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Digital platforms are changing the rules of competition in the global economy. Until recently, it took Fortune 500 companies an average of 20 years to reach billion-dollar market valuations. Successful platforms now reach that milestone in an average of four years. In *The Platform Paradox: How Digital Businesses Succeed in an Ever-Changing Global Marketplace*, Wharton professor Mauro F. Guillén highlights a key incongruity in this new world. Most platforms considered to be successful have triumphed in only some, rather than all, parts of the world. There are very few truly global digital platforms. In more than three decades of studying multinational firms, Guillén has found they often misunderstand key aspects of what it takes to succeed globally, from culture and institutions to local competitive dynamics and pursuing markets in a logical sequence. Seeing multibillion-dollar companies like Amazon flounder in certain markets has led Guillén to research what it takes to create a successful global strategy. In *The Platform Paradox*, Guillén details: How the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated digitization and forced companies like Airbnb to pivot and adapt; How platforms like Tinder and Uber have used local advantages to grow rapidly in different countries; How traditional companies have transformed themselves into digital platforms, like Lego undertaking a digital revolution to emerge from bankruptcy and become

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the "Apple of toys"; and The possibilities and limits to global expansion, as illustrated by companies like Zoom and Skype. In *The Platform Paradox*, Guillén offers an integrated framework for these platforms to identify and implement a digital platform strategy on a truly global scale.

**Lean User Testing A Pragmatic Step-by-Step Guide to User Tests** If you believe in agile software development and delivering value to your customers and your company, reading this book is the right decision as it will greatly support your process to identify and create valuable, feasible and usable products. "We Know What We Need to Build" Who hasn't yet heard that dreaded, gut feeling-based notion in the past? To my experience, it is rarely valid, but more often an expression of an outdated thinking, that values output over outcome, that believes in requirement documents and micromanaging the product team. This book, however, is dedicated to completely different approach, that Steve Blank once wrapped up in his famous quote: *There are No Facts Inside Your Building - Get Outside.*" And you should do so as early as possible in the process -it is the most important task of any product team. This book is therefore a deliberately short, focused, pragmatic manual for everyone, who designs, develops or markets software: Product manager, engineers and designers (UX/UI). It is based on hundreds of user interviews that I have run up to now and provides all you need to know to start your own user interview initiative in about two hours of your time. Save up to 90% of Typical User Interview Costs And there is more good news: The lean user

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testing approach will save up to 90% of the costs compared to outsourcing user interviews to a professional usability agency, but will return at least 80% of possible insights. Avoid Building Expensive Features Nobody Wants No more flying blind in the early stages: Test your hypotheses quickly and turn product discovery into your advantage over the competition. Learn how to avoid wasting money on software nobody wants and how to deliver value instead. Obsolete features aren't just expensive to build. They also need to be maintained and probably be removed at a later stage again, not to mention their opportunity costs: Imagine what you could have built instead. Gain More Runway for Your Startup Optimizing the cycle-time of your product hypotheses will focus available engineering and product management resources on valuable, usable and feasible features, thus extending your runway and improving your standing for the next funding round. Improve Communication with Stakeholders User tests greatly simplify the communication with stakeholders - the interviews, you will be running, are your product organization's first line of defense when it comes to turning down unreasonable feature requests. About the Author The author has worked for many years as a product manager and agile coach (Scrum, Lean Startup, Lean Change). During that time, he developed B2C as well as B2B software, mainly for startups, including a former Google subsidiary. He originally studied chemistry, business administration, and law. However, he has never worked in a laboratory. Instead, back in 1996, he released the first online shop software with SAP R/3 connectivity, only to learn that the

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early bird does not necessarily catch the worm. After his move to Berlin, Germany, he founded a marketplace for local service. In 2011, Entrepreneurs Club Berlin e.V. followed, as did Startup Camp Berlin- one of the largest German startup conferences today. His latest project, Age Of Product - Invent For Your Customers, focuses on the exchange of knowledge between product people, designers, and developers. It is about lessons learned and best practices on how to identify which product to build and how to build it in an efficient way. Age Of Product will host events and workshops in Berlin from autumn 2015 on and might also organize a new conference in the near future."

