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First study of the Dark Age comitatus, or warband, drawing evidence from literary and historical sources. In this compelling study of leadership, Correlli Barnett examines the strengths and weaknesses of twenty leaders in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He examines how the difficulties they faced and the political and strategic backgrounds of their days and analyses how they performed and what they achieved. Were they successful, or were they beaten down by the burden of their roles? His book considers men from very different backgrounds and from three continents in a range of modern conflicts from the Napoleonic Wars to the Second World War. They range from statesmen like Napoleon, Abraham Lincoln, David Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, Adolf Hitler and Joseph Stalin, to generals like Ulysses S. Grant, Douglas Haig, Erwin Rommel, Georgi Zhukov, Dwight Eisenhower and William Slim, to admirals like Isoroku Yamamoto and Bertram Ramsey. These leaders present

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fascinating contrasts of personal character, styles of leadership and sheer aptitude for command as well as contrasts in the daunting professional problems that challenged each of them. In Lords of War Correlli Barnett yet again demolishes hallowed reputations and rehabilitates the unjustly scapegoated. His latest book confirms his reputation as a master in the field of strategic history. Napoleon Bonaparte Abraham Lincoln Ulysses S. Grant Robert E. Lee Helmuth, Graf von Moltke Napoleon III Joseph Joffre Helmuth von Moltke the Younger Douglas Haig David Lloyd George Philippe Ptain Erich Ludendorff Erwin Rommel Isoruku Yamamoto Arthur Harris William Slim Bertram Ramsay Dwight D. Eisenhower Georgi Zhukov Adolf Hitler Winston Churchill

The groundbreaking follow-up to the international bestseller a hands-on guide to putting McKinsey techniques to work in your organization McKinsey & Company is the most respected and most secretive consulting firm in the world, and business readers just can't seem to get enough of all things McKinsey. Now, hot on the heels of his acclaimed

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international bestseller *The McKinsey Way*, Ethan Rasiel brings readers a powerful new guide to putting McKinsey concepts and skills into action *The McKinsey Mind*. While the first book used case studies and anecdotes from former and current McKinseyites to describe how "the firm" solves the thorniest business problems of their A-list clients, *The McKinsey Mind* goes a giant step further. It explains, step-by-step, how to use McKinsey tools, techniques and strategies to solve an array of core business problems and to make any business venture more successful. Designed to work as a stand-alone guide or together with *The McKinsey Way*, *The McKinsey Mind* follows the same critically acclaimed style and format as its predecessor. In this book authors Rasiel and Friga expand upon the lessons found in *The McKinsey Way* with real-world examples, parables, and easy-to-do exercises designed to get readers up and running.

Judo, often translated as "the way of gentleness," is a century-old martial art that employs quickness and agility to help devotees overcome adversaries

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who seem to be more powerful. The authors turn these principles around for a corporate audience, showing how they can also be used to help companies battle bigger and stronger competitors. Examines and explains the revolutionary business frameworks of Michael Porter, with examples to illustrate and update Porter's ideas for achieving and sustaining competitive success.

Most of us face the same questions every day: What do I want? And how can I get it? How can I live more happily and work more efficiently?A UK

bestseller, *The Decision Book* distils into a single volume the fifty best decision-making models used on MBA courses and elsewhere that will help you tackle these important questions - from the well known (the Eisenhower matrix for time management) to the less familiar but equally useful (the Swiss Cheese model). It will even show you how to remember everything you will have learned by the end of it. Stylish and compact, this little black book is a powerful asset. Whether you need to plot a presentation, assess someone's business idea or get to know yourself

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better, this unique guide will help you simplify any problem and take steps towards the right decision.

This publication contains the Standing Orders of the House of Lords which set out information on the procedure and working of the House, under a range of headings including: Lords and the manner of their introduction; excepted hereditary peers; the Speaker; general observances; debates; arrangement of business; bills; divisions; committees; parliamentary papers; public petitions; privilege; making or suspending of Standing Orders.

