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### **The \$100 Startup** Robfitz Ltd

The best entrepreneurs balance brilliant business ideas with a rigorous commitment to serving their customers' needs. If you read nothing else on entrepreneurship and startups, read these 10 articles by experts in the field. We've combed through hundreds of articles in the Harvard Business Review archive and selected the most important ones to help you build your company for enduring success. Leading experts and practitioners such as Clayton Christensen, Marc Andreessen, and Reid Hoffman provide the insights and advice that will inspire you to: Understand what makes entrepreneurial

leaders tick Know what matters in a great business plan Adopt lean startup practices such as business model experimentation Be prepared for the race for scale in Silicon Valley Better understand the world of venture capital--and know what you'll get along with VC funding Take an alternative approach to entrepreneurship: buy an existing business and run it as CEO This collection of articles includes "Hiring an Entrepreneurial Leader," by Timothy Butler; "How to Write a Great Business Plan," by William A. Sahlman; "Why the Lean Start-Up Changes Everything," by Steve Blank; "The President of SRI Ventures on Bringing Siri to Life," by Norman Winarsky; "In Search of the Next Big Thing," an interview with Marc Andreessen by Adi Ignatius; "Six Myths

About Venture Capitalists," by Diane Mulcahy; "Chobani's Founder on Growing a Start-Up Without Outside Investors," by Hamdi Ulukaya; "Network Effects Aren't Enough," by Andrei Hagiu and Simon Rothman; "Blitzscaling," an interview with Reid Hoffman by Tim Sullivan; "Buying Your Way into Entrepreneurship," by Richard S. Ruback and Royce Yudkoff; and "The Founder's Dilemma," by Noam Wasserman.

**Why Startups Fail** John Wiley & Sons The Mom Test is a quick, practical guide that will save you time, money, and heartbreak. They say you shouldn't ask your mom whether your business is a good idea, because she loves you and will lie to you. This is technically true, but it misses the point. You shouldn't ask anyone if your

business is a good idea. It's a bad question and everyone will lie to you at least a little. As a matter of fact, it's not their responsibility to tell you the truth. It's your responsibility to find it and it's worth doing right. Talking to customers is one of the foundational skills of both Customer Development and Lean Startup. We all know we're supposed to do it, but nobody seems willing to admit that it's easy to screw up and hard to do right. This book is going to show you how customer conversations go wrong and how you can do better.

**Reinvent the Way You Make a Living, Do what You Love, and Create a New Future** Kogan Page Publishers

Is your company spending too much time on strategy development—with too little to show for it? If you read nothing else on strategy, read these 10 articles (featuring “What Is Strategy?” by Michael E. Porter). We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the most important ones to help you catalyze your organization's strategy development and execution. HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy will inspire you to: Distinguish your company from rivals

Clarify what your company will and won't do  
 Craft a vision for an uncertain future  
 Create blue oceans of uncontested market space  
 Use the Balanced Scorecard to measure your strategy  
 Capture your strategy in a memorable phrase  
 Make priorities explicit  
 Allocate resources early  
 Clarify decision rights for faster decision making  
 This collection of best-selling articles includes: featured article "What Is Strategy?" by Michael E. Porter, "The Five Competitive Forces That Shape Strategy," "Building Your Company's Vision," "Reinventing Your Business Model," "Blue Ocean Strategy," "The Secrets to Successful Strategy Execution," "Using the Balanced Scorecard as a Strategic Management System," "Transforming Corner-Office Strategy into Frontline Action," "Turning Great Strategy into Great Performance," and "Who Has the D? How Clear Decision Roles Enhance Organizational Performance."  
Dare, Dream, Do John Wiley & Sons  
 Companies struggle dramatically in building new businesses from innovation. 85-90 percent of corporate startups die after the "Minimum Viable Product" stage. Why is this so? What is the solution? How

