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AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Aid in danger: the perils and promise of humanitarianism. Fast, Larissa. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014.

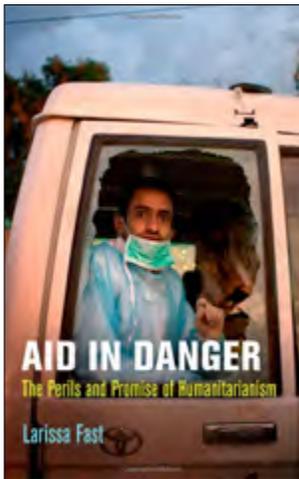


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Fast critically examines the causes of violence against humanitarian aid workers and the consequences of the approaches aid agencies use to protect themselves from attack. She argues that most explanations of attacks locate the causes externally and maintain an image of aid workers as an exceptional category of civilians, ignoring the internal vulnerabilities that sometimes contribute to the conditions leading to

violence. Fast explores both external threats and internal vulnerabilities, detailing the challenges of providing aid in perilous settings.

Help or harm: the human security effects of international NGOs. Murdie, Amanda. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2014.

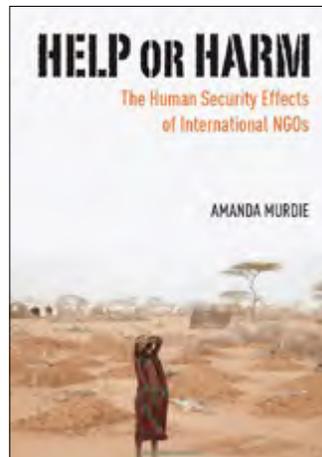


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What explains when and where INGOs will be successful at improving human security? Testing her theory through case-studies of over 100 countries that have exhibited imperfect human security situations since the end of the Cold War, Murdie argues that differences in organizational characteristics--reflecting

underlying motivations, issue-focus, and state peculiarities--determine when and where the growing force of INGOs will be effective contributors to human security outcomes.

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The history of development: from western origins to global faith, 4th edition. Rist, Gilbert. London ; New York: Zed Books, 2014.



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In this classic development text, now in its fourth edition, Rist provides a complete overview of what the idea of development has meant throughout history. He traces it from its origins in the Western view of history through modern concerns about the environment and globalization. In a new chapter on post-development models, Rist argues that development has been no more than a collective delusion, which in reality has only resulted in widening market relations.

A path appears: transforming lives, creating opportunity. Kristof, Nicholas D. and Sheryl WuDunn. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2014.

Kristof and WuDunn, authors of the #1 bestseller *Half the Sky*, explore the art and science of giving, identify successful local and global initiatives, and share stories from the front lines of social progress. They showcase people who are making a difference in the world and provide practical, results-driven advice on how each of us can give and reveal the lasting benefits we gain in return.

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Adaptation to climate change through water resources management: capacity, equity and sustainability.

Stucker, Donald and Elena Lopez-Gunn, editors. New York: Routledge, 2014.

Taking a systems approach, contributors analyze case studies from 26 countries and identify common barriers and bridges for local adaptation to climate change through water resources

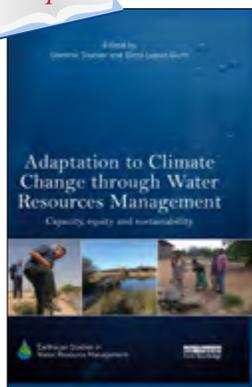


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management. Chapters consider themes of adaptive capacity, equity, and sustainability, highlighting resilient water allocation policies and practices that protect social and environmental interests while ensuring the efficient use of water resources.

Green planet blues: critical perspectives on global environmental politics. Conca, Ken and Geoffrey D. Dabelko, editors. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2015.

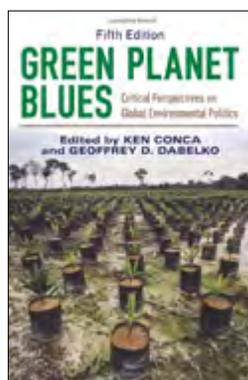


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This updated anthology examines global environmental politics from a range of perspectives, giving voice to both the powerless and powerful. Seventeen new readings discuss climate justice, environmental peacebuilding, globalization, land grabs, corporate environmentalism, climate adaptation, gender, disaster risk, resilience, and the future of global environmental politics in the wake of the “Rio+20” global summit of 2012. The essays stress the underlying questions of power, interests, authority and legitimacy that shape environmental debates.

