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### AID AND DEVELOPMENT

**Chinese migrants and Africa's development: new imperialists or agents of change?** Lampert, Ben, Giles Mohan, Daphne Chang, and May Tan-Mullins. London: Zed Books, 2014.

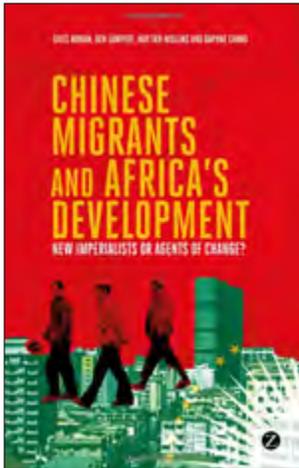


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Some see China's growing involvement in Africa as a potential solution to Africa's dependent aid relationships but others view it as nothing more than a new form of imperialism. This volume, the first to systematically study the motivations and impacts of this migration, focuses not just on the Chinese migrants but also on the perceptions of, and linkages to, their African 'hosts'.

**The good project: humanitarian relief NGOs and the fragmentation of reason.** Krause, Monika. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2014.

How do relief organizations decide where to go and who gets aid? Krause argues that the main focus of NGOs is to produce projects for a market in which donors are consumers. To produce a successful project, agencies are incentivized to aid those who are easiest to help, putting the poor around the world in competition with each other. These successful projects become beneficiaries of aid, in return offering legitimacy to aid agencies and donors.

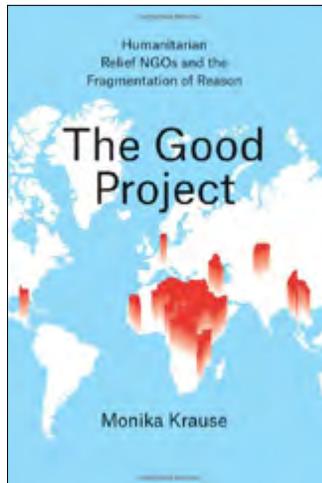


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**Having people, having heart: charity, sustainable development, and problems of dependence in Central Uganda.** Scherz, China. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2014.

Many international development organizations have

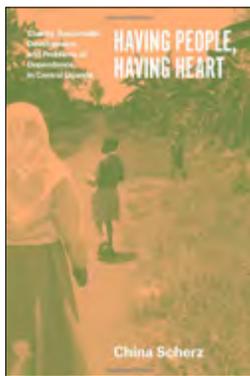


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replaced material aid with efforts to build self-reliance, believing that charity inadvertently fosters aid dependence. Some cultures, including those in rural Uganda, see this change as a suspect refusal to redistribute wealth. Scherz explores this conflict in Uganda through detailed studies of two orphan support organizations.

Highlighting the debate between charity and sustainability, she

balances the negative assessments of charity that have led to this shift with the viewpoints of those who actually receive aid.

**Media and development: development matters.**

Scott, Martin. London: Zed Books, 2014.

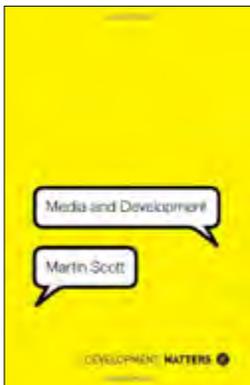


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This text provides different ways of understanding the world of media within a development context, offering introductions to communication for development (C4D), media development, and media representations of development. Scott highlights the increasing importance of the media and the role of the media in social change, and how concepts common to media studies can be useful for development studies.

**Social intrapreneurism and all that jazz: how business innovators are helping to build a more sustainable world.** Grayson, David, Melody McLaren, and Heiko Spitzbeck. Sheffield, UK: Greenleaf Publishing, 2014.

With insights from interviews with social intrapreneurs, their colleagues, and experts around the world, the authors detail how business can be about more than just maximizing profit. The book identifies the mind-sets and skills that have helped shape successful social intrapreneurs and provides examples of how social intrapreneurs are creating alliances within and beyond their companies to create new business solutions that address societal problems throughout the world.

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## AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

**Climate change and human development.** Reid, Hannah. London: Zed Books, 2014.

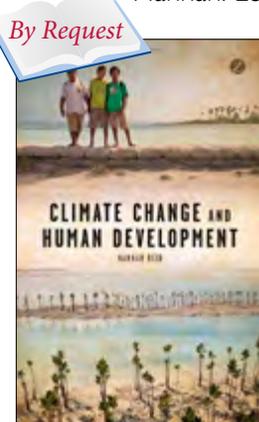


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Reid draws on reports gathered by the UP in Smoke group, a coalition of global environment and development organizations, that highlight how the world's poor, those often hardest hit by climate change, can provide solutions for how to best to cope with its effects. He provides new models for human development in a climate-change-constrained future as well as solutions

to tackling climate change at the macro-level. Topics explored include food and farming, water, health, energy, women, trade, and conflict.

