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'Draws on ingenious insights and lessons from nature to emphasize the importance of imbibing, developing, listening to and trusting your intuition - increasingly becoming a differentiator in senior circles - to develop the confidence to take that leap of faith which every risk-bearing decision entails' - Ratan Tata Managers can become like stunted plants. The absence of intuition - or its inadequate use - has the effect of constricting a manager. The Case of the Bonsai Manager is the perfect antidote for every manager who feels they are not achieving their full potential. Effective leadership is not just about hard facts but also about listen-

ing to, and using, your intuition. Using anecdotes from nature and the world of management, R. Gopalakrishnan explores how you can be more intuitive, inclusive and humane. The revised and updated edition of this best-selling book, with its easy-to-read anecdotal style, has additional material to reinforce the key messages, including a new self-help workbook. 'Exceptional . . . R. Gopalakrishnan is a formidable writer and manager' - Economic Times 'One of the most refreshing and useful books on management that I have read in many years' - Business Today

"Knowing the tools of social media is a must for successful marketing these days, but the real promise of social media is the way

it can teach us a whole new way of doing business. Humanize takes the principles underlying social media's growth and applies them to the way we lead and manage our organizations"--Back cover.

Kalidasa is the major poet and dramatist of classical Sanskrit literature - a many-sided talent of extraordinary scope and exquisite language. His great poem, Meghadutam (The Cloud Messenger), tells of a divine being, punished for failing in his sacred duties with a years' separation from his beloved. A work of subtle emotional nuances, it is a haunting depiction of longing and separation. The play Sakuntala describes the troubled love between a Lady of Nature and King Duhsanta. This beautiful blend of romance and comedy, transports its audience into an enchanted world in which mortals mingle with gods. And Kalidasa's poem Rtusamharam (The Gathering of the Seasons) is an exuberant observation of the sheer variety of the natural world, as it teems with the energies of the great god Siva.

A bestselling dystopian novel that tackles surveillance, privacy and the frightening intrusions of technology in our lives—a “compulsively readable parable for the 21st century” (Vanity Fair). When Mae Holland is hired to work for the Circle, the world’s most powerful internet company, she feels she’s been given the opportunity of a lifetime. The Circle, run out of a sprawling California campus, links users’ personal emails, social media, banking, and purchasing with their universal operating system, resulting in one online identity and a new age of civility and transparency. As Mae tours the open-plan office spaces, the towering glass dining facilities, the cozy dorms for those who spend nights at work, she is thrilled with the company’s modernity and activity. There are

parties that last through the night, there are famous musicians playing on the lawn, there are athletic activities and clubs and brunches, and even an aquarium of rare fish retrieved from the Marianas Trench by the CEO. Mae can’t believe her luck, her great fortune to work for the most influential company in the world—even as life beyond the campus grows distant, even as a strange encounter with a colleague leaves her shaken, even as her role at the Circle becomes increasingly public. What begins as the captivating story of one woman’s ambition and idealism soon becomes a heart-racing novel of suspense, raising questions about memory, history, privacy, democracy, and the limits of human knowledge.

R. Gopalakrishnan, the bestselling author of *The Case of the Bonsai Manager*, explores how concepts turn into ideas, which then become prototypes, models and products. Defining thought as the ancestor of innovation; as without thought, there could be no innovation, he explores the impending questions such as - What happens next? How can you take on challenges and keep your ideas relevant? *The Biography of Innovation* is the definitive book on the life cycle of new ideas and transformations.

