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Brought to you by the UK's leading small business website if you're looking for a practical guide to help you start a business, this is the book for you. Covering each stage of starting up - from evaluating your business idea to marketing your product or service - this annually updated handbook includes the latest information on support and legal regulations for small businesses, plus advice on taking advantage of today's economic conditions. Whether you're looking to start up a cleaning business, set up as a freelancer, go into property development or start an eBay venture, you'll uncover the expert advice you need to succeed. Inside you'll find practical pointers and first-hand business insight from successful start-ups and top entrepreneurs. Find out how to:

- Turn an idea into a viable business
- Write an effective business plan
- Raise finance for your start-up
- Deal with regulations and laws
- Price products or services competitively
- Find and retain customers
- Market your business on a budget
- Hire the best employees

Before rising to fame on the BBC's Dragons' Den, James Caan spent thirty years setting up and running recruitment companies, placing hundreds of thousands of

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candidates in the jobs they really wanted. Now in *Get The Job You Really Want* James brings his experience to bear to help everyone from recent graduates to CEOs in their hunt for their dream job, from identifying the opportunity to making yourself stand out at interview and finally closing the deal on the job offer. Since publishing the first edition James has been inundated with testimonials from real readers who have used the tricks and tools in this definitive guide to job hunting to finally land the job that they really wanted.

How to assess your business concept's potential to win customers
The Dragons' Den Guide to Assessing Your Business Concept is designed to help entrepreneurs assess whether they actually have a market for their business concept. Before anyone invests valuable time and resources to a slow-growth or no-growth business idea, this step-by-step approach will allow entrepreneurs to test an idea in an unflinching, reality-based way. Case studies sourced from Canada and the US and stories from entrepreneurs who appeared on the Dragons' Den TV show, where entrepreneurs pitch their ideas to millionaires willing to invest their cash, will illustrate the key ideas and themes. Helps entrepreneurs face reality before they let their dreams lead them into a losing battle for market share. Encourages readers to focus heavily on assessing their market first, before they invest valuable time and resources in a slow-growth or no-

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growth business idea Prepare yourself to do battle in a difficult marketplace. Assess your potential customers and measure your concept against reality. The Dragon's Den Guide shows you the way.

Learn how to be a success from the business lessons of the Dragons and the financial advice of Evan Davis. Britain's best loved business brains —Duncan Bannatyne, Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Theo Paphitis, and Richard Farleigh along with economics expert Evan Davis—divulge the secrets of their success in this essential read. Joining them is James Caan, the new Dragon who will be part of the team in the new season of the television show. James is a multi-millionaire businessman and entrepreneur. Dragons' Den is packed with advice, whether you want to perfect your pitching skills, develop an idea or make more money. The Dragons will look at what's become of the entrepreneurs who entered the Dragons' Den. Some went away emptyhanded but have since become successful. Others won the backing of the Dragons but failed to make their dream come true. The Dragons will show you what should have been done, what should have happened next, and how you too could win their backing and become a business success. This is much more than a TV series companion. It is a solid business read with never-before-heard advice and experiences from the Dragons own business ventures. At last, we'll find out how they became

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millionaires and their rules for success. This is a unique, accessible, and useful business read straight from the Dragons' Den.

With no technical jargon or stuffy charts and structures, but in clear concise English, this book provides good sound advice from someone who has spent forty years starting up and running businesses.

