

The Pricing Journey The Organizational Transformation Toward Pricing Excellence

This book presents a series of high performance product design (PD) and development best practices that can create or improve product development organization. In contrast to other books that focus only on Toyota or other individual companies applying lean IPD, this book explains the lean philosophy more broadly and includes discussions of systems engineering, design for X (DFX), agile development, integrated product development, and project management. The “Lean Journey” proposed here takes a value-centric approach, where the lean principles are applied to PD to allow the tools and methods selected to emerge from observation of the individual characteristics of each enterprise. This means that understanding lean product development (LPD) is not about knowing which tools are available but knowing how to apply the philosophy. The book comes with an accompanying manual with problems and solutions available on Springer Extras.

Surveying a wide variety of disciplines, this fully-revised 7th edition offers a sophisticated and engaging treatment of the rapidly expanding field of organizational communication Places organizations and organizational communication within a broader social, economic, and cultural context Applies a global perspective throughout, including thoughtful consideration of non-Western forms of leadership, as well as global

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economic contexts Offers a level of sophistication and integration of ideas from a variety of disciplines that makes this treatment definitive Updated in the seventh edition: Coverage of recent events and their ethical dimensions, including the bank crisis and bailouts in the US and UK Offers a nuanced, in-depth discussion of technology, and a new chapter on organizational change Includes new and revised case studies for a fresh view on perennial topics, incorporating a global focus throughout Online Instructors' Manual, including sample syllabi, tips for using the case studies, test questions, and supplemental case studies

This revised and extended second edition evaluates the diverse approaches to organizational change that have defined the field. Explaining the assumptions and implications that accompany these diverse philosophies, this book demystifies the complexities of conflicting perspectives and delivers valuable insights into the research and practice of organizational change.

The practical guide to using pricing and profitability management to build a better business A comprehensive reference for any business professional looking to understand the capabilities and competencies required for effectively managing pricing and profitability, Pricing and Profitability Management explains how to determine the right approach, tools, and techniques for each of six key categories (pricing strategy, price execution, advanced analytics and optimization, organizational alignment and governance, pricing technology and data management, and tax and regulatory

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effectiveness). Exploring each category in detail, the book addresses how an integrated approach to pricing improvement can give a sustainable, competitive advantage to any organization. The ultimate "how to" manual for any executive or manager interested in price management, the book presents a holistic, comprehensive framework that shows how integrating these pricing categories into a cohesive program leads to impressive gains that cannot be achieved through a single-pronged approach. Presents a comprehensive framework for more effectively managing pricing and profitability Identifies the six key categories of pricing and profitability management Shows you how to gain a competitive edge by managing pricing and profitability Taking a comprehensive view of pricing, companies can position themselves to tap a vast source of shareholder value—the ability to set and enforce profitable prices, not just once, but again and again in response to marketplace changes and evolving business needs—and this book will show you how.

This book constitutes the post conference proceedings of the 7th International Workshop on Enterprise and Organizational Modeling and Simulation, EOMAS 2011, held in conjunction with CAiSE 2011 in London, UK, in June 2011. Enterprises are purposefully designed systems used to fulfill certain functions. An extended enterprise and organizational study involves both analysis and design activities, in which modeling and simulation play prominent roles. The related techniques and methods are effective, efficient, economic, and widely used in enterprise engineering, organizational study,

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and business process management. The 14 contributions in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected from 29 submissions, and they explore these topics, address the underlying challenges, find and improve on solutions, and demonstrate the application of modeling and simulation in the domains of enterprises, their organizations and underlying business processes.

Over the past decade, increasing competition has created immense opportunities for businesses globally. As such, it is important to research new methods and systems for creating optimal business cultures. *Cases on Quality Initiatives for Organizational Longevity* is a scholarly publication that examines cases on practices in organizations and how they have facilitated transformation over the years. Featuring coverage on a broad range of topics such as customer loyalty, benchmarking, and employee training, this book is geared toward business owners, managers, entrepreneurs, professionals, researchers, and students seeking current and relevant research on contemporary cases in the field of business quality management.

This book presents a comprehensive toolkit of the most important topics facing organizations today including managing change, launching organizational initiatives, facilitating teams, goal setting and planning, creative problem solving, building cooperation and trust, and team development.

