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# New This Month

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## AID AND DEVELOPMENT

### Aid and development: a brief introduction.

Wickstead, Myles A. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2015.

In part one, this volume details the historical and political backgrounds of aid and development, including the key objectives and priorities of the Sustainable Development Goals. It also examines the shift in the balance of global power and suggests ways in which to adjust to these changes. The second part of the book expounds on key words and concepts and provides further background on some of the major aid organizations.



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### The end of the developmental state?

Williams, Michelle, editor. New York: Routledge, 2014.

The contributors examine the status of the 'developmental state' in South Korea, Taiwan, Ireland, the UK, China, South Africa, Brazil, and India. They call for a re-examination of the goals and strategies of developmental states and highlight conditions such as economic restructuring, domestic politics, epistemic shifts and ecological limits.



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## Getting beyond better: how social entrepreneurship works.

Martin, Roger L. and Sally R. Osberg. Boston: Harvard Business Review Press, 2015.

Martin and Osberg outline a theory of social entrepreneurship and explain its role in modern society. They identify the four stages by which social entrepreneurs produce transformative change:

- 1) understanding the world;
- 2) envisioning a new future;
- 3) building a model for change; and
- 4) scaling the solution.

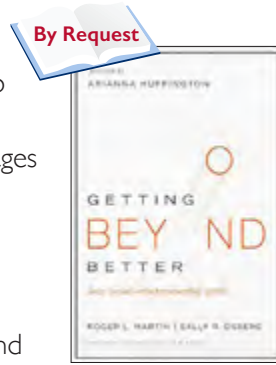


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## The politics of evidence and results in international development: playing the game to change the rules?

Eyben, Rosalind, Irene Guijt, Chris Roche, and Cathy Shutt, editors. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action Publishing, 2015.

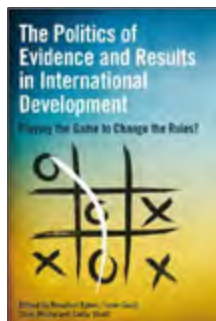


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This text examines the current calls for results-oriented measurement in international development practice and how organizations and individuals resist, adapt or comply with these demands. The contributors analyze case studies that highlight different relationships in the aid chain and question whether the emphasis on accountability is undermining mutual learning.

## Strategic disaster risk management in Asia.

Ha, Huong, Lalitha S. Fernando, and Amir Mahmood, editors. New York: Springer, 2015.

The contributors present strategies for managing disasters in Asian countries. They explore topics including disaster preparedness, post-disaster reconstruction, peace, development, and corruption. They also discuss the need to invest in public education and approaches to support the disabled and elderly from disaster risks.



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## HISTORY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

### A concise history of the Middle East.

Goldschmidt Jr., Arthur and Aomar Boum. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2015.

In its eleventh edition, this text offers a history of the region from the beginnings of Islam to the present day. It covers topics including the evolution of Muslim beliefs, the influence of the West, the contest for Palestine, and the war on terrorism. It has been revised to include recent events including the Arab uprisings and the rise of ISIL, and contains a new chapter on environmental problems in the region.

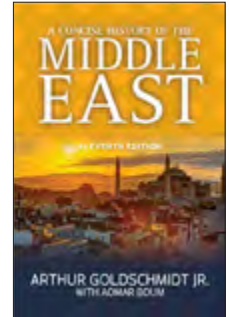


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### Battles of the new republic: a contemporary history of Nepal.

Jha, Prashant. London: Hurst & Company, 2014.

Jha tells the history of Nepal through a combination of historical analysis and interviews with political leaders, diplomats, and ordinary citizens. He covers the country's transformation from war to peace, monarchy to republic, Hindu kingdom to secular state, and a unitary to a potentially federal state.

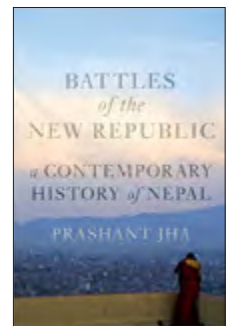


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## DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE

### The fog of peace: a memoir of international peacekeeping in the 21st century.



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Guéhenno, Jean-Marie. Washington, DC: Brookings Institute Press, 2015.

