

The Startup Playbook By David S Kidder

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Old Friends Jul 01 2020 A Pulitzer Prize-winning author's "touching, funny and inspiring" true story of daily life in a New England nursing home (The New York Times). Ninety-year-old Lou quit school after the eighth grade, worked for the rest of his life, and stayed with the same woman for nearly seventy years. Seventy-two-year-old Joe was chief probation officer in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, holds a law degree, and has faced the death of a son and

the raising of a mentally challenged daughter. Now, the two men are roommates in a nursing home. Despite coming from very different backgrounds, the two become close friends. Focusing on these two men as well as introducing us to the other aging residents of Linda Manor in Northampton, Massachusetts, literary journalist Tracy Kidder examines the sorrows and joys of growing older and the universal struggle to find meaning in the face

of mortality. From the New York Times-best-selling author and National Book Award-winning author of *The Soul of a New Machine*, this is an extraordinary look inside an often-hidden world. "As in his Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Soul of a New Machine*, *House*, and the best-selling *Among Schoolchildren*, Kidder reveals his extraordinary talent as a storyteller by taking the potentially unpalatable subject of life in a nursing home and making it into a highly

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readable, engrossing account.” —Library Journal “Rich detail and true-to-the-ear dialogue let the brave and determined elderly speak for themselves—and for the continually surprising potential of the human spirit.” —Kirkus Reviews

The Intellectual Devotional:

Health Nov 17 2021 In this fourth installment of the New York Times bestselling Intellectual Devotional series, authors Noah Oppenheim and David Kidder have partnered with Bruce K. Young, MD, to offer a year's worth of medical knowledge and wellness wisdom. Each daily

dose in this infectious volume offers insight into the mysterious terrain of the human body and the factors that impact its constitution. Drawn from seven diverse categories, including lifestyle and preventive medicine; the mind; medical milestones; drugs and alternative treatments; sexuality and reproduction; diseases and ailments; and children and adolescents, these 365 entries are as informative as they are functional. From aspirin to the x-ray, headaches to Hippocrates, Viagra to influenza, The Intellectual Devotional: Health will revive the mind

and rejuvenate the body. Sure to please devoted intellectuals and newcomers alike, this timely volume sheds new light on an endlessly fascinating subject: ourselves.

Good Prose Aug 14

2021 The Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning author of House and the editor of Atlantic Monthly share stories from their literary friendship and respective careers, offering insight into writing principles and mechanics that they have identified as elementary to quality prose.

Los Angeles Art Deco Oct 04 2020

Art Deco made its formal appearance in Paris at the 1925 L'Exposition

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Internationale des Arts Dâcoratifs et Industriels Modernes, a showcase for art, architecture, and design that promoted progress, modernity, and the present. The greatest export from this exhibition was a style that has since been recognized as one of the great design movements of the 20th century. Art Deco's growing recognition coincided with the growth of Los Angeles as the entertainment capital. Between the world wars, the city's architecture sprouted characteristic signs of Art Deco: the interplay of vertical and horizontal features, geometric shapes, use of

exotic and modern materials, as well as simplified streamlined forms. This volume's collection of images celebrates Los Angeles's Art Deco heritage, showcasing such structures as Bullock's Wilshire, Sunset Tower, the Oviatt Penthouse, the Wiltern and Pantages Theatres, and many more.-- From publisher description.