The questionable practices and policies of many businesses are coming under scrutiny by consumers and the media. As such, it is important to research new methods and

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systems for creating optimal business cultures. *Organizational Culture and Behavior: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications* is a comprehensive resource on the latest advances and developments for creating a system of shared values and beliefs in business environments. Featuring extensive coverage across a range of relevant perspectives and topics, such as organizational climate, collaboration orientation, and aggressiveness orientation, this book is ideally designed for business owners, managers, entrepreneurs, professionals, researchers, and students actively involved in the modern business realm.

The best lessons from Silicon Valley! No other book will show how Silicon Valley startups work to implement in organizations to design, transform, and scale new radical new ways of working. We merge existing standalone practices like Design Thinking, Change Management, Project Management, and Agile, used to implement new ways of working, into a modern, Silicon Valley inspired concept called 'Organizational Innovation'. Takeaways from this book will help you create radically new ways of working and transform your enterprise into a wonderfully innovative startup, no matter what the size! This book is a career-changer for Board Members, Executives, Consultants, Business Project Managers, Change Managers, HR Business Partners, and Management Trainers. Business leaders who are forward-thinking and want what's best for their teams will quickly recognize that they can co-create the future with their teams through learning about OI.

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Innovations in pricing can be transformative, but to reach their potential companies must devote equal attention to technical and organizational capabilities. Most firms, however, only pay attention to the technical dimensions of pricing, which severely limits the success of their initiatives. To remedy this, *The Pricing Journey* provides an integrated guide to the organizational, social, and behavioral aspects of pricing—drawing on principles of socio-technical change. Based on extensive qualitative and quantitative research in an array of firms around the world, Stephan M. Liozu provides a practical roadmap for management teams that aim to reach a new level of pricing power. Liozu introduces the 5 C model of transformation, which relies on change, capabilities, champions, confidence, and center-led organizational design to create effective and lasting pricing strategies. Rooting his recommendations in research and practice, Liozu proposes specific capabilities to develop on the road to pricing excellence. This book prepares pricing and marketing professionals to be true strategic partners, while contributing the study of pricing transformation.

Covering the essential key skills and personal development of the successful coach, mentor or supervisor, with guidelines for practice.

With Peter Drucker's five essential questions and the help of five of today's thought leaders, this little book will challenge readers to take a close look at the very heart of their organizations and what drives them. A tool for self-assessment and transformation, answering these five questions will fundamentally change the way you

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work, helping you lead your organization to an exceptional level of performance. Peter Drucker's five questions are: What is our Mission? with Jim Collins Who is our Customer? with Phil Kotler What does the Customer Value? with Jim Kouzes What are our Results? with Judith Rodin What is our Plan? with V. Kasturi Rangan These essential questions, grounded in Peter Drucker's theories of management, will take readers on a exploration of organizational and personal self-discovery, giving them a means to assess how to be--how to develop quality, character, mind-set, values and courage. The questions lead to action. By asking these questions, readers can focus on why they are doing what they are doing in their work, and how to do it better. Designed for today's busy professionals, this brief, clear and accessible book will challenge readers to ask these provocative questions and it will stimulate spirited discussions and action within any organization, inspiring positive change and new levels of excellence, helping all to envision the future of theirs' or any organization.

Organizations change. They grow, they adapt, they evolve. The effects of organizational change are important, varied and complex and analyzing and understanding them is vital for students, academics and researchers in all business schools. The Routledge Companion to Organizational Change offers a comprehensive and authoritative overview of the field. The volume brings together the very best contributors not only from the field of organizational change, but also from adjacent fields, such as strategy and leadership. These contributors offer fresh and challenging

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insights to the mainstream themes of this discipline. Surveying the state of the discipline and introducing new, cutting-edge themes, this book is a valuable reference source for students and academics in this area.

This book demonstrates Dialogical Leadership which is the workplace application of the Dialogical Self Theory, first developed by Dutch psychologist Hubert Hermans in the 1990s. It encourages scientists and science-practitioners interested in leadership issues to discuss the power of dialogue in solving workplace culture problems. Van Loon's work extends the concept of Dialogical Self Theory to the leadership of organizations, drawing on social constructionism by the American psychologist Ken Gergen and the leadership framework of British academic Keith Grint. This book explicitly links the health of organizations to the psychological and emotional health of those who lead them, concluding with the factors of teamwork and motivation.