“[A]n excellent book...” —The Economist Financial Times Asia editor David Pilling presents a fresh vision of Japan, drawing on his own deep experience, as well as observations from a cross section of Japanese citizenry, including novelist Haruki Murakami, former prime minister Junichiro Koizumi, industrialists and bankers, activists and artists, teenagers and octogenarians. Through their voices, Pilling's *Bending Adversity* captures the dynamism and diversity of contemporary Japan. Pilling’s exploration begins

with the 2011 triple disaster of earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear meltdown. His deep reporting reveals both Japan's vulnerabilities and its resilience and pushes him to understand the country's past through cycles of crisis and reconstruction. Japan's survivalist mentality has carried it through tremendous hardship, but is also the source of great destruction: It was the nineteenth-century struggle to ward off colonial intent that resulted in Japan's own imperial endeavor, culminating in the devastation of World War II. Even the postwar economic miracle—the manufacturing and commerce explosion that brought unprecedented economic growth and earned Japan international clout might have been a less pure victory than it seemed. In *Bending Adversity* Pilling questions what was lost in the country's blind, aborted climb to #1. With the same rigor, he revisits 1990—the year the economic bubble burst, and the beginning of Japan's "lost decades"—to ask if the turning point might be viewed differently. While financial struggle and national debt are a reality, post-growth Japan has also successfully maintained a stable standard of living and social cohesion. And while life has become less certain, opportunities—in particular for the young and for women—have diversified. Still, Japan is in many ways a country in recovery, working to find a way forward after the events of 2011 and decades of slow growth. *Bending Adversity* closes with a reflection on what the 2012 reelection of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and his radical antideflation policy, might mean for Japan and its future. Informed throughout by the insights shared by Pilling's many interview subjects, *Bending Adversity* rigorously engages with the social, spiritual, financial, and political life of Japan to create a more nuanced representation of the oft-misunderstood island nation and its people. The Financial

Times "David Pilling quotes a visiting MP from northern England, dazzled by Tokyo's lights and awed by its bustling prosperity: 'If this is a recession, I want one.' Not the least of the merits of Pilling's hugely enjoyable and perceptive book on Japan is that he places the denunciations of two allegedly "lost decades" in the context of what the country is really like and its actual achievements." The Telegraph (UK) "Pilling, the Asia editor of the Financial Times, is perfectly placed to be our guide, and his insights are a real rarity when very few Western journalists communicate the essence of the world's third-largest economy in anything but the most superficial ways. Here, there is a terrific selection of interview subjects mixed with great reportage and fact selection... he does get people to say wonderful things. The novelist Haruki Murakami tells him: "When we were rich, I hated this country"... well-written... valuable." Publishers Weekly (starred): "A probing and insightful portrait of contemporary Japan."

Think *Bladerunner* in the tropics... Be seduced, amazed, and shocked by one of the world's greatest and strangest nations. Past, present, and future Brazil, with all its color, passion, and shifting realities, come together in a novel that is part SF, part history, part mystery, and entirely enthralling. Three separate stories follow three main characters: Edson is a self-made talent impresario one step up from the slums in a near future São Paulo of astonishing riches and poverty. A chance encounter draws Edson into the dangerous world of illegal quantum computing, but where can you run in a total surveillance society where every move, face, and centavo is constantly tracked? Marcelina is an ambitious Rio TV producer looking for that big reality TV hit to make her name. When her hot idea leads her on the track of a dis-

graced World Cup soccer goalkeeper, she becomes enmeshed in an ancient conspiracy that threatens not just her life, but her very soul. Father Luis is a Jesuit missionary sent into the maelstrom of 18th-century Brazil to locate and punish a rogue priest who has strayed beyond the articles of his faith and set up a vast empire in the hinterland. In the company of a French geographer and spy, what he finds in the backwaters of the Amazon tries both his faith and the nature of reality itself to the breaking point. Three characters, three stories, three Brazils, all linked together across time, space, and reality in a hugely ambitious story that will challenge the way you think about everything.

You can measure practically anything in the age of social media, but if you don't know what you're looking for, collecting mountains of data won't yield a grain of insight. This non-technical guide shows you how to extract significant business value from big data with Ask-Measure-Learn, a system that helps you ask the right questions, measure the right data, and then learn from the results. Authors Lutz Finger and Soumitra Dutta originally devised this system to help governments and NGOs sift through volumes of data. With this book, these two experts provide business managers and analysts with a high-level overview of the Ask-Measure-Learn system, and demonstrate specific ways to apply social media analytics to marketing, sales, public relations, and customer management, using examples and case studies.