Conventional wisdom on strategy is no longer a reliable guide. In *Essential Advantage*, Booz & Company's Cesare Mainardi and Paul Leinwand maintain that success in any market accrues to firms with coherence: a tight match between their strategic direction and the capabilities that make them unique. Achieving this clarity takes a sharpness of focus that only exceptional companies have mastered. This book helps you identify your firm's blend of strategic direction and distinctive capabilities that give it

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the "right to win" in its chosen markets. Based on extensive research and filled with company examples--including Amazon.com, Johnson & Johnson, Tata Sons, and Procter & Gamble--Essential Advantage helps you construct a coherent company in which the pieces reinforce each other instead of working at cross-purposes. The authors reveal: ♦ Why you should focus on a system of a few aligned capabilities ♦ How to identify the "way to play" in your market ♦ How to design a strategy for well-modulated growth ♦ How to align a portfolio of businesses behind your capability system ♦ How your strategy clarifies growth, costs, and people decisions Few companies achieve a capability-driven "right to win" in their market. This book helps you position your firm to be among them.

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You are the Republic's only hope . . . or biggest threat. ·Detailed stats, equipment, and ability descriptions for all party members ·Covers all main allies and foes ·Exhaustive Jedi Mastery helps you master each Jedi class ·Detailed maps for every planet and location ·Construct the ultimate weapon and armor kits with our expert workbench tips ·All Secret Powers unearthed! ·All Jedi Party Members Revealed! ·The best ranged and melee weapons combat tested and approved!

An absorbing, minute-by-minute account of the demise of the "unsinkable" Titanic, the massive luxury liner that housed a French "sidewalk cafe" and a grand staircase, among other extravagances, but failed to provide enough lifeboats for the 2,207 passengers on board. Reissue.

Imagine, if you can, the world of business - without corporate strategy. Remarkably, fifty years ago that's the way it was. Businesses made plans, certainly, but without understanding the underlying

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dynamics of competition, costs, and customers. It was like trying to design a large-scale engineering project without knowing the laws of physics. But in the 1960s, four mavericks and their posses instigated a profound shift in thinking that turbocharged business as never before, with implications far beyond what even they imagined. In The Lords of Strategy, renowned business journalist and editor Walter Kiechel tells, for the first time, the story of the four men who invented corporate strategy as we know it and set in motion the modern, multibillion-dollar consulting industry: Bruce Henderson, founder of Boston Consulting Group Bill Bain, creator of Bain & Company Fred Gluck, longtime Managing Director of McKinsey & Company Michael Porter, Harvard Business School professor Providing a window into how to think about strategy today, Kiechel tells their story with novelistic flair. At times inspiring, at times nearly terrifying, this book is a revealing account of how these iconoclasts and the organizations they led revolutionized the way we think about business, changed the very soul of the corporation, and transformed the way we work.

One of the world's leading authorities on war and international politics synthesizes the vast history of strategy's evolution in this consistently engaging and surprising account of how it came to pervade every aspect of life.

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Strategic planning sounds business-as-usual dull, while innovation conjures up images of corporate vision and risk-taking. The truth is, the two must be brought together for companies to excel in dynamic markets. The Power of Strategy Innovation presents a five-phase Discovery Process for staging, aligning, exploring, creating, and mapping the paths between analytical, numbers-oriented, day-to-day planning and market-centric, discovery-driven innovation that focuses on the future. This edition updated in 2013 to include a new Preface and Epilogue, describing the emergence of Enterprise Innovation.

A behind-the-scenes, revelatory history of the controversial consulting firm traces its decades-long influence in both business and political arenas, citing its role in the establishment of mainstream practices and modern understandings about capitalism while evaluating the failures that have compromised its reputation. 60,000 first printing.

Life's tough in the 13th century: The peasants demand food, the blacksmith needs iron, the battles are bloody. Not to worry! Get Lords of the Realm II: The Official Strategy Guide and learn: How to feed your people and forge your weapons

Strategy options and their effects

Details on weapons, castles, and terrain

The art of diplomacy -- the velvet glove and the mailed fist

The finer points of computer or head-to-head play

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Author Bart Farkasis Editor-in-Chief of Inside Mac Games and the author of Wing Commander IV Unauthorized Secrets and Solutions (Prima).