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Inspired by the true story of a flight with Sir Richard Branson, Millionaire Upgrade blows the lid off the accepted belief that successful entrepreneurs are a breed apart, possessing some special magic. Through the combined wisdom of interviews with 50 self-made millionaire entrepreneurs, this book takes you on your own personal master class in success, as experienced through the eyes of Tom, a frustrated employee who is upgraded on a long haul flight, and finds himself sitting next to self-made millionaire Michael. During the flight Michael shares the science and secrets behind his own success. Better than any in-flight movie, Millionaire Upgrade gets you inside the minds of successful entrepreneurs and self-made millionaires giving you the inside track on how they think and act.
Praise for Millionaire Upgrade: "It took me a long time to learn this stuff—I wish I'd been on that plane 30 years ago!" —Simon Woodroffe - YO! Sushi & Dragons Den
"The principles of success apply equally whether you are an aspiring

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entrepreneur, chief executive of a large plc or simply looking for inspiration for your own personal life. Here's where you start, by reading this book." —Allan Leighton - Chairman, Royal Mail "If you want a toolkit to help you become a successful entrepreneur, read this book. Then put it into practice." —Duncan Bannatyne - Bannatyne Leisure & Dragons Den "Everything in business is a learning experience. I should know! I'd recommend all would-be entrepreneurs to read this book and be inspired to boldly set out on your own entrepreneurial journey. You won't regret it." —Rachel Elnaugh – Red Letter Days and Dragons Den "It is refreshing to find a book that describes the key difference between the entrepreneur and the rest – attitude. So often in life a cigarette paper's thickness separates success from failure and Richard has written a book that perfectly captures this and suggests a way of thinking that can transform the tin of dog food into a thoroughbred racehorse." —Tim Smit - Eden Project "Millionaire Upgrade captures the essence of what it takes to be successful in anything you choose to do. The rules of success are timeless and simply explained so you can apply them in your own business or personal life." —BJ Cunningham - Founder of Death Cigarettes "In Millionaire MBA, Richard decoded entrepreneurs and unpicked their millionaire mindset. With Millionaire Upgrade, he has put it all back together again through IBELIEVE and a compelling

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story. Very clever and a must read for any budding entrepreneur!" —Rene Carayol - Leadership Guru "It takes a certain mindset to succeed in creating your own business. This book spells out how you need to think and act to succeed – whether you are an entrepreneur or a professional manager. It's a great read too." —Matthew Barrett - Chairman, Barclays Bank

Do you dream of starting your own business but don't have any money? What if you could set up a venture with nothing but a good business idea and the determination to make it work? It's an appealing idea, particularly in the current economic climate where no one has cash to spare and austerity rules the day. In fact, studies show that more people start businesses during recessions than at any other time. The good news is that it can be done, provided you follow a few golden rules. Based on Rachel Bridge's popular workshops, this book will help set you on the way to success. As the former Enterprise Editor for the Sunday Times, Rachel has interviewed hundreds of successful entrepreneurs. Join her on her journey as she starts up her very own enterprise, entrepreneurthings.com, and covers all the ups and downs she encounters, while giving examples along the way of how real-life entrepreneurs have coped with the same problems that beset everyone in business at some point.

This is the color version of the book with over 50 pictures, there is a black & white

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version available as well. Fatima & Amna Sultan are 10 and 8-year-old founders of Two Sisters on a Mission. From facing the Dragons in Dragons' Den to 40 keynotes in major conferences and business competitions, Canada's Youngest Social Entrepreneurs are on a mission to make a real difference. They run an online art store to bring the world together by bringing the stories, the struggles and the message of artists from remote parts of the world to life. The two sisters have won various awards for their impact and their customers include some of the biggest businesses, universities, conferences and events in Canada. In their own words, "This book is not about our accomplishments as we are two very ordinary kids just doing something we love. Through this book we hope to inspire more people to do what they love and make a difference. All we want through our social business, through our speeches and through this book is to drive impact - nothing else really matters. We have so much still to learn but we have a message to share as well. A simple message that we all have the power and potential to make a difference. The time to take action is now. If what you dream of doing has not been done before then it is an opportunity to create a path that will empower millions one day. We wish you all the best" This book is for anyone, youths and adults, looking to have impact in this world and not sure on how to start. Fatima and Amna write with the optimism of youth but the maturity of a serial social entrepreneur which makes this perspective unique. The book is not just about their story but rather a set of tools, techniques and perspective that will empower more people to take action.

