

Dragons Den Start Your Own Business From Idea To Income

English Unlimited is a six-level (A1 to C1) goals-based course for adults. Centred on purposeful, real-life objectives, it prepares learners to use English independently for global communication. As well as clear teaching notes, the updated Intermediate A and B Teacher's Pack (Teacher's Book with DVD-ROM) offers lots of extra ideas and activities to suit different classroom situations and teaching styles. The DVD-ROM provides a range of extra printable activities, a comprehensive testing and assessment program, extra literacy and handwriting activities for non-Roman alphabet users and clear mapping of the syllabus against the CEFR 'can do' statements. It also includes the videos from the Self-study Pack DVD-ROM for classroom use.

This is the color version of the book with over 50 pictures, there is a black & white version available as well. Fatima & Amna Sultan are 10 and 8-year-old founders of Two Sisters on a Mission. From facing the Dragons in Dragons' Den to 40 keynotes in major conferences and business competitions, Canada's Youngest Social Entrepreneurs are on a mission to make a real difference. They run an online art store to bring the world together by bringing the stories, the struggles and the message of artists from remote parts of the world to life. The two sisters have won various awards for their impact and their customers include some of the biggest businesses, universities, conferences and events in Canada. In their own words, "This book is not about our accomplishments as we are two very ordinary kids just doing something we love. Through this book we hope to inspire more people to do what they love and make a difference. All we want through our social business, through our speeches and through this book is to drive impact - nothing else really matters. We have so much still to learn but we have a message to share as well. A simple message that we all have the power and potential to make a difference. The time to take action is now. If what you dream of doing has not been done before then it is an opportunity to create a path that will empower millions one day. We wish you all the best" This book is for anyone, youths and adults, looking to have impact in this world and not sure on how to start. Fatima and Amna write with the optimism of youth but the maturity of a serial social entrepreneur which makes this perspective unique. The book is not just about their story but rather a set of tools, techniques and perspective that will empower more people to take action.

A refreshingly simple, easy-to-read guide to getting started in business If you've ever dreamed of starting your own business, this book will give you the information, inspiration, and reassurance you need to get started. It encourages budding entrepreneurs to take the leap into the dark, while shining a bright light on the first six months of a successful start-up. It breaks down what appears to be an Everest-size challenge into a series of small hills for you to conquer.

Written by successful entrepreneur Jeremy Harbour, Go Do! argues that the skills

and tactics of successful entrepreneurship can't be learnt except by doing. So this book offers the guidance and the confidence you need to just go do it. Let the Dragons show you how to turn your pipe dream into an income stream. This book shows you everything you need to know to: create new ideas and find market niches, develop a business plan to suit your lifestyle, find funding from banks and investors, and how to deal with the practicalities of company registration.

This eBook is about raising equity finance for start-up and growing businesses. The author of this instant guide from Harriman House, Guy Rigby, has also written *From Vision to Exit*, which is a complete entrepreneurs' guide to setting up, running and passing on or selling a business.

- Practical guidance from a successful start-up entrepreneur, who mines his own experience and expertise to help future entrepreneurs make sound decisions and face the inevitable challenges of running a company. Becoming a successful entrepreneur involves a lot of hard work and an ability to learn from mistakes. In this book, Jürgen Ingels shares what he has learned as a top start-up and scale-up entrepreneur. He offers 50 concrete, practical tips about how to take your company to the next level, from your business model to operations; from marketing and sales to human resources; and from the composition of your team to the financial structure of your organization. With personal anecdotes, Jürgen shares his own story and his passion for entrepreneurship, and provides inspiration and guidance for entrepreneurs of the future.

The definitive guide to starting and running a small business *The Smarta Way to Do Business* is the first definitive handbook for starting a business to bring you advice from real-world entrepreneurs who've been there, and done that. Packed with everything you need to know to start and run a successful business, straight from the UK's leading experts, this is the insider's guide YOU need to build a successful business right NOW. Featuring exclusive interviews with anyone who's anyone in the world of entrepreneurship, including Theo Paphitis, Deborah Meaden, Duncan Bannatyne, Sarah Beeny, Doug Richard, Martha Lane Fox, Caprice, Sahar Hashemi, and more, the book also brings you unique insights from Peter Jones, Mike Clare, Julie Meyer, Rachel Elnaugh and many others! Whether you're just starting out, looking to take your business to the next level or exploring how social media and emerging technologies could boost your customer sales, *The Smarta Way to Do Business* has the answers you're looking for.