The Startup

Playbook Mar 21 2022 Get the real guidance you need to create and build your first startup company from founders who have been there many times before. The first run printing of The Startup Playbook SOLD OUT! So, we revised, expanded,

and improved this second edition, including a new foreword by Brad Feld, author of Venture Deals. We still give our personal, how-to guide for building your startup from the ground up. You'll find a collection of the major lessons and shortcuts we've learned that will shift the odds in your favor. We're sharing our tips, secrets, and advice in a frank, founder-to-founder discussion with you. We make no bones about our bias. We're on your side, the founder's side. While venture capitalists, investors, and accelerators/incubators can add great value in the startup ecosystem, this

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book isn't about their points of view. We'll tell you where our interests as founders diverge from those on the other side of the table—investors, bankers, advisors, board members, and others—and what to do when that happens. The Startup Playbook is not a recipe, it's not a template, it's not a list of tasks to do. It's our insider's guide to starting a company and running it successfully in those critical early months. Between us, we've started over a dozen high-tech software companies and raised over \$500 million in investment capital. We've acquired over thirty-five companies, had

three of our startups go public, sold six of them, and we made billions of dollars for shareholders. We've also invested in over eighty startups, advised and mentored over two hundred companies and actively worked with venture capitalists (VCs), incubators, and accelerators to help launch many other new startups. We've had plenty of failures, too. And we've probably learned more from those than from the successes. We share those lessons as well. The Startup Playbook is full of our advice, guidance, do's, and don'ts from our years of experience as founders many times. We want to

share our hard-earned knowledge with you to make success easier for you to achieve. "This book is extraordinarily fresh and exciting. In an accessible, straight talk fashion, this book is a manual, and an inspiration. The Startup Playbook is smart and avoids the 'I am so smart' over-writing endemic to the genre. Read this as it is presented. You'll be doing yourself a tremendous favor."

—Amazon Reviewer

Liar's Poker Apr 10 2021 The time was the 1980s. The place was Wall Street. The game was called Liar's Poker. Michael Lewis was fresh out of Princeton and the London School

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of Economics when he landed a job at Salomon Brothers, one of Wall Street's premier investment firms. During the next three years, Lewis rose from callow trainee to bond salesman, raking in millions for the firm and cashing in on a modern-day gold rush. Liar's Poker is the culmination of those heady, frenzied years—a behind-the-scenes look at a unique and turbulent time in American business. From the frat-boy camaraderie of the forty-first-floor trading room to the killer instinct that made ambitious young men gamble everything on a high-stakes game of bluffing and deception, here is

Michael Lewis's knowing and hilarious insider's account of an unprecedented era of greed, gluttony, and outrageous fortune.

[A Calendar of Wisdom](#) May 11 2021 This is the first-ever English-language edition of the book Leo Tolstoy considered to be his most important contribution to humanity, the work of his life's last years. Widely read in prerevolutionary Russia, banned and forgotten under Communism; and recently rediscovered to great excitement, *A Calendar of Wisdom* is a day-by-day guide that illuminates the path of a life worth living with a brightness

undimmed by time. Unjustly censored for nearly a century, it deserves to be placed with the few books in our history that will never cease teaching us the essence of what is important in this world.

[A Truck Full of Money](#) Sep 15 2021 "One man's quest to recover from great success"--Front cover.

[The Big Four](#) Feb 08 2021 How did the early Christians leave such a profound impact on their world? And how can we, 2,000 years later, follow in their footsteps? *The Big Four* thoroughly explores four key secrets that not only made the early church a success but also produced thriving

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Seventh-day Adventist churches that are rapidly growing the kingdom of heaven. No matter who you are, The Big Four's inspiring stories and practical, proven methods will equip you to experience personal and collective revival, ultimately leading to powerful ministry and evangelism.

Intimate

Connections Dec 26 2019 Focuses on

problems of loneliness, shyness, and sexual insecurity, and outlines specific techniques,

including self-assessment tests, for dealing with these problems and other inhibitions

My Detachment Jan 19 2022 The author reminisces about

his life, in a profile of a young man coming of age during the Vietnam War, chronicling his experiences as a former ROTC intelligence officer in command of a group of enlisted men on assignment in Vietnam.

The Acorn Method: How Companies Get Growing Again

Apr 29 2020 If you're responsible for the growth of your organization-- as a founder, C-suite executive, or a change agent--you know the landscape is changing. Mature companies invest 10x more than VCs but are growing slower than before. To create real, lasting growth, you'll need a new mindset, one that borrows from not

just the startup world, but also the natural world.

