

Built To Sell Creating A Business That Can Thrive Without You John Warrillow

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Drilling for Gold John Warrillow 2002-03-26

Unearth the lucrative opportunities of the small business market The new entrepreneurial explosion has many Fortune 500 companies pinning their hopes for prosperity on the small business sector. But most blue chip behemoths simply don't know how to reach small businesses- they don't understand this segment's diversity and how to effectively reach out to its various parts. **Drilling for Gold** will show the big companies just how small businesses tick. John Warrillow reveals the enormous size of the small business marketing opportunity and shows readers various

ways to reach this vast, yet seemingly hidden sector. He covers how to address the small business market, managing cost control, and segmenting the customer base, along with numerous case studies.

Lead with LUV Kenneth H. Blanchard 2010

Colleen Barrett began her career as an executive secretary, yet Southwest Airlines' founder chose her to succeed him as president. When asked why, he said, "Because she knows how to love people to success." --

The Startup Owner's Manual Steve Blank

2020-03-17 More than 100,000 entrepreneurs rely on this book for detailed, step-by-step instructions

on building successful, scalable, profitable startups. The National Science Foundation pays hundreds of startup teams each year to follow the process outlined in the book, and it's taught at Stanford, Berkeley, Columbia and more than 100 other leading universities worldwide. Why? The Startup Owner's Manual guides you, step-by-step, as you put the Customer Development process to work. This method was created by renowned Silicon Valley startup expert Steve Blank, co-creator with Eric Ries of the "Lean Startup" movement and tested and refined by him for more than a decade. This 608-page how-to guide includes over 100 charts, graphs, and diagrams, plus 77 valuable checklists that guide you as you drive your company toward profitability. It will help you:

- Avoid the 9 deadly sins that destroy startups' chances for success
- Use the Customer Development method to bring your business idea to life
- Incorporate the Business Model Canvas as the organizing principle for startup hypotheses
- Identify your customers and determine how to "get, keep and grow" customers profitably
- Compute how you'll drive your startup to repeatable, scalable profits.

The Win Without Pitching Manifesto Blair Enns

2018

Start at the End David Lavinsky 2012-11-19 Re-focus your business plan and achieve the success your business deserves Business owners, and their teams, often lose their way in the midst of the day-to-day stress of generating sales and profits. Whether your goal is selling millions of your product, expanding operations to a new location, or generating more profits, Start at the End offers a unique approach and action steps for business owners and entrepreneurs to redevelop your business plan and achieve ultimate success. You'll learn how to re-create your long-term vision and then make continuous progress in achieving that vision while continuing to hit your short-term goals. Start at the End offers inspiring stories of other entrepreneurs who have achieved significant success in this area, as well as easy-to-follow exercises and next steps. Shows how to develop a realistic business and financial model based on market data Explains how to identify and pursue new opportunities, raise capital, and build growth strategies Start at the End gives business owners a chance to take a step back, re-evaluate your business, and redesign your business plan to achieve the success you dreamed of when you first launched your company.

Ready, Fire, Aim Michael Masterson 2008-01-07 Whether you're thinking about starting a new business or growing an existing one, Ready, Fire,

Aim has what you need to succeed in your entrepreneurial endeavors. In it, self-made multimillionaire and bestselling author Masterson shares the knowledge he has gained from creating and expanding numerous businesses and outlines a focused strategy for guiding a small business through the four stages of entrepreneurial growth. Along the way, Masterson teaches you the different skills needed in order to excel in this dynamic environment.

Built to Last Jim Collins 2002-08-20 Drawing upon a six-year research project at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business, James C. Collins and Jerry I. Porras took eighteen truly exceptional and long-lasting companies and studied each in direct comparison to one of its top competitors. They examined the companies from their very beginnings to the present day -- as start-ups, as midsize companies, and as large corporations. Throughout, the authors asked: "What makes the truly exceptional companies different from the comparison companies and what were the common practices these enduringly great companies followed throughout their history?" Filled with hundreds of specific examples and organized into a coherent framework of practical concepts that can be applied by managers and entrepreneurs at all levels, *Built to Last* provides a master blueprint for building organizations that will prosper long into the 21st century and beyond.