Dialogical Leadership jettisons the idea that organizations are run by 'superheroes', presenting a more realistic picture of the workplace. This is the first book to isolate 'generative dialogue' as the key mechanism for successful change and transformation programs in organizations. It rejects the idea that successful organizations are 'rational systems' conforming to scripts laid down by leaders, and it places dialogue and co-creation – 'reciprocal exchange' – at the heart of successful change programs. It starts from the kinds of questions leaders ask themselves – their 'interior dialogue' – and the quality of their interactions with others – their external dialogues – which can as shown

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in this book, be the difference between success and failure.

This handbook is currently in development, with individual articles publishing online in advance of print publication. At this time, we cannot add information about unpublished articles in this handbook, however the table of contents will continue to grow as additional articles pass through the review process and are added to the site. Please note that the online publication date for this handbook is the date that the first article in the title was published online.

A comprehensive look at creating pricing strategies that work in both good economic times and bad. Written by three preeminent pricing experts at McKinsey & Company, the Second Edition of *The Price Advantage* is a practical pricing guide for the executive or pricing practitioner who wants to identify, capture, and sustain substantial pricing gains in their business. Pricing is by far the most powerful profit lever that managers can influence. Yet few companies approach pricing in a way that fully capitalizes on its value. This Second Edition, a major revision and extension of the first book, shows you what it takes to achieve the price advantage in today's competitive and complex business environments. Based on in-depth, first-hand experience with thousands of companies, this book provides managers with a pragmatic guide through the maze of pricing issues. It reinforces why pricing excellence is more critical than ever today and then explains state-of-the-art approaches to analyzing and improving your own pricing strategy and execution. Explores the fundamental role of pricing infrastructure in

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achieving the price advantage Includes new topics such as software and information products pricing, lifecycle pricing, custom-configured products pricing, pricing of high-count product lines, pricing in distributed sales environments, "razor/razor blades" pricing, and tiered products and services pricing Revisits the full range of classic McKinsey pricing tools, including the pocket price waterfall and value maps Engaging and informative, the Second Edition of *The Price Advantage* will put this essential discipline in perspective.

Organizational Learning and Knowledge: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools and Applications demonstrates exhaustively the many applications, issues, and techniques applied to the science of recording, categorizing, using and learning from the experiences and expertise acquired by the modern organization. A much needed collection, this multi-volume reference presents the theoretical foundations, research results, practical case studies, and future trends to both inform the decisions facing today's organizations and the establish fruitful organizational practices for the future. Practitioners, researchers, and academics involved in leading organizations of all types will find useful, grounded resources for navigating the ever-changing organizational landscape.

Preparing for High Impact Change: Experiential Learning and Practice provides an overview of change processes for teaching, facilitating, and coping with change. Tested high-impact exercises in the book will prepare change leaders at all organizational levels to deal with the myriad of challenges inherent in the process of organizational change. This book is a resource for consultants, educators, students and practitioners in corporate training and development

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Presenting an innovative concept and approach for organization management, this book serves to document an organization's journey towards the ultimate goal of learning organization. This book also shares the experience on how a OL framework built on established learning theories, could be used effectively, overcoming many of the barriers in a real industrial setting. Utilizing a ready-to-use tool called Project Action Learning (PAL) to analyze real life case studies, the authors introduce a framework that allows teams of people to work and learn over the course of business projects. Equal emphasis is placed on the achievement of pre-set project outcomes and the learning objectives of the participants. In addition, a long term organizational learning strategy is put forward and the necessary supporting infrastructure, in the form of four 'PAL Pillars', is described. The concepts and development of the PAL driven Organizational Learning model are inspired by and grounded in, Western and Eastern business philosophies and case studies which offer important insights into the management of organizations who are keen to develop sustainable business practices. From the Universities to the Marketplace: The Business Ethics Journey arose from the awareness of the slow progression of academic theory into market practice. The contributions in this volume reflect a diversity of disciplines and approaches to research, study and teaching business ethics, such as philosophy, accounting, theology, marketing, management and finance. The contributors represent a wide variety of professional and geographical backgrounds, creating a fruitful discussion of a large number of issues related to implementation and measurement of business ethics, and feedback from all parties involved. As you read this book, you will see how you can benefit from: minimizing and overcoming

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resistance to change, as you understand the reasons behind employees' apprehensions higher staff morale and improved relationships across the organization, as you obtain buy-in to the change increased productivity, as time is focused on the right projects and tasks knowing how to measure and publicize your successes, thereby further improving morale and productivity learning how to manage the 'human aspect' of your project, which will enable the best possible outcome for customers, employees and the organization as a whole lower costs and a higher return on your investment, as the services provided will be perfect for the business needs minimal disruption to the business, as you implement the changes in the most cost-effective and efficient ways. additional guidance on key skills, planning, and accountability – intrinsic elements of successful project.

