

What Every Angel Investor Wants You To Know An Insider Reveals How To Get Smart Funding For Your Billion Dollar Idea

This book reveals: * Where to find investors and the best approaches to win their support * What investors are really looking for but won't tell you * How to persuade banks, business angels, VCs and public funders * Insider tips for compiling material that satisfies investors * Little-known strategies that will boost your success

What are you waiting for? Whether you're dreaming about starting a business, learning about entrepreneurship or on the brink of creating a new opportunity right now, don't wait. Open this updated bestseller. Inside you'll find everything you need, including: a new and popular way to learn about and to practice entrepreneurship. new practical exercises, questions and activities for each step in your process. specific principles derived from the methods of expert entrepreneurs. over seventy updated case briefs of entrepreneurs across industries, locations and time. new applications to social entrepreneurship, technology and to large enterprises. plentiful connections to current and foundational research in the field (Research Roots) brand new chapter on "The Ask" - strategies for initiating the process of co-creating with partners data that will challenge conventional entrepreneurship wisdom a broader perspective on the science of entrepreneurship In this vibrant updated edition, you will find these ideas presented in the concise, modular, graphical form made popular in the first edition, perfect for those learning to be entrepreneurs or those already in the thick of things. If you want to learn about entrepreneurship in a way that emphasizes action, this new edition is vital reading. If you have already launched your entrepreneurial career and are looking for new perspectives, take the effectual entrepreneurship challenge! this book is for you. If you feel that you are no longer creating anything novel or valuable in your day job, and you're wondering how to change things, this book is for you. Anyone using entrepreneurship to create the change they want to see in the world will find a wealth of thought-provoking material, expert advice and practical techniques in these pages and on the accompanying website: www.effectuation.org So, what are you waiting for?

There's a good chance that you have heard of Sachin Bansal (of Flipkart), Navin Tiwari (of InMobi), Bhavish Agarwal (of Ola) and Ritesh Agarwal (of Oyo). They are Indian start-up founders who have achieved celebrity status with their business success. But, have you heard of Ashish Gupta, Sasha Mirchandani, or Anupam Mittal? They are angel investors who funded start-ups like Flipkart, InMobi and Ola in their early years. Their little investments helped build legendary companies and yielded life-changing returns. Welcome to the exciting world of angel investing and entrepreneurship. Using his rich experience as an investor and mentor to numerous start-ups, Sanjay Kulkarni provides you a ringside view of this world. In an accessible, jargon-free approach and illustrated with insider stories, the book arms you with all the tools and strategies needed to become a successful angel investor. Like a good guide, this book will help you in navigating the start-up eco-system, avoiding common pitfalls, investing smartly and identifying the next billion-dollar start-up. Look back twenty-five years, Flipkart, Ola, InMobi, weren't even born. A whole new wave of start-ups is set to define the next twenty-five years. Would you like to be a part of this revolution?

Teaches how best to finance a business no matter the size, including doing less with more in the early stages, growth financing, and alternatives to traditional financing.

Achieve annual returns of 25% or more with a well-designed angel portfolio Written by David S. Rose, the founder of Gust—the global platform that powers the world of organized professional angel investing—Angel Investing is a comprehensive, entertaining guide that walks readers

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through every step of the way to becoming a successful angel investor. It is illustrated with stories from among the 90+ companies in which David has invested during a 25 year career as one of the world's most active business angels and includes instructions on how to get started, how to find and evaluate opportunities, and how to pursue and structure investments to maximize your returns. From building your reputation as a smart investor, to negotiating fair deals, adding value to your portfolio companies and helping them implement smart exit strategies, David provides both the fundamental strategies and the specific tools you need to take full advantage of this rapidly growing asset class. He details the advantages of joining an angel group, explains how seed and venture funds can help leverage an investor's resources, and reveals how recent regulatory changes and new online platforms are making startup investing accessible to millions of Americans. Making money is no longer about sitting back and reading stock listings, David says. It is now about being part owner of an exciting startup that can be fun and financially rewarding. Angel Investing teaches investors how to carefully select and manage investments, establish a long term view, and approach angel investing as a serious part of an alternative asset portfolio while also enjoying being an integral part of an exciting new venture.

"This book is designed to provide an overview of early-stage angel investing from both the investors' and the entrepreneurs' perspectives."--Introduction.

Angel Financing for Entrepreneurs will give you the information you need to understand how angel investors think, as well as how to identify investor expectations, understand the investment analysis process, and prepare for post-investment requirements. Written by Susan Preston, an experienced angel investor, worldwide speaker and consultant on angel financing, and former Kauffman Foundation Entrepreneur-in-Residence, this hands-on resource, explains the factors that determine how private equity investors spend their money and what they expect from entrepreneurs. For example: Most venture capitalists do not invest in seed or start-up financing rounds Investors typically require seasoned management, with successful start-up experience Investors are looking for entrepreneurs with passion for their ideas and the willingness to take and apply sound advice Business plans must be well-written with detailed financial projections that extend 3–5 years Investors are looking for a clear path to profitability in the business model Entrepreneurs must have developed a corporate structure that is clean and uncomplicated And much more