**Climate change impact and adaptation in agricultural systems (e-book).** Fuhrer, Jürg and Peter J. Gregory, editors. Boston: CABI, 2014.

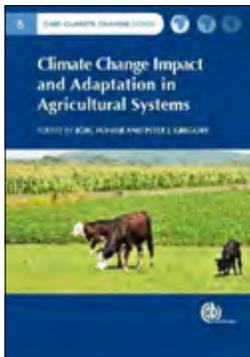


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This e-book summarizes projections of global and regional climate change then focuses on the impacts of climate change on ecosystems, food security, water resources and economic stability in a number of world regions. Strategies to develop sustainable systems that minimize impact on climate and/or mitigate the effects of human activity on climate change are also presented.

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**Food security, food prices and climate variability.** Brown, Molly E. New York: Routledge, 2014.

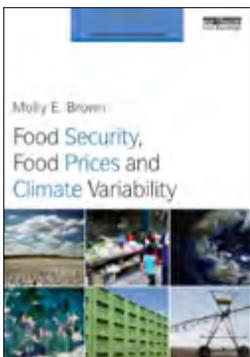


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Brown seeks to strengthen understanding of the impact of climate variability on food prices for vulnerable populations in food insecure areas. Over the past three decades, the USAID Famine Early Warning Systems Network and the UN World Food Program have provided information on food production through satellite remote sensing data and assessments of food access through a food price database. Brown synthesizes this research to describe the linkages among these variables and asserts that improved use of these existing datasets can improve how aid organizations respond to food security crises.

**Getting energy prices right: from principle to practice.** Parry, Ian, Dirk Heine, Eliza Lis, Shanjun Li. Washington, DC: International Monetary Fund, 2014.

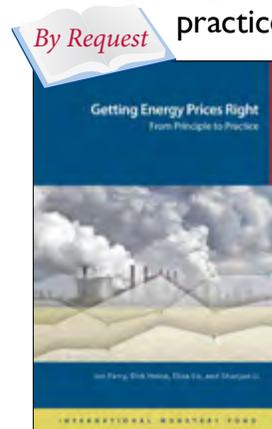


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Energy prices in many countries are set at levels that do not reflect environmental damage. This book develops a practical methodology, and associated tools, to show how environmental damages from energy can be quantified and used to design an efficient set of energy taxes. The results, which are illustrated for more than 150 countries, suggest there is pervasive mispricing of energy across developed and developing countries alike.

**Grabbing back: essays against the global land grab.** Ross, Alexander Reid, editor. Oakland, CA: AK Press, 2014.

Weaving together accounts from the Global South and North America authors explore the geopolitics of land grabbing and activist responses by those fighting back. They find that workers fighting for place, indigenous people generating self-determination, farmers, and concerned citizens blocking forced displacement and environmental devastation are all united in the popular movement against the global land grab.

**The UN's lone ranger: combating international wildlife crime.** Sellar, John M. Scotland, UK: Whittles Publishing, 2014.

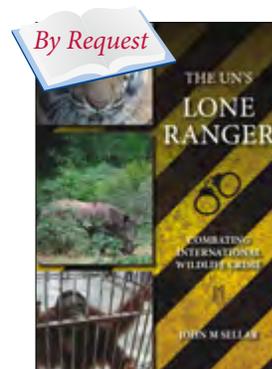


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Sellar explores the illegal trade in wildlife as a significant worldwide criminal activity. He describes why organized crime has turned to robbing nations, especially in the developing world, of their animals and plants and how this is bringing several species to the brink of extinction. Through text and photographs, he illustrates

how criminal networks recruit, equip, and direct poachers and wildlife contraband couriers; arrange the smuggling of species and products; and use bribery and violence against law enforcement personnel.

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## DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**Democracy, electoral systems, and judicial empowerment in developing countries.** Yadav, Vineeta and Bumba Mukherjee. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 2014.

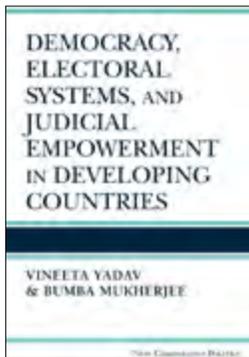


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An independent judiciary is considered an indication of a nation's level of democracy. Through the use of data sets and comparative case studies, Yadav and Mukherjee explore the political conditions under which de jure and de facto judicial independence are established in developing countries. The authors provide insights into how

domestic political institutions can help promote judicial independence across developing countries, thus realizing the impact an independent judiciary has on increasing respect for human rights, reducing corruption, and delivering growth.