Sustainable energy solutions for climate change. Diesendorf, Mark. New York: Routledge, 2014.

Diesendorf, a renewable energy expert, details the recent changes in the energy sector and profiles the renewable energy technologies that can transform our fossil-fuelled energy systems into ecologically sustainable ones. He provides in-depth analysis of sustainable transport and planning for better cities, the politics and policies of climate change mitigation, why nuclear energy is not the answer, and myths about wind, solar energy and energy efficiency.

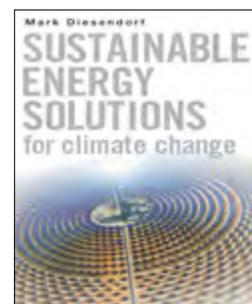


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Water scarcity, livelihoods and food security: research and innovation for development.

Harrington, Larry W. and Myles J. Fisher. New York, Routledge, 2014.

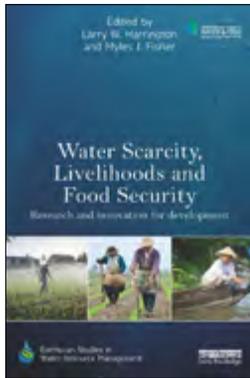


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This book reflects on the evolution of the CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food, drawing on the experiences of over 100 projects conducted in the developing world. Authors detail how the program's design evolved from an emphasis on water scarcity, productivity, and access to an emphasis on using water innovations to improve

livelihoods. They describe development challenges and how to address them through policy and technical innovations.

DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE

A poisonous thorn in our hearts: Sudan and South Sudan's bitter and incomplete divorce.

Copnall, James. London: Hurst & Company, 2014.

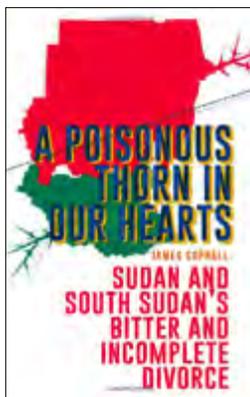


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What happened after Africa's biggest country split in two? Copnall examines the complex history, cultures, politics, and economics that underlie the conflicts between the two nations and are still being debated today. He reflects the voices of the Sudanese and South Sudanese from all walks of life, and argues that Sudan and South Sudan remain deeply

interdependent, despite their separation.

Political order and political decay: from the industrial revolution to the globalization of democracy.

Fukuyama, Francis. New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2014.

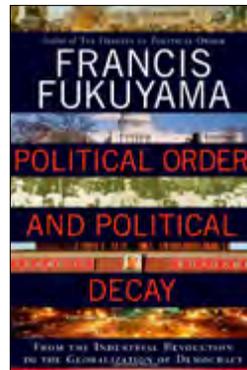


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In the follow up volume to *The Origins of Political Decay*, Fukuyama explores the question of how societies develop strong, impersonal, and accountable political institutions, following the story from the French Revolution to the so-called Arab Spring and the deep dysfunctions of contemporary American politics. He examines the effects of corruption on governance, and

why some societies have been successful at rooting it out and highlights the struggle to create a well-functioning modern state.

The structural prevention of mass atrocities: understanding risk and resilience.

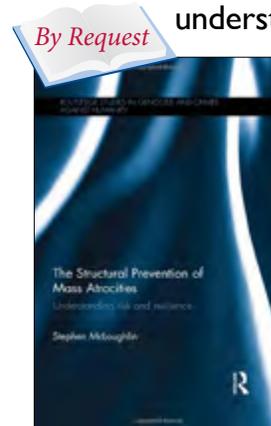


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McLoughlin, Stephen. Abingdon, Oxon ; New York: Routledge, 2014.

Most current research emphasizes identifying and ameliorating the "root causes" of mass atrocities, however McLoughlin believes this type of focus neglects the reasons why violence does not occur in all countries that contain the

presence of these root causes. Focusing on the causes of peace and stability within vulnerable nations, he analyzes Botswana, Zambia, and Tanzania, exploring the processes and dynamics these countries have used to build resilience and mitigate the risk of mass atrocities.

Working with the grain: integrating governance and growth in development strategies. Levy, Brian. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

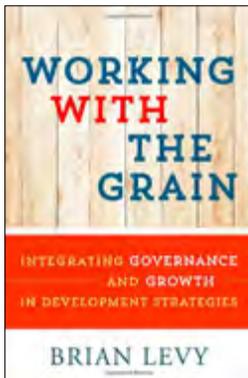


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As an alternative to the “best practices” approach to governance reform that has dominated the development discourse in recent decades, Levy provides policymakers, donors, civil society activists, and other development practitioners a practical, analytically grounded, “with-the-grain” approach to governance reform and development policymaking.