"What if there was a way to combine the stability of a day job with the excitement of a startup? All of the benefits of entrepreneurship with none of the pitfalls? In the 10% Entrepreneur, Patrick McGinnis show you how, by investing just 10% of your time and resources, you can become an entrepreneur without losing a steady paycheck."-- front flap

WHAT IF YOU HAD AN ANGEL ON YOUR SIDE? "Terrific advice from a master of the angel investing game. Brian Cohen reveals the art and craft of raising angel money. An investment in this book will pay off a thousandfold." -- DR. HOWARD MORGAN, founder and partner at First Round Capital When you connect with the right angel investor, it's like finding a new best friend--you just have to know what makes him or her happy. Smart funding is waiting for smart founders. Raising funds is all about connecting with the investor who's right for you--and What Every Angel Investor Wants You to Know shows you exactly how to succeed. Veteran early-stage investor Brian Cohen knows how to spot a great company destined for success, and in this groundbreaking book he offers soup-to-nuts guidance for any entrepreneur seeking to launch an invention, a product, or a great new idea into a receptive marketplace. As chairman of the board of directors of the New York Angels, Cohen is one of the most engaged angel

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investors out there today. The first investor in Pinterest, he describes exactly what angels want to see, hear, and feel before they take out their checkbooks: A clear exit strategy before the startup even launches Facts that turn "due" diligence into "do" diligence Authenticity--"save your spinning for the fitness center" Proof that you "live inside the customer's head" Cohen gives invaluable insight into how the most successful angels view due diligence, friends and family money, crowdfunding, team building, scalability, iteration, exit strategies--and much more. This one-of-a-kind book provides a rare look inside the minds of people who are in the business of funding businesses just like yours. Read What Every Angel Investor Wants You to Know to get your best shot at funding for your product after your very first pitch. PRAISE FOR WHAT EVERY ANGEL INVESTOR WANTS YOU TO KNOW: "Brian Cohen is truly the entrepreneur's best friend. Cohen and Kador haven distilled their first-hand experiences into an intensely personal, highly readable journey into the mind of angels that should be kept at the bedside of every startup CEO." -- DAVID S. ROSE, founder, New York Angels, and CEO, Gust "Meet one of the fundamental building blocks of the entrepreneurial scene. In one easy-to-read package, readers now have the wisdom of Brian Cohen, perhaps the most well-connected investor/entrepreneur in New York." -- MURAT AKTIHANOGLU, founder and managing director, Entrepreneurs Roundtable Accelerator "What Every Angel Investor Wants You to Know gives you an actionable checklist for success in fund-raising and entrepreneurship. Cohen and Kador provide an exhilarating ride for those who want to pilot their own business." -- REED HOLDEN, serial entrepreneur and author of Negotiating with Backbone "Personal insights from a seasoned angel investor. An important addition to the reading list for today's entrepreneurs." -- SCOTT CASE, CEO, Startup America Partnership "What Every Angel Investor Wants You to Know is a must-read for entrepreneurs and investors who want to finance startup dreams--an accessible, jargon-free, practical primer." -- WHITNEY JOHNSON, author of Dare, Dream, Do: Remarkable Things Happen When You Dare to Dream and cofounder, Rose Park Advisors

The Founder's Dilemmas examines how early decisions by entrepreneurs can make or break a startup and its team. Drawing on a decade of research, including quantitative data on almost ten thousand founders as well as inside stories of founders like Evan Williams of Twitter and Tim Westergren of Pandora, Noam Wasserman reveals the common pitfalls founders face and how to avoid them.

They deliver more capital to entrepreneurs than any other source. And they often receive an incredible return on their investments. They're angel investors, some of the most important--and least understood--players in business today. The United States has close to three million angels, whose investments in startups exceed \$60 billion per year. Some of our most successful companies were funded by angels--companies like Ford, AOL, and Amazon.com. But until now, little has been written about these angels, due in part to their preference for anonymity.

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Angel Investors provides an inside look at who these angels are and how they operate. It also shows would-be angels and entrepreneurs how best to find each other. To learn more about this book, visit its website.

The Mom Test is a quick, practical guide that will save you time, money, and heartbreak. They say you shouldn't ask your mom whether your business is a good idea, because she loves you and will lie to you. This is technically true, but it misses the point. You shouldn't ask anyone if your business is a good idea. It's a bad question and everyone will lie to you at least a little. As a matter of fact, it's not their responsibility to tell you the truth. It's your responsibility to find it and it's worth doing right. Talking to customers is one of the foundational skills of both Customer Development and Lean Startup. We all know we're supposed to do it, but nobody seems willing to admit that it's easy to screw up and hard to do right. This book is going to show you how customer conversations go wrong and how you can do better.