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You Can Get It If You Really Want, by Levi Roots, the man behind the Reggae Reggae Sauce empire and hero of BBC's 'Dragons' Den', is a business book brimming with positivity. In this inspirational and upbeat book, Levi provides essential tips and advice for successful business start-ups whatever your idea and wherever your starting point might be. This book includes informative and practical advice as well as Levi's personal anecdotes of his success and the lessons he learned from his mistakes. Levi's experience and passion for his message shines through every chapter. Additionally, the book includes personal insights from Peter Jones (Levi's own Dragon) and many other entrepreneurs and captains of industry. You Can Get It If You Really Want also includes Levi's Top 10 Rules for the Roots of Business Success - together with an array of business tools to slay the dragons waiting in the world of start-ups.

The reader chooses what happens next while searching for the dragon's treasure in this multiple ending story.

Let the Dragons show you the secrets of building a business empire. This book shows you everything you need to know to: evaluate your business and identify growth opportunities, find funding for expansion, develop new products and enter new markets, and master the management skills you need to handle a team.

Many of us dream of running our own business, but lack of experience and entrepreneurial skills often prevent people from making that first step. For those with the nous, confidence and, crucially, vision it should be easy - but a great idea doesn't

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mean investors will be queuing up at your door. In the BBC TV series Dragons' Den, entrepreneurs were put on the spot in front of a panel of potential investors. Given only minutes to pitch their idea, the pressure was on - some simply frazzled in the fiery breath of the dragons, others sweated it out, made it through and saw the money on the other side. Using case studies from the series, updates on the progress of the successes and failures - here's one of the successes, but who got the best deal? Tracie Hertridge wanted GBP 54,000 for her suspendable Le Beanock - think the bean bag meets the hammock suspended from high ceilings and lofts to replace your sofa at a price of around GBP 900! The male dominion of Dragons mocked the idea and thought the prices swung too high, the concept ungrounded and it wasn't an interesting proposition for their equity. Rachel Elnaugh wasn't put off and agreed that Tracie's vision hit a niche market. the tightest deal yet, buying 49 per cent of Tracie's company as sole investor. The done deal: 49 per cent company shares for GBP 54,000 investment. With essential insider advice and tips from the dragons themselves, this handbook will guide you through the hazardous process of finding your product, identifying your market, developing and maximising your business acumen, honing your presentation skills and finding the right partner. And most importantly, how to close the deal when you do find it.

Duncan Bannatyne reveals how to set up a business and make it a great success. Having started out with ice cream van, he knows exactly how it can be done - and how

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to avoid the pitfalls along the way. In a series of clear and easy-to-follow chapters, Duncan removes the barriers to getting started as an entrepreneur, and helps to plan a way forward through those potentially difficult early days. He shows that there is no substitute for hard work, and insists that you must be completely honest with yourself about your own strengths and weaknesses if you are to succeed. He outlines the key attributes you will need and how you can develop them to achieve your dreams. Backed with fascinating examples from his own career and case studies from a wide range of other entrepreneurs, this book provides the perfect wake-up call for you to change your life for the better.

Hilary Devey is one of our most remarkable entrepreneurs and was an instant sensation when she appeared on Dragon's Den. Now, in this powerful memoir, she reveals the full story of her turbulent life. She describes how her father's bankruptcy sparked a fierce determination in her not to end up the same way. When her father started working in the pub trade, Hilary did too - at the age of seven - and has been grafting hard ever since. She built her own company, Pall-Ex, which today has an annual turnover of £100 million, never giving up even when she was so broke she couldn't afford to give her son a Christmas dinner. Admitting to terrible taste in men, Hilary opens up about her marriages and the destructive relationship she thought would break her. She tells how she faced a mother's worst nightmare, her son's heroin addiction, and fought back from a stroke that almost killed her. Bold as Brass is candid,

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brave and laced with the warmth and humour that have made Hilary so popular. Ultimately, it's as inspirational as the woman herself.