"A masterful diplomatic memoir" (The Washington Post) from CIA director William J. Burns, a career ambassador who served five presidents and ten secretaries of state—an impassioned argument for the enduring value of diplomacy in an increasingly volatile world. Over the course of more than three decades as an American diplomat, William J. Burns played a central role in the most consequential diplomatic episodes of his time—from the bloodless end of the Cold War to the collapse of post-Cold War relations with Putin's Russia, from post-9/11 tumult in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Middle East to the secret nuclear talks with Iran. In *The Back Channel*, Burns recounts, with novelistic detail and incisive analysis, some of the seminal moments of his career. Drawing on a trove of newly declassified cables and memos, he gives readers a rare inside look at American diplomacy in action. His dispatches from war-torn Chechnya and Qaddafi's bizarre camp in the Libyan

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desert and his warnings of the “Perfect Storm” that would be unleashed by the Iraq War will reshape our understanding of history—and inform the policy debates of the future. Burns sketches the contours of effective American leadership in a world that resembles neither the zero-sum Cold War contest of his early years as a diplomat nor the “unipolar moment” of American primacy that followed. Ultimately, *The Back Channel* is an eloquent, deeply informed, and timely story of a life spent in service of American interests abroad. It is also a powerful reminder, in a time of great turmoil, of the enduring importance of diplomacy.

Since 2001, the U.S. Department of State has been sending hip hop artists abroad to perform and teach as goodwill ambassadors. There are good reasons for this: hip hop is known and loved across the globe, acknowledged and appreciated as a product of American culture. Hip hop has from its beginning been a means of creating community through artistic collaboration, fostering what hip hop artists call building. A timely study of U.S. diplomacy, *Build: The Power of Hip Hop Diplomacy in a Divided World* reveals the power of art to bridge cultural divides, facilitate understanding, and express and heal trauma. Yet power is never single-edged, and the story of hip hop diplomacy is deeply fraught. Drawing from nearly 150 interviews with hip hop artists, diplomats, and others in more than 30 countries, *Build* explores the inescapable tensions and ambiguities in the relationship between art and the state, revealing the ethical complexities that lurk behind what might seem mere goodwill tours. Author Mark Katz makes the case

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that hip hop, at its best, can promote positive, productive international relations between people and nations. A U.S.-born art form that has become a voice of struggle and celebration worldwide, hip hop has the power to build global community when it is so desperately needed. Cover image: Sylvester Shonhiwa, aka Bboy Sly, Harare, Zimbabwe, February 2015. Photograph by Paul Rockower.

This book is about the design and working of management accounting and control systems from an organizational sociology perspective. It does not deal with the application of quantitative techniques; instead the focus is on the organizational and people side of accounting and control systems--how they are used to influence, motivate and control what people do in organizations. The author's highly successful first book on this topic, *The Social Software of Accounting and Information Systems* (Wiley, 1985) was much acclaimed for its lucid style and careful analysis of the application of theory in practice. This new book offers that same clarity and accessibility in a study which focuses on new developments in organizational sociology at the macro level. The book outlines nearly twenty frameworks for investigating and understanding management accounting and control systems. These frameworks illustrate five distinctive paradigms of organizations and the social world. Case studies are used to bring these frameworks to life and to show how they can be used to analyze, diagnose and resolve real world management accounting and control systems problems and issues. Norman B. Macintosh is a professor at Queen's

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University, Canada where he teaches in accounting and control. "If you want to know what has been happening at the frontiers of management control research then you could not do better than starting with this book. The exposition is not only of value to scholars on upper level courses grappling with current theory and research but also to the thinking creative executive involved in control system design in today's changing and turbulent business environment. The book is an essential addition to the bookshelf of any management control specialist seeking intellectual stimulation through ideas coupled to practical implementation." Professor Trevor Hopper University of Manchester, UK "This book is required reading for any practitioner or student who desires a sophisticated and intellectually challenging understanding of management accounting." Richard J Boland, Jr Case Western Reserve University, USA "In these days of globalisation and intensified interaction between management cultures the interest in the behavioural and social side of management accounting and control is growing. This is a timely and exciting addition to that literature. The book is recommended as required reading in advanced courses and for professional management accounting programs. A fine volume." Sten Jonsson University of Gothenburg, Sweden

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business, discover how to organize and position your business for credit approval. Identify what criteria to meet before applying. Receive direction on how to complete applications correctly to secure approvals and exactly where to apply! Once approved, learn how to continue building your business credit. Master and implement strategies to continue building your business credit to over \$100,000.