Born to Build Jim Clifton 2018-05-08 People will ask you throughout your life, "Where do you work?" and "What do you do?" They never ask you, "What are you building?" When conversations change to "What are you building?" the world will change. Written for anyone trying to figure out how to make the most of their lives, *Born to Build* seeks to inspire entrepreneurs and ambitious, self-motivated people to build something that will change the world. A builder's venture could be a small business that grows into a mammoth enterprise, a thriving new division in an existing company, a nonprofit, a social enterprise, a church, a school -- anything that creates economic growth and makes a lasting impact on society. *Born to Build* is written by Gallup Chairman and CEO Jim Clifton and Sangeeta Badal, Ph.D., Principal Scientist for Gallup's Entrepreneurship and Job Creation initiative, and is grounded in years of research. This book goes beyond the conventional economics-based business training and instead offers a uniquely psychological approach to venture building. It gives readers the tools and techniques they need to understand who they are, what motivates them and what they can build -- and how. By following the practical steps in *Born to Build*, readers will have the tools to build a sustainable and profitable venture of any size from scratch. Central to the book is a code that allows readers to take Gallup's Builder

Profile 10 (BP10) assessment, which identifies their innate talents and motivations and shows them how to make the most of their talents to build a successful enterprise.

How to Write Copy That Sells Ray Edwards

2016-02-16 This book is for everyone who needs to write copy that sells – including copywriters, freelancers, and entrepreneurs. Writing copy that sells without seeming “salesy” can be tough, but is an essential skill. *How To Write Copy That Sells* supplies specific copywriting techniques for everything from email marketing, web sites, and social media, to traditional media ads and direct mail.

Small Giants Bo Burlingham 2016-10-11 How maverick companies have passed up the growth treadmill – and focused on greatness instead. It’s an axiom of business that great companies grow their revenues and profits year after year. Yet quietly, under the radar, a small number of companies have rejected the pressure of endless growth to focus on more satisfying business goals. Goals like being great at what they do, creating a great place to work, providing great customer service, making great contributions to their communities, and finding great ways to lead their lives. In *Small Giants*, veteran journalist Bo Burlingham takes us deep inside fourteen remarkable companies that have chosen to march to their own drummer. They include Anchor Brewing, the original microbrewer; CitiStorage

Inc., the premier independent records-storage business; Clif Bar & Co., maker of organic energy bars and other nutrition foods; Righteous Babe Records, the record company founded by singer-songwriter Ani DiFranco; Union Square Hospitality Group, the company of restaurateur Danny Meyer; and Zingerman’s Community of Businesses, including the world-famous Zingerman’s Deli of Ann Arbor. Burlingham shows how the leaders of these small giants recognized the full range of choices they had about the type of company they could create. And he shows how we can all benefit by questioning the usual definitions of business success. In his new afterward, Burlingham reflects on the similarities and learning lessons from the small giants he covers in the book.

3 Minute Summary of Built to Sell Creating a Business That Can Thrive Without You by John Warrillow thimblesofplenty thimblesofplenty is a group of friends who also happen to be business people and avid readers. We wanted to keep up with the latest business books but found that time was a factor. So we divided out the work and each of us took a book and summarised it for the others. We thought it might be a great idea to share these summaries with you. For a small price and a 3 minute time investment, our summary gives you some of the wisdom from the book, some food for thought and hopefully the impetus to make some time to read the whole

book!

How to Build a Business and Sell It for Millions

Jack Garson 2010-03-16 MBA MEETS MAIN STREET Finally, the positive economic news every businessperson is waiting to hear. Jack Garson says the long economic downturn will give way to a major buying spree by cash-rich companies—and they could be in the market to purchase your small or medium-sized business. It's the ultimate payday for everyone who wants to live the American dream, whether they're starting a business or already own one. Millions of dollars are on the table. But will you and your business be ready? How to Build a Business and Sell it for Millions is a must-read for every business owner and would-be entrepreneur. In entertaining and elaborate detail, Garson outlines the vital moves your company needs to make to become an attractive acquisition by other firms:

- Do you have a competitive edge that sets you apart from your competition?
- Are both you and your company sustainable and able to outlast the bad times to become a success?
- Can you stop being a "Derek," the boss who suffers from "Founder's Dilemma," micromanaging everything big and small?

How to Build a Business and Sell it for Millions uses real life examples to explain how the goal of selling your company needs to be linked to every business decision you make: hiring, compensation, contracts, financial reporting and dozens of other areas often overlooked by

busy entrepreneurs. While many business owners struggle to get to the next day, Garson has the inside scoop on achieving the opportunity of a lifetime— selling your company for vast riches. In How to Build a Business and Sell It for Millions, MBA meets Main Street, with a combination of inspiration and invaluable practical advice.