For anyone unfulfilled by work, starting your own business could give you a chance to make your mark - and maybe even your fortune. --

English for Specific Purposes (ESP) is one of the most needed forms of English Language Teaching with regards to the adult population in today's global market economy where the English language is a prerequisite for the exchange and communication of professional ideas, best practices, and experiences, and a necessary skill for advancement in one's career. This comprehensive volume brings together the

most insightful papers from the First International Conference on Teaching English for Specific and Academic Purposes, titled "Connect and Share", held at the Faculty of Electronic Engineering of the University of Niš, Serbia, in May 2013. The collection covers a diverse and extensive list of topics, and provides a number of invaluable contributions which prove the presence of ESP in all continents, and in many different professions, sciences, and businesses. Also of interest is the fact these papers highlight the interrelatedness of ESP and linguistics, the methodology of teaching, sociolinguistics, and a number of other fields relevant to the study and practice of languages. The chapters of this book prove that immense, original, creative and worthwhile research is being conducted in the ever-growing and increasingly relevant field of ESP. At the same time, the book also offers rich insights into many innovative teaching practices that justify ESP as an important area of academic study.

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

All the expertise and proven benefits of one-to-one time with a professional career coach, but for a fraction of the price. Take control of your career, improve your employability, identify your unique brand and skill set and fast track your career to the next level. Includes a full, detailed career analysis using the latest career management techniques, together with expert guidance and advice, this will allow you to pinpoint your personal strengths, develop your abilities and take control so you can build a plan that will make your career aspirations a reality. This practical, friendly and accessible guide includes assessments, assignments, planning exercises and fascinating case-studies.

Lessons in business success from the newest Dragon in town You no longer have to enter the Dragon' Den to get expert startup advice. In Secrets of a Serial Entrepreneur, Shaf Rasul distils his vast experience and knowledge into a practical business startup guide that takes you smoothly and successfully from idea to exit. Are you in? With tips

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and advice from Shaf, as well as examples and anecdotes from inside and outside the den, you'll discover exactly what it takes to be a successful entrepreneur. From starting up to buying and selling, from business plans to number crunching, *Secrets of a Serial Entrepreneur* shows you how to do it right first time. You'll find out: If you've got what it takes to be an entrepreneur How to set up and manage a business with confidence How to make a business profitable – fast Ten key things to know about finance How to be quick on your feet and beat the rest How to hire and manage the right people When and how to exit – and how to spot your next opportunity Who's the Man? Frequently featured in *The Sunday Times Rich List*, Shaf Rasul made his fortune in IT, property and asset management. In 2008 he was 19th in a *Management Today* survey of the UK's top 100 entrepreneurs and is one of the UK's most successful entrepreneurs under the age of 40. He co-presents the BBC's *Dragons' Den* spin off, *Dragon's Den Online*, an internet and mainstream TV phenomenon. "Shaf really knows his stuff – if you believe in your business, and want it to succeed, then read this book." —Kavita Oberoi, Founder of Oberoi Consulting and star of Channel 4's *The Secret Millionaire* "Seriously good advice for would-be entrepreneurs and those already in business, Shaf's 'tricks of the trade' tell you to do things properly – and this book shows you how." —Professor Sara Carter, head of Department, Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship, Strathclyde Business School "Shaf has never hidden behind tired old clichés or business jargon – he's a straight-talking tycoon who tells people openly and honestly how to become a success in the cut-throat business world." —Matt Bendoris, *The Scottish Sun*

Brought to you by the UK's leading small business website If you're looking for a practical guide to help you start a business, this is the book for you. Covering each stage of starting up - from evaluating your business idea to marketing your product or service - this annually updated handbook includes the latest information on support and legal regulations for small businesses, plus advice on taking advantage of today's economic conditions. Whether you're looking to start up a cleaning business, set up as a freelancer, go into property development or start an eBay venture, you'll uncover the expert advice you need to succeed. Inside you'll find practical pointers and first-hand business insight from successful start-ups and top entrepreneurs. Find out how to: Turn an idea into a viable business Write an effective business plan Raise finance for your start-up Deal with regulations and laws Price products or services competitively Find and retain customers Market your business on a budget Hire the best employees

