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WANT A NON-CODING JOB AT A TECH COMPANY? Interested in product management, marketing, strategy, or business development? The tech industry is the place to be: nontechnical employees at tech companies outnumber their engineering counterparts almost 3 to 1 (Forbes, 2017). You might be worried that your lack of coding skills or tech industry knowledge will hold you back. But here's the secret: you don't need to learn how to code to break into the tech industry. Written by three former Microsoft PMs, *Swipe to Unlock* gives you a breakdown of the concepts you need to know to crush your interviews, like software development, big data, and internet security. We'll explain how Google's ad targeting algorithm works, but Google probably won't ask you how to explain it in a non-technical interview. But they might ask you how you could increase ad revenue from a particular market segment. And if you know how Google's ad platform works, you'll be in a far stronger position to come up with good growth strategies. We'll show you how Robinhood, an app that lets you trade stocks without commission, makes money by earning interest on the unspent money that users keep in their accounts. No one will ask you to explain this. But if someone asks you to come up with a new monetization strategy for Venmo (which lets you send and receive money without fees), you could pull out the Robinhood anecdote to propose that Venmo earn interest off the money

sitting in users' accounts. We'll talk about some business cases like why Microsoft acquired LinkedIn. Microsoft interviewers probably won't ask you about the motive of the purchase, but they might ask you for ideas to improve Microsoft Outlook. From our case study, you'll learn how the Microsoft and LinkedIn ecosystems could work together, which can help you craft creative, impactful answers. You could propose that Outlook use LinkedIn's social graph to give salespeople insights about clients before meeting them. Or you could suggest linking Outlook's organizational tree to LinkedIn to let HR managers analyze their company's hierarchy and figure out what kind of talent they need to add. (We'll further explore both ideas in the book.) Either way, you're sure to impress. Learn the must know concepts of tech from authors who have received job offers for Facebook's Rotational Product Manager, Google's Associate Product Marketing Manager, and Microsoft's Program Manager to get a competitive edge at your interviews!

INSPIRED John Wiley & Sons

A playbook on product-led strategy for software product teams There's a common strategy used by the fastest growing and most successful businesses of our time. These companies are building their entire customer experience around their digital products, delivering software that is simple, intuitive and delightful, and that anticipates and exceeds the evolving needs of users. Product-led organizations make their products the vehicle for acquiring and retaining customers, driving growth, and influencing organizational priorities. They represent the future of business in a digital-first world. This book is meant to help you

transform your company into a product-led organization, helping to drive growth for your business and advance your own career. It provides: A holistic view of the quantitative and qualitative insights teams need to make better decisions and shape better product experiences. A guide to setting goals for product success and measuring progress toward meeting them. A playbook for incorporating sales and marketing activities, service and support, as well as onboarding and education into the product Strategies for soliciting, organizing and prioritizing feedback from customers and other stakeholders; and how to use those inputs to create an effective product roadmap

The Product-Led Organization: Drive Growth By Putting Product at the Center of Your Customer Experience was written by the co-founder and CEO of Pendo—a SaaS company and innovator in building software for digital product teams. The book reflects the author's passion and dedication for sharing what it takes to build great products.

The Art of Product Management
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"A project has to have a goal, otherwise, how do you know you're done? In the old days of engineering, setting project goals wasn't that hard. But when you're making software products, done is less obvious. When is Microsoft Word done? When is Google done? Or Facebook? In reality, software systems are never done. So then how do we give teams a goal that they can work on? Mostly, we simply ask teams to build features-but features are the wrong way to go. We often build features that create no value. Instead, we need to give teams an outcome to achieve. Setting goals as outcomes sounds simple, but it can be

hard to do in practice. This book is a practical guide to using outcomes to guide the work of your team"--
Publisher's website.