Guéhenno, former Under-Secretary General for UN peacekeeping operations, tackles the gulf that exists between the international community's promises to protect versus the reality that excessive ambition may be damaging. He details his experiences in Afghanistan,

Iraq, Congo, Sudan, Darfur, Kosovo, Ivory Coast, Georgia, Lebanon, Haiti, and Syria, and reasons that it is necessary to accept imperfect outcomes and compromises in international peacekeeping efforts.

### In search of democracy.

Diamond, Larry. New York: Routledge, 2015.

Comprised of three decades of Diamond's work, this book evaluates the global status and prospects of democracy and freedom. A major theme throughout the book is the relationship between democratic quality and stability. He contends that a viable democracy requires a state that can mobilize power and one that can punish the abuse of power.

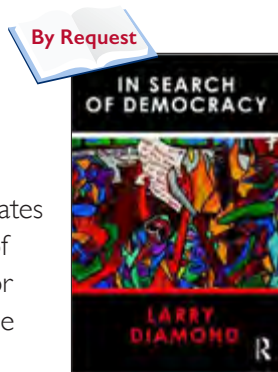


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### International organizations: the politics and processes of global governance.

Karns, Margaret P., Karen A. Mingst, and Kendall W. Stiles. Boulder, CO: Lynne Reiner Publishers, 2015.

In its third edition, this book provides an in-depth examination of the full range of international organizations with updates to include current scholarship, new developments, and shifting power relations since 2009. It includes newer theoretical approaches and emphasizes the increasing importance of regional organizations. New case studies include Islamic extremism, human trafficking, and LGBT rights.

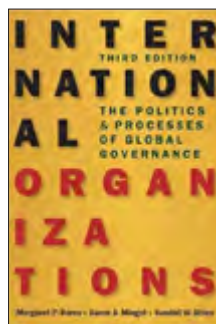


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### Peacemaking and the extractive industries: towards a framework for corporate peace.

Ralph, Natalie. Sheffield, UK: Greenleaf Publishing, 2015.

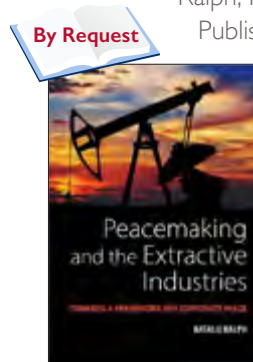


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This book examines the role of oil and mining sector multinational corporations in peace processes in interstate conflict. It explains how corporate peacekeeping works, how it can be implemented, and how it will impact global governance in the future.

### Understanding Namibia: the trials of independence.

Melber, Henning. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

Despite its constitution espousing human rights and individual liberty, Namibia remains a highly unequal society. Melber explores the changes in Namibian society since achieving independence in 1990, highlighting the achievements and failures of the nation since decolonization. He contrasts the post-colonial patriotic history with the political and economic realities of nation building and questions if the negotiations during decolonization could have achieved more than just a change of those in charge.

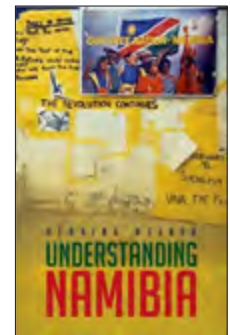


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### Urban refugees: challenges in protection, services and policy.

Koizumi, Koichi and Gerhard Hoffstaedter, editors. New York: Routledge, 2015.

This book explores the topic of refugees in urban settings along with the impacts for those seeking protection and the agencies and organizations assisting them. The editors offer a comparative analysis of refugees and asylum seekers in nine urban areas in Africa, Asia and Europe to examine issues such as status recognition, international and national actors, housing, education and integration. USAID staff may download this e-book from [Taylor & Francis eBooks](#).



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## ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

### Economics rules: the rights and wrongs of the dismal science.

Rodrik, Dani. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2015.