**Human trafficking reconsidered: rethinking the problem, envisioning new solutions.** Hoang, Kimberly Kay and Rhacel Salazar Parreñas, editors. New York: International Debate Education Association, 2014.

This collection of original essays turns a spotlight on the challenges and difficulties of addressing the problem of human trafficking. Scholars examine the definition of trafficking, analyze the effectiveness of current anti-trafficking regimes and discuss the challenges faced by anti-trafficking advocates on the ground. The volume reconsiders the problem of human trafficking by rethinking the narrow focus on sex work and by drawing attention to structural regimes that make people legally vulnerable to abuse.

**Why electoral integrity matters.** Norris, Pippa. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

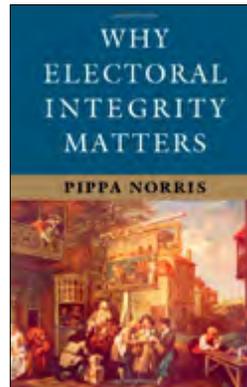


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It is widely suspected that flawed or failed electoral contests undermine confidence in elected authorities, damage voting turnout, trigger protests, exacerbate conflict, and wreck fragile progress. Norris investigates why this matters and offers a new theoretical framework that seeks to explain the impact of electoral integrity on legitimacy, political participation, conflict and security, and regime stability and change.

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## ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

**Building the skills for economic growth and competitiveness in Sri Lanka (e-book).** Dunder, Halil, Benoît Millot, Yevgeniya Savchenko, Harsha Aturupane, and Tilkaratne A. Piyasiri. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2014.

Sri Lankans are among the best-educated in South Asia, yet skills shortages and mismatches are widespread. This report analyzes skills demand and supply in Sri Lanka and scrutinizes how skills are formed, the factors shaping skills demand, and the responsiveness of the system. Finally, it offers suggestions for how skills development can be improved so that Sri Lanka can meet its economic growth and poverty reduction goals. USAID staff may download this title in PDF via the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

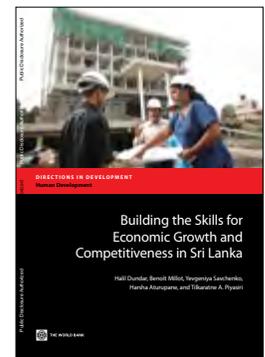


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### Performance-based financing toolkit (e-book).

Fritsche, György Bèla, Robert Soeters and Bruno Meessen. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2014.

This e-book defines performance-based financing (PBF), explains why it is used to finance health services in lower- and lower-middle-income countries then turns its attention to the how-to of implementing PBF schemes. Contents include examples of forms, tools, spreadsheets, contracts, terms of reference and performance frameworks that have been designed for successful PBF approaches in Asia and Africa. USAID staff may download this title in PDF via the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

### Toxic aid: economic collapse and recovery in Tanzania.

Edwards, Sebastian. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2014.



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After independence in 1961 Tanzania became one of the darlings of the international aid community, with much of the aid used to finance President Nyerere's African Socialism vision. And yet, the economy performed dismally, poverty increased and massive shortages developed. Edwards provides an economic history of Tanzania

since independence and analyzes the role of foreign donors in the collapse of the economy, as well as during its subsequent recovery in the 1990's.

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## EDUCATION

### Challenges and issues facing the education

system in South Africa. Legotlo, Marekwa Wilfred, editor. Pretoria: Africa Institute of South Africa, 2014.

This volume reviews the challenges facing the education system in South Africa, such as inadequate school infrastructure, poor learning conditions, and a lack of educational materials, and provides recommendations on how these can be overcome. Chapters review issues surrounding farm and rural schools, poverty and schooling, school violence, teacher morale and motivation, inclusive education, and school community relations.

### Demand and supply of skills in Ghana: how can training programs improve employment and productivity? (e-book).

Darvas, Peter and Robert Palmer. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2014.

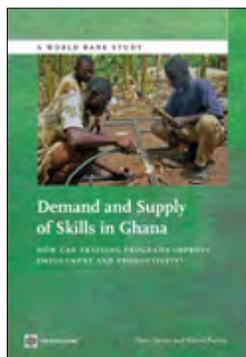


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This e-book assesses the economic and social demand for vocational skills in Ghana and the scope and scale of supply then looks at various institutions, policies, and financing mechanisms. Authors analyze new initiatives and call for government policies that help

address deficiencies without inhibiting the diversity of training providers. USAID staff may download this title in PDF via the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

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## EVALUATION

### Evaluation design for complex global initiatives: workshop summary.

Board on Global Health, Institute of Medicine and Steve Olson, editor. Washington, DC: National Academies Press, 2014.