He examines how institutions, politics, and economic policy interact with one another and encourages the exploration of possibilities that respond creatively to the governance ambiguities of our early twenty-first century world.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Creating a learning society: a new approach to growth, development, and social progress.

Stiglitz, Joseph E. and Bruce C. Greenwald. New York: Columbia University Press, 2014.

To help countries grow and close the gap in knowledge that exists between developed from less-developed countries, it is essential to know how they learn and what government can do to promote learning. Stiglitz and Greenwald show how well designed government trade and industrial policies can help create a learning society, and propose that free trade may lead to stagnation whereas broad-based industrial protection and exchange rate interventions may bring benefits to the entire economy.

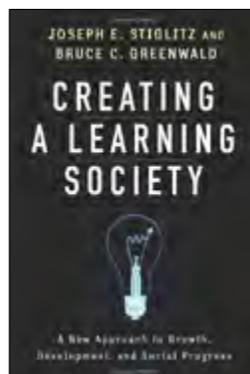


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In their own hands: how savings groups are revolutionizing development. Ashe, Jeffrey and Kyla Jagger Neilan. San Francisco, CA: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, Inc., 2014.

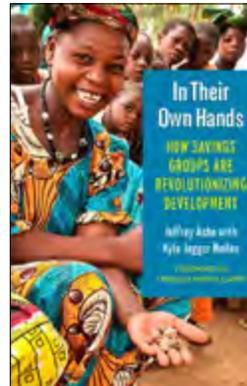


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Today, membership in village-level savings groups totals over 10 million members. Ashe and Neilan illustrate how savings groups form and function in developing countries, increasing food security, building assets, and empowering the community. Ashe details his personal experience with the Saving for Change initiative, which leveraged the wisdom and strength of group members to train and establish new savings groups.

Land's end: capitalist relations on an indigenous frontier. Li, Tania Murray. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2014.

Drawing on two decades of ethnographic research in Sulawesi, Indonesia, Li offers an account of the emergence of capitalist relations among indigenous highlanders who privatized their common land, an action initiated by farmers rather than coerced by the state or agribusiness corporation, to plant a boom crop, cacao. Li provides insight into the highlanders' world, exploring the dilemmas they faced as sharp inequalities emerged among kin and neighbors, as some prospered while others lost their land.

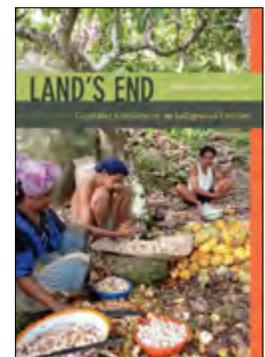


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Understanding Changes in Poverty (e-book from the World Bank eLibrary). Inchauste, Gabriela, et al. Washington, DC: World Bank Group, 2014.

Authors examine the causes behind the movement in poverty reduction from simple approaches, including changes in demographics, employment, earnings, and public transfers, to complex approaches, such as changes in individual and household characteristics. Their conclusions can be applied to understand distributional changes in poverty over time. This book is available for download by USAID staff via [World Bank eLibrary](#).

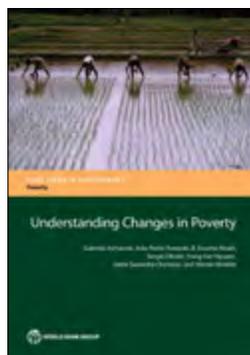


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The education of indigenous citizens in Latin America. Cortina, Regina, ed. Tonawanda, NY: Multilingual Matters, 2014.

Contributors explore the development of intercultural bilingual education throughout Latin America, resulting from the endorsement of Indigenous peoples' rights. Through case study analysis, the authors explore how social change, as a result of local movements and transnational networks, is taking place and allowing for the inclusion of cultural, ethnic, and linguistic diversity in Latin American education systems.

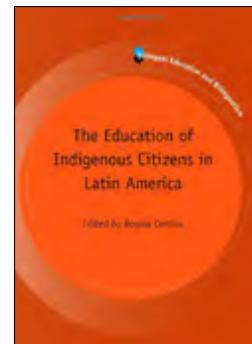


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EDUCATION

Education at a glance 2014: OECD indicators (e-book). OECD. Paris: OECD Publishing, 2014.