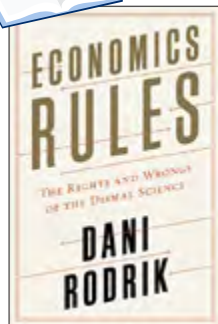


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Rodrik argues that mathematical models are integral tools in making economics a science; however economists often make the mistake of thinking of models as universal theories. He emphasizes that context is key and that diverse situations call for different models.

### International energy and poverty: the emerging contours.

Guruswamy, Lakshman D. Abington, Oxon: Routledge, 2015.

Today's 'energy poor,' also referred to as the 'Other Third,' have little or no access to energy that meets their needs for cooking, heating, water, sanitation, illumination, transportation, or basic mechanical power. This book provides an analysis of how the unmet needs of the energy poor might be satisfied and addresses a range of issues relating to energy justice and energy access for all. USAID staff may download this e-book from [EBSCOhost](http://EBSCOhost).



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### Labour, employment and economic growth in India.

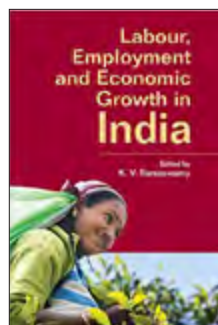


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Ramaswamy, K.V, editor. Delhi, India: Cambridge University Press, 2015.

This volume examines India's recent development experiences in the spheres of labor, employment, structural change, and institutional challenges. The contributors uncover recent patterns of change that challenge standard beliefs of employment growth in India

by providing analysis of population ageing, gender discrimination, and changing labor regulations and laws.

### The politics of poverty reduction.

Mosley, Paul, Blessing Chiripanhura, Jean Grugel, and Ben Thirkell-White. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2015.

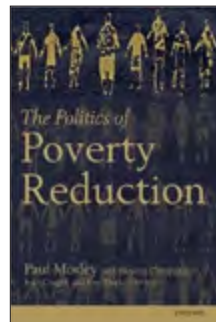


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Utilizing global comparisons and case-studies of nine countries, this book focuses on the political processes that cause anti-poverty policies to succeed or fail. They discovered that when governments are politically weak and make alliances with low-income groups to stay in power, the result is often a lasting and effective pro-poor strategy.

### Public finance and economic growth in developing countries: lessons from Ethiopia's reforms.

Peterson, Stephen B. New York: Routledge, 2015.

Using Ethiopia's successful comprehensive reform of its core financial systems as its leading case study, this book presents frameworks to help governments develop better financial reforms. It focuses on how this can be done in the four core financial systems of budgeting, accounting, planning, and financial information systems. USAID is discussed in several chapters.



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## EDUCATION

### The cost of not educating the world's poor: the new economics of learning.

Ilon, Lynn. New York: Routledge, 2015.

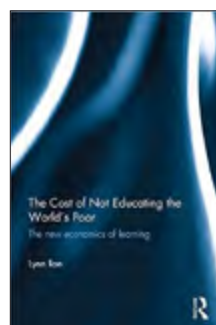


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This book reveals how problems of global instability, environmental degradation, the spread of disease, and political instability are costs of viewing the uneducated poor as separate from the network of global knowledge. Ilon discusses the formation of a global system of learning networks, the digitization of knowledge, and how nations improve their well-being through knowledge and equity, among other issues.

## GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

### Gender, peace and security: implementing UN Security Council Resolution 1325.

Olsson, Louise and Theodora-Ismene Gizelis, editors. New York: Routledge, 2015.

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The contributors evaluate the progress in implementation and impact of UNSCR 1325, the first resolution on women, peace, and security, after its adoption in October 2000. The book is divided into sections on women's participation in peace and security issues, protection, and gender mainstreaming.

### Global trends in land tenure reform: gender impacts.

Archambault, Caroline and Annelies Zoomers, editors. New York: Routledge, 2015.



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Through fourteen case studies from around the globe, this text examines the governance transformations of land and land-based resources resulting from four major processes of tenure change: commercial land based investments, the formalization of customary tenure, the privatization of communal lands, and post-conflict resettlement and redistribution reforms. The essays explore the gender impact of the land tenure reforms and the social and political economy within which these reforms materialize. USAID staff may download this e-book from [Taylor & Francis eBooks](#).

## AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

### Climate cultures: anthropological perspectives on climate change.

Barnes, Jessica and Michael R. Dove, editors. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2015.

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The contributors examine the relationships between society and climate, science and the state, and global and local which are present in climate change debates. The book is divided into three sections: 1) historicizing climate change; 2) knowing climate change; and 3) imagining climate change.

### Knowledge driven development: private extension and global lessons.

Zhou, Yuan and Suresh Chandra Babu, editors. New York: Elsevier, 2015.

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Using cases that study the role and capacity of private companies in knowledge sharing through agricultural extension, this book assesses the factors that lead to success or failure in various approaches. The contributors compile lessons learned and make policy and program recommendations for projects related to private extension.

### Water and development: good governance after Neoliberalism.

Munck, Ronaldo, Narathius Asingwire, Honor Fagan, and Consolata Kabonesa, editors. London: Zed Books, 2015.



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This volume brings to light the competition that exists among development sectors for water. This book explores a range of issues including governance, gender and water politics, hand pumps, and solar distillation to advocate for a sustainable approach to water access in development.

## World hunger: 10 myths.

Lappé, Frances Moore and Joseph Collins. New York: Grove Press, 2015.

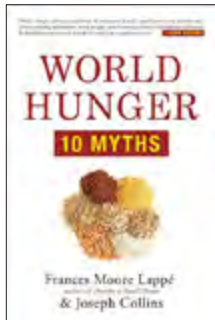


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Why does hunger exist despite the world's abundance of food? Discussing climate change, GMOs, organic farming, free trade, and U.S. foreign aid, the authors seek to dispel myths that are preventing solutions to global hunger.

## Lilienfeld's foundations of epidemiology.

Schneider, Dona and David E. Lilienfeld. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015.

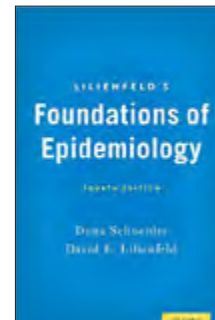


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In its fourth edition, this book provides an introduction to modern epidemiology, mixing classic examples with recent case studies to frame the field's fundamental concepts. It covers fundamental topics including measuring health status, characteristics of outbreaks, design of epidemiologic studies, evidence-based medicine, fieldwork, and evidence-based public health.

## HEALTH, NUTRITION & POPULATION

### HIV scale-up and the politics of global health.

Kenworthy, Nora J. and Richard Parker, editors. New York: Routledge, 2015.



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Within the past decade, the race to treat and prevent HIV resulted in a global scale-up of programs and policies which served as the launching point for further global health initiatives. This text examines the political dimensions and legacies of the expansion of HIV and health programming throughout the globe.

### Improving aid effectiveness in global health.

Beracochea, Elvira, editor. New York: Springer, 2015.

Using a human rights perspective to define effectiveness in aid delivery, this book serves as a guide for creating sustainable health programs and assessing their progress. It details the challenges and solutions to funding, planning, and complexity of projects. It also identifies roles for government, academia, NGOs, and the private sector within the sphere of global health program implementation.

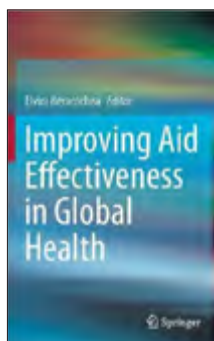


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## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### Geek heresy: rescuing social change from the cult of technology.

Toyama, Kentaro. New York: Public Affairs, 2015.



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Toyama, an award-winning computer scientist, argues that in an age of technology, social progress depends on human changes that these tools can't deliver. He presents a people-centric view of social change with stories of people like Patrick Awuah, a Microsoft millionaire who left his job to open Ghana's first liberal arts university and others who highlight human wisdom over machines as a means to move the world forward.

### Principles of Geographical Information Systems.

Burrough, Peter A., Rachael A. McDonnell, and Christopher D. Lloyd. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, 2015.

The authors explain the theoretical basis and practical uses of GIS to transform raw data into useful information. This updated edition features new chapters on visualization, dynamic modelling, and statistical analysis of geographical data.