A workshop was convened by the Institute of Medicine in January 2014 to explore recent evaluation experiences for some of the world's largest multi-national health initiatives. This summary considers the lessons learned from how these evaluations were designed, carried out, and used. It also explores the relative benefits and limitations of different quantitative and qualitative approaches within the mixed methods designs used for these complex and costly evaluations.



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## GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

**Gender and global justice.** Jaggar, Alison M., editor. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2014.

This collection of essays brings gender to the center of philosophical debates about global justice. Scholars examine the gendered aspects of transnational issues, going beyond the range of matters often thought to constitute feminists' concerns. Topics include labor migration, poverty, mental health, sexual violence, and taxation.

**Gender and violence in Haiti: women's path from victims to agents.** Faedi Duramy, Benedetta. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2014.

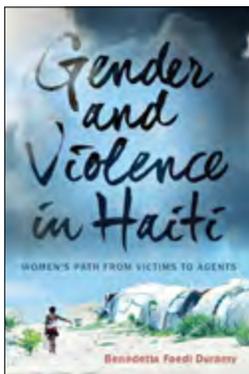


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Women in Haiti are frequent victims of violence and sexual abuse, yet a large proportion of these victims also act as perpetrators of armed violence. Through first hand observations and interviews with women and girls in the slum communities, Faedi Duramy investigates the decision-making processes, incentives, and conditions that motivate victims of sexual abuse to join armed factions and engage in violent behaviors. Her analysis serves to guide international aid and humanitarian organizations toward interventions that increase protections for women and girls.

## Issues of gender and sexual orientation in humanitarian emergencies: risks and risk reduction.

Roeder, Larry W. Jr., editor. New York: Springer, 2014.

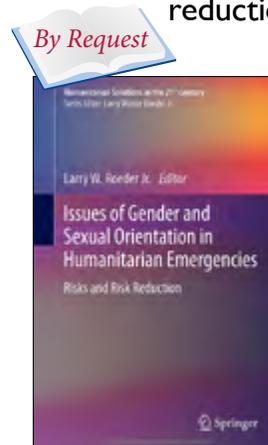


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This volume brings together data pinpointing disparities girls and women face in the wake of natural and manmade disasters. Essays highlight the importance of integrating gender into all phases of planning and implementing policies and programs to mitigate and respond to disasters, and provide practical recommendations that

organizations can adopt to meet the needs of victims. Areas covered include gender and the impact of disaster on youth, the relationship of disaster and domestic violence, and gender as hazard in disaster planning and response.

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## HEALTH, NUTRITION & POPULATION

**Community and in-home behavioral health treatment.** Westbrook, Lynne Rice. New York: Routledge, 2014.

Examining the impact that environment can have on consumer mindset and comfort level of patients during treatment, Westbrook details how home and natural community-based services can be used to address the behavioral health needs of adults, youth, and children. She demonstrates how services can be implemented to bring coverage to underserved areas and provides insight into the benefits, challenges, and solutions professionals must adopt to bring change to the management of behavioral health.



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**A dictionary of epidemiology, Sixth ed.** Porta, Miquel, editor. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

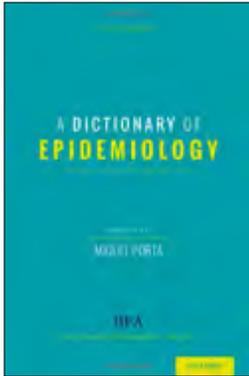


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This updated publication from the International Epidemiological Association reflects the profound substantive and methodological changes that have come to characterize epidemiology and its associated disciplines. Entries on clinical, environmental, life course, and social epidemiology provide clear, concise definitions accompanied by examples and illustrations. New to this edition

is coverage of genetics, clinical epidemiology, public health practice/policy, preventive medicine, health promotion, social sciences, and epidemiology for clinical research.

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## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**Data smart: using data science to transform information into insight.** Foreman, John W. New York: Wiley, 2014.

Foreman provides a technical how-to manual for one of the hottest topics in business these days - data mining. His goal is to introduce readers to the practice of data science in a comfortable and conversational way. The book begins with a primer on working with Microsoft Excel then uses hands-on exercises to describe techniques and practices used in data science such as cluster analysis, nut graphs, K-means, artificial intelligence, regression, forecasting and outlier detection.