How to Use Empathy to Create Products People Love John Wiley & Sons

Where the Far East meets the Wild West, *Falling Into The Light* reflects the collision of world cultures during the 19th century. When a young Dalai Lama encounters a deeply hurt soul in his congregation, he begins to doubt his abilities as a spiritual leader, and must travel across the world as a disguised layman to experience human endeavors on the American frontier. Only then could he return home as an enlightened spiritual warrior and the trusted leader of his country's future. On this transformative journey, the innocence of youth and privilege are shattered soon after the trans-pacific steamship docks in the San Francisco bay. The Dalai Lama ventures from Chinatown to the White House, where he learns, firsthand, the culture clashes of a nation besieged with greed, entitlement, and opportunity. From his encounters with Irish thugs to railroad tycoons and Black slaves to Native Americans, the Dalai Lama is forced to grow up quickly to survive on the American frontier. However, amid all the fear and fighting, the Dalai Lama also finds true love, and is compelled to choose between two futures in two different worlds. Replete with historical settings, strong characters, and a narrative that reflects the natural beauty of the American heartland, *Falling Into The Light* is a beautiful story for adventurous readers seeking an escape into the past, while exploring the nature of humanity.

[Four Game-Changing Archetypes for Founders, Leaders, and Impact Investors](#)

John Wiley & Sons

Inspired - How to Create Tech Products Customers Love by Marty Cagan. From early startup stages to large redesign campaigns, every tech product company needs to follow an effective business plan if it wants to see long-term growth. Marty Cagan lays out a thorough and conclusive outline for any product manager looking to give his or her organization and infrastructure a boost. Balanced on the axes of innovation, execution, autonomy, and collaboration, Inspired: How to Create Tech Products Customers Love offers advice and guidance relevant to juniors and veterans of the trade alike. Anticipate a certain amount of failure-use it as leverage to qualitatively analyze data and as motivation to keep inventing. Do you want to build winning products? Why read this summary: Save time Understand the key concepts Notice: This is a INSPIRED: HOW TO CREATE TECH PRODUCTS CUSTOMERS LOVE Book Summary. NOT THE ORIGINAL BOOK.

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"Radical Focus is a must-read for anyone who wants to accomplish out-sized results. Christina does a great job showing both the why and the how of OKRs. Avoid the all-too-common mistakes by reading this book first." - Teresa Torres, author Continuous Discovery Habits "This book is useful, actionable, and actually fun to read! If you want to get your team aligned around real, measurable goals, Radical Focus will teach you how to do it quickly and clearly." - Laura Klein, Principal, Users Know The award-winning author of The Team That Managed Itself and Pencil

Me In returns with a new and expanded edition of her landmark book on OKRs. If you've ever wanted to know how to use OKRs, or why yours might not be working, Radical Focus teaches you everything you need to achieve your goals. The author pulls from her experience with Silicon Valley's hottest companies to teach practical insights on OKRs in the form of a fable. When Hanna and Jack receive an ultimatum from the only investor in their struggling tea supply company, they must learn how to employ Objectives and Key Results (OKRs) with radical focus to get the right things done. Using Hanna and Jack's story, Wodtke walks readers through how to inspire a diverse team to work together in pursuit of a single, challenging goal, and how to stay motivated despite setbacks and failures. Radical Focus has been translated into six languages and sold more than 50,000 copies. Now, the second edition of her OKR manifesto proves that Wodtke's business strategies are essential in a world where focus seems to be a more and more unreachable goal. The updated version includes 22,000 words of all-new material designed to help OKR users in larger companies create, grade, and manage OKRs in ways that accelerate success and drive rapid organizational learning. Ready to move your team in the right direction? Read this book together, and learn Wodtke's powerful system for attaining your most important goals with radical focus.

Build Better Products Berrett-Koehler Publishers

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shares the same objective of being the most valuable resource for technology product managers, yet it is completely new sharing the latest practices and techniques of today's most-successful tech product companies, and the men and women behind every great product.

EMPOWERED Speak

From Design Thinking to Design Doing Innovators today are told to run loose and think lean in order to fail fast and succeed sooner. But in a world obsessed with the new, where cool added features often trump actual customer needs, it's the consumer who suffers. In our quest to be more agile, we end up creating products that underwhelm. So how does a company like Nest, creator of the mundane thermostat, earn accolades like "beautiful" and "revolutionary" and a \$3.2 billion Google buyout? What did Nest do differently to create a household product that people speak of with love? Nest, and companies like it, understand that emotional connection is critical to product development. And they use a clear, repeatable design process that focuses squarely on consumer engagement rather than piling on features for features' sake. In this refreshingly jargon-free and practical book, product design expert Jon Kolko maps out this process, demonstrating how it will help you and your team conceive and build successful, emotionally resonant products again and again. The key, says Kolko, is empathy. You need to deeply understand customer needs and feelings, and this understanding must be reflected in the product. In successive chapters of the book, we see how leading companies use a design process of storytelling and iteration that evokes positive emotions, changes behavior, and creates deep engagement. Here are the four key