Similar to how oak trees regenerate by dropping acorns that become new trees, you need to grow new lines of business within your existing organization. You need to learn how to build a forest-- not just a bigger tree. Henrik Werdelin specializes in applying lessons from startups to existing businesses to get them growing again. In *The Acorn Method*, he shows you how to create, implement, govern, and scale new business within your organization. You'll get the step-by-step process, the philosophy behind it, as well as case

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studies of businesses that have grown using this method. By learning how to create "acorns" in your business, you'll create longevity and ensure that other trees don't grow quicker and steal your sunlight.

The Soul of A New Machine Feb 20 2022 Pulitzer Prize winner Tracy Kidder memorably records the drama, comedy, and excitement of one company's efforts to bring a new microcomputer to market. Computers have changed since 1981, when *The Soul of a New Machine* first examined the culture of the computer revolution. What has not changed is

the feverish pace of the high-tech industry, the go-for-broke approach to business that has caused so many computer companies to win big (or go belly up), and the cult of pursuing mind-bending technological innovations. *The Soul of a New Machine* is an essential chapter in the history of the machine that revolutionized the world in the twentieth century.

The Start-up J Curve Sep 22 2019 A predictable pattern of success Entrepreneurs who have read early drafts of "The Start-Up J Curve" responded, "I wish I had this book years ago." A start-up unfolds in a

predictable pattern; the more aware entrepreneurs are of this pattern, the better able they will be to capitalize on it. Author Howard Love calls this pattern the start-up J Curve: The toughest part of the endeavor is the time between the actual start of a new business and when the product and model are firmly established. "The Start-Up J Curve" gives entrepreneurs the tools they need to get through the early challenges so they can reach the primary value creation that lies beyond. Love brings thirty-five years of start-up experience to this comprehensive guide to starting a

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business. He outlines the six predictable stages of start-up growth and details the activities that should be undertaken at each stage to ensure success and to avoid common pitfalls. Instead of feeling lost and confused after a setback, start-up founders and investors can anticipate the challenges, overcome the obstacles, and ride the curve to the top."

Kramer Anniversary Volume Mar 29 2020

The Intellectual Devotional: American History Jul 25 2022 A year's worth of daily readings from the secular arena provides subject

matter for intellectual growth and advancement, in a volume that features passages from the rich annals of American history, capturing pivotal events, biographical profiles, and words of wisdom from such important figures as Thomas Jefferson, Ben Franklin, and Martin Luther King, Jr., among others. 250,000 first printing.

Full Moon over Noah's Ark Oct 16 2021 Acclaimed travel writer Rick Antonson sets his adventurous compass on Mount Ararat, exploring the region's long history, religious mysteries, and complex politics. Mount Ararat is the most fabled mountain in the

world. For millennia this massif in eastern Turkey has been rumored as the resting place of Noah's Ark following the Great Flood. But it also plays a significant role in the longstanding conflict between Turkey and Armenia. Author Rick Antonson joined a five-member expedition to the mountain's nearly 17,000-foot summit, trekking alongside a contingent of Armenians, for whom Mount Ararat is the stolen symbol of their country. Antonson weaves vivid historical anecdote with unexpected travel vignettes, whether tracing earlier mountaineering

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attempts on the peak, recounting the genocide of Armenians and its unresolved debate, or depicting the Kurds' ambitions for their own nation's borders, which some say should include Mount Ararat. What unfolds in Full Moon Over Noah's Ark is one man's odyssey, a tale told through many stories. Starting with the flooding of the Black Sea in 5600 BCE, through to the Epic of Gilgamesh and the contrasting narratives of the Great Flood known to followers of the Judaic, Christian and Islamic religions, Full Moon Over Noah's Ark takes readers along with Antonson through the

shadows and broad landscapes of Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Armenia, shedding light on a troubled but fascinating area of the world. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller,

we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

Anti-Neutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibody (ANCA) Associated