angel financing for entrepreneurs Angel Financing for Entrepreneurs will give you the information you need to understand how angel investors think, as well as how to identify investor expectations, understand the investment analysis process, and prepare for post-investment requirements. Written by Susan Preston, an experienced angel investor, worldwide speaker and consultant on angel financing, and former Kauffman Foundation Entrepreneur-in-Residence, this hands-on resource explains the factors that determine how private equity investors spend their money and what they expect from entrepreneurs. For example: Most venture capitalists do not invest in seed or start-up financing rounds Investors typically require seasoned management with successful start-up experience Investors are looking for entrepreneurs with passion for their ideas and the willingness to take and apply sound advice Business plans must be well-written with detailed financial projections that extend 3–5 years Investors are looking for a clear path to profitability in the business model Entrepreneurs must have developed a corporate structure that is clean and uncomplicated The message is this: if you are to succeed as an entrepreneur you must be like a Boy Scout and always "be prepared." The book presents many scenarios and creative ideas for working with investors that address the wide variety of situations you may encounter in dealing with angel investors. In addition, Angel Financing for Entrepreneurs is filled with extensive lists of contacts, worksheets, sample business plans, and proposals that will give you the edge you need to attract capital. Even though it's written for entrepreneurs, Angel Financing for Entrepreneurs is equally valuable for all angel investors, novice to experienced. The book provides a wealth of information and tools for angel investors to use in evaluating companies and understanding realistic expectations from entrepreneurs.

One of Silicon Valley's most successful angel investors shares his rules for investing in startups. There are two ways to make money in startups: create something valuable—or invest in the people that are creating valuable things.

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Over the past twenty-five years, Jason Calacanis has made a fortune investing in creators, spotting and helping build and fund a number of successful technology startups—investments that have earned him tens of millions of dollars. Now, in this enlightening guide that is sure to become the bible for twenty-first century investors, Calacanis takes potential angels step-by-step through his proven method of creating massive wealth: startups. As Calacanis makes clear, you can get rich—even if you came from humble beginnings (his dad was a bartender, his mom a nurse), didn't go to the right schools, and weren't a top student. The trick is learning how angel investors think. Calacanis takes you inside the minds of these successful moneymen, helping you understand how they prioritize and make the decisions that have resulted in phenomenal profits. He guides you step by step through the process, revealing how leading investors evaluate new ventures, calculating the risks and rewards, and explains how the best startups leverage relationships with angel investors for the best results. Whether you're an aspiring investor or a budding entrepreneur, *Angel* will inspire and educate you on all the ins and outs. Buckle up for a wild ride into the world of angel investing!

A Guide to the Principles, Skills and Concepts Every Angel Investor Needs to Succeed Written by two of Boston's most active and experienced angel investors, *Angel Fundamentals* is a handbook and desk reference for both new and experienced angels. Easy to read with a fast-moving conversational Q&A format, this comprehensive guide will help any early stage investor gain the skills and insights needed to make smarter investments. Overview of Contents: Part I - A Primer for Angel Investors - is designed to review the fundamental concepts of angel investing, including: * The basics of building an angel portfolio * Expectations for return on investment * The theory and practice of asset allocation * Expectations for timing exits * The importance of due diligence * The risks inherent in early stage companies * The importance of investing both financial and human capital Part II - The 4 Critical Skills Every Angel Investor Should Master - helps angel investors develop key skills needed to make great investments in early stage companies, including: * How to evaluate a startup's management team * How to evaluate products and market opportunities * How to stage financial capital and make sure a company is properly financed * How to plan, optimize and manage an angel portfolio in a tax-efficient and organized manner Part III - Understanding Early-Stage Deal Terms - helps investors understand the concept behind key deal terms and how they can affect risk and returns. The section allows investors to navigate these sometimes very complicated deals by focusing on: * The fundamentals of equity deal terms * Mapping key deal terms to investor concerns * Deal term economics * Understanding Investor Rights/Protection provisions * Understanding Governance, Management & Control Issues * How deal terms affect exits and liquidity * Navigating angel investing documents Based on a wealth of practical experience, this guide boils down this sometimes tricky subject matter into a very

clear, concise handbook investors of all experience levels will want to keep as a regular reference.

Startup investors are achieving 20%, 40%, and higher rates of return. Whether you're investing in early-stage companies, raising capital for your startup, or just interested in how angel investors really make their money, Startup Wealth will unravel the mystery surrounding individuals investing their own money into early stage startups.