The Nigerian beauty pageant industry positions itself as working to symbolically restore the public face of the nation while seeking to materially shift the private lives of affiliates on the ground.

In the early twentieth century, the United States set out to guarantee economic and political stability in the Caribbean without intrusive and controversial military interventions—and ended up achieving exactly the opposite. Using military and government records from the United States and the Dominican Republic, this work investigates the extent to which early twentieth-century U.S. involvement in the Dominican Republic fundamentally changed both Dominican history and the conduct of U.S. foreign policy. Successive U.S. interventions based on a policy of "dollar diplomacy" led to military occupation and contributed to a drastic shifting of the Dominican social order, as well as centralized state military power, which Rafael Trujillo leveraged in his 1920s rise to dictatorship. Ultimately, this book demonstrates that the overthrow of the social order resulted not from military planning but from the interplay between uncoordinated interventions in Dominican society and Dominican responses. Telling a neglected

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story of occupation and resistance, Ellen D. Tillman documents the troubled efforts of the U.S. government to break down the Dominican Republic and remake it from the ground up, providing fresh insight into the motivations and limitations of occupation.

Based on a wealth of empirical studies and case studies, this book explains the strategic choices companies have to make in order to remain consistent. In each chapter, real-life examples illuminate the key message managers should take away from the book. It offers a purely managerial viewpoint focused on what managers can do to manage the business environment in any situation.

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Corporate Diplomacy Building Reputations and Relationships with External Stakeholders Routledge

The People's Republic of China (PRC) diplomatic engagement with the Middle East spans multiple dimensions, including trade and investment, the energy sector, and military cooperation. Connecting China through the Suez Canal to the Mediterranean and Europe, the Middle East is a unique geostrategic location for Beijing, a critical source of energy resources, and an area of expanding economic ties. The Middle East geographical and political area is subject to different country inclusion interpretations that have changed over time and reflect complex and multifaceted circumstances involving conflict, religion, ethnicity, and language. China considers most Arab League member countries (as well as Israel, Turkey, and Iran) as representing the Middle East. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and official Chinese publications refer to this region as Xiya beifei (West Asia and North Africa). China sees the Middle East as an intrinsic part of its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and has ramped up investment in the region accordingly, focusing on energy (including nuclear power), infrastructure construction, agriculture, and finance. This book uses the BRI as a framework for analyzing China-Middle East relations, with special emphasis on the PRC's strategic partnerships via regional mutual interdependency in various sectors such as energy, infrastructure building, political ties, trade and investment, financial integration, people to people bonding, and defense. A stable Middle East region is vital for China's sustainable growth and continued prosperity. As the world's largest oil consumer

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with an ambition to expand its economic and political influence, the Middle East's geostrategic location and holder of most of the world's known energy resources make it indispensable to the success of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Managers of multinational organizations are struggling to win the strategic competition for the hearts and minds of external stakeholders. These stakeholders differ fundamentally in their worldview, their understanding of the market economy and their aspirations and fears for the future. Their collective opinions of managers and corporations will shape the competitive landscape of the global economy and have serious consequences for businesses that fail to meet their expectations. This important new book argues that the strategic management of relationships with external stakeholders – what the author calls "Corporate Diplomacy" – is not just canny PR, but creates real and lasting business value. Using a mix of colourful examples, practically relevant tools and considered perspectives, the book hones in on a fundamental challenge that managers of multinational corporations face as they strive to compete in the 21st century. As falling communication costs shrink, the distance between external stakeholders and shareholder value is increasingly created and protected through a strategic integration of the external stakeholder facing functions. These include government affairs, stakeholder relations, sustainability, enterprise risk management, community relations and corporate communications. Through such integration, the place where business, politics and society intersect need not

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be a source of nasty surprises or unexpected expenses. Most of the firms profiled in the book are now at the frontier of corporate diplomacy. But they didn't start there. Many of them were motivated by past failings. They fell into conflicts with critical stakeholders – politicians, communities, NGO staffers, or activists – and they suffered. They experienced delays or disruptions to their operations, higher costs, angry customers, or thwarted attempts at expansion. Eventually, the managers of these companies developed smarter strategies for stakeholder engagement. They became corporate diplomats. The book draws on their experiences to take the reader to the forefront of stakeholder engagement and to highlight the six elements of corporate diplomacy.