Vasculitis Dec 06 2020 This volume, written by well-known experts in the field, covers all aspects of Anti-Neutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibody (ANCA) Associated Vasculitis (AAV). The expression refers to a group of diseases, characterized by destruction and inflammation of small vessels. The clinical signs vary and affect several organs, such as the kidney, lung, skin,

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nervous system and others. The opening chapters give some historical hints, explain the genetic basis of the disease and provide insights into the pathogenesis derived from recent experimental studies and guides the reader through classification and nomenclature. A large part of the book is then devoted to a detailed description of the specific related diseases and their clinical presentations, the disease course, and potential complications. The advice regarding treatment is based on the best currently available evidence in this constantly evolving area. The book is part of Springer's

series Rare Diseases of the Immune System, which presents recently acquired knowledge on pathogenesis, diagnosis, and therapy with the aim of promoting a more holistic approach to these conditions. AAVs are systemic autoimmune diseases of unknown cause that affect small (to medium) sized blood vessels. They include granulomatosis with polyangiitis (formerly Wegener's granulomatosis), microscopic polyangiitis, and eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (formerly Churg–Strauss syndrome). This

volume will be an invaluable source of up-to-date information for all practitioners involved in the care of patients with these diseases.

The Freaks Shall Inherit the Earth

Jun 19 2019 Do you ever wonder where you fit in? Do you sometimes get that feeling that you have something much bigger to offer the universe, but then it fills you with fear and anxiety, so you think maybe I'll just pay it safe? But what is safe? The factory job? The cubicle job? Factories all over have been converted to open spaces for startups. Skyscrapers have entire floors open for lease because the "same as

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everyone else” class of jobs have dried up. Many of us were raised to seek out a job that required us to fit in, to conform, to adapt until we fit the mold. The Freaks Shall Inherit The Earth is a guide for the kind of person who wouldn’t normally pick up a business book. The personal business revolution is upon us. Here’s your recipe book for starting your revolutionary business, including some of what you will learn: How to be as weird as you want while providing a viable business structure to support it What most people are missing from the basic frameworks of doing business How to turn passions

into businesses How to build out the Digital Channel What Kickstarter and Square mean for the future of business) Take the plunge. Learn to fail and then win. Dare to do something that “everyone else” doesn’t. The Freaks Shall Inherit the Earth will help. Bestselling author and successful entrepreneur Chris Brogan explains step-by-step how to build your business from the ground up, all without compromising the unique mindset and personal values that make you a freak in the first place. **The Intellectual Devotional Biographies** Mar 09 2021 Presents a year's worth of profiles on many of

the world's most celebrated personalities, from leaders and artists to philosophers and villains, to assess how each of them played significant historical roles. *Resilience* Oct 24 2019 The Navy SEAL, humanitarian and best-selling author of *The Heart and the Fist* draws on ancient wisdom and personal experience to counsel readers on how to promote personal resilience and overcome obstacles through positive action. 100,000 first printing. *The Kids' Book of Chess* Jun 12 2021 Traces the history of chess, describes the pieces and how they move, and discusses the strategy of the

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game.
New to Big Oct 28
2022 Serial
entrepreneurs
David Kidder and
Christina Wallace
reveal their
revolutionary
playbook for
igniting growth
inside established
companies. Most
established
companies face a
key survival
challenge, says
David Kidder, CEO
of Bionic, lifelong
entrepreneur, and
angel investor in
more than thirty
startups:
operational
efficiency and
outdated
bureaucracy are at
war with new
growth. Legacy
companies are
skilled at growing
big businesses into
even bigger ones.
But they are less
adept at