What's the biggest problem most entrepreneurs face? Raising money: Without cash, you can't get a business off the ground or keep it running. However, many entrepreneurs have a problem. On one hand, the traditional sources of financing—family, friends, personal savings, the local bank—are often inadequate. On the other, the venture capitalists who have played such an important role in the high-tech industry are interested only in investing much higher sums than most entrepreneurs need. Enter angels: a new type of investor looking to invest between \$100,000 and \$1,000,000 in a company. There are about three million angel investors, and there's a huge market of entrepreneurs and would-be entrepreneurs who want to learn how to attract angels' interest—and their money. John May and Cal Simmons are at the forefront of this trend. Not only do they have years of experience in advising, managing, and investing in early-stage companies, they are also the originators of The Dinner Club, a Washington, D.C.–based group of successful businesspeople who hear pitches by entrepreneurs seeking funding and then decide whether to invest their own or the club's money in those entrepreneurial ideas. Every Business Needs an Angel offers a fly-on-the-wall look at how angel investors evaluate new entrepreneurial ideas, and provides a wealth of practical advice and insight for the countless entrepreneurs seeking help in their quest to find investors for their businesses. The book covers all phases of the process of finding angels and persuading them to invest, drawing on many examples of real-world companies that have pitched angels successfully—as well as unsuccessfully. These entrepreneurs are in a broad range of industries—from high-technology companies to more traditional businesses as diverse as breweries and concierge services—some quite well-known, like Nantucket Nectars and Preview Travel, whose founders had their own guardian angels. For entrepreneurs who need money and advice on how to find it, the authors offer enormous insight into this new breed of investor. As the title says, every business needs an angel; this book tells you how to find one. Startup money is moving online, and this guide shows you how it works. The Art of Startup Fundraising takes a fresh look at raising money for startups, with a focus on the changing face of startup finance. New regulations are making the old go-to advice less relevant, as startup money is increasingly moving online. These new waters are all but uncharted—and founders need an accessible guide. This book helps you navigate the online world of startup fundraising with easy-to-follow explanations and expert perspective on the new digital world of finance. You'll find tips and tricks on raising money and investing in startups from early stage to growth stage, and develop a clear strategy based on the new realities surrounding today's startup landscape. The finance world is in a massive state of flux. Changes are occurring at an increasing pace in all sectors, but few more intensely than the startup sphere. When the paradigm changes, your processes must change with it. This book shows you how startup funding works, with expert coaching toward the new rules on the field. Learn how the JOBS Act impacts the fundraising model Gain insight on startups from early stage to growth stage Find the money you need to get your venture going Craft your pitch and optimize the strategy Build momentum Identify the right investors Avoid the common mistakes Don't rely on the "how we did it" tales from superstar startups, as these stories are unique and applied to exceptional scenarios. The game has changed, and playing by the old rules only gets you left behind. Whether you're founding a startup or looking to invest, The Art of Startup Fundraising provides

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the up-to-the-minute guidance you need.

"This is probably the single most valuable resource for the entrepreneurs aspiring to build successful companies"—Ron Conway, Special Adviser, SV Angel, and investor in Facebook, Google, Twitter, Foursquare, PayPal, Zappos "I highly recommend *Venture Capitalists at Work*. This book captures the personalities and approaches of a number of leading VC practitioners and displays the heart and soul of the venture capital process, by offering an exclusive window into the voice of the practitioners."—Gus Tai, Trinity Ventures "Venture Capitalists at Work is a foundational pillar in an entrepreneur's understanding and resources. This is a first in terms of the level of detail, quality of discussion, and value to the entrepreneur."—George Zachary, Charles River Ventures and Investor in Twitter *Venture Capitalists at Work: How VCs Identify and Build Billion-Dollar Successes* offers unparalleled insights into the funding and management of companies like YouTube, Zappos, Twitter, Starent, Facebook, and Groupon. The venture capitalists profiled—among the best in the business—also reveal how they identify promising markets, products, and entrepreneurs. Author Tarang Shah, a venture capital professional himself, interviews rising VC stars, Internet and software investment pioneers, and venture investment thought leaders. You'll learn firsthand what criteria venture capitalists use to make investments, how they structure deals, the many ways they help the companies they fund, avoidable mistakes they see all too often, the role of luck in a success, and why so many startups fail. *Venture Capitalists at Work* also contains interviews with those on the receiving end of venture money—entrepreneurs in high-profile startups that went on to achieve great success. Whether you're an entrepreneur, an aspiring VC, an M&A professional, or an ambitious student, the knowledge you will gain from *Venture Capitalists at Work* could provide a significant shortcut to success. Other books in the Apress At Work Series: *Coders at Work*, Seibel, 978-1-4302-1948-4 *CIOs at Work*, Yourdon, 978-1-4302-3554-5 *CTOs at Work*, Donaldson, Seigel, & Donaldson, 978-1-4302-3593-4 *Founders at Work*, Livingston, 978-1-4302-1078-8 *European Founders at Work*, Santos, 978-1-4302-3906-2 *Women Leaders at Work*, Ghaffari, 978-1-4302-3729-7 *Advertisers at Work*, Tuten, 978-1-4302-3828-7 *Gamers at Work*, Ramsay. 978-1-4302-3351-0

When it comes to pitching, clarity is key. 'The Six Principles of the Perfect Pitch' is a proven process that will help to make your pitch powerful, get you noticed, generate interest and have investors queuing up to help you succeed.