Occupational Outlook Handbook United States. Bureau of Labor Statistics 1976

How to Build Your Financial Advisory Business and Sell It at a Profit Al Depman 2009-10-21 Too

many financial advisors simply close shop when they decide to exit the business—squandering untold goodwill and legacy business. Why waste a great opportunity? By applying the advice of Al Depman, a.k.a. “The Practice Doctor,” you can transform your financial services practice into a legacy-focused business that will add substantial wealth to your retirement nest egg. How to Build Your Financial Advisory Business and Sell It at a Profit walks you through the steps of developing, managing, and growing a profitable practice you can sell for enhanced value or bequeath to family members. Depman guides you through the process of forming a sound plan for your financial services business, including how to: Create a team of advocates in marketing and administration Build a sophisticated referral process Develop sales and case development systems Write a best-practices operations manual Maximize new technology to streamline

operations Put a succession plan in place
Building a long-term business model is not just good for your future. It will also make you happier and more profitable today. You'll be able to spend more time with clients. You'll put more energy into finding new ones. You'll focus more on referral sources. And someone else will do the grunt work. Use *How to Build Your Financial Advisory Business and Sell It at a Profit* to build your business into more than a simple means to a paycheck—and reap the rewards of your hard work long after you choose to leave the firm.

Built to Sell John Warrillow 2011-04-28 According to John Warrillow, the number one mistake entrepreneurs make is to build a business that relies too heavily on them. Thus, when the time comes to sell, buyers aren't confident that the company—even if it's profitable—can stand on its own. To illustrate this, Warrillow introduces us to a fictional small business owner named Alex who is struggling to sell his advertising agency. Alex turns to Ted, an entrepreneur and old family friend, who encourages Alex to pursue three criteria to make his business sellable: * Teachable: focus on products and services that you can teach employees to deliver. * Valuable: avoid price wars by specialising in doing one thing better than anyone else. * Repeatable: generate recurring revenue by engineering products that customers have to repurchase often.

How to Sell Anything to Anybody Joe Girard
2006-02-07 "The world's greatest salesman" reveals the spectacular selling principles that have brought him to the top of his profession as he offers helpful advice on how to develop customer profiles, how to turn a prospect into a buyer, how to close the deal, and how to establish a long-term relationship with one's customers. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

12 Months to \$1 Million Ryan Daniel Moran
2020-05-05 This is the road map to a seven-figure business . . . in one year or less The word "entrepreneur" is today's favorite buzzword, and any aspiring business owner has likely encountered an overwhelming number of so-called "easy paths to success." The truth is that building a real, profitable, sustainable business requires thousands of hours of commitment, grit, and hard work. It's no wonder why more than half of new businesses close within six years of opening, and fewer than 5 percent will ever earn more than \$1 million annually. *12 Months to \$1 Million* condenses the startup phase into one fast-paced year that has helped hundreds of new entrepreneurs hit the million-dollar level by using an exclusive and foolproof formula. By cutting out the noise and providing a clear and proven plan, this roadmap helps even brand-new entrepreneurs make decisions quickly, get their product up for sale, and launch it to a crowd that is ready and waiting to buy. This one-year plan

will guide you through the three stages to your first \$1 million:

- **The Grind (Months 0-4):** This step-by-step plan will help you identify a winning product idea, target customers that are guaranteed to buy, secure funding, and take your first sale within your first four months.
- **The Growth (Months 5 - 8):** Once you're in business, you will discover how to use cheap and effective advertising strategies to get your product to at least 25 sales per day, so you can prove you have a profitable business.
- **The Gold (Months 9-12):** It's time to establish series of products available for sale, until you are averaging at least 100 sales per day, getting you closer to the million-dollar mark every single day. Through his training sessions at Capitalism.com, Ryan Daniel Moran has helped new and experienced entrepreneurs launch scalable and sustainable online businesses. He's seen more than 100 entrepreneurs cross the seven-figure barrier, many of whom go on to sell their businesses. If your goal is to be a full-time entrepreneur, get ready for one chaotic, stressful, and rewarding year. If you have the guts to complete it, you will be the proud owner of a million-dollar business and be in a position to call your own shots for life.

Finish Big Bo Burlingham 2014-11-28 “No two exit experiences are exactly alike. Some people wind up happy with the process and satisfied with the way it turned out while others look back on it as a nightmare. The question I hope to answer in

this book is why. What did the people with ‘good’ exits do differently from those who’d had ‘bad’ exits?” When pioneering business journalist and Inc. magazine editor at large Bo Burlingham wrote *Small Giants*, it became an instant classic for its original take on a common business problem—how to handle the pressure to grow. Now Burlingham is back to tackle an even more common problem—how to exit your company well. Sooner or later, all entrepreneurs leave their businesses and all businesses get sold, given away, or liquidated. Whatever your preferred outcome, you need to start planning for it while you still have time and options. The beautiful part is that if you start early enough, the process will lead you to build a better, stronger, more resilient company, as well as one with a higher market value. Unfortunately, most owners don’t start early enough—and pay a steep price for their procrastination. Burlingham interviewed dozens of entrepreneurs across a range of industries and identified eight key factors that determine whether owners are happy after leaving their businesses. His book showcases the insights, exit plans, and cautionary tales of entrepreneurs such as Ray Pagano: founder of a leading manufacturer of housings for security cameras. He turned down a bid for his company and instead changed his management style, resulting in a subsequent sale for four times the original offer. Bill Niman: founder of the iconic Niman Ranch, which