If you want to start your own airline, this book isn't for you. This is the business book for everyone tired of being told they have to have the next big thing in order to make a living running their own firm. It's the down-to-earth, insider's guide to starting a great business that thrives - without having to takeover the world. Or dance to Lord Sugar's tune. Or go cap-in-hand to the Dragons. Author and business advisor Ken Horn has helped thousands of people to be a success running their own business, reaching freedom and financial security not by winning the Big Business Idea Lottery but simply through delivering traditional services in existing markets. Bringing a master's knowledge of the ins and outs of starting and running a successful small business, Ken: - strips away the mystery surrounding starting your own business - packages up the common challenges of starting up and helps readers tackle them - cuts through the information overload and provides only what you really need to know to launch a small

business - reveals in what order to best tackle things and what can be left till later or ignored entirely. He also uncovers a whole host of secret shortcuts that are too easily missed - especially when it comes to sales and marketing. Straight-talking, bursting with examples, packed with inspiration - and promising not to waste a minute of your time - this book is like having a top business mentor on hand throughout your start-up journey. Get going now!

"Do you have a sane work-play balance? Had enough of your job and want to change your life? Here's how to do it" The Times Stuck in a job that's boring you to tears? Slogging away at a business that's never quite taken off? Still can't decide what you'd rather do? Well, it's time to change all that. We've reached a remarkable point in the history of work. With the right guidance, it's now possible for anyone to make a living from doing the things they love. Written by a career maverick who escaped corporate life, Screw Work Let's Play is your blueprint to create a work-life full of fun, freedom and creativity; something more like play than work. Packed full of stories from people who turned their passion into their living - or even a million pound business - you'll discover 10 secrets to transform your working life, starting today. Discover life-changing ideas and practical plans including: · How to win your first playcheque - without quitting your current job · How to beat the doubts and internal blocks that hold you back · How you can play and get rich - even in a recession Whether you want to start a business, create an ideal job, write a book, or change the world, there's no need to suffer unfulfilling work any more. Ready to play? Unlock exclusive extras at www.screwworkletsplay.com Join the Play Revolution

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

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

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potential customers and measure your concept against reality. The Dragon's Den Guide shows you the way.

Nine out of ten businesses do not survive the five year milestone What are the secrets that contribute to entrepreneurial success? David Knight (CEO the Executive Solution and award winning entrepreneur) is the author of the hit book YES YOU CAN START YOUR OWN BUSINESS and delivers time and time again in taking the reader through an easy to read guide through the process of starting up your own business. Knight's unique guide is written in a way which feels like the reader embarks on a business journey with a friend guiding you through each step in a down to earth fun filled read of a book. I certainly think this will be a valuable guide to business start up and congratulate David Knight on it Vincent Cable MP Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer www.yesyoucanstartyourownbusiness.com
www.theexecutivesolution.co.uk

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

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

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

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

In 26 weekly steps, this unique and cleverly structured book will walk any budding entrepreneur through everything you need to know and do, in the exact order you need to do it, to get your new business up and running. Each step contains a to-do list, an explanation of what needs to be done, useful hints and shortcuts and the contact information you need.

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Written by an experienced entrepreneur and updated for a new global economy, this book contains the most up to date, fresh thinking and ideas, so you can overcome the challenges of a new business start-up and turn your entrepreneurial dreams into reality.

Drawn from articles Sean has written for the 'Sunday Independent', 'Secrets to Success' is a compilation of inspiring stories of successful Irish-based entrepreneurs and business leaders including: Voxpro, Tayto Park/Largo Foods, One4All, Realex Payments, Wallace Myers International, Teelings Whiskey and Flahavans. It teaches valuable lessons from entrepreneurs about their journey from start-up to success. We learn about their backgrounds and what shaped them, how they came up with their killer business ideas, as well as the challenges that confronted them along the way and while they have enjoyed the sweet taste of victory, all, without exception, have known times of bitter defeat. Sean is convinced that what can be learned from Ireland's microcosm of entrepreneurial endeavour can be applied anywhere in the world.

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

James Caan, author of Get the Job You Really Want and Britain's most dynamic entrepreneur, teaches you how to work for yourself in just one week in Start Your Business in 7 Days. Everybody wants to be an entrepreneur. Every single day of my life I am bombarded by people with pitches. But 90% of new businesses fail, because their founders failed to ask themselves the simplest of questions. I can save you years of wasted time and thousands of pounds of wasted money by giving you the ammunition to ask the right questions, and helping you make the decision that is right for you. I will show you how to spend a maximum of seven days deciding if your idea is workable and bankable. How to say 'I'm in', but equally importantly, to have the courage to say 'I'm out'. How to become your own Dragon. Each piece of advice in this book is based on my thirty years of starting businesses. You will find all the fundamental ingredients for any new company, whatever sector you want to be in, whatever size of business you have in mind, along with the tools to make it work. You can be one of the 10% of businesses that do make it. -James Caan James Caan is one of the UK's most successful and dynamic entrepreneurs, having built and sold businesses since