discovering new
opportunities and
turning them into
big businesses, the
way entrepreneurs
and early-stage
investors must. In
New to Big, Kidder
and Wallace reveal
their proprietary
blueprint for
installing a
permanent growth
capability inside
any company--the
Growth Operating
System. The
Growth OS borrows
the best tools,
systems, and mind-
sets from
entrepreneurship
and venture capital
and adapts them for
established
organizations,
leveraging these
two distinct skills
as a form of
management for
building in a future
that is uncertain.
By focusing on what
consumers do

rather than what
they say,
celebrating
productive failure,
embracing a
portfolio approach,
and learning from
the outside-in,
Kidder and Wallace
argue any company
can go on offense
and win the future.
This isn't about a
one-off innovation
moonshot. It's
about building a
permanent ladder
to the moon.
**Saints, Sufferers,
and Sinners** Feb
26 2020 A friend
feels rejected. A
counselee is angry.
A church member's
child is ill. You want
to help, but where
do you begin?
Author and
counselor Michael
R. Emler outlines a
model of one-
another ministry
based on how God
sees and loves his

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people primarily as saints, while bringing comfort to the sufferer, and faithfully speaking truth to the sinner. Filled with everyday illustrations as well as counseling examples, Emlet demonstrates what it looks like to approach fellow believers simultaneously as saints, sufferers, and sinners. Emlet unpacks Scripture and draws on his many years of counseling experience to help counselors, pastors, and friends love others wisely and well. As part of CCEF's Helping the Helper series, this guide for ministry provides an overall framework for wisely helping any person by loving

others in the same way that God loves us.

The Bedside Baccalaureate Jul 21 2019 Presents the essential facts and brief discussions about a variety of miscellaneous topics, divided into twenty sections and covering such fields of study as history, religion, social sciences, engineering, economics, and philosophy.

[The Write-Brain Workbook](#) Nov 24 2019 Banish the Blank Page! You're seated at your desk, fingers poised above the keyboard, ready to write...but the words aren't coming. You're tapped out--or worse, burnt out. The blank page strikes again. Never

fear. If you're battling writer's block, or if you're just looking for ways to flex your creative writing muscles, *The Write-Brain Workbook Revised & Expanded* will ensure that you never have to face another wordless day. Brimming with 400 stimulating writing prompts--including more than 60 exercises new to this edition--you'll create quirky characters, discover fresh twists on classic word games, sample new forms, and generate scores of ideas for poems, short stories, articles, and even novels. Write, scrawl, scribble, and dream on each page--the possibilities for

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creativity are endless! The Write-Brain Workbook will help you: Write without the pressure of preconceived expectations .Tailor your unique writing process. Build the momentum of a quick, daily writing practice. Apply the breakthroughs from your daily practice to your real writing. Expand how you see yourself as a writer. Experiment with different ways to approach writing. Affirm your commitment to being a writer. With Take the Next Step prompts for each exercise, repeating exercises you can return to again and again, and creativity-jolting illustrations, The Write-Brain Workbook is bigger

and better than ever. Whether you love the pure joy of writing or are just getting started, these vibrant pages give you the means to hone your writing skills, conquer writer's block--and have fun in the process!

The Intellectual Devotional Sep 27 2022 This daily digest of intellectual challenge and learning will arouse curiosity, refresh knowledge, expand horizons, and keep the mind sharp Millions of Americans keep bedside books of prayer and meditative reflection—collections of daily passages to stimulate spiritual thought and advancement. The Intellectual

Devotional is a secular version of the same—a collection of 365 short lessons that will inspire and invigorate the reader every day of the year. Each daily digest of wisdom is drawn from one of seven fields of knowledge: history, literature, philosophy, mathematics and science, religion, fine arts, and music. Impress your friends by explaining Plato's Cave Allegory, pepper your cocktail party conversation with opera terms, and unlock the mystery of how batteries work. Daily readings range from important passages in literature to basic principles of

