection, Phelps-Roper's life story exposes the dangers of black-and-white thinking and the need for true humility in a time of angry polarization.

Up, Down, or Sideways Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Time travel is not just science fiction; it may actually be possible. Wolf draws on yoga and quantum physics to show that time is a flexible projection of mind. Cheating time, he says, is an ancient metaphysical idea from the Vedas having to do with moving through meditation to a place where time stands still.

*Walking with Giants* Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

Nine years ago, bestselling author and business consultant Mark Sanborn introduced the world to Fred, his postman, who delivered extraordinary service in simple but remarkable ways. Fred's story inspired millions. Companies—even, cities—were inspired to turn the ordinary into the extraordinary each day. Today, with stiff competition from the networked global economy, delivering extraordinary results is more important than ever. With Fred 2.0, Mark not only revisits the original Fred to gain new insights, but also equips all of us with new strategies to achieve more. You'll not only be inspired by Fred 2.0, you'll also have the tools and strategies to aim higher and achieve the extraordinary.

The Richest Man in Town National Geographic Books

Great leaders embrace a higher purpose to win. The Net Promoter System shines as their guiding star. Few management ideas have spread so far and wide as the Net Promoter System (NPS). Since its conception almost two decades ago by customer loyalty guru Fred Reichheld, thousands of companies around the world have adopted it—from industrial titans such as Mercedes-Benz and Cummins to tech giants like Apple and Amazon to digital innovators such as Warby Parker and Peloton. Now, Reichheld has raised the bar yet again. In Winning on Purpose, he demonstrates that the primary purpose of a business should be to enrich the lives of its customers. Why? Because when customers feel this love, they come back for more and bring their friends—generating good profits. This is NPS 3.0 and it puts a new take on the age-old Golden Rule—treat customers the way you would want a loved one treated—at the heart of enduring business success. As the compelling examples in this book illustrate, companies with superior NPS consistently deliver higher returns to shareholders across a wide array of industries. But winning on purpose isn't easy. Reichheld also explains why many NPS practitioners achieve just a small fraction of the system's full potential, and he presents the newest thinking and best practices for doing NPS right. He unveils the Earned Growth Rate (EGR): the first reliable, complementary accounting measure that can truly leverage the power of NPS. With keen insight and moving personal stories, Reichheld advances the thinking and practice of NPS. Winning on Purpose is your indispensable guide for inspiring customer love within your own teams and using Net Promoter to achieve both personal and business success.

Self-Awareness (HBR Emotional Intelligence Series) Skyhorse Publishing Inc.

John Boyd may be the most remarkable unsung hero in all of American military history. Some remember him as the greatest U.S. fighter pilot ever -- the man who, in simulated air-to-air combat, defeated every challenger in less than forty seconds. Some recall him as the father of our country's most legendary fighter aircraft -- the F-15 and F-16. Still others think of Boyd as the most influential military theorist since Sun Tzu. They know only half the story. Boyd, more than any other person, saved fighter aviation from the predations of the Strategic Air Command. His manual of fighter tactics changed the way every air force in the world flies and fights. He discovered a physical theory that forever altered the way fighter planes were designed. Later in life, he developed a theory of military strategy that has been adopted throughout the world and even applied to business models for maximizing efficiency. And in one of the most startling and unknown stories of modern military history, the Air Force fighter pilot taught the U.S. Marine Corps how to fight war on the ground. His ideas led to America's swift and decisive victory in the Gulf War and foretold the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. On a personal level, Boyd rarely met a general he couldn't offend. He was loud, abrasive, and profane. A man of daring, ferocious passion and intractable stubbornness, he was that most American of heroes -- a rebel who cared not for his reputation or fortune but for his country. He was a true patriot, a man who made a career of challenging the shortsighted and self-serving Pentagon bureaucracy. America owes Boyd and his disciples -- the six men known as the "Acolytes" -- a great debt. Robert Coram finally brings to light the remarkable story of a man who polarized all who knew him, but who left a legacy that will influence the military -- and all of America -- for decades to come . . . The 1% Solution for Work and Life Harvard Business Press  
Seize the chance to be extraordinary. Who has made the biggest difference in your life? Whose words and actions have uplifted and motivated you to excel? Chances are it was someone like Fred the Postman -- so outstanding in his service that Mark Sanborn realized this mail carrier could be an example for any person wanting to be extraordinary. The “Fred Factor” is summarized by four principles that will release fresh energy, enthusiasm, and creativity in your career and life: • Make a Difference • Build Relationships • Create Value • Reinvent Yourself You, too, can apply The Fred Factor to enrich the lives of customers, co-workers, friends, and family members, as well as reach new levels of personal success yourself. Sanborn also shows how to discover and develop other Freds. Why not become a “Fred” yourself? You will turn the ordinary moments of life into extraordinary opportunities to make a difference in the world.