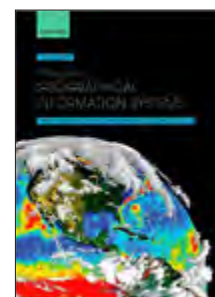


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## AFRICA

### Hiding in plain sight: a novel.

Farah, Nuruddin. New York: Riverhead Books, 2014.

When her half-brother is murdered by political extremists, Bella travels to Nairobi to care for her teenage niece and nephew whose mother abandoned them years ago. When their mother attempts to reassert her maternal rights, Bella must decide if she will stay and carry out her sisterly responsibility in a familial atmosphere of chaos that reflects the political instability in the region.

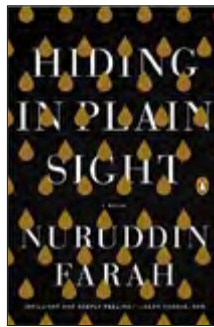


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the country mirrors the unraveling of the Ghosh family as rivalries, secrets, and the fall of the family business highlight the chasms between the generations and the haves and have-nots.

## LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

### Barefoot dogs: stories.

Ruiz-Camacho, Antonio. New York: Scribner, 2015.

José Victoriano Arteaga vanishes on his way home from work and as his family seeks answers as to why, packages arrive at the family house that provide horrifying clues. Ruiz-Camacho tells the stories of the Arteaga family members, now scattered around the globe, as they deal with the tragedy that has torn them apart.



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## ASIA

### Last days in Shanghai: a novel.

Walker, Casey. Berkeley, CA: Counterpoint Press, 2014.

Congressional aide Luke Slade travels to China with Congressman "Leo the Lyin," who disappears after a bender on their first night in Beijing. Luke keeps meetings with their Chinese contacts and in the process receives a briefcase full of money from the mayor of a provincial Chinese city. While trying to return the cash, he becomes a suspect in a mysterious death and is under surveillance by Chinese police. The story follows Luke as he attempts to navigate the country's corrupt environment.

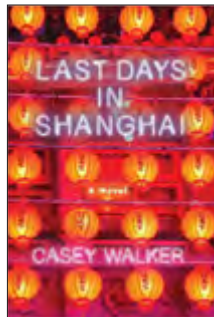


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### The discreet hero: a novel.

Llosa, Mario Vargas; translated by Edith Grossman. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015.

Felicity Yanaqué, a small-time businessman in Piura, Peru finds himself the victim of blackmail. Ismael Carrera, a successful insurance company owner in Lima, wants to avenge himself against his two sons who want him dead. The lives of these two characters intersect as they try to seize control of their destinies and rise above the pettiness of their surroundings.



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### The lives of others.

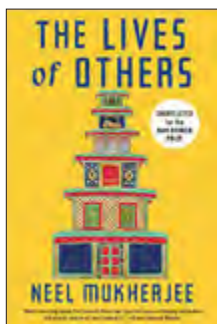


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Mukherjee, Neel. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2014.

In the Ghosh family household, comprised of an aging patriarch and matriarch and five adult children and numerous grandchildren, each set of family members occupies a floor in accordance to their standing in the family. The social unrest in

## MANAGEMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

### Better than before: mastering the habits of our everyday lives.

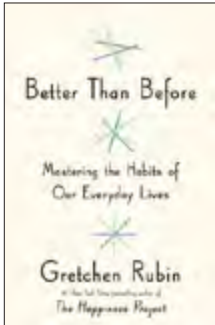


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Rubin, Gretchen. New York: Crown Publishers, 2015.

Rubin identifies approaches that help us to change negative habits and keep healthy ones. She utilizes science related to habits, willpower, and decision-making in addition to case study experiences from every day people. She explores the tendencies that influence how we

form habits and contends that we must first shape our habits to suit ourselves in order to find success. She includes twenty-one habit changing strategies to put into action.

### Compelling people: the hidden qualities that make us influential.

Neffinger, John and Matthew Kohut. New York: Plume, 2014.

The authors explain how one gains influence by projecting a balance of strength to garner respect and warmth to encourage affection.