"Masen Lennox. Music superstar. Recovering alcoholic....and in need of a fake girlfriend. Masen's reputation as music's bad boy finds him on the verge of losing his entire career, and the best way to clean up his act is to get a woman on his arm. Billie has no

idea what she's in for when she agrees to play the part of Masen's girlfriend, but as lines between real and fake start to blur, she's about to find out."--Back cover.

A brilliant analysis of the foundations of racist policing in America: the day-to-day brutalities, largely hidden from public view, endured by Black youth growing up under constant police surveillance and the persistent threat of physical and psychological abuse Drawing upon twenty-five years of experience representing Black youth in Washington, D.C.'s juvenile courts, Kristin Henning confronts America's irrational, manufactured fears of these young people and makes a powerfully compelling case that the crisis in racist American policing begins with its relationship to Black children. Henning explains how discriminatory and aggressive policing has socialized a generation of Black teenagers to fear, resent, and resist the police, and she details the long-term consequences of racism that they experience at the hands of the police and their vigilante surrogates. She makes clear that unlike White youth, who are afforded the freedom to test boundaries, experiment with sex and drugs, and figure out who they are and who they want to be, Black youth are seen as a threat to White America and are denied healthy adolescent development. She examines the criminalization of Black adolescent play and sexuality, and of Black fashion, hair, and music. She limns the effects of police presence in schools and the depth of police-induced trauma in Black adolescents. Especially in the wake of the recent unprecedented, worldwide outrage at racial injustice and inequality, *The Rage of Innocence* is an essential book for our moment.

It's time to rethink how we create and allocate money In *Outgrowing Capitalism*, Marco Dondi sheds light on the fact that most peo-

ple do not have the economic security to focus on purpose and life fulfillment. He proposes that this is not the way things have to be; there is an alternative. In a quest to change our economic system to cater for everyone, he identifies deep issues in how money is created and allocated and connects these to capitalism. He shows that the assumptions and circumstances that made capitalism a success are no longer true today and then describes a new socio-economic model, Monetism. Dondi's solution is to provide a pragmatic roadmap to institutionalize Monetism and solve societal issues that seemed as permanent as time.

In this delightful children's picture book for babies and toddlers, Little Mouse goes on an adventure in search of something sweet. He meets lots of friends along the way that share treats with him, but none are quite right. He is disappointed until he arrives home and realizes his Mommy baked the sweetest treat just for him - cookies!

Who are Made-in-India managers? What do they do differently? Over the last fifty years, several Indians have occupied top positions in multinationals across the globe. Shantanu Narayen at Adobe, Satya Nadella at Microsoft, Padmasree Warrior at NIO and Sundar Pichai at Google- there are, today, innumerable instances of CEOs born and bred in India, helming S&P's 500 companies. What accounts for such a prominent presence of Indian professionals across the world today? In *The Made-in-India Manager*, two stalwarts of Indian business and academics examine this little-studied phenomenon and present a compelling argument: that a unique combination of factors has led Indian management thought and practices to become a 'soft power' with the poten-

tial to decisively impact global managers of tomorrow. Drawing on their long and varied experience among corporates, the authors explore: ? the deep cultural influences that engender a sharp competitive instinct and an astute business perspective; ? the circumstances that inspire a high degree of resourcefulness in challenging situations; ? the ability to 'think in English and act in Indian?', which enables flexible functioning in multicultural work environments; ? and, importantly, how today's young managers can build on these advantages and bring to the table their own generational learning, attitudes and capabilities to ensure future success. Thought-provoking and provocative, this fascinating treatise takes a long view of the Indian professional's path to definitive career success, and makes for compulsory reading for every management practitioner.