revolutionized the meat industry. He learned about unhappy exits when he was forced to sell to private equity investors, leaving him with nothing to show for his thirty-five years in business. Gary Hirshberg: founder of organic yogurt pioneer Stonyfield Farm. He pulled off the nearly impossible task of finding a large company that would buy out his 275 small investors at a premium price while letting him retain complete control of the business. Through such stories, Burlingham offers an illuminating and inspirational guide to one of the most stressful, and yet potentially rewarding, processes business owners must go through. And he explores the emotional challenges they face at every step of the way. At the end of the day, owning a business is about more than selling goods and services. It's about making choices that shape your entire life, both professional and personal. *Finish Big* helps you figure out how to face your future with confidence and be able to someday look back on your journey with pride.

Build to Last Keith Callahan 2018-11-16 *Build to Last* is not an introduction to network marketing. It's the missing piece for many would-be top network marketing professionals. The super successful build with the mindset of a CEO while everyone else builds with the mindset of an employee. If you are willing to do the work, *Build to Last* provides a step-by-step guide to becoming a leader who achieves enormous success in your

network marketing business. In this book you will learn: The mindset and philosophy of top network marketers How to identify and push past your limiting beliefs How to lead yourself so you can lead others How to attract leaders into your business How to mentor and develop leaders How to push those you're mentoring past their limiting beliefs How to create financial and time freedom How to earn a 6- or 7-figure income year after year Following the detailed guidance Keith Callahan offers in *Build to Last*, he went from bankruptcy to 7-figure success in his network marketing business. During nearly a decade in the industry, he has mentored many people on his team of 30,000 distributors to 6- and 7-figure success. With Keith Callahan's book, you can build a network marketing team that allows you to help the most people and earn the highest, long-term, stable income. The end goal is a business that thrives for years to come and does so - here's the important part - with or without you. *Good to Great* Jim Collins 2011-07-19 The *Challenge Built to Last*, the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the very beginning. But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? The Study For years, this

question preyed on the mind of Jim Collins. Are there companies that defy gravity and convert long-term mediocrity or worse into long-term superiority? And if so, what are the universal distinguishing characteristics that cause a company to go from good to great? The Standards Using tough benchmarks, Collins and his research team identified a set of elite companies that made the leap to great results and sustained those results for at least fifteen years. How great? After the leap, the good-to-great companies generated cumulative stock returns that beat the general stock market by an average of seven times in fifteen years, better than twice the results delivered by a composite index of the world's greatest companies, including Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric, and Merck.

The Comparisons The research team contrasted the good-to-great companies with a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to make the leap from good to great. What was different? Why did one set of companies become truly great performers while the other set remained only good? Over five years, the team analyzed the histories of all twenty-eight companies in the study. After sifting through mountains of data and thousands of pages of interviews, Collins and his crew discovered the key determinants of greatness -- why some companies make the leap and others don't.

Findings The findings of the Good to Great study

will surprise many readers and shed light on virtually every area of management strategy and practice. The findings include: Level 5 Leaders: The research team was shocked to discover the type of leadership required to achieve greatness. The Hedgehog Concept (Simplicity within the Three Circles): To go from good to great requires transcending the curse of competence. A Culture of Discipline: When you combine a culture of discipline with an ethic of entrepreneurship, you get the magical alchemy of great results. Technology Accelerators: Good-to-great companies think differently about the role of technology. The Flywheel and the Doom Loop: Those who launch radical change programs and wrenching restructurings will almost certainly fail to make the leap. "Some of the key concepts discerned in the study," comments Jim Collins, "fly in the face of our modern business culture and will, quite frankly, upset some people." Perhaps, but who can afford to ignore these findings?

Launch (Updated & Expanded Edition) Jeff Walker
2021-07-27 From the creator of Product Launch Formula: A new edition of the #1 New York Times best-selling guide that's redefined online marketing and helped countless entrepreneurs make millions. The revised and updated edition of the #1 New York Times bestseller Launch will build your business - fast. Whether you've already got an online business or you're itching to start

one, this is a recipe for getting more traction and a fast start. Think about it: What if you could launch like Apple or the big Hollywood studios? What if your prospects eagerly counted down the days until they could buy your product? And you could do it no matter how humble your business or budget? Since 1996, Jeff Walker has been creating hugely successful online launches. After bootstrapping his first Internet business from his basement, he quickly developed a process for launching new products and businesses with unprecedented success. And once he started teaching his formula to other entrepreneurs, the results were simply breathtaking. Tiny, home-based businesses started doing launches that brought in tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, and even millions of dollars. Whether you have an existing business or you're starting from scratch, this is how you start fast. This formula is how you engineer massive success. Now the question is this: Do you want to start slow, and fade away from there? Or are you ready for a launch that will change the future of your business and your life?