can companies improve? This book provides the answers. It is written by Frank Mattes, who has decades of experience in corporate innovation. It has been co-written with more than 20 practitioners and 2 business schools as a practical guide for practitioners - corporate innovation, Digital Innovation, heads of incubators and accelerators, leaders of corporate startups and senior managers. Clients and early readers say the content is "timely, relevant, powerful and ready for use", "a must-read," and the solution "dramatically increases return on investment in digital innovation." The corporate business-building problem. Companies are doing okay in incremental improvements. But they fail in innovation. They are good at copying past success stories but bad at creating new ones. If companies do not solve this problem, they will burn money. They also fail to achieve revenue growth from innovation, fail in corporate transformation, fail to future-proof their business and fail in winning and retaining top talent The solution and the book. The book provides a solution. It is the first one on this subject and guides corporate practitioners on how to build

new businesses. The book covers the entire journey - from a "meaningful idea" to a sizable business - and it includes leadership and cultural/collaboration aspects needed for success. The book is the result of a multi-year co-creation process with more than 20 industry-leading companies and 2 business schools. It distills Best Practices and insights into one framework. This framework is the Lean Scaleup(TM). It describes the three capabilities that companies must develop to solve their business-building problem: methodology (the "how-to"), dual leadership and culture/collaboration. When the right innovation teams use the Lean Scaleup with the right mindset in a supportive environment, the company can solve its business-building problem. Advance praise (selection) Frank Mattes brings his extensive experience in corporate innovation to this pragmatic guide to dramatically increasing return on investment in digital innovation. Jeroen Tas, Chief Innovation & Strategy Officer, Royal Philips The Lean Scaleup is an approach built through practice in the field. It supports companies facing

transformational challenges. David Gilmour, co-founder bp Launchpad Taking innovation concepts to scale is the real challenge. This book provides a practical framework and methodology for going beyond the MVP into scale. Ofer HaCohen, Head Innovation Center Israel, AT&T Frank has addressed business-building in many organizations successfully. Finally, his approach is "codified" in this book. I can't recommend it enough to every innovation team keen to deliver results. Hans Balmaekers, CEO, innov8rs The Lean Scaleup gives companies a powerful tool to identify, develop and scale breakthrough innovations. A must-read for all managers from corporate innovation or strategic innovation. Prof. Dr. Georg Oenbrink, CEO, CREAGO Solutions (formerly Evonik industries) The book provides an excellent framework to address the Scaling-Up challenge. It is based on the real-life learning journey of +20 corporates. A must-read for corporate entrepreneurs and their leaders! Carina Snijder VP, Research Program Management, Royal Philips  
**A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide)**

### **- Seventh Edition and The Standard for Project Management (RUSSIAN)**

Bis Publishers

The Lean Product Lifecycle is a playbook that provides frameworks, methods and tools to develop innovative new products and business models, while managing your core portfolio.

*How to Transform Your Organization into an Innovation Powerhouse Project*

Management Institute

Entrepreneur and bestselling author of The Lean Startup, Eric Ries reveals how entrepreneurial principles can be used by businesses of all kinds, ranging from established companies to early-stage startups, to grow revenues, drive innovation, and transform themselves into truly modern organizations, poised to take advantage of the enormous opportunities of the twenty-first century. In The Lean Startup, Eric Ries laid out the practices of successful startups - building a minimal viable product, customer-focused and scientific testing based on a build-measure-learn method of continuous innovation, and deciding whether to persevere or pivot. In The Startup Way, he turns his attention to an entirely new

group of organizations: established enterprises like iconic multinationals GE and Toyota, tech titans like Amazon and Facebook, and the next generation of Silicon Valley upstarts like Airbnb and Twilio. Drawing on his experiences over the past five years working with these organizations, as well as nonprofits, NGOs, and governments, Ries lays out a system of entrepreneurial management that leads organizations of all sizes and from every industry to sustainable growth and long-term impact. Filled with in-the-field stories, insights, and tools, *The Startup Way* is an essential road map for any organization navigating the uncertain waters of the century ahead.