In today's competitive environment, it's no longer enough to satisfy your customers. To sustain success, you must meet the needs and expectations of all relevant interested parties of your organization. The journey is a process in which those needs and expectations are inputs, and sustained success is the output. To transform the inputs into sustained success, the organization must establish and implement the right processes. This represents 'what' must be done. The organization also must ensure that it has the behaviors and competences needed to maintain these processes, representing 'how' things should be done. This book covers both the 'what' and 'how' aspects of achieving sustained success and is a guide for top managers ready to embark on this journey. The chapters serve as a sequential checklist that elaborates on the key elements of the process, with each element building on the next as readers are guided through their journey.

An exploration of how ergonomics can contribute to the solution of important societal and

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engineering challenges, *Advances in Social and Organizational Factors* discusses the optimization of sociotechnical systems, including their organizational structures, policies, and processes. It includes coverage of communication, crew resource management, work design, design of working times, teamwork, participatory design, community ergonomics, cooperative work, new work paradigms, organizational culture, virtual organizations, telework, and quality management. The book provides research on urban infrastructures and how to shape urban spaces, including stadiums and museums. It covers warning systems in cars, voice-based interfaces, and the positive effects on manufacturing processes available from health informatics and management systems. Several chapters examine the role human factors can play in counter-terrorism efforts and in interpreting deceptive behaviors. They provide suggestions on how to improve enterprise resource planning systems and stress the importance of lifelong learning, personalized learning, and work-life balance. The book also highlights issues with special populations, detailing how to design and adapt products and work situations for these groups. In addition to exploring the challenges faced in optimizing sociotechnical systems, the book underlines themes that play a role in all the challenges and how they are linked to each other. It concludes with an exploration of emotional ergonomics and the important positive effects of making people happy and healthy. With chapter authors from around the globe, the book supplies a broad look at current challenges and possible solutions.

Whether our business is an educational system, a symphony, a sports team, a ministry, the military, or a for-profit organization, we are all responsible for motivating our team's performance in order to achieve organizational goals and objectives. This book contains an

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understandable and comprehensive road map, or process, for improving your organization's effectiveness, no matter what kind of business you have.

Extensively revised and updated, and including three new chapters that extend and deepen the coverage, this popular handbook provides the most comprehensive, research-based and action-oriented approach to

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In order to succeed in today's competitive environment, corporate and nonprofit institutions must create a workplace climate that encourages employees to continue to learn and grow. From the author of the best-selling *The Mentor's Guide* comes the next-step mentoring resource to ensure personnel at all levels of an organization will teach and learn from each other. Written for anyone who wants to embed mentoring within their organization, *Creating a Mentoring Culture* is filled with step-by-step guidance, practical advice, engaging stories, and includes a wealth of reproducible forms and tools.

The current global economic environment is defined by unprecedented uncertainty, a premium placed on knowledge, and the threat of future talent scarcity. Key to an organization's success under these conditions is its ability to strengthen the links between people and performance. *Creating Healthy*

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Organizations provides executives, managers, human resource professionals, and employees an action-oriented approach to forging these connections by creating and sustaining vibrant and productive workplaces. A healthy organization operates in ways that benefits all stakeholders, including employees, customers, shareholders, and communities. Using a wide range of examples from a variety of internationally based industries, Graham Lowe integrates leading practices with research on workplace health and wellness, quality work environments, employee engagement, organizational performance, and corporate social responsibility to make a compelling business case for creating healthy, resilient, and sustainable organizations. *Creating Healthy Organizations* offers readers, whether CEOs or front-line workers, an innovative framework and practical tools for planning, implementing, and measuring healthy change in their workplaces.

By and Burnes bring together leading international scholars in the fields of organizational change and leadership to explore and understand the context, theory and successful promotion of ethical behaviour in organizations. By focusing on real world examples, contributors analyze the issues and challenges that hinder ethical change leadership.