Early Exits Basil Peters 2009

The Partnership Charter David Gage 2008-08-05

In The Partnership Charter, psychologist and business mediation expert David Gage offers a comprehensive guide to the art of establishing and maintaining a business partnership. The centerpiece of his approach is the Partnership

Charter, a document that clearly outlines the goals, expectations, responsibilities, and relationships of the principals. The charter identifies potential sources of conflict and how they will be resolved, while addressing such sensitive issues as personal styles, values, money, and power. Illustrating every principle through engaging stories drawn from Gage's front-line experience consulting to business partners, as well as interviews with the founding partners of such successful businesses as Progressive Insurance Company and Manpower, Inc., The Partnership Charter dispels common myths and presents a practical framework for launching, building, and sustaining a thriving business partnership.

Zero to One Peter Thiel 2014-09-16 #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • “This book delivers completely new and refreshing ideas on how to create value in the world.”—Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Meta “Peter Thiel has built multiple breakthrough companies, and *Zero to One* shows how.”—Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX and Tesla The great secret of our time is that there are still uncharted frontiers to explore and new inventions to create. In *Zero to One*, legendary entrepreneur and investor Peter Thiel shows how we can find singular ways to create those new things. Thiel begins with the contrarian premise that we live in an age of technological stagnation, even if we're too distracted by shiny

mobile devices to notice. Information technology has improved rapidly, but there is no reason why progress should be limited to computers or Silicon Valley. Progress can be achieved in any industry or area of business. It comes from the most important skill that every leader must master: learning to think for yourself. Doing what someone else already knows how to do takes the world from 1 to n, adding more of something familiar. But when you do something new, you go from 0 to 1. The next Bill Gates will not build an operating system. The next Larry Page or Sergey Brin won't make a search engine. Tomorrow's champions will not win by competing ruthlessly in today's marketplace. They will escape competition altogether, because their businesses will be unique. Zero to One presents at once an optimistic view of the future of progress in America and a new way of thinking about innovation: it starts by learning to ask the questions that lead you to find value in unexpected places.

Buy Then Build Walker Deibel 2018-10-20

Entrepreneurs have a problem: startups. Almost all startups either fail or never truly reach a sustainable size. Despite the popularity of entrepreneurship, we haven't engineered a better way to start. ...Until now. What if you could skip the startup phase and generate profitable revenue on day one? In *Buy Then Build*, acquisition entrepreneur Walker Deibel shows you how to

begin with a sustainable, profitable company and grow from there. You'll learn how to:

- Buy an existing company rather than starting from scratch
- Use ownership as a path to financial independence
- Spend a fraction of the time raising capital
- Find great brokers, generate your own "deal flow," and see new listings early
- Uncover the best opportunities and biggest risks of any company
- Navigate the acquisition process
- Become a successful acquisition entrepreneur
- And more

Buy Then Build is your guide to outsmart the startup game, live the entrepreneurial lifestyle, and reap the financial rewards of ownership now.

Clockwork Mike Michalowicz 2018-08-21 Do you worry that your business will collapse without your constant presence? Are you sacrificing your family, friendships, and freedom to keep your business alive? What if instead your business could run itself, freeing you to do what you love when you want, while it continues to grow and turn a profit? It's possible. And it's easier than you think. If you're like most entrepreneurs, you started your business so you could be your own boss, make the money you deserve, and live life on your own terms. In reality, you're bogged down in the daily grind, constantly putting out fires, answering an endless stream of questions, and continually hunting for cash. Now, Mike Michalowicz, the author of *Profit First* and other small-business bestsellers, offers a

straightforward step-by-step path out of this dilemma. In *Clockwork*, he draws on more than six years of research and real life examples to explain his simple approach to making your business ultra-efficient. Among other powerful strategies, you will discover how to:

- Make your employees act like owners: Free yourself from micromanaging by using a simple technique to empower your people to make smart decisions without you.
- Pinpoint your business's most important function: Unleash incredible efficiency by identifying and focusing everyone on the one function that is most crucial to your business.
- Know what to fix next: Most entrepreneurs try to fix every inefficiency at once and end up fixing nothing. Use the "weakest link in the chain" method to find the one fix that will add the most value now. Whether you have a staff of one, one hundred, or somewhere in between, whether you're a new entrepreneur or have been overworked and overstressed for years, *Clockwork* is your path to finally making your business work for you.