Are you an entrepreneur, venture capitalist or startup investor? Or are you an investor who wants to get into venture capital and startup investments? What if you had the opportunity to be a startup investor in the next Facebook, Uber, Google or Airbnb? Now, you can invest in top startups and entrepreneurs like Elon Musk, Steve Jobs and Bill Gates. For years, angel investing and venture capital have been behind closed doors with the same individuals and VC firms getting access to top deals. The majority of accredited investors had no idea how to get in... how to get access to these deals... until now. *Kings Over Aces* gives you an inside look at how you too can invest in startups and put your investment capital to work. We show you how to invest in startups from incubators like Y Combinator, 500 Startups, TechStars and AngelPad. There are many billion dollar startups across the country waiting for entrepreneurs like you to invest. You'll also learn about Angel Kings' proprietary formula on startup investing. This secret formula is changing the way private equity and venture capital investments happen. Whether you're a new angel investor, venture capitalist, accredited investor, private equity investor, startup founder, or just someone who wants to learn about the hottest emerging deals and how you can get access, read *Kings Over Aces*... you might just make a lot of money investing in companies you love. If you've been sitting on the sidelines, it's time to get in the game. Instead of hearing about that next big deal and how your friend made money because he invested "early in X," now is your time to profit from the astronomical rise in startup and VC investing. Entrepreneurs are ready to meet venture capitalists just like you. We discuss

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investing concepts like the Lean Startup method by Eric Ries, discuss how to beat investors from shows like ABC's "Shark Tank," and provide detailed analysis of startups metrics such as cash flow, revenue, burn rate, exponential growth and company valuations. In addition, we analyze startups from Angel List, which is a growing platform for investing under the SEC's JOBS Act. You too can be the next billionaire startup investor.

The Pitch Deck Book is a step by step guide to raising seed capital from Venture Capital and Angel investors. This guide was built by Tim Cooley who has spent more than 10 years screening deals and raising more than \$200M in seed and early-stage capital for over 100+ companies. "The Pitch Deck Book is-hands-down-the clearest, simplest, and most concise guide ever written to creating and delivering an effective startup fundraising pitch. Three hours spent reading and applying the lessons in Tim Cooley's book will save you thirty hours of well-meaning-but-ineffective feedback from random advisors. Tim comes from the perspectives of both a founder and an investor, and as the Executive Director of a highly regarded angel group, he is EXACTLY the audience your pitch is aimed at. Founders around the world (not to mention investors who have to sit through awful pitches!) owe him an enormous debt of gratitude."-David S. Rose, "The Pitch Coach", author of "The Startup Checklist" and "Angel Investing", founder of New York Angels. Inside The Pitch Deck Book, you will find a guide to creating all the key elements you will need to engage investors. You will learn everything you need to do before you ever set up a meeting. You will learn the best format to present your business so that investors will get excited about your business. Finally, you will be shown a number of actual pitch decks with some of the most common issues that most founders come across when they pitch. Not only do you see the actual decks used, but also the feedback on how to fix them. If you do not want to be the 99% of companies who never get funded and are looking for the most comprehensive way to present your business to investors, this is the book for you. For more information and to get a FREE one-pager builder go to my website:

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Entrepreneurs drive the future, and the last several decades have been a thrilling ride of astounding, far-reaching innovation. Behind this transformative progress are also the venture capitalists - who are at once the investors, coaches and allies of the entrepreneurs. William H. Draper III knows this story first-hand, because as a venture capitalist, he helped write it. For more than 40 years, Bill Draper has worked with top entrepreneurs in fabled Silicon Valley, where today's vision is made into tomorrow's reality. The Startup Game is the first up-close look at how the relationship between venture capitalists and entrepreneurs is critical to enhancing the success of any economy. From a venture capitalist who saw the potential of Skype, Apollo Computer, Hotmail, OpenTable, and many other companies, come firsthand stories of success. In these pages, Draper explores how to evaluate innovative ideas and the entrepreneurs behind those ideas, and he shares lessons from Yahoo, Zappos, Baidu, Tesla Motors, Activision, Measurex, and more. Also, in revealing his on-the-ground account of how Deng Xiaoping brought China roaring into the modern world and how Manmohan Singh unlocked the creative genius of Indian entrepreneurs, Draper stresses the essential value of farsighted political leadership in creating opportunity. The author also discusses his efforts to bring best practices of the venture capitalist/entrepreneur partnership to the social sector. Written in an engaging narrative, and incorporating many of the author's personal experiences, this book provides a much-needed look at how the world of venture capital and entrepreneurship works.

Many of today's high-net-worth investors are turning their attention to early-stage investing in emerging companies. They know just how successful and lucrative funding a start-up venture can be. Savvy angel investors can foresee distant but potentially huge returns from pre-IPO companies. There are scores of hungry entrepreneurs in search of capital and lots of money to be invested. But, matching the right entrepreneurs with wise investors, so that both can profit,

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is the challenge in new enterprises. Gerald Benjamin and Joel Margulis demonstrate that the real pitfall for potential investors is an incomplete understanding of the complexities of early-stage investing. At the same time, the angel capital market offers few mechanisms for bringing investors and entrepreneurs together, while securities regulations restrict communication between sophisticated investors and promising new businesses. So, where do the uninitiated start, and how do they separate the wheat from the chaff? In this ground breaking work, Benjamin and Margulis offer angel investors a hands-on manual for profiting from early-stage, private equity deals. They show how to develop investment criteria and overall game plans, locate viable investment opportunities, assess and manage risks, negotiate the most favorable deal terms, conduct thorough due diligence, and plan the all-important exit strategy.