What creates corporate reputations and how should organizations respond? Corporate reputation is a growing research field in disciplines as diverse as communication, management, marketing, industrial and organizational psychology, and sociology. As a formal area of academic study, it is relatively young with roots in the 1980s and the emergence of specialized reputation rankings for industries, products/services, and performance dimensions and for regions. Such rankings resulted in competition between organizations and the alignment of organizational activities to qualify and improve standings in the rankings. In addition, today's changing stakeholder expectations, the growth of advocacy, demand for more disclosures and greater transparency, and globalized, mediatized environments create new challenges, pitfalls, and opportunities for

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organizations. Successfully engaging, dealing with, and working through reputational challenges requires an understanding of options and tools for organizational decision-making and stakeholder engagement. For the first time, the vast and important field of corporate reputation is explored in the format of an encyclopedic reference. The SAGE Encyclopedia of Corporate Reputation comprehensively overviews concepts and techniques for identifying, building, measuring, monitoring, evaluating, maintaining, valuing, living up to and/or changing corporate reputations. Key features include: 300 signed entries are organized in A-to-Z fashion in 2 volumes available in a choice of electronic or print formats Entries conclude with Cross-References and Further Readings to guide students to in-depth resources. Although organized A-to-Z, a thematic "Reader's Guide" in the front matter groups related entries by broad areas A Chronology provides historical perspective on the development of corporate reputation as a discrete field of study. A Resource Guide in the back matter lists classic books, key journals, associations, websites, and selected degree programs of relevance to corporate reputation. A General Bibliography will be accompanied by visual maps noting the relationships between the various disciplines touching upon corporate reputation studies. The work concludes with a comprehensive Index, which—in the electronic version—combines with the Reader's Guide and Cross-References to provide thorough search-and-browse capabilities

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coloring book, similar to A5 padfolio size; perfect for purses, briefcases, backpacks. "Take it offline," "Let's get the ball rolling," "Ping me," and of course, "synergy." These are just some of the worst clichs that have come out of corporate America. It's a known fact that prolonged exposure to these office sayings can lead to increased eye-rolling, annoyance and strain of the facial muscles from too much fake smiling when hearing these from your manager. To combat this, we've created this corporate clichs adult coloring book as much needed stress therapy; a fun, passive-aggressive way to take out your angst against these ridiculous office sayings that have taken over your meetings, memos and emails from your company's higher ups. We've taken 19 of the most annoying corporate clichs and translated them into hilarious, literal translations that you can color and poke fun at. Most are even workplace friendly so you can hang them on your wall without your manager giving you the stink eye (well, depending on where you work ... hmmm time for the disclaimer: we make no promises on whether you'll get the stink eye if you pin pages of this book to your office / cubicle wall, so you assume the risk on that!). \*\*\*Benefits\*\*\* -We've taken 19 of the most ridiculous corporate clichs that have ended up on top business publications' "must stop using list" and translated them into hilarious, literal representations. -5.5" x 8.5" (13.97 x 21.59 cm) similar to A5 padfolio size; perfect for purses, briefcases, backpacks. -The perfect birthday, stocking stuffer, white elephant, secret Santa, gift for a co-worker, friend or loved one who has to suffer thru these clichs on a daily basis. -Studies

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have shown that adult coloring books are perfect stress therapy. We even consulted with a few therapists who confirmed this. And let's face it, hearing corporate clichés over and over is not fun! But what is fun is poking fun at them in a passive-aggressive way that can relieve stress! -Unlike most coloring books, each illustration is a carefully crafted theme, tied to a specific cliché and not simply random patterns. -Coloring book images are only on one side of the page (we didn't double dip!). -But not to waste the space, we put some fun stuff on the reverse side of each page: a corporate-speak definition, fun trivia and a hashtag on so you can post pictures of your artwork on social media. -We even included a fun all-occasion gift checklist inside the cover so you don't have to buy a separate gift card. You can be cheap and environmentally friendly at the same time!