Almost with a touch of philosophy, yet firmly grounded in the reality of business and national affairs, the author argues that there is no reality, only perceptions of reality. Perceptions influence our thoughts and actions and these, in turn, are influenced by the lenses through which we see the world. There are six such lenses: purpose, authenticity, courage, trust, luck and fulfilment. R. Gopalakrishnan uses, as examples, the lives of ordinary people' to illustrate his view. By rotating the lenses, Gopal attempts to understand what success in career and life really means. While biographies of celebrities are inspiring to read, they are often read like dramatic fairy tales-out of the scope of an average person. But in *Six Lenses*, Gopalakrishnan narrates the stories of PLUs (people like us)-as he likes to call them-from business and society, whom he has known during his illustrious career. He elucidates the extraordinary lessons that can be learnt from everyday experiences

and shows how, by altering our perceptions, we can better overcome the challenges we face at work and in family matters. Thought-provoking, profound and questioning, Six Lenses will make you look at your life and career in a different light.

If you care about your spouse and family, If you have ever experienced stress about market losses, If having a safe, secure, predictable income stream during retirement is important, If you don't have a plan for the high cost of a nursing home or catastrophic illness, Read This Book.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY PRICING: Enjoy first-week pricing of \$18.95 on paperback books! Regular retail pricing of \$23.95 becomes effective on July 22nd. It all began with the initial chance meeting of this book's author, Katie Anderson, and the book's subject, Isao Yoshino. She was an American leadership coach and consultant in her mid-career, with a newfound love of Japanese culture. He was an accomplished Japanese people-centered leader at the end of his corporate career, with a lifelong love for American culture and 40 years of inside experience with the Toyota Way. During the next five years, Anderson and Yoshino spent countless hours learning from each other, reflecting on the past, and envisioning the future. The resulting book - written by Anderson and focused on the profound lessons offered by her mentor Yoshino -- is a beautiful, one-of-a-kind tapestry. Much like the weaving of fabric -- where the beginning work is but a glimpse of the final pattern -- this book was created from many layers of intertwined conversations and reflections. If you've ever been mentored -- in business or in life -- by someone whose words, experiences, and perspectives changed you for the better, you know that an entire book of such selfless generosity and deep wisdom

could change the world. For today's business professionals -- dedicated to continuous learning and people-centered leadership -- this is that book. Learning to Lead, Leading to Learn is a leadership book that defies generational or cultural divides, offering a refreshing, proven perspective for all those who dare to lead. The Best Leaders Never Lose the Humility for Learning Learning to Lead, Leading to Learn is much more than a collection of Isao Yoshino's personal stories and insights. It's a memorable, entertaining, and poignant way to highlight important leadership lessons, to record pivotal moments in Toyota's history, and to create something to help veteran and aspiring leaders reflect and learn about themselves. Yoshino's experiences help us understand how Toyota intentionally developed the culture of excellence for which it is renowned today, and how one person "learned to lead" so that he could lead with an intention to learn ... every day and in every way. "The only secret to Toyota is its attitude toward learning." -- Isao Yoshino Let the Past Inform the Future: The Role of Reflection in Leadership By looking back at the past, we can learn and therefore shape our future. Through each story in this unique and inspiring book, Anderson shares Yoshino's experiences with leadership and learning, and his efforts at self-improvement while empowering others. Through those stories, you'll hear his reflections on what he learned then ... and what he is re-learning now with a different perspective as he looks back at the totality of his career. A must-read for those who: -- Want to become more people-centered leaders -- Currently practice lean or continuous improvement methods -- Serve in leadership, coaching, or operational management roles -- Want to learn more about Toyota's history and culture -- Are inspired by heartwarming stories of personal

discovery and leadership With a foreword by John Shook, Chairman of the Lean Global Network.