"The complexity of business in economically demanding times makes finding constructive angels that much more challenging. The advice and tips in *Attracting Capital from Angels* are, therefore, invaluable. The wisdom offered here is not just for start-ups or neophytes, but is a well-timed companion to already existing resources and approaches to helping a business in all phases of development. It's also a great manual for people who want to share their knowledge (and invest capital) as an angel. I plan to recommend *Attracting Capital from Angels* to every entrepreneur I run into in the future who asks for mentoring sources. Great job!" —Bob Bozeman, General Partner, Angel Investors, LP

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN This book offers all the information entrepreneurs need for finding elusive angel investors.

Comprehensive, eminently readable, and based on the authors' years of experience dealing with venture capital firms, angels, and entrepreneurs, this book covers all the angles on angels: What are angels and what do they want? Different types of angels Pitching and preparing for angels Finding angels Working with angels The future of angel investing *Attracting Capital from Angels* is the ultimate guide to finding the money your business needs to get on its feet-and make a run at success.

Angel investing can be fun, financially rewarding, and socially impactful. But it can also be a costly endeavor in terms of money, time, and missed opportunities. Through the successes, failures, and collective experience of the authors you'll learn how to increase your chances of success and your payout when your investment succeeds, and what to do if things go sideways. You'll learn how to evaluate deals like a lead investor, think through term sheets like a lawyer, and keep perspective through losses and triumphs. This book will also be of use to founders raising an angel round, who will be wise to learn how decisions are made on the other side of the table. No matter where you're starting from, this book will give you the context to become a savvier thinker, a better negotiator, and a positive member of the angel investing and startup communities.

WILL YOU SETTLE FOR LEAVING HALF THE WORLD'S WEALTH ON THE TABLE? In a world where women's capital remains underused, angel investing--providing money, human capital, and expertise for start-up or early-stage companies--offers a potent opportunity for women to impact the future. The authors--all seasoned players in the global business and investment community--share their personal stories and insiders' insights in a clarion wake-up call intended to activate new women angel investors. Both inspirational and actionable, *Impact With Wings* is a unique book offering the necessary tools and information for evaluating whether angel investing is an appropriate financial asset class for you. Whether you're a woman who wants to tap into your previously dormant financial clout or an entrepreneur--of any gender--who wants to understand the huge potential of women's economic influence, *Impact With Wings* will inform, educate, and inspire you.

ABOUT WINGPACT The six women who cofounded Wingpact believe that when women begin to apply their financial resources to projects they care about, a more just and equal world will be created. They wrote this book as the first step toward catalyzing change, pursuing their vision of a world in which everyone has the opportunity to successfully express their talents and realize their dreams. Though they

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come from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and phases in their lives--from a single career woman to a mother of four--they are united by their passion for empowering women and improving the global culture around investment.

Starting with a discussion of what motivates angel investors, this practical guide explains where and how to find an angel or angel group. The all-important presentation process is here, from which documents to bring, to what to wear, to how to answer questions. The book includes typical "term sheets" — the formal documents angels give potential recipients — as well as informed advice on when to negotiate and when to retreat. The crucial follow-up helps readers understand the ongoing relationship with the investor and how to facilitate future funding.

"Readers should have a box of Kleenex handy when they read this book. It is emotional, to say the least [The Life O'Reilly] is a heartwarming tale of discovering life, love, and legacy ... a love story filled with drama and emotions. There are plenty of shocking events which make this a page-turner and a very sentimental novel." - Suite101.com [A] riveting and deeply emotional work. The Life O'Reilly keeps the reader turning the pages as author Cohen displays a vivid touch with the everyday details of working life. Nashville Book Festival Brian Cohen clearly has the gift of story in this riveting debut. His ability to plumb the depths of the human heart, and its capacity to change forged in a modern, gritty, yet sophisticated New York shines through in this estimable work. The mark of a great novel is one that is impossible to put down on its final page. Cohen's book reaches that bar. New York Times bestselling author Michael Christopher Carroll "The Life O'Reilly is a fascinating read that will warm hearts." Midwest Book Review "...this is the way life should be lived. To be able to stop at any moment and say, I am proud of and very much at peace with who I am." Brian Cohen's first novel is an affecting and haunting story that captures the attention of the reader and holds it throughout, lingering long after the final page is turned.... Cohen has a fluidic writing style. His story is well paced and his characters have dimension and distinctive personalities. It is inspiring to watch Nick's heroic battle for survival as he evolves into the kind of man (and life) that will leave a lasting and impressionable legacy. It is not often that a work of fiction leaves the reader contemplating his or her personal outlook on life. The trials that Nick endures are easily applicable to reality. His story gives us pause to think, leaving us grateful for having made Nick's acquaintance. The US Review of Books At once a bittersweet love story and a young lawyer's journey of self-discovery, this auspicious debut delivers an emotional wallop and will move readers in unexpected ways. On the outside, Nick O'Reilly has it all: a high-flying legal career, as a partner of an elite Wall Street law firm, and financial security, with an apartment overlooking Central Park. Having grown up in a working-class family, as far back as Nick can remember this was his dream. But at the age of thirty-six, after several years of sacrificing his personal life for professional gain, Nick has started to ponder his future and consider the mark he wants to leave on society both professionally and personally his legacy. After being chastised in the press for turning a cold shoulder to the community, the firm calls upon Nick to help rehabilitate its image by handling its first pro bono case. Nick is asked to represent Dawn Nelson, a domestic violence victim who is fighting for custody of her young son, Jordan. A far cry from Nick's specialty of defending the misdeeds of Corporate America, it is up to Nick to set Dawn and Jordan on a path to a better life. But Nick gets much more than he signed on for, as Dawn forces him to reassess his life choices and, ultimately, be true to himself. Only when Nick finally realizes what is truly important in life does he face his toughest and possibly final challenge: a battle for his own survival. Exploring the flaws of being human and the importance of controlling one's own destiny, The Life O'Reilly reminds us of how precious life is and how quickly and tragically it can change. Written with great empathy, The Life O'Reilly is an emotional and unforgettable tale that will challenge one's expectations of the modern love story and introduces a poignant and sensitive new voice in fiction.