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have paid me thousands to generate leads for their business through cold e-mail. This stuff works. The best part is, the things I've done with e-mail, anyone can do! In this book, I lay out everything I've learned, and share my best strategies and most valuable techniques to get a response from someone and finally get the results you seek. Among other things, you will learn: \* - How to create positive NLP "anchors" in your e-mails - so that people welcome correspondence from you (pages 26 - 27) - 7 mistakes of horrible e-mail outreach and how to fix them (page 18) - How to name drop your way to the top (page 31) - How to occupy the moral high ground, and enchant people with your story (pages 28 - 30) - What to do if someone doesn't respond - and get a response 90% of the time - How to send follow-ups automatically - and "drip feed" your outreach (page 39) - How to conduct professional CRM campaigns within Gmail (chapter five) - The "Hidden in Plain Sight" technique to find the top people in any niche, and discover their address - Plus other unconventional, but effective techniques Plus, in this book I've included more than two dozen apps and powerful resources to make your e-mails more effective, efficient, more personable, and more powerful. Are you ready to learn some powerful e-mail outreach techniques and become an unstoppable force? Hope you enjoy the book. \*Note that page numbers are from the web edition of the book, and may appear at different locations in your print version. Envious of her best friends lavish lifestyle, a young woman wonders how different her life would be if she had an opportunity to change her past.

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"This book provides a framework for defining successful diplomacy and implementing it in diverse contexts"--

Building Diplomacy is a comprehensive photographic documentary featuring the architecture of U.S. embassies. Photographed from November 2000 through November 2003, this body of work is a portrait of America's international diplomatic presence.

Based on a thorough examination of government documents, congressional debates and reports, private papers of government and business leaders, and newspapers, David M. Pletcher begins this monumental study with a comprehensive survey of U.S. trade following the Civil War. He goes on to outline the problems of building a coherent trade policy toward Canada, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, and South America. The study concludes by analyzing a series of abortive trade reform efforts and examining the effects of the Spanish-American War. Pletcher rejects the long-held belief that American business and government engaged in a deliberate, consistent drive for economic hegemony in the hemisphere during the late 1800s. Instead he finds that the American government improvised and experimented with ways to further trade expansion.

Business diplomacy involves developing strategies for long-term, positive relationship building with governments, local communities, and interest groups, aiming to establish and sustain legitimacy and to mitigate the risks arising from all non-commercial or exogenous factors in the global business environment.

Companies all over the world could greatly benefit from moving part of even all their staff to work from home as virtual employees. Using the techniques and strategies inside The Invisible Organization, all that is possible quickly and efficiently. If you are the CEO of a company that could benefit

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by generating more profits, shedding overhead and thrilling staff, this book is a must read. Penned by former CEO of Tony Robbins and Chet Holmes Business Breakthroughs, International, Russo successfully scaled the company with nearly 100% growth per year, and about 300 remote staff, owning no infrastructure. Russo helps clients create the leadership management strategy as outlined in his book and advises CEOs on moving "virtual" with confidence. Why is this book different than other books on working virtually? Because it comes from the CEOs perspective as an operating executive; dealing with the strategy of creating momentum around changing the company, slowly at first and then accelerating as results prove viable. The book is more of a blueprint designed to accomplish this singular act of internal revolution.

Discover How To Make Your First \$1000 Online and Quit Your Day Job! Now includes a special FREE REPORT "3 Fool Proof Ways To Use Social Media To Boost Your Internet Marketing Efforts" at the end of this book! This book contains proven steps and strategies on how to earn your first \$1000 in passive income from the comfort of your home using affiliate marketing. Full of fresh ideas, step-by-step instructions and screenshots, even a complete beginner can take advantage of this information and start to make money from home and build a successful online business. Do you need some extra cash in your pocket to pay the bills, or save up for Christmas? A little extra income to buffer your savings? How about setting up a full-time business at home? Earning an income online using affiliate marketing is a perfect way to do all these things, without spending huge amounts of time or money doing it. There are lots of different ways to earn some money online, from setting up a blog, using YouTube to have your say, or selling products through eBay. This guide will teach you several ways to get your online business going.