What makes some companies survive the test of time while others short-lived? Corporations do not exist in isolation; they are always part of something else, something bigger—an ecosystem. Inspired by the secrets of Shintō-Japanese companies dating back to the samurai era—Gopalakrishnan and Narayanan take a deep dive into the art of growing and sustaining a business. Over the last forty-eight years of close association with Unilever and Tata, Gopalakrishnan has gathered experiences and insights about what makes companies tick. On the other hand, Narayanan, after having worked with Coca Cola, Nestle, and then two start-ups of his own, now occupies the keen insights of angel investing and mentoring. This book is the culmination of their collaborative effort to bring the best of grown-ups to start-ups, presented in the form of all-important lessons.

Once, they were in love with music—and each other. Life took them in very different directions... But a wedding in the pines brings them together. Slater's job has never been busier at Cabins in the Pines, the recently expanded resort. On top of everything else, he's the best man for his boss's upcoming wedding, and he's trying to make sure everything goes perfectly. But there was one detail he didn't plan on: the arrival of his ex-girlfriend, Hope. Years ago, when Hope dated Slater, she dreamed of a musical career. Now, she's working at her father's financial firm, and he expects her to take over someday. Hope's determined to make their conference at Cabins in the Pines a success...while ignoring her misgivings about her own future. When

Slater and Hope meet again, all their memories come rushing back—including the pain of their breakup. Could this unexpected interlude lead to a new beginning? This charming second chance romance includes a free Hallmark original recipe for Chicken a la Rose.

Aditya is a confused soul. He is unclear about his ambitions or goals in life. He hates engineering from the core of his heart, but destiny has other plans for him as he ends up in an engineering college despite his wishes. Aditya's search for true love comes to a halt when he runs into Riya, a fellow college student. Just when things are going great between the two, an unexpected tragedy strikes. Will their love be able to fight against the odds?

There are many books on leadership. What the CEO Really Wants from You is one of the few to address the question that is uppermost in the mind of any manager: What he should be doing to make his or her boss his partner rather than his opponent. We spend most of our lives at work or thinking about it. Starting from a young age, fired by boundless energy and optimism, we launch into our careers sure of our abilities. Yet, things do not always turn out as we expect they would. It is not our abilities alone. The business environment is one of change and ambiguity. It is no easy task for any manager to negotiate the journey to success. As Paul Polman, CEO of Unilever, points out in his foreword, partnerships with others, but above all with your direct boss and organization, are more important than ever before. Not only that, a good boss has an instinct for the right people, and getting them to do better. A good manager, by eliciting his help, helps himself. Few people are better qualified to guide on this journey than R. Gopalakrishnan. He brings forty-five years of experience to this

subject in some of the most challenging jobs. In this immensely practical book informed by the wisdom he has gleaned over the years, he offers the reader the benefit of all he has learnt, summarized in the four As - Accomplishment, Affability, Advocacy and Authenticity. This is a book that will be of immense use to any manager, and one that just might bring him the answers it takes years to find - what the CEO really expects from him. You can also buy from Online stores: Buy from a nearby bookstore- Flipkart.-com Reliance Timeout Homeshop18.com DC books Infibeam.com Crossword Bookstore Uread.com Landmark Bookstore Indiaplaza.-com Om Book Shop Starmark Bookstore Sapna Bookstore Full Circle Bookstore Bahri Sons Bookstore Teksons Bookstore Sankars Bookstore

A guide to creating Japanese gardens, from design and planning to finished garden.

This book helps students and researchers write better assignments, better dissertations, and better papers for publication. Characterizing academic writing as an integral part of the knowledge generation and dissemination process, it focuses on three main aspects: understanding research, documenting and sharing the process and results of research, and acknowledging the use of other people's ideas in the documentation. The authors use various samples of good as well as defective writing to illustrate the features of academic writing. They describe in detail the structure and contents of academic papers, especially conceptual and empirical research papers for journals. This lucidly written book will be a rich resource for MBA students and researchers working for MPhil and PhD degrees, especially in the fields of manage-

ment, behavioural sciences and communications.

Biography of a popular South African singer whose career suffered as a result of relationship difficulties and involvement with drugs. This is the story of how Kelly Khumalo overcame addiction to return to the stage. Interwoven is the story of how her manager's severe depression affected their relationship and Khumalo's career.