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This title provides data on the structure, finances, and performance of education systems in the OECD's 34 member countries, including a number of partner countries. The results include indicators on a wide range of outcomes, from comparisons of students' performance in key subject areas to the impact of education on

earnings and on adults' chances of employment. New material includes indicators on private institutions and a detailed examination of student loans. USAID staff may download this title via the [OECD iLibrary](#).

GENDER EQUALITY & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Gender in agriculture: closing the knowledge gap. Quisumbing, Agnes R. et al., editors. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer, 2014.

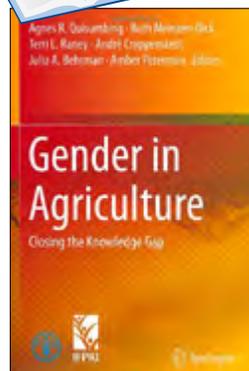


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This book builds on the 2011 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) report on women in agriculture which had concluded that women, who constitute half of all farmers, lack equal access to the resources and opportunities they need to be more productive. The authors

provide a more thorough examination of the conceptual and empirical basis of the FAO report, and propose ways to address the disadvantages and inequities that burden women farmers.

Why gender matters in economics. Eswaran, Mukesh. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2014.

This textbook provides an economic look at issues confronting women throughout the world-- including nonmarket scenarios, such as marriage and fertility choices, as well as market areas, pertaining to labor and credit markets and globalization. Eswaran examines the ways in which economic outcomes differ for women and men and explores the consequences of these differences in both market and nonmarket domains, including changes occurring as a result of women's increased access to healthcare, education, and credit.

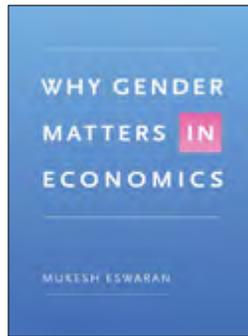


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Climate change and global health (e-book from CAB e-books). Butler, Colin D., editor. Boston: CAB International, 2014.

This book provides evidence of the impact of climate change on global health. Featuring contributors from 17 countries, this book explores immediate and direct effects such as heat waves, secondary ones such as vector ranges and disease incidence, and long-term ("tertiary") impacts such as famine, migration and conflict. Included is discussion of policies that can enhance the resilience of communities to climatic change. USAID staff may download this title from [CAB ebooks](#).

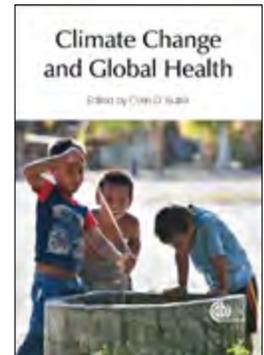


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HEALTH, NUTRITION & POPULATION

Being mortal: medicine and what matters

in the end. Gawande, Atul. New York: Metropolitan Books, 2014.

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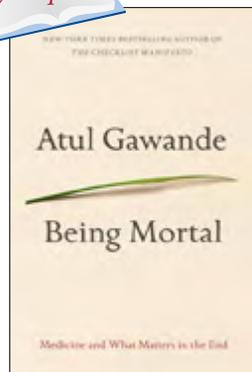


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Gawande, a practicing surgeon, addresses medicine's limitations in the face of aging and death, arguing that quality of life is the desired goal for patients and families. Gawande offers examples of freer, more socially fulfilling models for assisting the infirm and dependent elderly, and he explores the varieties of hospice care to demonstrate that a person's last weeks or months may be rich and dignified.

Economic impact of HIV/AIDS on households.

Falleiro, Savio P. New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2014.

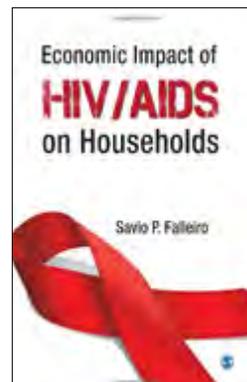


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Based on field-based studies in Goa, India, this book examines the economic impact of HIV/AIDS on HIV-infected individuals and HIV-affected households through comparative analyses with matched no-HIV/AIDS households. Through these findings, Falleiro seeks to influence policy-makers and improve existing initiatives to enhance the daily living of HIV-affected individuals and households.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Cartographer's toolkit: colors, typography, patterns. Peterson, Gretchen N. Fort Collins, CO: PetersonGIS, 2012.