Product-Led Growth Wes Bush 2019-05 Can your software sell itself? Convention and the trillion-dollar sales industry claim that it's impossible for your product to sell itself. Yet successful software businesses like Slack, Dropbox, Atlassian, and HubSpot make millions selling to customers who never once reached out to a sales rep. In *Product-Led Growth: How to Build a Product That*

Sells Itself, growth consultant Wes Bush challenges the traditional SaaS marketing and sales playbook and introduces a completely new way to sell products. Bush reveals how your product—not expensive sales teams—can be the main vehicle to acquire, convert, and retain customers. In this step-by-step guide to *Product-Led Growth*, Bush explains: Why you should flip the traditional sales process on its head and turn your product into a sales machine; How to decide whether your business should use a free trial, freemium, or hybrid model; How to turn free users into happy, paying customers. History tells us that "how" you sell is just as important as "what" you sell. Blockbuster couldn't compete with Netflix by selling the same digital content, and you need to decide "when" not "if" you'll innovate on the way you sell. Are you going to be product-led? Or will you be disrupted, too?

The Automatic Customer John Warrillow

2015-02-05 The lifeblood of your business is repeat customers. But customers can be fickle, markets shift, and competitors are ruthless. So how do you ensure a steady flow of repeat business? The secret—no matter what industry you're in—is finding and keeping automatic customers. These days virtually anything you need can be purchased through a subscription, with more convenience than ever before. Far beyond Spotify, Netflix, and New York Times subscriptions, you can sign up for weekly or

monthly supplies of everything from groceries (AmazonFresh) to cosmetics (Birchbox) to razor blades (Dollar Shave Club). According to John Warrillow, this emerging subscription economy offers huge opportunities to companies that know how to turn customers into subscribers. Automatic customers are the key to increasing cash flow, igniting growth, and boosting the value of your company. Consider Whatsapp, the internet-based messaging service that was purchased by Facebook for \$19 billion. While other services bombarded users with invasive ads in order to fund a free messaging platform, Whatsapp offered a refreshingly private tool on a subscription platform, charging just \$1 per year. Their business model enabled the kind of service that customers wanted and ensured automatic customers for years to come. As Warrillow shows, subscriptions aren't limited to technology or media businesses. Companies in nearly any industry, from start-ups to the Fortune 500, from home contractors to florists, can build subscriptions into their business. Warrillow provides the essential blueprint for winning automatic customers with one of the nine subscription business models, including:

- The Membership Website Model: Companies like The Wood Whisperer Guild, ContractorSelling, and DanceStudioOwner offer access to highly specialized, high quality information, recognizing that people will pay for good content. This model

can work for any business with a tightly defined niche market and insider information.

- The Simplifier Model: Companies like Mosquito Squad (pest control) and Hassle Free Homes (home maintenance) take a recurring task off your to-do list. Any business serving busy consumers can adopt this model not only to create a recurring revenue stream, but also to take advantage of the opportunity to cross-sell or bundle their services.
- The Surprise Box Model: Companies like BarkBox (dog treats) and Standard Cocoa (craft chocolate) send their subscribers curated packages of goodies each month. If you can handle the logistics of shipping, giving customers joy in something new can translate to sales on your larger e-commerce site. This book also shows you how to master the psychology of selling subscriptions and how to reduce churn and provides a road map for the essential statistics you need to measure the health of your subscription business. Whether you want to transform your entire business into a recurring revenue engine or just pick up an extra 5 percent of sales growth, The Automatic Customer will be your secret weapon.

The 4 Disciplines of Execution Chris McChesney
2016-04-12 BUSINESS STRATEGY. "The 4 Disciplines of Execution" offers the what but also how effective execution is achieved. They share numerous examples of companies that have done just that, not once, but over and over again. This

is a book that every leader should read! (Clayton Christensen, Professor, Harvard Business School, and author of "The Innovator's Dilemma)." Do you remember the last major initiative you watched die in your organization? Did it go down with a loud crash? Or was it slowly and quietly suffocated by other competing priorities? By the time it finally disappeared, it's likely no one even noticed. What happened? The whirlwind of urgent activity required to keep things running day-to-day devoured all the time and energy you needed to invest in executing your strategy for tomorrow. "The 4 Disciplines of Execution" can change all that forever.

Street Smarts Norm Brodsky 2010-02-23 "One is tempted to say 'the only book you'll need on starting a business.' Brilliant! Genius! Choose your superlative-it'll fit."-Tom Peters People starting out in business tend to seek step-by-step formulas or rules, but in reality there are no magic bullets. Rather, says veteran company-builder Norm Brodsky, there's a mentality that helps street-smart entrepreneurs solve problems and pursue opportunities as they arise. Brodsky shares his hard-earned wisdom every month in Inc. magazine, in the hugely popular "Street Smarts" column he cowrites with Bo Burlingham. Now they've adapted their best advice into a comprehensive guide for anyone running a small business.