#### Pirates In The Navy Currency

*The Corporate Startup* is a practical guide for established companies that aspire to develop and sustain their innovation capabilities. The world around us is changing rapidly. There is now more pressure on established companies to innovate. The challenge most companies face is how to develop new products for new markets, while managing their core business at the same time. The principles and practices outlined in this book provide

companies with a blueprint of how to manage innovation while they execute on their core business. *The Corporate Startup* provides frameworks, visualizations, templates, tools and methods that can be easily applied to develop new products and business models.

#### **The Startup Way** Apress

The lean entrepreneurship movement has captivated Silicon Valley and entrepreneurs across the country. It provided an agile framework to develop the right product solution for a given target market, and is now used by almost every fledgling company to do just that. The next challenge is growth - to achieve the financial returns and, more importantly, the impact they dreamed of when starting off on their adventure. Why do some companies realize the VC's goal of a 10x return on investment, while others flounder? What differentiates the companies that become part of the fabric of our lives and remain responsive, no matter how big they get from those that quickly fade? To find out, Ammirati looks at 20 different companies in pairs, who have achieved product-market fit at about the same point in history with the same

general target customer-one of which has gone on to achieve real scale, while the other languished. As his research reveals, just a handful of choices-among them, who to partner with, how to finance growth, and how to use data-make all the difference in the world. With such intriguing examples as LinkedIn vs. Spoke, Facebook vs. Friendster, and McDonald's vs. White Castle, Ammirati shows the secret of "the science of growth" and how to cultivate it in any organization.

#### Stories of Startups' Early Days Lean Scaleup Ug

Being a truly innovative company is more than the dreaming up of new products and services by external consultants and internal taskforces. Staying one step ahead of the competition requires you to embed innovation into your organizational culture. Innovation needs to be embodied in everything that gets done by everyone who works there. By changing your organizational culture to one that supports innovation, you will remove the barriers that stop you responding quickly and agilely to changing market conditions and opportunities for growth. Building a Culture of Innovation presents a practical

framework that you can follow to design and embed a culture of innovation in your business. The six-step Innovation Culture Change Framework offers a structured process to make change stick, from assessing your organization's innovation-readiness to leading a managed change process that will foster innovation at each level. It includes case studies from international organizations which have shifted their focus to an innovation culture, including Prudential, Qinetiq, Octopus Investments, Cisco, Siemens, BrightMove Media, Waitrose and Feefo. Supported with downloadable resources, *Building a Culture of Innovation* is an essential read for business leaders and change implementation teams who want to place innovation at the heart of their business strategy.

[Blaze Your Own Trail](#) The Corporate StartupHow Established Companies Can Develop Successful Innovation Ecosystems Innovate your way toward growth using practical, research-backed frameworks The Art of Opportunity offers a path toward new growth, providing the perspective and methods you need to make innovation happen. Written by a

team of experts with both academic and industry experience—and a client roster composed of some of the world's leading companies—this book provides you with the necessary tools to help you capture growth instead of chasing it. The visual frameworks and research-based methodology presented in *The Art of Opportunity* merge business design thinking and strategic innovation to help you change your growth paradigm. You'll learn creative and practical methods for exploring growth opportunities and employ a new approach for identifying what "opportunity" looks like in the first place. Put aside the old school way of focusing on new products and new markets, to instead applying value creation to find your new opportunity, craft your offering, design your strategy and build new growth ventures. The changing business ecosystem is increasingly pushing traditional thinking out to pasture. New consumers and the new marketplace are demanding a profound adjustment to the way companies plan and execute growth strategies. This book gives you the tools to create your roadmap toward the new state

of growth, and gain invaluable insight into a new way of thinking. The Art of Opportunity will help you to: Start looking at business growth from a new perspective Create value for the customers, company and ecosystem Innovate strategically and design new business models Develop a new active business design thinking approach to innovation Your company's goal is to grow, and to turn non-customers into customers. The old ways are becoming less tenable and less cost-effective. The Art of Opportunity outlines the new growth paradigm and gives you a solid framework for putting new ideas into practice.