steps: 1. Determine a product-market fit by seeking signals from communities of users. 2. Identify behavioral insights by conducting ethnographic research. 3. Sketch a product strategy by synthesizing complex research data into simple insights. 4. Polish the product details using visual representations to simplify complex ideas. Kolko walks the reader through each step, sharing eye-opening insights from his fifteen-year career in product design along the way. Whether you're a designer, a product developer, or a marketer thinking about your company's next offering, this book will forever change the way you think about—and create—successful products. [Drive Growth By Putting Product at the Center of Your Customer Experience](#) "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

Project Management for Small Projects shows you how to tailor bureaucratic planning processes to a sleek minimum while still keeping your project running like a well-oiled machine. Managing projects requires time, effort, and discipline, regardless of the project size. The difference between managing larger and smaller projects is not only the amount of time, effort, and discipline but also the processes and tools. For years, this book has helped managers of small projects design scalable processes and simplified tools for immediate use in managing small projects. And since most small projects tend to be similar in structure or outcome, a template for one project can be used for future projects. This third edition has been updated to align with the Project Management Institute's Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK®) and provides new tools, templates, and techniques to support the revised processes. In addition, there is new material on agile project management and on the

essential leadership skills for small-project managers. (PMBOK® is a trademark of the Project Management Institute Inc., which is registered in the United States and other nations.)

How LEGO Rewrote the Rules of Innovation and Conquered the Global Toy Industry O'Reilly Media

"Individuals, acting on deeply held beliefs and passion, are boldly imagining and bringing into existence a different world... Whether you're a business entrepreneur, a social entrepreneur, an investment entrepreneur, or an academic, artistic, or civil servant entrepreneur, devour this important and wise book."—From the Foreword by John Fullerton Responsible entrepreneurs are a special breed, seeking to transform industries and even society itself. They challenge and refine cultural assumptions, laws, regulations, and even the processes of governance. This requires them to do and think far beyond what is usually required of business leaders. The Responsible Entrepreneur offers a blueprint for this new kind of business leadership, describing the means by which any entrepreneur can pursue a higher order of work. In it, Carol Sanford, one of the most trusted names in responsible business development, brings her vast expertise in helping executives and corporations to the entrepreneur looking to launch and scale a venture. She maps this journey through four archetypes: The Realizing Entrepreneur: Industry Game-Changer The Reconnection Entrepreneur: Society Game-Changer The Reciprocity Entrepreneur: Culture Game-Changer The Regenerative Entrepreneur: Governance Game-Changer By understanding the archetype most aligned with their goals, entrepreneurs will learn how to grow their business into

a powerful platform that can leverage change, and even change the foundations that create our most pressing problems and issues. To illustrate these principles in action, *The Responsible Entrepreneur* features case studies based on long-term work and in-depth interviews with Google Innovation Labs, Indigenous Designs (the primary supplier for Eileen Fisher), FishPeople (who supply Costco and Google with gourmet seafood entrees), and many more. For entrepreneurs seeking to pursue world-changing results, or impact investors looking to align their capital with their values, *The Responsible Entrepreneur* provides the frameworks to build a business and to evaluate and direct investments to create the greatest benefit for all stakeholders. For anyone who wants to make a difference in the way businesses affect the world, *The Responsible Entrepreneur* lays out ways to make that aspiration focused and doable.

How to Rethink Marketing for Tech Products John Wiley & Sons

Reveals how the LEGO company was nearly pushed financial collapse by the advice of professional consultants, explaining how the company adapted the "Seven Truths of Innovation" to rebuild a stronger and more competitive business.

Falling Into The Light Berrett-Koehler Publishers

How can you create products that successfully find customers? With this practical book, you'll learn from some of the best product designers in the field, from companies like Facebook and LinkedIn to up-and-coming contenders. You'll understand how to discover and interpret customer pain, and learn how to use this research to guide your team through each step of product creation.