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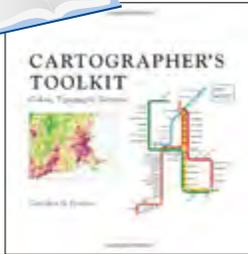


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Acting as a “cheat-sheet” for cartography, the book’s three chapters: Colors, Typography, and Composition Patterns build from individual map components to cohesive cartographic constructions. Peterson provides an abundance of visual demonstrations and design tools for producing high-level static and interactive maps.

Data visualization: principles and practice, second edition. Telea, Alexandru C. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, 2014.

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While focusing on techniques and methods with broad applicability across fields, the text, now in its second edition, provides a streamlined introduction to various data visualization techniques. It covers a wide range of sub-topics in data visualization, including: data representation; image processing and domain modeling techniques; and information visualization.

Engineering for sustainable human development: a guide to successful small-scale community projects. Amadei, Bernard. Reston, VA: ASCE Press, 2014.

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Amadei emphasizes that engineering for sustainable human development is about the delivery of projects that are technologically sound, and also adhere to social, environmental and economic practices that are not traditionally associated with engineering education and practice. He presents a framework for engineers to conduct small-scale engineering projects in vulnerable and developing communities.

LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER

AFRICA

All our names. Mengestu, Dinaw. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2014.

Mengestu introduces a continent-spanning story about the love between men and women, between friends, and between citizens and their countries. Fleeing war-torn Uganda for the American Midwest, Isaac falls in love with the social worker assigned to him and settles into small-town life. But the couple's bond is darkened by the secrets of Isaac's past: the acts he committed and the beloved friend he left behind, who sacrificed everything to ensure his freedom.



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ASIA

The valley of amazement. Tan, Amy. New York: Ecco, HarperCollins Publishers, 2013.

When the Ching dynasty is overturned, Violet Minturn, daughter of an American madam in Shanghai's most exclusive courtesan house, is separated from her mother and forced to become a “virgin courtesan.” This multigenerational saga interweaves the story of Violet and her mother, Lucia, who come to an unexpected reunion in their quests to recover what was taken from them: respect, a secure future, and love.

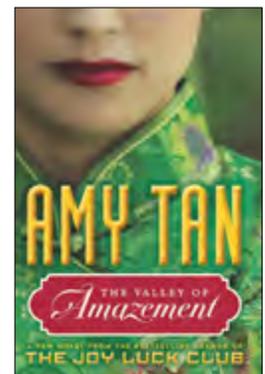


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MANAGEMENT AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The chaos imperative: how chance and disruption increase innovation, effectiveness, and success. Brafman, Ori and Judah Pollack. New York: Crown Business 2013.

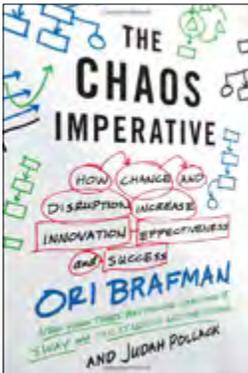


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Brafman and Pollack reveal how organizations can drive growth and profits by allowing “contained chaos” and disruption the space to flourish, generating new ideas that trigger innovation. Weaving together stories from neuroscience, medieval history, and the video game industry, the authors reveal the elements of “controlled chaos” that

were successfully rolled out in programs within diverse organizations, including the U.S. Army.

The gallery of best resumes: a collection of quality resumes by professional resume writers, 5th edition. Noble, David F. St. Paul, MN: JIST Works, 2012.

In addition to expert resume writing tips and advice, this book delivers a sample collection of over 180 resumes and 20 cover letters for dozens of occupations, providing readers the needed tools to compose interview-landing resumes and cover letters. In its fifth edition, this book has been updated to include more coverage of electronic resumes.

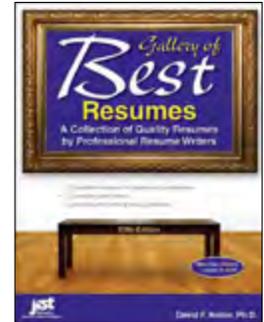


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Personal branding for dummies. Chritton, Susan. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2012.

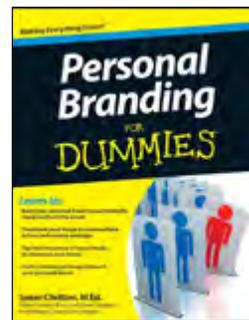


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Chritton provides advice on how to create a consistent, targeted impression to establish a professional presence and personal brand identity for someone at any stage of their career. She provides advice on how to build your personal brand authentically, make the most of networking, tap into the power of social media, and monitor your brand reputation, while stressing the importance of distinguishing yourself from the competition.



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