1985. After dropping out of school at sixteen and starting his first business in a Pall Mall broom cupboard - armed with little more than charm and his father's advice - Caan went on to make his fortune in the recruitment industry, founding the Alexander Mann Group, a company with a turnover of 130m. A 2003 graduate of Harvard Business School, Caan's most recent endeavour has been to set up private equity firm Hamilton Bradshaw. Caan hit our screens when he joined the panel of the BBC's Dragons' Den in 2007. He is a regular in the national and business press, advises on various Government programmes, and initiates numerous philanthropic projects via the James Caan Foundation." Limiting beliefs tell you that now isn't the right time. Conditions will be more favourable in the future. When you are richer, or older and more mature, then you will be ready for change. The only thing holding you back is your beliefs. When you believe that you are stuck where you are, change becomes impossible. Now is the best time to start working on your dreams. Each day is a new opportunity to be all that you can be and do all that you can do. What you do today is crucial, because you are trading a day of your life for it. Remember, time is the most precious non-renewable resource that you have. When time has passed, it's gone forever. When you waste time, you have wasted part of your life. Your seconds, minutes and hours are the measurement of your existence. The scales of life are always in balance. You always get back exactly what you give. If you work for only one hour on your goals, life gives you back only one hour of your dreams. Moving towards your destiny is a choice. There is no reason to wait. Your life must count for something good. This book provides the tools for discovering your talent and field of calling. You will be challenged to re-define your purpose in life!

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

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

It is possible to get the life you really want? You just need to change the way you think. In the thirty years I've spent in business I've learned how to build a very successful company. Using the same business methods, you can build a successful life. Do you want to get back into work after a break? Perhaps you've always dreamed of setting up your own café? Or maybe you just need more time for yourself? I've come up with a ten-point plan to help you achieve your goals, whatever they may be. I'll show you how to manage your time and money. You'll find out how to set your priorities and communicate well with other people. You'll learn to change how you think so you can use my business sense in everyday life. Get the Life You Really Want by James Caan, the business guru and Dragons' Den star, shows you how to work towards your own goals to shape the future that you really want

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"Bebo sale to AOL nets founders a £290m fortune in 3 years." - March 2008

"Foxtons sale nets founder £370m." - May 2007 "L'Oréal buys Body Shop for £652m." - March 2006 For entrepreneurs and business owners alike, this is your ticket to serious money. Fact 1: Business is all about making money. Fact 2: Personal satisfaction is great, but it doesn't pay the bills. If your main ambition is to make big money from your business, you're already on the right track. Over 4 million people start up businesses in the UK each year but only 1% become millionaires. Start with the end in mind and you could be one of them. Colin Barrow, bestselling start-up author and business investment specialist, shows you how to shape up for a sale right from the world go: Get Backed - secure big investment Get Big - create real value and strong growth Get Bought - dress the business and negotiate a killer deal With practical advice, tools and stories from those who have done it, you'll find out how to guide your start-up business towards the payday of your dreams.

The fast and easy way to start and run an online business Starting an online business is no longer a novelty. It's a fact of life for individuals and established companies alike. The good news is that e-commerce and the practice of selling goods and services through a Web site and is not only here to stay, but it's thriving. More good news is that the steps required to conduct commerce online are well within the reach of ordinary people, even if you have no business experience. All you need is a good idea, a bit of start-up cash, computer equipment, and a little help from the practical, hands-on information in Starting and Running an Online Business For Dummies. With strategies to help you identify your market, design your website, choose services, trade securely, boost sales, and stay ahead of the competition; Starting and Running an Online