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The role of a trade representative is not only varied and stimulating, covering a fascinating range of activities, but is also important and very worthwhile. The service that the trade representative provides is of value both to the individual companies they help and to the economy of the country they represent. This publication offers practical guidance that will help trade representatives do their job to the highest level, whether they are organizing a trade fair, hosting a visiting minister or pitching to an inward investor.

The coffeehouse has become the new center of the universe. "What's Your Coffee Strategy?" walks the reader through understanding and benefiting from this new cultural phenomenon introducing powerful concepts such as... - How to Immediately Connect with ANYONE. - Master The Art of the Coffee Conversation. - Win Clients - The Blueprint for Killer Business Conversations - Never Be Nervous - Conversational Confidence & Personal Presence. - How to Attract People & Be Unbelievable Personable - Using Coffeehouse as a Personal Headquarters - The Secrets to Building an Unstoppable Personal Brand - How to Win with The Coffee Strategy. - ... "What's Your Coffee Strategy?" has been called the "How to Win Friends & Influence People" of the modern era. A must read.

In Business Diplomacy by Multinational Corporations, Huub Ruël turns to Catholic Social Thought (CST), to provide a clear, distinctive instrument for MNCs to reflect on their purpose and role in the global society while also guiding and directing their relationship-building actions with other actors in

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the global society.

You've developed a top-notch business plan. Now what? It's time to execute. The aim of The Triangle Strategy is to demystify the complexities of the performance process. Though leadership works hard to develop smart, comprehensive strategies, it often doesn't pay enough attention to the discipline and focus required for day-to-day execution. In response, this book introduces the Triangle Performance Model, a practical, easily applied framework that provides managers-and the people who work for them-a clear understanding of what it takes to create a high-performance workplace. The Triangle Strategy reinforces an interactive approach for managing and leading. It provides managers and their teams with a powerful collaborative tool that focuses a team's attention on the most critical performance elements, fosters an open flow of ideas, and provides a framework for organizing these thoughts into effective action plans.

This is a story of Robert Bagley's biography - his: family, faith, entrepreneurship, corporate sales experience, and then diving into being a full time reseller on Amazon and back to corporate America (due to "Lessons Learned") - putting his Amazon business back to part time. This is not a "how-to" book for how to sell on Amazon and Ebay, just sharing my story and a few best practices I learned along the way.

Please don't purchase this book if you want a step-by-step tutorial on how to be a re-seller on Amazon and Ebay. As a young professional, Robert Bagley climbed and overcame many corporate mountains eventually earning a high six-figure income with several Fortune 500 companies. Still, something was missing from his vocational career and he knew that he needed to add a small business to his lifestyle. This would bring a change that not only involved a lot of personal risks, but a good amount of faith as well. And, not just faith in himself. And so he embarked on what would

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prove to be the most incredible game-changing season of his life. You'll be inspired, motivated, challenged, and moved-to-action by Robert's life-story and how selling on Amazon and eBay pulled his career toward a whole new path of becoming an eCommerce entrepreneur.

Cyber norms and other ways to regulate responsible state behavior in cyberspace is a fast-moving political and diplomatic field. The academic study of these processes is varied and interdisciplinary, but much of the literature has been organized according to discipline. Seeking to cross disciplinary boundaries, this timely book brings together researchers in fields ranging from international law, international relations, and political science to business studies and philosophy to explore the theme of responsible state behavior in cyberspace. . Divided into three parts, *Governing Cyberspace* first looks at current debates in and about international law and diplomacy in cyberspace. How does international law regulate state behaviour and what are its limits? How do cyber superpowers like China and Russia shape their foreign policy in relation to cyberspace? The second focuses on power and governance. What is the role for international organisations like NATO or for substate actors like intelligence agencies? How do they adapt to the realities of cyberspace and digital conflict? How does the classic balance of power play out in cyberspace and how do different states position themselves? The third part takes a critical look at multistakeholder and corporate diplomacy. How do global tech companies shape their role as norm entrepreneurs in cyberspace, and how do their cyber diplomatic efforts relate to their corporate identity?