If you want to start your own airline, this book isn't for you. This is the business book for everyone tired of being told they have to have the next big thing in order to make a living running their own firm. It's the down-to-earth, insider's guide to starting a great business that thrives - without having to takeover the world. Or dance to Lord Sugar's tune. Or go cap-in-hand to the Dragons. Author and business advisor Ken Horn has helped thousands of people to be a success running their own business, reaching freedom and financial security not by winning the Big Business Idea Lottery but simply through delivering traditional services in existing markets. Bringing a master's knowledge of the ins and outs of starting and running a successful small business, Ken: - strips away the mystery surrounding starting your own business - packages up the common challenges of starting up and helps readers tackle them - cuts through the information overload and provides only what you really need to know to launch a small business - reveals in what order to best tackle things and what can be left till later or ignored entirely. He also uncovers a whole host of secret shortcuts that are too easily missed - especially when it comes to sales and marketing. Straight-talking, bursting with examples, packed with inspiration - and promising not to waste a minute of your time - this book is like having a top business mentor on hand throughout your start-up journey. Get going now!

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In this highly readable and practical guide for entrepreneurs, you can find the inside information on what to really expect from out-side investors and how to manage them to get the best result. Before you take the irreversible step of selling part of your business, read this book. In a witty and sardonic style, Simon Acland explains the many mistakes that entrepreneurs can make in their struggle for equity, and the clever tricks that venture capitalists employ. Answering every conceivable question about seeking outside investment, he helps entrepreneurs decide on the best way to raise capital, understand the different kinds of investor, and find the right backer - be they Angel, Dragon or Vulture - to help take their business to the next level. Packed with hard-hitting statistics and real-life examples, Angels, Dragons and Vultures gives capital advice to entrepreneurs to help them through the funding maze. Acland offers in-depth analysis of the relationship between entrepreneur and investor, from the intricacies of the term sheet and further rounds of investment, to managing the relationship with your new partners and making a profitable exit. This indispensable guide offers sage advice to anyone bent on taming the venture capital beasts... and holding on to their company. "Simon Acland has written an insider's guide to the opaque and much sought-after world of venture capital. Angels, Dragons and Vultures decodes the industry and offers sound advice for those who will engage with

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it."---Julie Meyer, founder of Entrepreneur Country, CEO of Ariadne Capital and a Dragon on the BBC's Dragon's Den Online

Ever dreamed of opening a coffee or tea shop? If you are an coffee shop entrepreneur in the making, this book will show you how. We cover every aspect of setting up a coffee or tea shop and break the process down step-by-step so you can make your business a success. You might think the market's dominated by corporate coffee house chains - you'd be wrong! Independent coffee and tea shops are still thriving, and you can join them. We guide you through raising finance, testing your idea, analysing your competitors and getting up and running to ensure your business succeeds. Starting Your Own Coffee or Tea Shop is crammed with profiles, tips and real-life advice from the founders of extremely successful coffee and tea shops, including Costa Coffee, Betty's Tea Shop and some award-winning independents around the UK; so you can learn from the best. Written in conjunction with the UK's most popular website for small business, Startups.co.uk, the information is quality, easy to understand and accurate. Startups.co.uk helps over 150,000 people every month to start their businesses. It is the UK's most popular website for small business owners and helps you start up and run your own business.

Leveling up. Fighting death. Living life to the max. Zeke and his comrades have

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only been in their new world - Brindolla - for a short time, but every minute has been amazing. Kicking butt and not bothering to take names, the group has been moving forward in their quest to push back the galactic tyrant, War. Then the unthinkable happens; their friend is banished to the darkest Hells. Poof. Gone, just like that. Now, not only are they on a quest to stop the vanguard of War, but they are going to need to get stronger, faster, and better than ever if they want to have any hope of busting into the Hells and getting their friend back. The Brindollan Gods plan to help as much as they can, but will it be enough to allow them to complete a task that even Orpheus couldn't in Earth's mythology? With the odds looking bleak, and the world they're trying to defend turning on them, they're going to need to seek help from unlikely spaces, travel to new places, and break some faces.