Organizational trauma theory endeavors to examine the psychological and

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physical effects of trauma on individuals and groups within an organization. Individual trauma, the individual mental and emotional disruptions that affect the well-being of self, often contributes to organizational trauma. Or sometimes, the disruptions are external and caused by societal, economic, or political changes. Recent traumatic events such as the COVID-19 pandemic and racial tensions stemming from social injustices present even greater challenges for organizations as leaders seek to facilitate healing, restoration, and renewal. Organizational trauma is currently playing out in our organizations, and organizational scholars, leaders, and managers are looking for ways to mitigate this trauma without having explicit knowledge or understanding of how to deal with it. Despite the increasing need to better understand organizational trauma and how to address it, this body of research has not played a prominent role in mainstream organization and management theory. *Role of Leadership in Facilitating Healing and Renewal in Times of Organizational Trauma and Change* examines the importance of dealing with trauma in organizations and related topics of interest. The chapters highlight global perspectives and present new and significant information and observations about organizational trauma and offer insights derived from a solidly and sufficiently broad knowledge base of theory, research, and practice. This book will also grant a basis of understanding

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trauma, its antecedents and outcomes, as well as how it can be mitigated and will provide information and insights regarding organizational trauma and how it interacts with and influences other organizational phenomena. This book is ideally intended for managers, human resources officers, academicians, practitioners, executives, professionals, researchers, and students interested in examining the ways in which organizational trauma is impacting the workplace. Globalization, consumerism, legislation and human rights issues impact on workplace demographics, changing the very nature thereof. It is of strategic importance to ensure that the benefits of diverse viewpoints and stakeholders are leveraged. However the underlying worldviews of economists, business leaders and consultants are often informed from a Western paradigm and solutions proposed and interventions facilitated are not integrated, integral, systemic or congruent with the containing environment or ecology. In *Inclusive Organizational Transformation*, Dr Rica Viljoen acknowledges that diversity of thought presents both gifts and challenges to leadership in multi-national organizations. The existential question with which an individual is confronted impacts on his or her worldview. By continuously applying a specific worldview, certain gifts manifest. These are called Human Niches. Here, Inclusivity is positioned as a radical transformational methodology with the purpose of unleashing the benefits of

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engagement and diversity of thought. The process of Inclusivity enables organizations to optimize the gifts of and contributions from a diverse workforce and unleash tacit knowledge. Case studies from Ghana, South Africa, and one where the same strategy had to be implemented in Australia, Peru and Tanzania are included and insights gained from the dynamics observed are shared. A synthesis of Inclusivity is presented in a model, meta-insights are derived and the prerequisites for Inclusivity on individual, group and organizational domain are illustrated.

This book bridges two essential aspects of assessing and achieving business excellence in 21st-century organizations. The author argues that transnational companies face a twofold challenge: managing global knowledge networks and multicultural project teams on the one hand; and interacting and collaborating across boundaries using global communication technologies, on the other. The author also argues that this dual challenge calls for the creation of a business excellence program that fits and thrives within these multicultural environments. In response, he reviews corporate practices in quality management and business excellence frameworks that have been extensively used on a transnational scale to drive organizational performance. The book approaches quality management as an element that is no longer a choice, but has now become a necessity if

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companies want to compete in highly globalized environments.

Explore successful change models that illustrate how human resources and development professionals can and should lead organizational change on every level from small incremental changes to quantum fundamental organizational change. Included are many best practices and models.

This is the first book to seriously address the disconnection between nimble Agile teams and other groups in the enterprise, including enterprise architecture, the program management office (PMO), human resources, and even business executives. When an enterprise experiments with practice improvements, software development teams often jump on board with excitement, while other groups are left to wonder how they will fit in. We address how these groups can adapt to Agile teams. More importantly, we show how many Agile teams cause their own problems, damaging scalability and sustainability, by requiring special treatment, and by failing to bridge the gaps between themselves and other groups. We call this phenomenon “Agile illth.” Adopting a set of “best practices” is not enough. All of us, Agile teams and the corporate groups, must change our intentions and worldviews to be more compatible with the success of the enterprise. Join us on the journey to enterprise agility. It is a crooked path, fraught with danger, confusion and complexity. It is the only way to reach the pinnacles we hope to experience in the form of better business value delivered faster for less cost.