*Gorillas Can Dance* Pearson UK Corporate Explorers Transform Disruption Into Opportunity With This Proven Framework Innovation used to be seen as a game best left to entrepreneurs, but now a new breed of corporate managers is flipping this logic on its head. These Corporate Explorers have the insight, resilience, and discipline to overcome the obstacles and build new ventures from inside even the largest organizations. Corporate Explorers are part entrepreneurs, using innovation disciplines

to jump start cutting-edge ideas, and part change leaders, capable of creating support for investment. They see that corporations already own the ideas, resources, and—critically—the talent to build new ventures. Companies like Amazon, Microsoft, Bosch, LexisNexis, and Analog Devices enable managers to put these assets to use and gain an upper hand over startups that threaten to disrupt them. *Corporate Explorer* is a guidebook to the practices that enable these managers to go from idea into action. It demonstrates how success is not only possible but may offer entrenched companies better odds than venture-capital backed startups. This actionable and proven framework explains how managers can become successful corporate innovators; it includes tools to: Learn how to apply innovation practices with greater discipline Turn great ideas into a full-time job as an innovation leader Experiment with and scale original business models Transform innovation programs into a thriving source of new business Attract, retain, and motivate entrepreneurial talent Energize employees by creating a realistic way to innovate

These lessons come from the trailblazers of corporate innovation—Andrew Binns (Change Logic), Charles O'Reilly (Stanford Graduate School of Business), and Michael Tushman (Harvard Business School)—who have decades of experience helping entrepreneurial-minded executives activate employees to become Corporate Explorers. Entrepreneurs take notice—it's time for Corporate Explorers to set the pace and chart the course for disruption. *The Lean Startup* "O'Reilly Media, Inc." Four E-Books in One *The World's Leading Business Minds on Today's Most Critical Challenges* "Thinkers50 is now established as the definitive ranking of global thought leaders." -- Professor Costas Markides, London Business School Innovation used to separate extraordinary companies from average companies. Today, it's making the difference between those that succeed and those that outright fail. Business leaders have no choice: innovate or die. Stuart Crainer and Des Dearlove, creators of Thinkers50, bring you the very latest thinking on the subject of business innovation. Citing the ideas and insights of the world's leading thinkers and business practitioners, the authors present a guide

to business innovation that will put you ahead of the competition. Chapters include: Disruptive Innovation Co-creating the Future Opening Up Innovation Innovating Management Leading Innovation Where Innovation Meets Society Where Innovation Meets Society Each book in the Thinkers50 series provides authoritative explanations of the concepts, ideas, and practices that are making a difference today, including specific examples and cases drawn from the original sources. "Innovation is where the worlds of business and creativity meet to create new value," Crainer and Dearlove write. Today's customers are more demanding than ever. They want the best, coolest, most advanced product available. If you don't deliver it, your competitor will. Read Thinkers50 Innovation and learn how to apply the best ideas from the brightest minds in business innovation.

### **The Strategy Visioning Workshop Journal** Harvard Business Press

This book presents unique insights and advice on defining and managing the innovation transformation journey. Using novel ideas, examples and best practices,

it empowers management executives at all levels to drive cultural, technological and organizational changes toward innovation. Covering modern innovation techniques, tools, programs and strategies, it focuses on the role of the latest technologies (e.g., artificial intelligence to discover, handle and manage ideas), methodologies (including Agile Engineering and Rapid Prototyping) and combinations of these (like hackathons or gamification). At the same time, it highlights the importance of culture and provides suggestions on how to build it. In the era of AI and the unprecedented pace of technology evolution, companies need to become truly innovative in order to survive. The transformation toward an innovation-led company is difficult – it requires a strong leadership and culture, advanced technologies and well-designed programs. The book is based on the author’s long-term experience and novel ideas, and reflects two decades of startup, consulting and corporate leadership experience. It is intended for business, technology, and innovation leaders.