Written for designers, product managers, and others who want to communicate better with designers, this book is essential reading for anyone who contributes to the product creation process. Understand exactly who your customers are, what they want, and how to build products that make them happy. Learn frameworks and principles that successful product designers use. Incorporate five states into every screen of your interface to improve conversions and reduce perceived loading times. Discover meeting techniques that Apple, Amazon, and LinkedIn use to help teams solve the right problems and make decisions faster. Design effective interfaces across different form factors by understanding how people hold devices and complete tasks. Learn how successful designers create working prototypes that capture essential customer feedback. Create habit-forming and emotionally engaging experiences, using the latest psychological research. *Learn from the Stories of 25 Entrepreneurs Who've Built Thriving Businesses* FT Press

Your one-stop guide to becoming a product management prodigy. Product management plays a pivotal role in organizations. In fact, it's now considered the fourth most important title in corporate America—yet only a tiny fraction of product managers have been trained for this vital position. If you're one of the hundreds of thousands of people who hold this essential job—or simply aspire to break into a new role—*Product Management For Dummies* gives you the tools to increase your skill level and manage products like a pro. From defining what product management is—and isn't—to exploring the rising importance of product management in the corporate world, this

friendly and accessible guide quickly gets you up to speed on everything it takes to thrive in this growing field. It offers plain-English explanations of the product life cycle, market research, competitive analysis, market and pricing strategy, product roadmaps, the people skills it takes to effectively influence and negotiate, and so much more. Create a winning strategy for your product Gather and analyze customer and market feedback Prioritize and convey requirements to engineering teams effectively Maximize revenues and profitability Product managers are responsible for so much more than meets the eye—and this friendly, authoritative guide lifts the curtain on what it takes to succeed.

Why Customer Behavior is the Key Metric for Business Success "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

Nudge meets Hooked in a practical approach to designing products and services that change behavior, from what we buy to how we work. Deciding what to create at modern companies often looks like an episode of Mad Men: people throw ideas around until one sounds sexy enough to execute and then they scale it to everyone. The result? Companies overspend on marketing to drive engagement with products and services that people don't want and won't help them be happier and healthier. Start at the End offers a new framework for design, grounded in behavioral science. Technology executive and behavioral scientist Matt Wallaert argues that the purpose of everything is behavior change. By starting with outcomes instead of processes, the most effective companies understand what people want to do and why they aren't already doing it, then build products and services to bridge the

gap. Wallaert is a behavioral psychologist who has led product design at organizations ranging from startups like Clover Health to industry leaders such as Microsoft. Whether dissecting the success behind Uber's ridesharing service or Flamin' Hot Cheetos, he underscores with clarity and humor how this approach can improve the way we work and live. This is an essential roadmap for building products that matter--and changing behavior for the better.

How to Innovate with Minimum Viable Products and Rapid Customer Feedback Harvard Business Review Press

The missing manual on how to apply Lean Startup to build products that customers love The Lean Product Playbook is a practical guide to building products that customers love. Whether you work at a startup or a large, established company, we all know that building great products is hard. Most new products fail. This book helps improve your chances of building successful products through clear, step-by-step guidance and advice. The Lean Startup movement has contributed new and valuable ideas about product development and has generated lots of excitement. However, many companies have yet to successfully adopt Lean thinking. Despite their enthusiasm and familiarity with the high-level concepts, many teams run into challenges trying to adopt Lean because they feel like they lack specific guidance on what exactly they should be doing. If you are interested in Lean Startup principles and want to apply them to develop winning products, this book is for you. This book describes the Lean Product Process: a repeatable, easy-to-follow methodology for iterating your way to product-market fit. It walks you through how to:

Determine your target customers
 Identify underserved customer needs
 Create a winning product strategy
 Decide on your Minimum Viable Product (MVP)
 Design your MVP prototype
 Test your MVP with customers
 Iterate rapidly to achieve product-market fit

This book was written by entrepreneur and Lean product expert Dan Olsen whose experience spans product management, UX design, coding, analytics, and marketing across a variety of products. As a hands-on consultant, he refined and applied the advice in this book as he helped many companies improve their product process and build great products. His clients include Facebook, Box, Hightail, Epocrates, and Medallia. Entrepreneurs, executives, product managers, designers, developers, marketers, analysts and anyone who is passionate about building great products will find *The Lean Product Playbook* an indispensable, hands-on resource.