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physics, from pivotal events in history to images of famous paintings with accompanying analysis. The book's goal is to refresh knowledge we've forgotten, make new discoveries, and exercise modes of thinking that are ordinarily neglected once our school days are behind us. Offering an escape from the daily grind to contemplate higher things, *The Intellectual Devotional* is a great way to awaken in the morning or to revitalize one's mind before retiring in the evening. *Mountains Beyond Mountains* Jul 13 2021 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • “[A] masterpiece . . . an

astonishing book that will leave you questioning your own life and political views.”—USA Today “If any one person can be given credit for transforming the medical establishment’s thinking about health care for the destitute, it is Paul Farmer. . . . [Mountains Beyond Mountains] inspires, discomforts, and provokes.”—The New York Times (Best Books of the Year) In medical school, Paul Farmer found his life’s calling: to cure infectious diseases and to bring the lifesaving tools of modern medicine to those who need them most. Tracy Kidder’s magnificent

account shows how one person can make a difference in solving global health problems through a clear-eyed understanding of the interaction of politics, wealth, social systems, and disease. Profound and powerful, *Mountains Beyond Mountains* takes us from Harvard to Haiti, Peru, Cuba, and Russia as Farmer changes people’s minds through his dedication to the philosophy that “the only real nation is humanity.” WINNER OF THE LETTRE ULYSSES AWARD FOR THE ART OF REPORTAGE This deluxe paperback edition includes a new Epilogue by the author

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Playbook Aug 26
2022 Outlines the managerial decisions and leadership goals that guide a startup business to success, and provides tips and advice from the founders of such companies as Spanx, Zipcar, Flickr, Honest Tea, and LinkedIn.

Amazing Grace

Nov 05 2020
Amazing Grace tells the story of the remarkable life of the British abolitionist William Wilberforce (1759-1833). This accessible biography chronicles Wilberforce's extraordinary role as a human rights activist, cultural reformer, and member of Parliament. At the center of this heroic

life was a passionate twenty-year fight to abolish the British slave trade, a battle Wilberforce won in 1807, as well as efforts to abolish slavery itself in the British colonies, a victory achieved just three days before his death in 1833. Metaxas discovers in this unsung hero a man of whom it can truly be said: he changed the world. Before Wilberforce, few thought slavery was wrong. After Wilberforce, most societies in the world came to see it as a great moral wrong. To mark the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the British slave trade, HarperSanFrancisco and Bristol Bay Productions have

joined together to commemorate the life of William Wilberforce with the feature-length film *Amazing Grace* and this companion biography, which provides a fuller account of the amazing life of this great man than can be captured on film. This account of Wilberforce's life will help many become acquainted with an exceptional man who was a hero to Abraham Lincoln and an inspiration to the anti-slavery movement in America.

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twenty sections and covering such fields of study as philosophy, social science, art, history, religion, economics, and English literature.

The Intellectual Devotional:

Biographies Jun 24 2022 The fifth installment of the bestselling Intellectual Devotional series features 365 captivating entries about the most celebrated personalities in history. Like its compulsively readable predecessors, The Intellectual Devotional Biographies is organized into seven categories, one for each day of the week. With their trademark wit and style, authors

David Kidder and Noah Oppenheim offer an array of fascinating facts about major figures from Atilla the Hun to Desmond Tutu. In this daily devotional, you will learn about: • authors and artists, from Homer and Ovid to Oscar Wilde and Virginia Woolf • leaders, such as Queen Elizabeth I, Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, and Napoleon Bonaparte • innovators, from Johannes Gutenberg to Isaac Newton to Werner Heisenberg • philosophers, including Socrates, Epicurus, Friedrich Nietzsche, and Jean-Paul Sartre • rebels and reformers, from Joan of Arc and Spartacus to Galileo

and Che Guevara • preachers and prophets, including Lao-tzu, John the Baptist, Martin Luther, and Gandhi • villains, such as Benedict Arnold, Genghis Khan, Ivan the Terrible, and Jack the Ripper This volume shares the personal histories, accomplishments, and troubles of 365 people who have left an indelible mark on the world. The Bibliophile's Devotional Jan 07 2021 What better way to start a day than with inspiration from a literary classic? Now you can do just that. In this book, praised author and critic Hallie Ephron delivers a daily dose of literary knowledge. A