About the Book: Foreword by Bryan Eisenberg In *Ecom Hell*, Shirley Tan wants to share what she learned in ecommerce to make sure you can avoid getting burned! Shirley Tan started her ecommerce business on a shoe string budget and sold it

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to a NASDAQ traded corporation. How? She developed systems and efficiencies that made her business hugely profitable and a prime acquisition target. She shares the lessons she learned in this book Ecom Hell is aimed at entrepreneurs building ecommerce business, adventurers who are considering an ecommerce adventure, technically savvy executives who want to get an insiders' guide, information technology professionals who want to benchmark their ecommerce business practice and anyone who has an interest in getting a good grasp of what really goes on in an e-commerce business. The book is filled with tips and checklists on what it really takes to start, run and grow your business and it'll soon become a go-to guide for managers and staff! Here is some of what you'll get from Ecom Hell:\*

- \* Identifies what areas in ecommerce you should FOCUS on so you maximize your revenues and growth.\*
- \* The 7 category metrics that drive EVERY ecommerce business and how to measure them so you win.\*
- \* The 10 BIG mistakes most ecommerce entrepreneur makes and how to avoid them so you can improve your chances of success in ecommerce.\*
- \* Easy steps to picking niche markets like winning racehorses so you know the winners from the dogs.\*
- \* Detailed check list on what to look for in an ecommerce platform.\*
- \* 11 tips on how you can increase your website conversions. Are you flirting with the idea of your own ecommerce business? Shirley's Ecom Hell takes you through the nitty-gritty of running an ecommerce business. It is a behind-the-scenes look at what can make or break your ecommerce business. Ecom Hell walks you through:\*
- \* How to get started on a shoestring budget so you'll have plenty of resources available to fund your growth.\*
- \* How to "cherry pick" your competitors so you ALWAYS win in a head to head contest.\*
- \* How to buy an existing ecommerce business so you can avoid the "slow start."\*
- \* How to sell your business so you can retire and have financial security. Shirley

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The best-selling author of *Devil in the White City* documents the efforts of first American ambassador to Hitler's Germany William E. Dodd to acclimate to a residence in an increasingly violent city where he is forced to associate with the Nazis while his daughter pursues a relationship with Gestapo chief Rudolf Diels.

This volume brings together different approaches to diplomacy both as an institution and a practice. The authors examine diplomacy from their own backgrounds and through sociological traditions, which shape the study of international relations (IR) in Francophone countries. The volume's global character articulates the Francophone intellectual concerns with a variety of scholarships on diplomacy, providing a first contact with this subfield of IR for students and practitioners. *The Architecture of Diplomacy* reveals the complex interplay of architecture, politics, and power in the history of America's embassy-building program. Through colorful personalities, bizarre episodes, and high drama this compelling story takes readers from scandalous "inspection" junkets by members of

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Congress to bugged offices at the Moscow embassy to the daring rescue of American personnel in Somalia by Marines and Navy Seals. Rigorously researched and lucidly written, *The Architecture of Diplomacy* focuses on the embassy-building program during the Cold War years, when the United States initiated a massive construction campaign that would demonstrate its commitment to its allies and assert its presence as a superpower.

How do reputations form in international politics? What influence do these reputations have on the conduct of international affairs? In *Reputation for Resolve*, Danielle L. Lupton takes a new approach to answering these enduring and hotly debated questions by shifting the focus away from the reputations of countries and instead examining the reputations of individual leaders. Lupton argues that new leaders establish personal reputations for resolve that are separate from the reputations of their predecessors and from the reputations of their states. Using innovative survey experiments and in-depth archival research, she finds that leaders acquire personal reputations for resolve based on their foreign policy statements and behavior. *Reputation for Resolve* shows that statements create expectations of how leaders will react to foreign policy crises in the future and that leaders who fail to meet expectations of resolute action face harsh reputational consequences. *Reputation for Resolve* challenges the view that reputations do not matter in international politics. In sharp contrast, Lupton shows that the reputations for resolve of individual leaders influence the strategies statesmen pursue during diplomatic interactions and crises, and she delineates specific steps policymakers can take to avoid developing

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reputations for irresolute action. Lupton demonstrates that reputations for resolve do exist and can influence the conduct of international security. Thus, Reputation for Resolve reframes our understanding of the influence of leaders and their rhetoric on crisis bargaining and the role reputations play in international politics.