Once confined to the research laboratory, the genetic engineering of plants is now a big business that is changing the face of modern agriculture.

Giant corporations are creating designer crops with strange powers—from cholesterol-reducing soybeans to plants that act as miniature drug factories, churning out everything from vaccines to insulin. They promise great benefits: better health for consumers, more productive agriculture—even an end to world hunger. But the vision has a dark side, one of profit-driven tampering with life and the possible destruction of entire ecosystems. In Lords of the Harvest, Daniel Charles takes us deep inside research labs, farm sheds, and corporate boardrooms to reveal the hidden story behind this agricultural revolution. He tells how a handful of scientists at Monsanto drove biotechnology from the lab into the field, and how the company's opponents are fighting back with every tool available to them, including the cynical manipulation of public fears. A dramatic account of boundless ambition, political intrigue, and the quest for knowledge, Lords of the Harvest is ultimately a story of idealism and of conflicting dreams about the shape of a better world.

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A collection of the best thinking from one of the most innovative management consulting firms in the world For more than forty years, The Boston Consulting Group has been shaping strategic thinking in business. The Boston Consulting Group on Strategy offers a broad and up-to-date selection of the firm's best ideas on strategy with fresh ideas, insights, and practical lessons for managers, executives, and entrepreneurs in every industry. Here's a sampling of the provocative thinking you'll find inside: "You have to be the scientist of your own life and be astonished four times: at what is, what always has been, what once was, and what could be." "The majority of products in most companies are cash traps . . . [They] are not only worthless, but a perpetual drain on corporate resources." "Use more

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debt than your competition or get out of the business." "When information flows freely, reputation, more than reciprocity, becomes the basis for trust." "As a strategic weapon, time is the equivalent of money, productivity, quality, even innovation." "When brands become business systems, brand management becomes far too important to leave to the marketing department." "The winning organization of the future will look more like a collection of jazz ensembles than a symphony orchestra." "Most of our organizations today derive from a model whose original purpose was to control creativity." "Rather than being an obstacle, uncertainty is the very engine of transformation in a business, a continuous source of new opportunities." "IP assets lack clear property lines. Every bit of intellectual property you can own comes with connections to other valuable innovations." Are you just playing—or playing to win? Strategy is not complex. But it is hard. It's hard because it forces people and organizations to make specific choices about their future—something that doesn't happen in most companies. Now two of today's best-known business thinkers get to the heart of strategy—explaining what it's for, how to think about it, why you need it, and how to get it done. And they use one of the most successful corporate turnarounds of the past century, which they achieved together, to prove their point. A.G. Lafley, former CEO of Procter & Gamble, in close partnership with strategic adviser Roger Martin, doubled P&G's sales, quadrupled its profits, and increased its market value by more than

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\$100 billion in just ten years. Now, drawn from their years of experience at P&G and the Rotman School of Management, where Martin is dean, this book shows how leaders in organizations of all sizes can guide everyday actions with larger strategic goals built around the clear, essential elements that determine business success—where to play and how to win. The result is a playbook for winning. Lafley and Martin have created a set of five essential strategic choices that, when addressed in an integrated way, will move you ahead of your competitors. They are: • What is our winning aspiration? • Where will we play? • How will we win? • What capabilities must we have in place to win? • What management systems are required to support our choices? The stories of how P&G repeatedly won by applying this method to iconic brands such as Olay, Bounty, Gillette, Swiffer, and Febreze clearly illustrate how deciding on a strategic approach—and then making the right choices to support it—makes the difference between just playing the game and actually winning.

Culled from the author's "Fortune" magazine column, these expository pieces probe the American managerial realm and offer practical, diplomatic advice on delicate corporate situations

Do you want dawn ... ? Drew Wagar ' s epic fantasy, The Lords of Midnight, is set in the world of the award-winning Tolkienesque fantasy game, The Lords of Midnight by Mike Singleton. The magical land of Midnight, cursed into eternal winter, faces destruction at the hands of the Witchking. The Lords of Midnight

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and the Fey of the Forest combined forces once before to defeat him, but this sudden assault by the Witchking ' s deadly Doomguard has long been planned to coincide with the Winter Solstice at a time when Midnight has lost the only means it has to mount an effective defence. The amazing cover art was created by Jurij Rogelj.