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economic conditions. Whether you're looking to start up a cleaning business, set up as a freelancer, go into property development or start an eBay venture, you'll uncover the expert advice you need to succeed. Inside you'll find practical pointers and first-hand business insight from successful start-ups and top entrepreneurs including easyjet's Stelios and Betfair's Andrew Black. Find out how to: Turn an idea into a viable business Write an effective business plan Raise finance for your start-up Deal with regulations and laws Price products or services competitively Find and retain customers Market your business on a budget Hire the best employees . Other books in the Startups.co.uk series: Books on the following subjects are available from the Startups.co.uk series: Startups: Online Business, Startups: Bright Marketing, Startups: How to Start a Successful Business.

It is possible to get the life you really want? You just need to change the way you think. In the thirty years I've spent in business I've learned how to build a very successful company. Using the same business methods, you can build a successful life. Do you want to get back into work after a break? Perhaps you've always dreamed of setting up your own café? Or maybe you just need more time for yourself? I've come up with a ten-point plan to help you achieve your goals, whatever they may be. I'll show you how to manage your time and money. You'll

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find out how to set your priorities and communicate well with other people. You'll learn to change how you think so you can use my business sense in everyday life. Get the Life You Really Want by James Caan, the business guru and Dragons' Den star, shows you how to work towards your own goals to shape the future that you really want

Using our time more effectively is the single best way to seize an advantage and change our lives for good. Time - unlike money, opportunity or good looks - is the one resource that is allocated equally to all of us. No matter what our financial or family situation, we each get 24 hours a day. In the practical and straightforward style to which his DRAGONS' DEN contestants are accustomed, Duncan Bannatyne explains how we can make the most of our time to get the most from our lives, not just our working day. What do you really want to do with your life? This book will help you identify the goals and aspirations that really matter to you so that you can make them happen. It will give you the confidence to make your ambitions a reality, and teach you how to focus on the things that count. In a series of short chapters, illustrated with examples from his extraordinary career in business, Duncan will show you how to make quicker, better decisions and how to make things happen - fast. Duncan knows more than most about what can be achieved in a day, a year and a lifetime, and in this book he shares how you can

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achieve your ideal work/life balance

This is the book that budding entrepreneurs everywhere have been waiting for. Dragon's Den star Peter Jones will demonstrate how anyone can become successful - you just need guts, determination and ideas. In Tycoon, Peter offers his personal insight into the qualities and skills he believes every successful entrepreneur possesses. His Ten Golden Rules provide key building blocks for turning your ideas into successful businesses. He shows how to road test your ideas, create momentum behind a project, inject investors with enthusiasm for your ideas, and how to have the courage to risk failing in order to see your vision become a money-spinning reality. A hugely inspiring book - it's the ultimate guide to thinking like a millionaire and becoming one.

After dropping out of school at just sixteen, James Caan started his business life in a broom cupboard with no qualifications and two pieces of fatherly wisdom: 'observe the masses and do the opposite' and 'always look for opportunities where both parties benefit'. Armed with this advice, natural charm and the Yellow Pages, he built a market-leading business with a turnover of £130 million and swiftly became one of Britain's most successful entrepreneurs. From Caan's childhood as a Pakistani immigrant to the phenomenal success of his first company and beyond, *The Real Deal* traces both his financial and personal

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achievements. It offers a frank account of what success at thirty really signifies and brings us right up to the present, including his impact on Dragons' Den and what his charity work, from saving a hospital in London to building a school in Lahore, means to him. Ultimately, it is a story of learning what money is really worth, told by one the country's most insightful businessmen.

The perfect introduction to the legendary world of dragons, *The Dragon Machine* uses a clever mix of text and illustrations to describe how George, a young, overlooked boy, becomes aware of dragons hiding all around him. But when it becomes apparent that they don't belong in George's ordinary world, he endeavours to do the best for his new friends and find them the home they deserve. A heart-warming and magical tale from award-winning illustrator, Helen Ward.