Crises of Empire offers a comprehensive and uniquely comparative analysis of the history of decolonization in the British, French and Dutch empires. By comparing the processes of decolonization across three of the major modern empires, from the aftermath of the First World War to the late 20th century, the authors are able to analyse decolonization as a long-term process. They explore significant changes to the international system, shifting popular attitudes to colonialism and the economics of empire. This new edition incorporates the latest developments in the historiography, as well as: - Increased coverage of the Belgian and Portuguese empires - New introductions to each of the three main parts, offering some background and context to British, French and Dutch decolonization - More coverage of cultural aspects of decolonization, exploring empire 'from below' This new edition of Crises of Empire is essential reading for all students of imperial history and decolonization. In particular, it will be welcomed by those who are interested in taking a comparative approach, putting the history of decolonization into a pan-European framework.

This book chronicles the genesis of the negotiations that led to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which challenged the established nuclear order.

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The work provides readers with an authoritative account of the complex evolution of the 'Humanitarian Initiative' (HI) and the negotiation history of the TPNW. It includes a close analysis of internal strategy documents and communications in the author's possession which trace the tactical and political decisions of a small group of state actors. By demonstrating the unacceptable humanitarian consequences and uncontrollable risks that these weapons pose to everyone's security, the HI convinced many states to ban nuclear weapons and reject the policy of nuclear deterrence as unsustainable and illegitimate. As such, this book is a case-study of multilateral diplomacy and cooperation between state and civil society actors. It also contains a full discussion of both sides of the nuclear argument and assesses the extent to which the HI and the TPNW have moved the dial and present opportunities for transformational change. This book will be of much interest to students of nuclear disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation, diplomacy, global governance, and International Relations in general.

Moderne Diplomatie wirkt heute in viele Bereiche des modernen Lebens hinein. Sie ist zugleich selbst neuen Einflüssen ausgesetzt. Faktoren, die unsere Gesellschaften verändern, verändern auch unser Regierungshandeln, auch in der Außenpolitik, seien es Digitalisierung, emotionalisierte Sensibilitäten unserer Öffentlichkeiten oder nicht-staatliche internationale Akteure. Derartige Entwicklungen müssen von der Diplomatie aufgenommen werden, damit sie weiter als Instrument einer Regierung funktionieren kann.

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Regierungen sollten Wege finden, zwischen den neuen Bedürfnissen der Gesellschaft und den Notwendigkeiten legitimen Regierungshandelns zu vermitteln. Das Ziel sollte sein, als souveräner Staat handeln zu können und zugleich das Potential der tiefgreifenden gesellschaftlichen Veränderungen zu nutzen. Mit Beiträgen von Volker Stanzel, Sascha Lohmann, Andrew Cooper, Christer Jönsson, Corneliu Bjola, Emillie V. de Keulenaar, Jan Melissen, Karsten D. Voigt, Kim B. Olsen, Hanns W. Maull und R. S. Zaharna

As a young child, becoming a beautiful bride seemed like the ultimate fairy-tale dream. But for Alex Payne, the fantasy of marriage has transformed into a shattering nightmare. Facing constant verbal abuse, sexual violence, and intimidation from her husband Greg, Alex has become a broken shell of the person she used to be. And since Greg slaughtered her beloved puppy Beatrice, she's even more terrified than ever to leave. When Alex learns Greg has been unfaithful, she finally shares her entire story with her best friend Elise, who has also experienced the horror of an abusive relationship. With the help of Elise's boyfriend David, the trio devise a cunning plan to rescue Alex from her misery for good. But with a serial killer on the loose, this grand escape becomes more dangerous than Alex ever imagined-between a deranged murderer roaming the streets and a husband who has already threatened to kill her if she ever attempts to leave, will she manage to survive brutality at home and live to enjoy a new life of freedom?

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