The Million-Dollar, One-Person Business, Revised

Elaine Pofeldt 2021 By harnessing new, easy-to-use technologies that help them find customers around the world, everyday people are starting meaningful businesses that offer a high-paying alternative to a corporate career. In this updated edition, will learn tactics from real people who are earning \$1 million a year on their own terms.

Built to Sell John Warrillow 2012-12-24 Run your company. Don't let it run you. Most business owners started their company because they wanted more freedom—to work on their own schedules, make the kind of money they deserve, and eventually retire on the fruits of their labor. Unfortunately, according to John Warrillow, most owners find that stepping out of the picture is extremely difficult because their business relies too heavily on their personal involvement. Without them, their company—no matter how big or profitable—is essentially worthless. But the good news is that entrepreneurs can take specific steps—no matter what stage a business is in—to create a valuable, sellable company. Warrillow shows exactly what it takes to create a solid business that can thrive long into the future.

The Pumpkin Plan Mike Michalowicz 2012-07-05 Each year Americans start one million new businesses, nearly 80 percent of which fail within the first five years. Under such pressure to stay alive—let alone grow—it's easy for entrepreneurs to get caught up in a never-ending cycle of "sell it—do it, sell it—do it" that leaves them exhausted,

frustrated, and unable to get ahead no matter how hard they try. This is the exact situation Mike Michalowicz found himself in when he was trying to grow his first company. Although it was making steady money, there was never very much left over and he was chasing customers left and right, putting in twenty-eight-hour days, eight days a week. The punishing grind never let up. His company was alive but stunted, and he was barely breathing. That's when he discovered an unlikely source of inspiration—pumpkin farmers. After reading an article about a local farmer who had dedicated his life to growing giant pumpkins, Michalowicz realized the same process could apply to growing a business. He tested the Pumpkin Plan on his own company and transformed it into a remarkable, multimillion-dollar industry leader. First he did it for himself. Then for others. And now you. So what is the Pumpkin Plan? Plant the right seeds: Don't waste time doing a bunch of different things just to please your customers. Instead, identify the thing you do better than anyone else and focus all of your attention, money, and time on figuring out how to grow your company doing it. Weed out the losers: In a pumpkin patch small, rotten pumpkins stunt the growth of the robust, healthy ones. The same is true of customers. Figure out which customers add the most value and provide the best opportunities for sustained growth. Then ditch the worst of the worst. Nurture the winners:

Once you figure out who your best customers are, blow their minds with care. Discover their unfulfilled needs, innovate to make their wishes come true, and overdeliver on every single promise. Full of stories of other successful entrepreneurs, *The Pumpkin Plan* guides you through unconventional strategies to help you build a truly profitable blue-ribbon company that is the best in its field.

[Built to Sell](#) John Warrillow 2010-02-01 From the Publisher: America's 27 million business owners want to build sellable companies so that they can retire, travel, cash out, or just sleep well at night knowing they could sell. Unfortunately, just 1 out of 100 business owners are successful in selling their company each year because too many have built unsellable companies. Readers of *Built To Sell* will learn: -The 8 steps to creating a sellable company -How to attract multiple strategic bidders for their business -How to maximize their valuation and get the highest possible price for their business -The secret to getting their cash up front and avoiding a lengthy earn out Described by one reader as "John Grisham meets Jim Collins", John Warrillow's new book provides business owners with a blueprint for creating a sellable company.

Zero to Sold Arvid Kahl 2020-07-03

[The EXITpreneur's Playbook](#) Joe Valley 2021-05-15 "The EXITpreneur's Playbook is the ultimate guide to selling an online business. We

all need to transition our businesses someday, and those that learn from this book will have a smoother experience, an improved deal structure, and a stronger bank account." -Walker Deibel, bestselling author of Buy Then Build Most people start an online business for the freedom, autonomy, and money that come with entrepreneurship-but what they often find instead is the feeling that they're running on a hamster wheel and can't jump off. If you were looking to exit your business, would you know how? Do you know what your business is truly worth? This book will shift your mindset from entrepreneur to EXITpreneur. After all, the majority of all the money you'll ever make from your business comes on the day you sell-so it's important to get the exit right. In The EXITpreneur's Playbook, Joe Valley shares his experience in all facets of exiting an online business through direct experiences and real-life examples, with clear math and logic. You'll learn to:

- Assess the value of your business and reverse engineer a path to an incredible exit
- Avoid the "ignorance discount" when selling a business on your own
- Negotiate favorable deal terms and conditions
- Calculate the all-important seller's discretionary earnings
- Create rock-solid pillars every buyer wants

The EXITpreneur's Playbook is the definitive guide to achieving your own incredible exit, at the right time and value, and with the best deal structure that allows you to move on to your

next adventure-with not just money in the bank, but satisfaction and peace of mind.