Deborah Meaden is known to millions for her straight-talking, no-nonsense approach on BBC2's *Dragons' Den*, and in *Common Sense Rules* she shares insights and observations gleaned from a life lived in business. Some of them come from witnessing the successes - and the failures - of others. Many more, though, are drawn from her own business ventures. She shows, for example, how an early stint in a holiday park gave her a crash course in customer relations. She frankly and honestly analyses why her first enterprise, which started so promisingly, turned sour. And she explains why turning down a multimillion-pound offer for her chain of holiday parks was the best decision she ever made. As direct and to-the-point on the page as she is in the Den, Deborah Meaden is a superbly clear-sighted and experienced observer of business success, and her book is guaranteed both to inform and inspire.

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A step-by-step approach to winning over investors with a solid business plan A comprehensive business plan, based on a concept that has been feasibility tested and for which a sales and marketing strategy is in place, is where the rubber meets the road for the entrepreneur and the investor. The Dragons' Den Guide to Investor-Ready Business Plans is designed to show the entrepreneur how to create a business plan that will get an investor's attention—and money. Case studies from Canadian and US businesses and stories of entrepreneurs who appeared on the Dragons' Den illustrate the key ideas and themes. Helps entrepreneurs face the reality of what they are trying to achieve Encourages readers to focus heavily on testing their business concept first, before they invest valuable time and resources in a slow-growth or no-growth business idea The current economic environment is forcing many people to start businesses to supplement their income or replace a lost job. But don't let emotion trump method. The Dragon's Den Guide offers your step-by-step approach to preparing yourself for the harsh but rewarding world of small business ownership.

A motivational smack in the face! “Beneath the bluff exterior of the self-styled “fat bloke from Manchester” is a shrewd business brain.” The Times “...a northern Anthony Robbins!” Theo Paphitis Brad Burton, once a regular in the dole queue, burdened with unbearable levels of debt, is now the MD of a multi-million pound international business. If anyone knows about sorting your life out, it's Brad. But this isn't Brad's story – this is about YOU. Brad is here to share practical, actionable steps – stuff you can actually do – to improve your life, both at home and in business. He's learnt exactly how to motivate yourself, focus on your passion, face setbacks and keep on moving forward – and now Brad wants to share these lessons with as many people as possible. We all have it in us to improve our lives and succeed – we just need

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a friendly kick in the pants from Brad! Chapters include: If your only motivation is money it's not enough 2 year plan. Forget it. More like 2 week plan No passion. No point Buy my stuff Eject. Eject. Eject. Ignore. Ignore. Ignore

Starting your own business is a daunting task. No matter how talented you are, no matter how much capital you have, no matter how good your business plan is, if you're pursuing a fundamentally flawed opportunity you're heading for failure. So before spending time and money on a new enterprise it's vital to know if your idea is actually going to work in practice. The New Business Road Test shows you how to avoid the obvious mistakes that everyone else makes. The new edition of this best-selling book features: * *A new version of the 7 domains model. *Updated case studies that reflect the changes that have happened in the last four years. *Chapter 13 has been rewritten to make the Industry Analysis Checklist more understandable. *A new author run companion website for readers to access extra information. The third edition of The New Business Road Test will show you how to honestly assess your idea so that you can ensure your business is built on a winning concept. Building on lessons learned by real entrepreneurs and international companies including Nike, Tesco and Starbucks, and using his unique seven domains model of attractive opportunities, John Mullins will show you how to avoid the obvious mistakes that everyone else makes and make sure that your business stands a fighting chance of success.