Whether diagnosing the existing organization, designing or redesigning systems or leading the transformation, this practical guide has the tools and advice that readers will need to build a high performing organization. The second edition delves into the latest advances in the

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Baldrige process, which helps drive organizations to be more competitive and achieve performance excellence. Authors Latham and Vinyard strike a balance between theoretical and practical approaches, emphasizing the impact of the leader's role in determining healthy directions for a changing organization.

They also show how a variety of factors - including demographics, team structure, and communication processes influence the effectiveness of key managers

Our Ongoing Search to Understand and Enable the Practice of Innovation to Drive Improved Organizational Performance The Innovation Expedition was launched on April 1, 1991 at the Banff Centre in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. The Banff Centre is a world class centre for the arts, leadership, innovation and mathematics. It is also a gathering place for cross boundary imagineers. Since that time, the Expedition (now a private company) has been engaged in a global search for innovative ideas, individuals, organizations, projects and products concerned with nurturing the change leaders required to both build high performing organizations in the new knowledge-

'The book is a unique and excellent introduction to postmodern narrative analyses' - Organization Studies '[This book] should succeed in putting the metaphorical cat amongst just about every metaphorical pigeon that might imaginably take flight within the organization and communication research arenas. Story time will never be the same again, nor will interpretative research' - Stewart Clegg, University of Technology, Sydney 'Timely and first rate. It nicely stretches a reader's thinking about the topic' - Thomas Lee, University of Washington, School of Business 'David Boje is a pioneering theorist in organization studies and management... [His book] is yet another example of Boje's pioneering spirit and concern for exactitude. [His]

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scholarly account of narrative and antenarrative methods is both corrective and exploratory of how stories must be understood in terms of their own internal dynamics, and not viewed as static entities. Boje's book is a magnificent start... A book that breaks new ground in organizational analysis, this is a must-read for researchers and practitioners in the fields of organization and management studies' - Adrian Carr, University of Western Sydney `Boje masterfully shows how to analyze texts and ideas before they are reduced and fitted into the dominant ideological frameworks of the day. [He] provides a powerful tool for achieving greater democracy in how we approach doing social science... [and] liberates our capacity to make meanings for ourselves' - Paul Hirsch, Northwestern University, Kellogg Graduate School of Management `This is an important book. It is a major methodological contribution to critical, postmodern studies of organizations and management. It is essential reading for critical management scholars' - Robert P. Gephart, Jr., University of Alberta School of Business `David Boje has emerged as the leading postmodern thinker in management theory and organization science. His prolific output lights the path for others to follow in a field awakening to the challenge of postmodern critical theory. Updating and revising narrative theory for the prevailing "postmodern condition," Boje masterfully reconstructs the concepts and methods of storytelling, as he subverts the dominant principles of modernist organization theory. He offers a subtle and complex notion of narrative... This impressive book should leave an indelible mark on management and organization studies' - Steven Best, University of Texas, El Paso An essential guide for academics and researchers needing to look at alternative discourse analysis strategies. As a research tool, narrative methods have become increasingly useful in organization studies, where much research involves the interpretation of 'stories' in some form.

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This methodology can be applied where qualitative story analyses can help to assess interview, newspaper or web document stories for research projects. In this book, Boje sets out eight analysis options that can deal with storytelling, recognizing that stories in organizations can be self-destructing, flowing, networking and not at all static. In so doing, he shows ways in which narrative methods can be supplemented by 'antenarrative' methods, where fragmented and collective storytelling can be interpreted. A valuable resource that will be widely used in organizational or communications research, for graduate level qualitative methods seminars and by researchers wanting to do story analysis. David Boje is Professor at the New Mexico State University. He is also on the editorial board of the journal Organization.

An explanation of how and why the economic downturn of 2007 became the Great Recession of 2008 and 2009. It explores the root causes of the cycle of boom and bust of the economy. It describes social equity in terms of its arguments and claims in political, economic, and social circumstances.

Organizational Systems clarifies the application of cybernetic ideas, particularly those of Beer's Viable System Model, to organizational diagnosis and design. Readers learn to appreciate the relevance of seeing the systemic coherence of the world. The book argues that many of the problems we experience today are routed in our practice of fragmenting that needs to be connected as a whole. It offers a method to study and design organizations and a methodology to deal with implementation problems. It is the outcome of many years of working experience with government offices as well as with all kinds of public and private enterprises. At a more detailed level this book offers an in depth discussion of variety engineering that is not available either in the primary or secondary literature.

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