BBC2 ' s major TV series THE LAST KINGDOM is based on Bernard Cornwell ' s bestselling novels on the making of England and the fate of his great hero, Uhtred of Bebbanburg. THE LORDS OF THE NORTH is the third book in the series. Season 2 of the epic TV series premieres this March.

What approach does your company use to develop and execute its strategy? We are confronted with a plethora of different approaches and frameworks which purport to answer this question from the classic Michael Porter approach to Kim and Mauborgne's blue ocean strategy to Steve Jobs' build it and they will come " philosophy. The answer? There is no one approach that works for everyone but there is a best approach for your specific context. And it has never been more important to choose the right one: not only has the number of different approaches proliferated ten-fold over the past 40 years, but the environments in which executives must formulate and execute strategy have become increasingly diverse and complex. The difference between winning and losing has never been greater. And using the right approach pays off: firms that successfully match their approach to their environment realize significantly better returns than those who

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don't. And, they avoid the common frustrations stemming from lack of perceived relevance and engagement around on the strategy process. How you choose and execute the right approach is the focus of this book. From Global BCG strategy experts Martin Reeves, Knut Haanæs, Janmejaya Sinha (and based on the bestselling article in Harvard Business Review), Your Strategy Needs a Strategy offers a practical guide to help you to match your approach to strategy to your environment and execute it effectively, to combine different approaches for companies which operate in multiple environments, and to lead your organization in making better strategic choices. Organizing approaches into five strategic archetypes Be Big, Be Fast, Be First, Be the Orchestrator, Be Viable the authors explain the conditions under which each is appropriate, when and how to execute each one, and how to avoid common strategy traps. They richly illustrate the idea with interviews with CEOs from different industries from around the globe. For anyone leading a business or charged with developing a winning strategy this book is for you. The world of strategy is thick with opposing ideas and frameworks; Your Strategy Needs a Strategy will help you cut through the noise and find clarity on which approach is your best bet.

How to close the gap between strategy and execution
Two-thirds of executives say their organizations don't have the capabilities to support their strategy. In Strategy That Works, Paul Leinwand and Cesare Mainardi explain why. They identify conventional business practices that unintentionally create a gap

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between strategy and execution. And they show how some of the best companies in the world consistently leap ahead of their competitors. Based on new research, the authors reveal five practices for connecting strategy and execution used by highly successful enterprises such as IKEA, Natura, Danaher, Haier, and Lego. These companies:

- Commit to what they do best instead of chasing multiple opportunities
- Build their own unique winning capabilities instead of copying others
- Put their culture to work instead of struggling to change it
- Invest where it matters instead of going lean across the board
- Shape the future instead of reacting to it

Packed with tools you can use for building these five practices into your organization and supported by in-depth profiles of companies that are known for making their strategy work, this is your guide for reconnecting strategy to execution.

Beat the odds with a bold strategy from McKinsey & Company “ Every once in a while, a genuinely fresh approach to business strategy appears ” – legendary business professor Richard Rumelt, UCLA McKinsey & Company ’ s newest, most definitive, and most irreverent book on strategy—which thousands of executives are already using—is a must-read for all C-suite executives looking to create winning corporate strategies. Strategy Beyond the Hockey Stick is spearheading an empirical revolution in the field of strategy. Based on an extensive analysis of the key factors that drove the long-term performance of thousands of global companies, the book offers a