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brilliant companion to the canon of great literature, it's perfect for anyone who wants a novel way to energize each day. Ephron's work is a secular twist on the traditional devotional and provides concise plot summaries, sketches of standout characters, quotations you should know, and more about hundreds of books by tried-and-true authors as well as new literary voices. Whether it's coffee with Austen, a quick lunch with Faulkner, or an end-of-the-day jolt with Chabon, this book proves a good source of daily inspiration.

The Best Life Ain't

Easy Apr 22 2022

There are books that make you laugh. There are books that make you cry. There are books that teach you how to live day by day in a fallen world. The Best Life Ain't Easy is all of them! This is what Virelle has to say: "This is the story of my life before [and after] Christ, growing up in the average American dysfunctional family. My father, whom I loved dearly, suffered from an untreated mental illness and alcoholism, eventually leaving my mother, brother, and me when I was seven. He died when I was twelve. My mother sought normalcy; I sought the brass ring."

Almost instantly at age 25, I met Christ, and He spoiled everything. "Life is better caught than taught. As a woman of any age, you will identify with life, in some manner, as Virelle knew it. And by the end of the story, you will hopefully identify with Jesus!"

Moral Courage

Sep 03 2020 Why did a group of teenagers watch a friend die instead of putting their own reputations at risk? Why did a top White House official decide to come clean and accept a prison sentence during Watergate? Why did a finance executive turn down millions out of respect for her employer? Why are some willing to risk

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their futures to uphold principles? What gives us the strength to stand up for what we believe? As these questions suggest, the topic of moral courage is front and center in today's culture. Enron, Arthur Andersen, the U.S. Olympic Committee, abusive priests, cheating students, domestic violence -- all these remind us that taking ethical stands should be a higher priority in our culture. Why, when people discern wrongdoing, are they sometimes unready, unable, or unwilling to act? In a book rich with examples, Rushworth Kidder reveals that moral courage is the bridge between

talking ethics and doing ethics. Defining it as a readiness to endure danger for the sake of principle, he explains that the courage to act is found at the intersection of three elements: action based on core values, awareness of the risks, and a willingness to endure necessary hardship. By exploring how moral courage spurs us to strive for core values, he demonstrates the benefits of ethical action to the individual and to society -- and the severe consequences that can result from remaining morally dormant. Moral Courage puts indispensable

concepts and tools into our hands, equipping us to respond to the increasingly complicated moral challenges we face at work, at home, and in our communities. It enables us to make clear, confident decisions by exploring some litmus-test questions: Is the benefit worth the risk? Am I motivated by my desire to uphold my beliefs or just to impose them on others? Will my actions create collateral damage among those with no stake in the outcome? While physical courage may no longer be a necessary survival skill or an essential rite of passage out of childhood, few

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would dispute the growing need for moral courage as the true gauge of maturity. Treating this subject not as an esoteric branch of philosophy but as a practical necessity for modern life, Kidder deftly leads us to a clear understanding of what moral courage is, what it does, and how to get it.

The Daily Book of Art Dec 18 2021 In today's fast-paced world, creative people are as eager as ever to pursue their artistic passions, but many of them simply don't have enough time. Catering to this modern dilemma, we've concocted the perfect remedy for over-burdened artists. The Daily

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gained control of your life asks Powlison. The answer is yes, as you will see from this interview with a man called Bob, who experienced Christ's deliverance in this part of his life.

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Entrepreneurs who dream of building the next Amazon, Facebook, or Google can take advantage of one of the most powerful economic engines the world has ever known: venture capital. To do so, you need to woo, impress, and persuade venture capitalists to take a risk on an unproven idea. That task is challenge enough. But choosing the right investor can be harder still.

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