Business For Dummies is just what you need to succeed. You'll discover how to open an online business in ten easy steps, how to select the right web host and design tools, why giving your e-business site structure and style is vital, techniques on attracting and keeping customers, and much more. Advice on how to get your business on the Web quickly and economically Completely revised and updated Includes the latest information on web hosting, search engine optimization, pay-per-click advertising, harnessing the power of social media marketing, and more Whether you're a budding entrepreneur or a small business owner looking to expand your business online, this up-to-date and easy-to-follow guide covers all the essentials you need to know to get on the Web quickly and economically, without all the technical jargon and hype bogging you down. This book is an invaluable resource for any creative with a great business idea. Starting your own business does not need to be a complicated and daunting process and serial entrepreneur, Dragon's Den investor and business educator Doug Richard, shows you how. He sets out a ten-point plan teaching creatives how to shape their startup business into a success. Written in plain English, without the dense text and technical jargon of other business books, and illustrated with visual cues to help the message stick, Doug's practical advice is accessible to all. Real-life case studies are interspersed throughout from successful creative startups that include, Tatty Devine, Paul Smith, Time Out and LoveFilm, which expand upon the theory and bring it to life. In 10 chapters, Doug asks the fundamental questions any aspiring creative entrepreneur must answer. By following the questions from start to finish, and working through the get your hands dirty activities, you will get the theory first and then apply that theory in a practical way to the real world and your own business. By the time you reach the last question, you will have the foundation of a very solid creative business. You will answer: What do we do or need that people need or want? Who is our customer? Who is our competition? What is our pricing model? And more! Doug walks you through the process for researching, answering and, ultimately, overcoming the challenges posed by these questions for your own business plan. Whether you are passionate about craft, design, advertising, antiques, film and video, music, performing arts, or any other creative field, this fantastic guide will help you start your business today!

Stop dreaming and start your own business Employee to Entrepreneur shows you how to seamlessly move from employed to self-employed, how to effectively harness, utilise and exploit the skills and expertise you've already gained in your corporate employment and use them all to help you start your own business and make the exciting move from employee to entrepreneur. You can turn a career brick wall into an exciting opportunity and start your own business. This book dispels all the myths, dissolves all the obstacles and takes you on a business startup journey that will help you to assess all your options, appraise your ideas, write a great business plan and establish a sensible, functioning and profitable new business using the wealth of knowledge, expertise and insight your

employment will have taught you.

Contemporary Business, Third Canadian Edition, is a comprehensive introductory course. Rooted in the basics of business, this course provides students a foundation upon which to build a greater understanding of current business practices and issues that affect their lives. A wide variety of global issues, ideas, industries, technologies, and career insights are presented in a straightforward, application-based format. Written in a conversational style and edited for plain language, Contemporary Business ensure readability for all students, including students for whom English is their second language. The goal of this course is to improve a student's ability to evaluate and provide solutions to today's global business challenges and ultimately to thrive in today's fast-paced business environment.

In this book: Brought to you by the UK's leading small business website Startups.co.uk." Need a hand to get your business up and running? If you're looking for a practical guide to help you start a business, Start Your Own Business 2013, is the book for you. Covering each stage of starting up - from evaluating your business idea to marketing your product or service - this annually updated handbook includes the latest information on support and legal regulations for small businesses, plus advice on taking advantage of today's economic conditions. Whether you're looking to start up a cleaning business, set up as a freelancer, go into property development or start an eBay venture, you'll uncover the expert advice you need to succeed. Inside you'll find practical pointers and first-hand business insight from successful start-ups and top entrepreneurs including easyjet's Stelios and Betfair's Andrew Black. Find out how to: Turn an idea into a viable business Write an effective business plan Raise finance for your start-up Deal with regulations and laws Price products or services competitively Find and retain customers Market your business on a budget Hire the best employees . Other books in the Startups.co.uk series: Books on the following subjects are available from the Startups.co.uk series: Startups: Online Business, Startups: Bright Marketing, Startups: How to Start a Successful Business.

This is a brilliantly revealing, often laugh-out-loud guide for every dreamer, college-leaver and second career-er who has ever thought about starting their own business but fallen asleep in the first chapter of a typical business book. Based on what entrepreneur Robin Bennett has found to work over the last 20-odd years in business, it is a frank, witty and revealing look at exactly how to become your own boss without going mad or broke. Discover: - what a real USP looks like (and why it doesn't have to change the world, unless you want it to) - the simple secrets of effective business planning (from a man who has started more than ten businesses) - all the places you can get money to start your business (often for free) - the ultimate guide to sales and negotiation (and how to deal with others haggling your prices down) - how to hire the right staff and get the best out of them (without coming across like David Brent) - how to run a

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business every day whilst keeping a beady eye on the future (so that you don't go broke, your competitors don't put you out of business and you can grow healthily). This book is a detailed description of how to start a small business from scratch, with relatively little money, and how that business can give you a comfortable standard of living with little or no risk in the long term. Read it and find out how you too can make a good living and still live the good life!

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