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Are you an investor? What if you were given the keys to unlock potential investing returns of 10x, 100x or even 1,000x, on your investment dollars? How much would you pay for these keys? To learn about the next, great startups in America. The good news is that for the cost of a few cups of coffee, we've decided to give you the most powerful formula ever released to the startup world. The keys to this formula - "The Blankenship Valuation Method" - embody the core startup DNA that separates successful startups from the failures. This book is for startups, entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, angel investors, and anyone who wants to learn about investing or building a great company. Whether you've ever considered investing in a startup, founding your own company, or simply wanted to learn about the tech founder stories that changed the course of history, then this book is for you. After analyzing thousands of startups across the world, we discovered striking motifs and similarities between the startups failures and billion-dollar "Unicorns" and IPOs. And now for the first time ever, we're releasing our insider observations and this proprietary formula, to the public. Ross D. Blankenship will guide both entrepreneurs and investors on critical topics such as... How to raise big-time capital for your startup. How to best structure your startup legally, financially, and operationally. How to achieve the highest valuation for your startup. The importance of achieving profitability in less than a year's time. For future startup investors and venture capitalists: How to spot the next billion-dollar startups. Example of startups that became major success stories, and why they became forces in their industry. How to get started investing, including red flags and caveats before you begin. How to understand valuations, financials, and investments, no matter if you're a beginner, intermediate, or veteran of venture capital and angel investing. There's even BONUS material for investors in this book for investors that includes tips on negotiating the best deals, secrets to building a brand name within any industry, and a simple guide to understand any startup's finances. If you're one of the following people, searching for topics such as: entrepreneurship, business and finance, investing, venture capital, or angel investing, then this book is for you. Now's your chance to get ahead of your peers and start making returns on your investment: start with the amazingly profitable world of venture capital. The Guide for Women Entrepreneurs shares important tips for women in business generally and highlights items that are important for balance during the entrepreneurial journey. The Guide also provides practical tips for entrepreneurs like What Should I Put in a Pitch Deck, Do's and Don'ts in Pitching, Do's and Don'ts in Fundraising, Length of Time for Fundraising, Presenting to an Angel Network, Angel Pet Peeves to Avoid, Diligence on an Investor, and Going Through Diligence as an Entrepreneur. There is a Question and Answer section which addresses positioning yourself as a wife and husband or sister and brother team, offering an adviser equity and the vesting schedule, other forms of financing, conflicting advice from Mentors and Investors, dealing with biased investors, metrics that an investor wants to see, the difference fundraising in NYC and Silicon Valley, the difference between a product and an investment pitch, active or passive investors, the role press plays in fundraising, the ideal level of contact from investors, and my personal advice. The book also includes a section on becoming an angel investor for when entrepreneurs are ready to pay it forward and an Appendix with a sample pitch deck.

This eBook is especially prepared for co-founders and any other person who has an idea with vision to change. This guide will provide you a clear sense of understanding the current startup ecosystem and fundraising for your startup idea based on technology.

Presents information how to spot and sidestep roadblocks on the entrepreneurial journey and sets readers on a path to startup success.

Do multiple versions of ourselves exist in parallel universes living out their lives in different timelines? In this follow up to his bestseller, *The Simulation Hypothesis*, MIT Computer Scientist and Silicon Valley Game Pioneer Rizwan Virk explores

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these topics from a new lens: that of simulation theory. If we are living in a digital universe, then many of the complexities and baffling characteristics of our reality start to make more sense. Quantum computing lets us simulate complex phenomena in parallel, allowing the simulation to explore many realities at once to find the most "optimum" path forward. Could this explain not only the enigmatic Mandela Effect but provide us with a new understanding of time and space? Bringing his unique trademark style of combining video games, computer science, quantum physics and computing with lots of philosophy and science fiction, Virk gives us a new way to think about not just our universe, but all possible realities!