- Practical guidance from a successful start-up entrepreneur, who mines his own experience and expertise to help future entrepreneurs make sound decisions and face the inevitable challenges of running a company Becoming a successful entrepreneur involves a lot of hard work and an ability to learn from mistakes. In this book, Jürgen Ingels shares what he has

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learned as a top start-up and scale-up entrepreneur. He offers 50 concrete, practical tips about how to take your company to the next level, from your business model to operations; from marketing and sales to human resources; and from the composition of your team to the financial structure of your organization. With personal anecdotes, Jürgen shares his own story and his passion for entrepreneurship, and provides inspiration and guidance for entrepreneurs of the future.

Classic rags-to-riches story by entrepreneur and Dragons' Den star Theo Paphitis Theo Paphitis is the outspoken and charismatic star of Dragons' Den who has turned round a string of household names, from Ryman to La Senza, in a high-profile business career that has brought him millions. Now, in his revealing and controversial memoir, he not only takes the reader behind the scenes on Dragons' Den, he explains how he made his fortune. He also provides a masterclass in business methods that will enable anyone who reads this book to learn so much about how they too can improve their business. In the book, Theo recalls how his family moved to England from Cyprus and how as a poor immigrant, he took whatever jobs he could, starting as a tea boy for Lloyd's. There he began to take the first steps on a career that would net him a fortune. He reveals the methods that took him to the top, and also provides some fascinating insight into the national game from his spell as chairman of Millwall FC. But, above all, this is a book that will provide all readers with the opportunity to learn from one of the nation's most successful businessmen and put his ideas into practice.

All the expertise and proven benefits of one-to-one time with a professional career coach, but for a fraction of the price. Take control of your career, improve your employability, identify your unique brand and skill set and fast track your career to the next level. Includes a full, detailed

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career analysis using the latest career management techniques, together with expert guidance and advice, this will allow you to pinpoint your personal strengths, develop your abilities and take control so you can build a plan that will make your career aspirations a reality. This practical, friendly and accessible guide includes assessments, assignments, planning exercises and fascinating case-studies.

A guide to starting and sustaining creativity-based businesses—from culinary to crafting to film to fashion and beyond. Many “creative types” don’t think they’re cut out for business—but Doug Richard, founder of School for Creative Startups, believes entrepreneurs are made, not born. In this user-friendly guide he shows how artists, chefs, designers, musicians, and others can turn their hobbies and passions into sustainable lifestyle businesses. Based on a unique ten-question formula, the book provides comprehensive start-up business advice in jargon-free style, brought to life with real-life case studies from a range of creative start-ups—and online resources that help you to develop your own business goals and plans. “This book helps debunk the myth that creative people and business don’t mix.” —James Boardwell, cofounder, Folksy

Nine out of ten businesses do not survive the five year milestone What are the secrets that contribute to entrepreneurial success? David Knight (CEO the Executive Solution and award winning entrepreneur) is the author of the hit book YES YOU CAN START YOUR OWN BUSINESS and delivers time and time again in taking the reader through

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an easy to read guide through the process of starting up your own business. Knights unique guide is written in a way which feels like the reader embarks on a business journey with a friend guiding you through each step in a down to earth fun filled read of a book. I certainly think this will be a valuable guide to business start up and congratulate David Knight on it Vincent Cable MP Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer www.yesyoucanstartyourownbusiness.com www.theexecutivesolution.co.uk Work for yourself in just one week with Britain's most dynamic entrepreneur 'Everybody wants to be an entrepreneur. Every single day of my life I am bombarded by people with pitches. But 90% of new businesses fail, because their founders failed to ask themselves the simplest of questions. I can save you years of wasted time and thousands of pounds of wasted money by giving you the ammunition to ask the right questions, and helping you make the decision that is right for you. I will show you how to spend a maximum of seven days deciding if your idea is workable and bankable. How to say 'I'm in', but equally importantly, to have the courage to say 'I'm out'. How to become your own Dragon. Each piece of advice in this book is based on my thirty years of starting businesses. You will find all the fundamental ingredients for any new company, whatever sector you want to be in, whatever size of business you have in mind, along with the tools to make it work. Answer all the tough questions I am going to get you to ask yourself and you will have a business that genuinely has a chance of success. You can be one of the 10% of businesses that do make it.' - James Caan.