### **Remarkable Things Happen When You**

**Dare to Dream** John Wiley & Sons  
So many women enter their adult lives believing that they should know where they are going and how to get there. This can make life decisions feel intimidating and overwhelming. While some choices that lie ahead are fairly predictable, such as those surrounding career, partnership, and motherhood, the effects of these choices can lead to more complicated and unexpected turns that are seldom discussed. Rather than suggesting a rule book, Rebekah Bastian, vice president at Zillow and recognized thought leader, inspires you to *Blaze Your Own Trail*. “I have the benefit of being a living example of crooked paths, magnificent screw-ups, and shocking successes,” she writes. Through storylines and supportive data that explore workplace sexism, career changes, marriage, child-rearing, existential crises, and everything in between, you will learn to embrace and feel less alone in your own nonlinear journey. Even better, you can turn back decisions and make different ones. *Blaze Your Own Trail* includes nineteen possible outcomes and many routes to get there. You will find that you have the strength to

make it through any of them.

*How Today's Entrepreneurs Use Continuous Innovation to Create Radically Successful Businesses* Princeton University Press

When a company is committed to growing through innovation - not just exploiting the existing business models - standard accounting documents offer insufficient and, oftentimes irrelevant data. *Innovation Accounting* is a practical guide for these companies to help them measure and track innovation. Most established organizations have understood the need to innovate and become more digital, however the management tools available to leaders seeking to understand the investments in innovation are lacking. Financial accounting in particular is difficult to use in the context of (digital) innovation. Therefore a new complementary system for measuring and tracking innovation is needed. The book provides tools, frameworks, templates, and visualizations that can be easily understood and applied. These can all be used by executives looking for a new way of measuring corporate performance in a world where accounting-recognized assets

are becoming commodities, by investors seeking better ways of looking at a company's growth potential, and by managers who need to value innovation product teams using more than just financial indicators. *Innovation Accounting* is an essential go-to book for anyone that wants to measure their company's innovation ecosystem.

*The Corporate Startup* Firmsconsulting LLC Thinkers50 Management Thinker of 2015 Whitney Johnson has a goal: to help us identify and achieve our dreams. Her belief is that we can each achieve greater happiness when focusing both on our dreams and on other people in our lives. In this inspiring book, Johnson directs her attention to teaching women, in particular, a three-step model for personal advancement and happiness. She first encourages us to Dare to boldly step out, to consider disrupting life as we know it. Then she teaches us how to Dream, to give life to the many possibilities available, whether to start a business, run a marathon, or travel the world. She shows us how to "date" our dreams (no need to commit!) and how to make space for dreams. Finally, Whitney's model brings

out the businesswoman in her; she teaches us to Do, to execute our dreams. She showcases the importance of sharing dreams with others to give them life, creating your own "dream team." Rich with real stories of women who have dared to dream, *Dare, Dream, Do* offers a practical framework for making remarkable things happen.

*The Lean Enterprise* "O'Reilly Media, Inc." Now available in paperback—with a new preface and interview with Jessica Livingston about Y Combinator! *Founders at Work: Stories of Startups' Early Days* is a collection of interviews with founders of famous technology companies about what happened in the very earliest days. These people are celebrities now. What was it like when they were just a couple friends with an idea? Founders like Steve Wozniak (Apple), Caterina Fake (Flickr), Mitch Kapor (Lotus), Max Levchin (PayPal), and Sabeer Bhatia (Hotmail) tell you in their own words about their surprising and often very funny discoveries as they learned how to build a company. Where did they get the ideas that made them rich? How did they convince investors to back them? What went wrong, and how did they

recover? Nearly all technical people have thought of one day starting or working for a startup. For them, this book is the closest you can come to being a fly on the wall at a successful startup, to learn how it's done. But ultimately these interviews are required reading for anyone who wants to understand business, because startups are business reduced to its essence. The reason their founders become rich is that startups do what businesses do—create value—more intensively than almost any other part of the economy. How? What are the secrets that make successful startups so insanely productive? Read this book, and let the founders themselves tell you.