An exploration of why people all over the world love to engage in pain on purpose--from dominatrices, religious ascetics, and ultramarathoners to ballerinas, icy ocean bathers, and sideshow performers Masochism is sexy, human, reviled, worshipped, and can be delightfully bizarre. Deliberate and consensual pain has been with us for millennia, encompassing everyone from Black Plague flagellants to ballerinas dancing on broken bones to competitive eaters choking down hot peppers while they cry. Masochism is a part of us. It lives inside workaholics, tattoo enthusiasts, and all manner of garden variety pain-seekers. At its core, masochism is about feeling bad, then better—a phenomenon that is long overdue for a heartfelt and hilarious investigation. And Leigh Cowart would know: they are not just a researcher and science writer—they're an inveterate, high-sensation seeking masochist. And they have a few questions: Why do people engage in masochism? What are the benefits and the costs? And what does masochism have to say about the human experience? By participating in many of these activities themselves, and through conversations with psychologists, fellow scientists, and people who seek pain for pleasure, Cowart unveils how our minds and bodies find meaning and relief in pain—a quirk in our programming that drives discipline and innovation even as it threatens to swallow us whole.

An in-depth guide for angel investors and entrepreneurs on early stage investing economics Written by two of Boston's most active and experienced angel investors, *Angel Investing by the Numbers* is a handbook and desk reference for both investors and entrepreneurs looking to better understand the numbers side of angel investing. In the book, we discuss in detail what you should know about the financial mechanics of early stage investing, including how valuation works, what effect it has on returns, and how the companies in your portfolio work together to drive your overall results. Just like the baseball team manager using a MoneyBall approach needs to really understand the statistics of the game, the successful investor employing our approach needs to understand the financial mechanics of investing. Overview of Contents: In this book we will cover important topics such as: 1) How to read, understand and utilize a Capitalization Table 2) How to place a proper value on an early stage company with a limited track record 3) What are some of the different financial pathways that can lead to

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a successful exit for companies and their angel investors 4) How to construct a portfolio that will improve the likelihood of successful returns 5) What the underlying financial math looks like in a top tier angel portfolio 6) What approaches to use to exercise options and buy restricted stock that minimize taxes and optimize your financial outcome Having a solid understanding of valuations, exit paths and portfolio construction might not sound like as much fun as baseball for many of our readers. But trust us, after investing in startups for a combined 25+ years and 100+ companies, we have learned the hard way and fully embrace the importance of mastering these important topics. Just because finance wasn't a focus in your career doesn't mean you can't understand the financial mechanics of angel investing - which is good because you cannot afford to ignore these realities!

The Los Angeles Times and USA Today bestseller! Wise, practical, and profitable letters to entrepreneurs, leaders, managers, and business owners in every field—from a leading executive, investor, and business founder More than 600,000 new businesses are launched each year. How can a start-up find the funding it needs to survive? When, if at all, should a company go public? How does an entrepreneur build and manage a workplace—and create a lasting legacy? Maynard Webb has helped found, fund, and grow dozens of successful companies, and has driven strategic change at Salesforce, eBay, Everwise, and Visa, among other worldwide corporations. Known for offering savvy insight, encouragement, and a dose of reality in the form of engaging personal letters to a select group of business leaders, Webb now shares his lessons with the rest of America's aspiring entrepreneurs—at any age and stage in their careers—in *Dear Founder*. Featuring more than eighty inspiring, informative, and instructive letters, *Dear Founder* is rich with sound advice on an array of business topics, from turning your idea into a reality to building a culture, to reaching key financial goals. This book is an indispensable guide to navigating the realities, risks, and rewards of being your own boss—and founding the company of your dreams. Gary Rivlin tells the story of Ron Conway, the man who has placed more bets on Internet start-ups than anyone else in Silicon Valley. Conway is a reader-friendly way into the realm of angel financing, where independently wealthy investors link up with companies just as they are being born. *King of the Angels* takes you into this fascinating world on the edges of the financial universe, where the pace is frantic, the story lines are rich, and every moment is perilous. *Crack the Funding Code* demystifies the world of angel investing, venture capital, and corporate funding and lays out a strategic pathway for any entrepreneur to secure funding fast. Lack of funding is one of the biggest reasons small businesses fail. In 2016 in the United States alone, more than 31 percent of small business owners reported that they could not access adequate capital, and the lack of capital prevented them from growing the business/expanding operations, increasing inventory, or financing increased sales. Most business owners believe that their only feasible funding options are (1) savings or personal credit, (2)

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friends and family or (3) bank loans. They may have heard about venture capitalists or angel investors, but they don't have enough information about what these investors do, what they can provide for a business, and on what terms. What's worse, entrepreneurs often don't know how to access the people who are looking to put their money into young companies with potential. Finally, business owners don't have enough expertise to navigate the treacherous waters of outside funding. Many small companies don't believe they are the type of company that gets funded. Even when business owners are brave enough to look for the right outside investors, they don't know how to create the compelling pitches or how to structure the deals that will get them the funding to expand and grow. Crack the Funding Code will show readers how to find the money, create pitches that attract investors, and then structure fair, ethical deals that will bring them new sources of outside capital and invaluable professional advice. It will give readers the broader perspective—how funding works, how investors think, and what they need to hear to put their money where your mouth is. Every entrepreneur who reads this book will get easy-to-follow deal checklists, a roadmap of where and how to locate the best funding resources and top business mentors for their particular industry and/or geographical location, and a step-by-step process to create pitches that make their idea or business irresistible.

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