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James Caan is one of the UK's most successful and dynamic entrepreneurs, having built and sold businesses since 1985. After dropping out of school at sixteen and starting his first business in a Pall Mall broom cupboard - armed with little more than charm and his father's advice - Caan went on to make his fortune in the recruitment industry, founding the Alexander Mann Group, a company with a turnover of £130m. A 2003 graduate of Harvard Business School, Caan's most recent endeavour has been to set up private equity firm Hamilton Bradshaw. Caan hit our screens when he joined the panel of the BBC's Dragons' Den in 2007. He is a regular in the national and business press, advises on various Government programmes, and initiates numerous philanthropic projects via the James Caan Foundation.

If your heart's not in your business, why are you? In the flurry of everyday deadlines, fire fighting and all the pressing demands on our time, it's easy to forget the real reasons we started our own business in the first place. Soul Trader helps you connect with your personal mission, values and passion to create a 'stand out from the crowd' business that enriches you both financially and emotionally. Discover the seven essential principles that will help you build a business sensitive to today's economic and social realities, one that is profitable, customer-focused and in tune with your own beliefs, needs and goals. Rasheed Ogunlaru tears off the jargon and delves into the beating heart of what makes businesses really work. Throw your heart into your business, it will pay dividends.

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The stars of 'Dragon's Den' - Duncan Bannatyne, Deborah Meaden, Peter Jones, Richard Farleigh and Theo Paphitis, along with economics expert and presenter, Evan Davies - divulge the secrets of their success.

Let the Dragons show you how to turn your pipe dream into an income stream. This book shows you everything you need to know to: create new ideas and find market niches, develop a business plan to suit your lifestyle, find funding from banks and investors, and how to deal with the practicalities of company registration.

This book is an invaluable resource for any creative with a great business idea. Starting your own business does not need to be a complicated and daunting process and serial entrepreneur, Dragon's Den investor and business educator Doug Richard, shows you how. He sets out a ten-point plan teaching creatives how to shape their startup business into a success. Written in plain English, without the dense text and technical jargon of other business books, and illustrated with visual cues to help the message stick, Doug's practical advice is accessible to all. Real-life case studies are interspersed throughout from successful creative startups that include, Tatty Devine, Paul Smith, Time Out and LoveFilm, which expand upon the theory and bring it to life. In 10 chapters, Doug asks the fundamental questions any aspiring creative entrepreneur must answer. By following the questions from start to finish, and working through the get your hands dirty activities, you will get the theory first and then apply that theory in a practical way to the real world and your own business. By the time you reach the last

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question, you will have the foundation of a very solid creative business. You will answer: What do we do or need that people need or want? Who is our customer? Who is our competition? What is our pricing model? And more! Doug walks you through the process for researching, answering and, ultimately, overcoming the challenges posed by these questions for your own business plan. Whether you are passionate about craft, design, advertising, antiques, film and video, music, performing arts, or any other creative field, this fantastic guide will help you start your business today!

The Sunday Times bestselling author and star of Dragon's Den, Duncan Bannatyne, explains how to take control of your finances and get more from your money. Today's turmoil and uncertainty in the financial markets illustrates how important it is to be in control of your own money. *How To Be Smart With Your Money* addresses the core fundamentals of financial literacy, telling readers how banks work and why city traders earn such enormous bonuses. It will help you to plot a path out of debt and develop financial confidence so you feel in charge of your finances. Duncan Bannatyne knows the true value of money: now worth £320 million, he was born into extreme post-war poverty. Taking each area of our financial lives in turn - earning, spending, borrowing, investing, saving, budgeting and the wider economy - he helps us understand where we are in our own financial cycle and how to achieve financial security for good. Duncan Bannatyne is the former stoker in the navy who built up his own business empire, worth over £320 million and is a star of the TV series *Dragon's Den*. His first book, *Anyone*

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