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**Infographics for dummies.** Beegel, Justin. Hoboken, NJ: For Dummies, 2014.

This illustrated full color guide provides an introduction to creating visually appealing infographics in programs like Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop. The author walks the reader through the different types of infographics then provides guidance on choosing the best infographic to showcase your data, designing with mood boards and wireframes, identifying trends and patterns in the data and promoting the finished product.

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### AFRICA

**The Democratic Republic of Congo between hope and despair.** Deibert, Michael. New York: Zed Books, 2013.

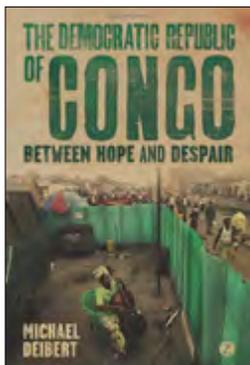


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The Democratic Republic of Congo has been home to the deadliest conflicts of the postwar era and hosts the largest UN peacekeeping mission in the world. Journalist Michael Deibert travels from war-torn villages to the capital of Kinshasa to bring us the voices of the Congolese and explore the complicated

political, ethnic, and economic geography of this often misunderstood country.

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### ASIA

**The village: a novel.** Lalwani, Nikita. New York: Random House, 2012.

In this novel a young British-Indian woman, Ray Bhullar, travels to India to make a BBC documentary about Ashwer, an experimental penal community of men and women, all convicted murderers, many of whom live with their families. As Ray, her camerawoman Serena, and the film's on-camera presenter, Nathan, settle into the village, they must gain the trust of the inmate-residents and navigate the professional and romantic tensions that flare up among the crew.

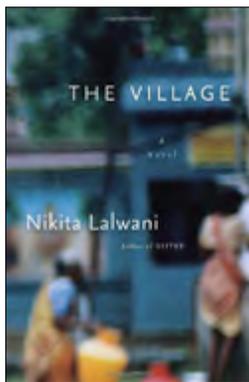


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### EUROPE AND EURASIA

**Necessary errors: a novel.** Crain, Caleb. New York: Penguin Books, 2013.

This novel, set in Prague shortly after the Velvet Revolution of 1989, takes readers into the lives of a colorful and loose-knit community of expat English teachers. At the core of this group is young Harvard graduate and budding writer Jacob Putnam. Having recently come out as a gay man in the U.S., Jacob at first feels uncomfortable with revealing his sexuality to his new friends and lives a secretive and lonely life. His eventual turn toward openness and pride mirrors the transformation of the city itself, as its citizens slowly adjust to their newfound freedom and growth in opportunity.

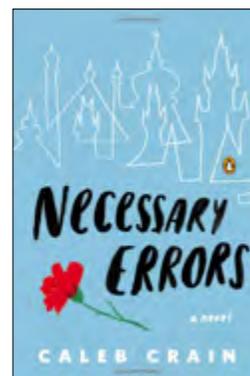


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## MANAGEMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

**The people factor: how building great relationships and ending bad ones unlocks your God-given purpose.** Moody, Van. Nashville, TN: Nelson Books, 2014.

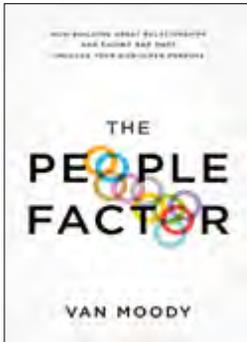


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Using the Bible as a source text, Moody coaches readers on how to understand and evaluate relationships, both personal and professional. He explains the key principles to establishing healthy relationships and ends each chapter with reminder statements and relationship IQ questions, providing the blueprints needed to build

healthy relationships and skillfully exit bad ones.

**Simple: conquering the crisis of complexity.** Siegel, Alan and Irene Etzkorn. New York: Twelve: 2013.

Siegel and Etzkorn provide tangible, concrete ways to conquer complexity and lay the foundation for organizations that want to enhance the customer experience as a way to drive business results. To achieve simplicity, they emphasize three principles: empathy, distillation and clarity. Numerous case studies from companies such as JetBlue, Oxo, Google, Apple, IBM, and Kaiser Permanente are included.

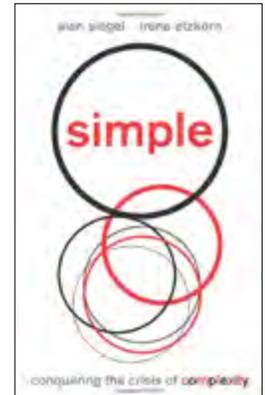


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