Learn how top companies solve the problem of leadership succession from corporate America's leading consultant. A serious crisis looms in American management today. More and more CEOs are failing; there remains an acute shortage of capable replacements. The true dilemma in leadership is the stagnant state of corporate leadership development. Because companies fail to hone their unit managers' leadership abilities, they are never able to fill their succession pipelines. With unit managers stagnating, companies have difficulty executing at every level, compounding the crisis. In *Leaders at All Levels*, bestselling author Ram Charan shows how top companies approach leadership development as a core competency, recognizing that an adaptable leadership pool is a competitive advantage, and focusing their attention on bringing out the best in the leaders they have. Charan reveals exactly what's wrong with corporate leadership development and tells how to make it right. He explains the concept of a leadership "gene pool" and shows how companies can discover just what "DNA" they need to succeed. He also details how to uncover the hidden leaders in a company, when and where to bring in fresh talent, how to coach, measure, and reward leadership, and much more. For CEOs, directors, and anyone involved in leadership development, *Leaders at All Levels* is an eye-opening guide on how

to get succession right.

Autobiography of an executive director of Tata Sons, one of the largest Indian business groups.

Raine Benares is a Sorceress Seeker of average ability until she comes into possession of an amulet that amplifies her powers-and her enemies.

By his early thirties, Paul Allen was a world-famous billionaire-and that was just the beginning. In 2007 and 2008, Time named Paul Allen, the cofounder of Microsoft, one of the hundred most influential people in the world. Since he made his fortune, his impact has been felt in science, technology, business, medicine, sports, music, and philanthropy. His passion, curiosity, and intellectual rigor-combined with the resources to launch and support new initiatives-have literally changed the world. In 2009 Allen discovered that he had lymphoma, lending urgency to his desire to share his story for the first time. In this classic memoir, Allen explains how he has solved problems, what he's learned from his many endeavors-both the triumphs and the failures-and his compelling vision for the future. He reflects candidly on an extraordinary life. The book also features previously untold stories about everything from the true origins of Microsoft to Allen's role in the dawn of private space travel (with SpaceShipOne) and in discoveries at the frontiers of brain science. With honesty, humor, and insight, Allen tells the story of a life of ideas made real.

An invaluable source of inspiration to help leaders understand themselves and overcome their barriers to success For centuries, we have learnt what's not taught through our own experiences and the stories of others. Even today, only 3 per cent of leader-

ship development occurs due to classroom training. In fact, for most managers, 'the penny drops' only when we are at the end of our careers. In this book, R. Gopalakrishnan shares some valuable learnings from his decades of corporate experience, through a series of engaging stories. When the Penny Drops encourages you to reflect on yourself, and will help you learn by identifying the success mantras embedded in you.

Accompanying DVD contains videos & PowerPoint presentations on different aspects of hotel housekeeping .

The Accountable Leader is centred around three themes - leadership, accountability and organizational structure, and explores what it means for managers to be held to account at all levels in an organization. It will show that most leadership related problems arise from the ineffectiveness of organisational structures that lack accountable jobs. Complete with case study material and international examples, The Accountable Leader brings home the importance of accountability as the necessary and robust platform for the assessment of potential leaders and leadership development - and demonstrates how clear accountability enables managers to achieve much more within their roles. The Accountable Leader was prestigiously voted one of 'The Thirty Best Business Books of 2008' by Soundview Executive Book Summaries, USA.

While many people talk about the path to the top of organizations, very few are honest about how difficult it is to stay at that position. R. Gopalakrishnan analyses the 'software' challenges, which leaders confront every day, and shares the insights he has gained developing, managing, investing in and supervising a vari-

ety of companies. The author shows that great leaders continue to excel not just because of their skills and intelligence but also by connecting with others using emotional competencies like empathy and self-awareness. Filled with anecdotes, analysis of various situations CEOs may find themselves in and unconventional advice to help them, *Crash: Lessons from the Entry and Exit of CEOs* is for veteran leaders as well as for those who aspire to start their own ventures.