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ground-breaking formula that enables you to objectively assess your strategy ' s real odds of future success. "This book is fundamental. The principles laid out here, with compelling data, are a great way around the social pitfalls in strategy development. " — Frans Van Houten, CEO, Royal Philips N.V. The authors have discovered that over a 10-year period, just 1 in 12 companies manage to jump from the middle tier of corporate performance—where 60% of companies reside, making very little economic profit—to the top quintile where 90% of global economic profit is made. This movement does not happen by magic—it depends on your company ' s current position, the trends it faces, and the big moves you make to give it the strongest chance of vaulting over the competition. This is not another strategy framework. Rather, Strategy Beyond the Hockey Stick shows, through empirical analysis and the experiences of dozens of companies that have successfully made multiple big moves, that to dramatically improve performance, you have to overcome incrementalism and corporate inertia. " A different kind of book—I couldn ' t put it down. Inspiring new insights on the facts of what it takes to move a company ' s performance, combined with practical advice on how to deal with real-life dynamics in management teams. " —Jane Fraser, CEO, Citigroup Latin America

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_____ This ground-breaking book from award-winning author MATT WATKINSON reveals the fundamental, inseparable elements behind the success of every business. The Grid provides the mental scaffolding to help you: · Evaluate and refine product and service ideas · Reduce risk by considering the broader impact of strategic decisions · Identify the root causes of business challenges · Anticipate the impact of changes in the market and turn them to your advantage · Collaborate more effectively across teams Combining practical guidance with real-world examples, The Grid will bring clarity and confidence to your business decision-making. _____ 'The

Grid provides you with a simple way to look at the complex system which is your business. With the possible exception of Warren Buffett, everyone needs to read this book.' RORY SUTHERLAND, VICE CHAIRMAN, OGILVY GROUP

'The Grid provides a systematic framework for looking at virtually all the critical aspects of your business, and maybe more valuable, at how each affects the others. It'll be a rare

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reader who doesn't come away with fresh, useful insights into his or her enterprise.' WALTER KEICHEL III, author of *The Lords of Strategy* 'Matt Watkinson distils strategic know-how into nine ingenious perspectives and, with the use of clever examples, shows us how to apply this technique of thinking to any business problem or market opportunity. An extraordinarily powerful book.' DR JULES GODDARD, author of *Uncommon Sense, Common Nonsense* 'The Grid presents a unique, joined up approach to decision-making, revealing both the holistic nature of business and all the key elements a business must consider. I can safely say that if you only read one business book in your life it should be *The Grid*.' PHILIP ROWLEY, Chief Finance Officer, Sony Pictures Entertainment

"The ... game is played in eight rounds. The player with the most Victory points at the end of the final round is the winner" -- P. 2, Rulebook.

- Strategies and tactics take you from initial conquests to stage domination
- The art and sorcery completely demystified
- Detailed stats on all units!
- Multiplayer tips to lord over your enemies

About the Author Joe Grant Bell is the author of the *Online Games Guide*, *Myth: The Fallen Lords*, and *Command & Conquer: Red Alert — Secrets and Solutions Unauthorized* among other Prima Entertainment titles.

'Beautifully written and deeply researched' *The Observer* Upon victory in 1945, Britain still dominated the Middle East. But her motives for wanting to dominate this crossroads between Europe, Asia and Africa were changing. Where 'imperial security' – control of the route to India – had once been paramount, now oil was an increasingly

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important factor. So, too, was prestige. Ironically, the very end of empire made control of the Middle East precious in itself: on it hung Britain's claim to be a great power. Unable to withstand Arab and Jewish nationalism, within a generation the British were gone. But that is not the full story. What ultimately sped Britain on her way was the uncompromising attitude of the United States, which was determined to displace the British in the Middle East. Using newly declassified records and long-forgotten memoirs, including the diaries of a key British spy, James Barr tears up the conventional interpretation of this era in the Middle East, vividly portraying the tensions between London and Washington, and shedding an uncompromising light on the murkier activities of a generation of American and British diehards in the region, from the battle of El Alamein in 1942 to Britain's abandonment of Aden in 1967. Reminding us that the Middle East has always served as the arena for great power conflict, this is the tale of an internecine struggle in which Britain would discover that her most formidable rival was the ally she had assumed would be her closest friend. 'Bustles impressively with detail and anecdote' Sunday Times 'Consistently fascinating' The Spectator 'Barr draws on a rich and varied trove of sources to knit a sequence of dramatic episodes into an elegant whole. Great events march through these pages' Wall Street Journal