Summary: Built to Sell BusinessNews Publishing 2014-11-12 The must-read summary of John Warrillow's book: "Built to Sell: Creating a Business that Can Thrive Without You". This complete summary of the ideas from John Warrillow's book "Built to Sell" shows how difficult it can be for business owners to become less involved in their business. In his book, the author explains an eight-step process that entrepreneurs can use to ensure that the business can run without them and become a valuable asset that can be sold. By following this plan, you can increase the value of your business and ensure it is successful in its own right. Added-value of this summary: • Save time • Understand key principles • Expand your business knowledge To learn more, read "Built to Sell" and follow the eight-step process to make your company more independent and a high-value asset.

Walk Away Wealthy Mark Tepper 2014-07-01 The essential guide to selling your business—and walking away with maximum wealth Nearly every entrepreneur dreams of one day selling their business for big bucks, but far too many aren't aware of exactly what it takes to do so. The sobering truth is that it's very easy for the entrepreneurs who don't know what they're doing to walk away from a sale without the financial freedom they hoped for. In fact, only about 20

percent of businesses for sale will successfully transfer to another owner! In *Walk Away Wealthy*, Mark Tepper—a leading authority on wealth management and financial planning for entrepreneurs—shows you how to build a strong exit plan, an absolute requirement if you hope to get the full value from a sale. Tepper’s twelve secrets debunk myths and deliver practical advice as he walks you through what most people don’t know (or refuse to believe) about the process of planning their exit. And although it’s best to start planning the exit as early as possible, the book also delivers advice for those who may have waited too long and feel lost in the face of a rapidly approaching sale. Selling the business you worked so hard to build can be a confusing and intimidating proposition. Let Mark Tepper clear away the misconceptions, steer you clear of common mistakes, and help you walk away wealthy!

Exit Rich Michelle Seiler Tucker 2021-06-22 Too many entrepreneurs push off planning for the sale of their business until the last moment. But for a business to sell for what it’s really worth—or even more—owners need to prepare for the sale from the very start. In *Exit Rich*, author and mergers and acquisitions authority Michelle Seiler Tucker joins forces with Sharon Lechter, finance expert and author of *Rich Dad Poor Dad*, to create a must-have guide for all business owners—whether they’re gearing up to sell a business now or just

getting started building out their company into something to sell for a profit in the future. Seiler Tucker’s twofold approach to selling your business for maximum profit combines two of the most powerful elements of her mergers and acquisitions toolkit: the “ST GPS Exit Model” to help business owners set goals for the sale before their business hit the market, and the “6 P Method” to help them objectively evaluate their business’s worth, before their potential buyers do. Combined, these tools provide invaluable insight into the process of preparing a business for sale, finding the right buyers, and staging the sale itself. Throughout the book, Sharon Lechter’s wisdom peppers each chapter in the “Mentoring Corner” section, providing forward-thinking entrepreneurs with the perspective that they need to take control of their business’s future and exit rich. This book is a rich resource for any business owner looking to:

- Objectively evaluate their business before a sale
- Improve their chances of finding the right buyer
- Sell their business for maximum profit

The Art of Selling Your Business John Warrillow 2021-01-12 Freedom. It's the ability to do whatever you want, whenever you want. It's the ultimate reward of selling your business. But selling a company can be confusing, and one wrong step can easily cost you dearly. *The Art of Selling Your Business: Winning Strategies & Secret Hacks for Exiting on Top* is the last in a

trilogy of books by author John Warrillow on building value. The first, *Built to Sell*, encouraged small business owners to begin thinking about their business as more than just a job. The *Automatic Customer* tagged recurring revenue as the core element in a valuable company and provided a blueprint for transforming almost any business into one with an ongoing annuity stream. Warrillow completes the set with *The Art of Selling Your Business*. This essential guide to monetizing a business is based on interviews the author conducted on his podcast, *Built to Sell Radio*, with hundreds of successfully cashed-out founders. What's the secret for harvesting the

value you've created when it's time to sell? *The Art of Selling Your Business* answers important questions facing any founder, including—

- What's your business worth?
- When's the best time to sell?
- How do you create a bidding war?
- How can you position your company to maximize its attractiveness?
- Who will pay the most for your business?
- What's the secret for punching above your weight in a negotiation to sell your company?

The Art of Selling Your Business provides a sleeves-rolled-up action plan for selling your business at a premium by an author with consummate credibility.