Lessons from a Silicon Valley Innovator
 John Wiley & Sons

Product management has become a critical connective role for modern organizations, from small technology startups to global corporate enterprises. And yet the day-to-day work of product management remains largely misunderstood. In theory, product management is about building products that people love. The real-world practice of product management is often about difficult conversations, practical compromises, and hard-won incremental gains. In this book, author Matt LeMay focuses on the CORE connective skills—communication, organization, research, execution—that can build a successful product management practice across industries, organizations, teams, and toolsets. For current and would-be product managers, this book explores:

Real-world tactics for facilitating collaboration and communication
 How to talk to users and work with executives
 The importance of setting clear and actionable goals
 Using roadmaps to connect and align your team
 A values-first approach to implementing Agile practices
 Stories that convey realities of product management in the field
 Common behavioral traps that turn good product managers bad

Do More Faster Penguin

Great products are built upon the three pillars of strong customer focus, a culture of agility, and team empowerment. This book explains how to drive product innovation and deliver products that customers love. It's a guide for innovators, leaders, and entrepreneurs, and it includes several interviews with startup CEOs and real-life use cases.

[How to Build Products That Create Change](#) "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

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Product Leadership John Wiley and Sons

The relentless pursuit of industrial efficiency no longer yields the profits it once did because it requires a level of business predictability that no longer exists. Instead, the Internet and global video and telecom systems provide a massive and continuous flow of data that

causes the whole world to behave like a giant stock market, with all the volatility and uncertainty that goes along with such markets. Responsiveness now trumps efficiency. By being responsive to the evolving needs and desires of specific groups of customers, companies can wrap their products and services in a tailored blanket of value-added services to consistently earn an additional four percent or more gross margin than they would otherwise earn for the product or service alone. This customer and market specialization is the most promising and the most sustainable source of profits in our fluid, real-time economy. Part of the Microsoft Executive Leadership Series, *Business Agility* discusses the three fundamental process loops that drive an agile enterprise and how they work together to deliver the responsiveness that generates profits in a high-change economy. Providing strategies for innovative and pragmatic use of people, process, and technology to drive operations in an agile enterprise, this book reveals the principles of the agile enterprise, backed by real-world case studies from the author's own experience. Michael Hugos is a speaker, writer, and practitioner in IT and business agility, and agile system development methods. He writes a column for *Computerworld* and a blog titled "Doing Business in Real Time" for *CIO* magazine.

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your own dreams and ambitions become a reality Discover why Ken Njoroge is building a billion-dollar pan-African digital payments company (it is not because he wants to drive a Ferrari); Find out how Jean de Dieu Kagabo grew a Rwanda-based industrial group from a simple product: toilet paper; And be inspired by the extraordinary tale of Hassan Bashir who created a booming insurance company from nothing but grit and persistence. Each entrepreneur's story is told in an honest manner, not shying away from the mistakes made and the considerable hurdles they had to overcome. And there were many tough times: from being betrayed by long-time senior managers to losing vast sums of money because of poor market research. Pursuing their business ambitions also had a toll on their personal lives: one entrepreneur was too broke to afford diapers for his baby, while another had to sell her house to keep the company alive. MEET THE ENTREPRENEURS 1. Ken Njoroge (Kenya): The long, hard journey to build a billion-dollar company 2. Tseday Asrat (Ethiopia): A modern twist on Ethiopia's coffee culture 3. Tumi Phake (South Africa): Flexing his entrepreneurial muscles to exploit a gap in the fitness industry 4. Monica Musonda (Zambia): Instant noodle pioneer 5. Hassan Bashir (Kenya): An insurance firm created from nothing but grit and persistence 6. Ebele Enunwa (Nigeria): A \$50-million food and retail empire 7. Tayo Oviolu (Nigeria): The entrepreneur who traded in his Silicon Valley life to bring mobile money to Nigerians 8. Navalayo Osembo (Kenya): How to make a Kenyan running shoe 9. Jean de Dieu Kagabo (Rwanda): Rwandan industrialist always hunting for the next big business idea 10. Addis Alemayehou (Ethiopia): Serial

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