Set in the fictitious world of Westeros, the hit television series Game of Thrones chronicles the bitter and violent struggle between the realm's noble dynasties for control of the Seven Kingdoms. But this beloved fantasy drama has just as much to say about the successful strategies and real-life warfare waged in our own time and place. Winning Westeros brings

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together more than thirty of today's top military and strategic experts, including generals and admirals, policy advisors, counterinsurgency tacticians, science fiction and fantasy writers, and ground-level military officers, to explain the strategy and art of war by way of the Game of Thrones saga. Each chapter of *Winning Westeros* provides a relatable, outside-the-box way to simplify and clarify the complexities of modern military conflict. A chapter on the doomed butcher's boy whom Arya Stark befriends by *World War Z* author Max Brooks poignantly reminds us of the cruel fate that civilians face during times of war. Another chapter on Jaqen H'ghar and the faceless men of Bravos explores the pivotal roles that stealth and intelligence play in battle. Whether considering the diplomatic prowess of Tyri Lannister, the defiant leadership style of Daenerys Targaryen, the Battle of the Bastards and the importance of reserves, Brienne of Tarth and the increased role of women in combat, or dragons as weapons of mass destruction, *Winning Westeros* gives fans of *Game of Thrones* and aspiring military minds alike an inspiring and entertaining means of understanding the many facets of modern warfare. It is a book as captivating and enthralling as *Game of Thrones* itself.

Contains the 6th century B.C. Chinese commander's classic work on the art of warfare, the relationship between war and politics, and diplomacy, and the Prussian soldier's classic work on the nature of war and the conditions which require it.

Journalist and editor Walter Kiechel recounts the birth and evolution of strategy, arguably the most influential business paradigm of the past half century and the trials and triumphs

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of the disruptors who invented it.

The gathering of the tribes of the Mongols has been a long time in coming but finally, triumphantly, Temujin of the Wolves, Genghis Khan, is given the full accolade of the overall leader and their oaths. Now he can begin to meld all the previously warring people into one army, one nation. But the task Genghis has set himself and them is formidable. He is determined to travel to the land of the long-time enemy Chin and attack them there. The distances and terrain—the wide deserts, the impenetrable mountains—make it a difficult venture even for the legendary Mongolian speed of movement, but the greatest problem is that of the complex fortifications, a way of fighting wars of a settled urban population which the nomadic Mongolians had never come across. Finding ways to tackle that and keeping his tribes together in a strange environment presents another new and exciting challenge for Genghis Khan. Not only must Genghis succeed in this incredible campaign, but he must also reconcile the restless factions among his own generals, mediate between his ambitious brothers and cope with his own reactions to his growing sons. The young warrior has become a notable and victorious military commander of thousands: he must now learn to become a great leader of peoples of many different races and religions. LORDS OF THE BOW is a deeply satisfying novel. It is epic in scope, convincing, and fascinating in the narration of an extraordinary story. Above all Genghis Khan continues to dominate the scene as he matures from the young boy of Wolf of the Plains to the great Conqueror.

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To create a competitive advantage, a company must commit itself to developing a set of capabilities superior to its competitors; But such commitments tend to be costly and hard to reverse. How then, should a company decide which broad path, or strategy, to commit itself to? And how are competition and uncertainty to be accounted for in that decision? In this brilliant reassessment of how companies gain and sustain competitive advantage, Pankaj Ghemawat consolidates contemporary research in economics and other disciplines into a comprehensive yet practical framework for comparing commitments to strategically distinct options. This framework will help managers address specific strategic choices such as entry, exit, vertical/horizontal integration, capacity expansion, and innovation, as well as choices of generic strategy. Step by systematic step, Ghemawat provides managers with the tools and techniques they need to improve the quality of the choices that they make. Specifically, Ghemawat discusses: * how