The go-to book that revives confidence in Indian leaders and managers to build and grow without the fear of failure. *Doodles on Leadership* is based on the metaphor of 'balconies of leadership'. As a leader climbs upwards in his or her career, the perspective changes from the transactional to the corporate and, further on, to a societal view. Moving away from the cut and thrust of operational action, this book reflects on a leader's journey through the changing perspectives that come with each stage. It demonstrates how a leader's mind engages progressively with broader matters, rather than staying confined to only those of his company and its operations. The author argues that this widening engagement with society at large is most satisfying for business leaders, and emphasizes the role that business leaders can play in matters concerning nation and society. It demonstrates the practical way business leaders can contribute to the world, each based on his or her domain of expertise.

Successful innovation demands more than a good strategic plan; it requires creative improvisation. Much of the "serious play" that leads to breakthrough innovations is increasingly linked to experiments with models, prototypes, and simulations. As digital tech-

nology makes prototyping more cost-effective, serious play will soon lie at the heart of all innovation strategies, influencing how businesses define themselves and their markets. Author Michael Schrage is one of today's most widely recognized experts on the relationship between technology and work. In *Serious Play*, Schrage argues that the real value in building models comes less from the help they offer with troubleshooting and problem solving than from the insights they reveal about the organization itself. Technological models can actually change us--improving the way we communicate, collaborate, learn, and innovate. With real-world examples and engaging anecdotes, Schrage shows how companies such as Disney, Microsoft, Boeing, IDEO, and DaimlerChrysler use serious play with modeling technologies to facilitate the collaborative interactions that lead to innovation. A user's guide included with the book helps readers apply many of the innovation practices profiled throughout. A landmark book by one of the most perceptive voices in the field of innovation.

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Life of Pi is a masterful and utterly original novel that is at once the story of a young castaway who faces immeasurable hardships on the high seas, and a meditation on religion, faith, art and life that is as witty as it is profound. Using the threads of all of our best stories, Yann Martel has woven a glorious spiritual adventure that makes us question what it means to be alive, and to believe. The Comprehensive, Proven Approach to IT Scalability-Updated with New Strategies, Technologies, and Case Studies In The Art of Scalability, Second Edition, leading scalability consultants Martin L. Abbott and Michael T. Fisher cover everything you need to know to smoothly scale products and services for any requirement. This extensively revised edition reflects new technologies, strategies, and lessons, as well as new case studies from the authors' pioneering consulting practice, AKF Partners. Writing for technical and nontechnical decision-makers, Abbott and Fisher cover everything that impacts scalability, including architecture, process, people, organization, and technology. Their insights and recommendations reflect more than thirty years of experience at companies ranging from eBay to Visa, and Salesforce.com to Apple. You'll find updated strategies for structuring organizations to maximize agility and scalability, as well as new insights into the

cloud (IaaS/PaaS) transition, NoSQL, DevOps, business metrics, and more. Using this guide's tools and advice, you can systematically clear away obstacles to scalability-and achieve unprecedented IT and business performance. Coverage includes • Why scalability problems start with organizations and people, not technology, and what to do about it • Actionable lessons from real successes and failures • Staffing, structuring, and leading the agile, scalable organization • Scaling processes for hyper-growth environments • Architecting scalability: proprietary models for clarifying needs and making choices-including 15 key success principles • Emerging technologies and challenges: data cost, datacenter planning, cloud evolution, and customer-aligned monitoring • Measuring availability, capacity, load, and performance

Blind since the age of four, Ved Mehta led a lonely and turbulent childhood in India until he was accepted to the Arkansas School for the Blind, to which he flew alone at fifteen. America and the school changed his life, leading to degrees at Oxford and Harvard Universities and a fruitful writing career. Face to Face (1957), Mehta's first book, is the author's autobiography touching upon childhood, blindness and remaking himself. It remains one of his most beloved works.