### **How Established Companies Can Develop Successful Innovation Ecosystems** 972979

Different strategies and tactics to accelerate innovation and growth through collaboration. This is not the hype story of how cool startups are and why you should invest in them with a fund or setup an accelerator. *Corporate Venturing* is so much more than CVC - Corporate Venture Capital. The aim of this book is to provide insights in the different strategies and



tactics to accelerate innovation and growth through collaboration, as well as plenty of cases as examples where these models are successfully applied. This is not a book for people that are looking for complex innovation theories around venturing. Rather it's a no-nonsense, ready-to-apply comprehensive guide for creating and reviewing your corporate venturing strategy as strategic growth. The book will provide guidance, insights, perspective and inspiration for anyone that has interests in corporate venturing as a strategy to accelerate growth. Whether you are a large corporate or an upcoming player in the market. With cases from Ricolab, BNP Paribas Fortis, Roularta Media Group, SNCF and Cartamundi. Discover a ready-to-apply comprehensive guide for creating and reviewing your corporate venturing strategy as strategic growth. EXTRACT Attract a-typical ventures For starters, you will attract ventures that you may not have found yourself, because you're too focused on specific fields. While a company may not fit the profile you're looking for at first sight, digging deeper may reveal that they are solving the same problem in a different industry, or that

they are doing breakthrough work that you hadn't even considered yet. It's a more passive approach than scouting, but you will need to keep creating content to keep it going, so don't underestimate the work. ABOUT THE AUTORS Dado Van Peteghem is one of the leading experts in the digital sector. He is a frequent keynote speaker and entrepreneur. Dado is Founding partner at the consulting firm Duval Union Consulting, co-founder of several startups including Social Seeder, Speakersbase and TrendBase, giving more than 150 speeches per year internationally on topics as digital disruption and transformation, corporate innovation and startup thinking. Omar Mohout, currently Entrepreneurship Fellow at Sirris, is a former technology entrepreneur, a widely published technology author, C-level advisor to high growth startups as well as Fortune 500 companies and Professor of Entrepreneurship at the University of Antwerp, the Antwerp Management School, ULB and Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management. *The Science of Growth* Berrett-Koehler Publishers "Too often, disruption is a bad word --

something you don't see coming. It doesn't have to be that way. Collective Disruption is about changing that paradigm and learning to embrace disruption through collaboration. Learn how to leverage the entrepreneurial ecosystem and partner with startups to co-create transformative new businesses and whole new sources of growth. Whether you're an executive trying to drive growth in a change-resistant organization or an entrepreneur with a big idea and looking for corporate partnerships, this book is for you"--Page 4 of cover.

*How Innovators Lead Transformation*  
Routledge

A Washington Post Bestseller *Three Principles for Managing—and Avoiding—the Problems of Growth Why is profitable growth so hard to achieve and sustain? Most executives manage their companies as if the solution to that problem lies in the external environment: find an attractive market, formulate the right strategy, win new customers. But when Bain & Company's Chris Zook and James Allen, authors of the bestselling *Profit from the Core*, researched this question, they found that when companies*

fail to achieve their growth targets, 90 percent of the time the root causes are internal, not external—increasing distance from the front lines, loss of accountability, proliferating processes and bureaucracy, to name only a few. What's more, companies experience a set of predictable internal crises, at predictable stages, as they grow. Even for healthy companies, these crises, if not managed properly, stifle the ability to grow further—and can

actively lead to decline. The key insight from Zook and Allen's research is that managing these choke points requires a "founder's mentality"—behaviors typically embodied by a bold, ambitious founder—to restore speed, focus, and connection to customers:

- An insurgent's clear mission and purpose
- An unambiguous owner mindset
- A relentless obsession with the front line

Based on the authors' decade-long study

of companies in more than forty countries, *The Founder's Mentality* demonstrates the strong relationship between these three traits in companies of all kinds—not just start-ups—and their ability to sustain performance. Through rich analysis and inspiring examples, this book shows how any leader—not only a founder—can instill and leverage a founder's mentality throughout their organization and find lasting, profitable growth.