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to identify the choices that are truly strategic -- that involve commitment -- before rather than after the fact * how to analyze the short-run and long-run competitive positions implied by a particular strategic option * how to assess the sustainability of superior competitive positions over time * how to account for the flexibility afforded by a particular option in dealing with future uncertainties * how to deal with both honest mistakes and deliberate distortions in the process of choice This pathbreaking book will help managers invest in the future. Its logic applies to choices involving disinvestment as well as those involving investment -- and to choices that embody elements of both. Its logic can be used for diagnostic purposes, such as the valuation of business, and most broadly, it will force managers to think about important issues that they may have tended to ignore. Ghemawat's discussion of these important ideas is concise, studded with detailed examples, based on rigorous research and, above all, practical. It will become required reading for thoughtful practitioners as well as practitioners-to-be in the 1990s.

"The ultimate chronicle of the games behind the game."—The New York Times Book Review Baseball has always inspired rhapsodic elegies on the glory of man and golden memories of wonderful times. But what you see on the field is only half the game. In this fascinating, colorful chronicle—based on hundreds of interviews and years of research and digging—John Helyar brings to vivid life the extraordinary people and dramatic events that shaped America's favorite pastime, from the dead-ball days at the turn of the century through the great

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strike of 1994. Witness zealous Judge Landis banish eight players, including Shoeless Joe Jackson, after the infamous "Black Sox" scandal; the flamboyant A's owner Charlie Finley wheel and deal his star players, Vida Blue and Rollie Fingers, like a deck of cards; the hysterical bidding war of coveted free agent Catfish Hunter; the chain-smoking romantic, A. Bartlett Giamatti, locking horns with Pete Rose during his gambling days of summer; and much more. Praise for *The Lords of the Realm* "A must-read for baseball fans . . . reads like a suspense novel."—Kirkus Reviews "Refreshingly hard-headed . . . the only book you'll need to read on the subject."—Newsday "Lots of stories . . . well told, amusing . . . edifying."—The Washington Post

John Lewis Gaddis, the distinguished historian and acclaimed author of *The Cold War*, has for almost two decades co-taught the grand strategy seminar at Yale University with his colleagues Charles Hill and Paul Kennedy. Now, in *On Grand Strategy*, Gaddis reflects with insight and wit on what he has learned. In chapters extending from the ancient world through World War II, Gaddis assesses grand strategic theory and practice in Herodotus, Thucydides, Sun Tzu, Octavian/Augustus, Saint Augustine, Machiavelli, Elizabeth I, Philip II, the American Founding Fathers, Clausewitz, Tolstoy, Lincoln, Wilson, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Isaiah Berlin.

Discusses techniques for business managers for planning company growth, overcoming competition, dealing with inflation, improving the organization of the corporation, and coping with personnel problems
When Richard Rumelt's *Good Strategy/Bad Strategy*

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was published in 2011, it immediately struck a chord, calling out as bad strategy the mish-mash of pop culture, motivational slogans and business buzz speak so often and misleadingly masquerading as the real thing. Since then, his original and pragmatic ideas have won fans around the world and continue to help readers to recognise and avoid the elements of bad strategy and adopt good, action-oriented strategies that honestly acknowledge the challenges being faced and offer straightforward approaches to overcoming them. Strategy should not be equated with ambition, leadership, vision or planning; rather, it is coherent action backed by an argument. For Rumelt, the heart of good strategy is insight into the hidden power in any situation, and into an appropriate response - whether launching a new product, fighting a war or putting a man on the moon. Drawing on examples of the good and the bad from across all sectors and all ages, he shows how this insight can be cultivated with a wide variety of tools that lead to better thinking and better strategy, strategy that cuts through the hype and gets results. The Lords of Strategy The Secret Intellectual History of the New Corporate World Harvard Business Press Spilguide til strategispillet Castlemania - Lords of Shadow

THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE. The current financial crisis has only one parallel: the Wall Street Crash of 1929 and subsequent Great Depression of the 1930s, which crippled the future of an entire generation and set the stage for the horrors of the Second World War. Yet the economic meltdown could have been avoided, had it not been for the decisions taken by a small number of central bankers. In Lords

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