They utilize social science research in combination with case studies of prominent people such as Fortune 500 Executives, members of Congress, and Nobel Prize winners to detail how one can win admiration, respect, and affection to become a more appealing and effective influencer both at work and in life.



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### The discomfort zone: how leaders turn difficult conversations into breakthroughs.

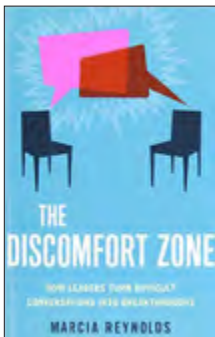


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Reynolds, Marcia. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc., 2014.

Reynolds presents the strategy of using the Discomfort Zone, the moment when the mind is most open to learning, to motivate people to think through problems, strategically assess situations, and overcome potential limitations.

She identifies the questions to ask that disarm the brain's habitual thought patterns, thus prompting people to think for themselves of solutions to roadblocks.

### The good jobs strategy: how the smartest companies invest in employees to lower costs and boost profits.

Ton, Zeynep. Boston: New Harvest, 2014.



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Ton argues that even in low-cost settings, operational excellence enables companies to offer the lowest prices to customers while ensuring good jobs for their employees and superior results for their investors. Focusing on four model retailers—Costco, Mercadona, Trader Joe's, and QuikTrip—Ton describes the elements of the good

jobs strategy and reveals four choices that have transformed the companies' high investment in workers into lower costs, higher profits, and greater customer satisfaction.

### The organized mind: thinking straight in the age of information overload.

Levitin, Daniel. New York: Dutton, 2014.

The information age has created a deluge of data in all forms. Levitin explains the advances in brain science that reveal how leaders in the information age excel and how readers can adopt these methods to organize their homes, workplaces, and lives. He highlights the study of the cognitive neuroscience of attention and memory and shows how it is applicable in daily life.

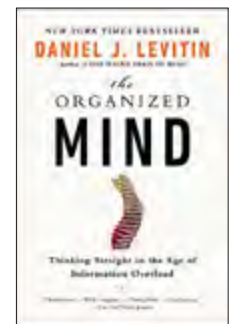


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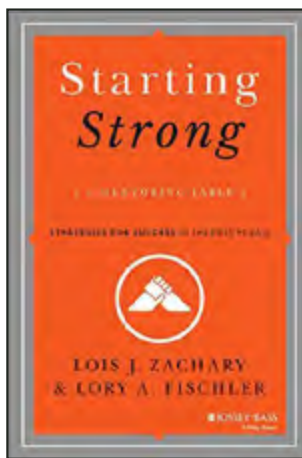
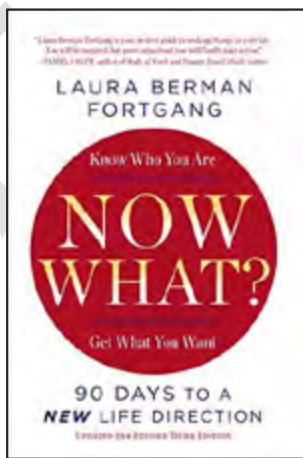
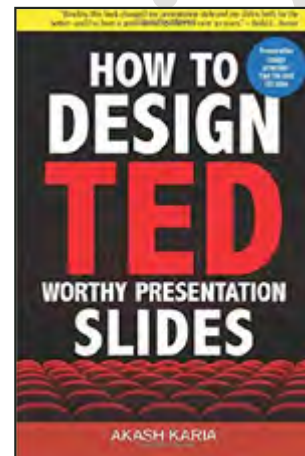
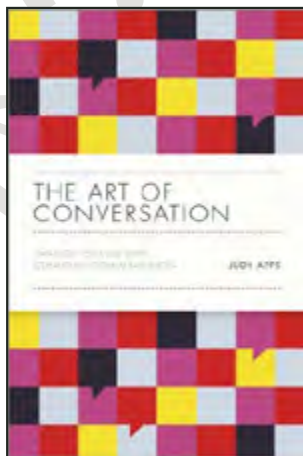


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# New Year, New Start, New Books

Tackle some New Year's Resolutions with these workplace reads.



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