

## Start Something Matters Blake Mycoskie

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Start Something That Matters by Blake Mycoskie (Summary) Cambridge Scholars Publishing Serial entrepreneur and business visionary Dale Partridge reveals seven core beliefs that create success by putting people first. Every day major headlines tell the story of a new and better American marketplace. Established corporations have begun reevaluating the quality of their products, the ethics of their supply chain, and how they can give back by donating a portion of their profit to meaningful causes. Meanwhile, millions of entrepreneurs who want a more responsible and compassionate marketplace have launched a new breed of socially focused business models. Sevenly founder Dale Partridge uncovers the seven core beliefs shared by consumers, starters, and leaders behind this transformation. These beliefs have enabled Dale to build a multimillion-dollar company that is revolutionizing the marketplace In People Over Profit, Partridge will help you realize: People matter Truth wins Transparency frees Authenticity attracts Quality speaks Generosity returns Courage sustains Partridge believes these beliefs are the secret to creating a sustainable world that values honesty over deception, transparency over secrecy, authenticity over hype, and ultimately, people over profit.

The TOMS Effect iUniverse

If he hadn't needed the cash so badly, Nick Stone would never have messed with the Russian mafia. But the lucrative offer was one he couldn't refuse. The job seemed simple enough for a man of his particular talents: kidnap a ruthless, money-laundering mob boss

from his fortified Helsinki hotel room and deliver him to St. Petersburg. But as the plan begins to unfold, Stone soon realizes that by no means has he been told the full story. Catapulted into the bleak underworld of the former Soviet republic of Estonia, where unknown aggressors stalk the arctic landscape, Stone finds that the mob may now turn out to be the least of his problems. Russia has embarked on a new Cold War offensive -- hacking into the West's computer systems and stealing their most coveted military secrets. As one bloody double cross leads to another, Stone finds himself caught between the suicidal schemes of the British and American intelligence agencies and the ruthless Russians who want to silence him.

*The Promise of a Pencil* Random House More Than Money Jamey Stegmaier knows crowdfunding. He's a veteran of seven successful Kickstarter campaigns (and counting) that have raised over \$3.2 million, and he's the proprietor of the widely read Kickstarter Lessons blog. In this book he offers a comprehensive guide to crowdfunding, demonstrating that it can be a powerful way for entrepreneurs to grow their businesses by building community and putting their customers first. This book includes over forty stories of inspiring successes and sobering disasters. Stegmaier uses these examples to demonstrate how to (and how not to) prepare for a campaign, grow a fan base, structure a pitch, find new backers, and execute many other crucially important "nuts and bolts" elements of a successful crowdfunding project. But Stegmaier emphasizes that the benefits of crowdfunding are much more about the "crowd" than the "funding." He shows that if you treat your backers as people, not pocketbooks—communicate regularly and transparently with them, ask their opinions, attend to their needs—they'll become advocates as well as funders, exponentially increasing your project's chances of succeeding.

*Firewall* Penguin

Grabbing the low-hanging fruit is no longer acceptable. ZICO Coconut Water founder Mark Rampolla argues that when you

choose to reach higher, you can build an incredible business, be profitable, and maybe even change the world. In 2004, Mark Rampolla was successful by most standards. There was just one problem: He wasn't inspired in his job and believed he had something more to contribute to the world. When he asked himself, "What do I have to offer that will improve the world?" Rampolla realized that his big idea was hanging right overhead. From his time living in Central America, he and his family came to love drinking coconut water, just like the locals. But no one was really selling coconut water in the United States. So Rampolla chased a very ambitious goal: introducing coconut water to the American beverage market dominated by a few big players. He wasn't just starting a business; he was creating a whole new industry. ZICO Coconut Water brought a healthy beverage alternative to American consumers while also helping developing-world growers and suppliers profit from this resource. It was a win-win-win—good for Rampolla, his customers, and the world. So good, in fact, that in 2013 the Coca-Cola Company purchased ZICO and is scaling the brand around the globe. Rampolla wrote *High-Hanging Fruit* for others who want to succeed because of, not in spite of, their values. This book is for people who believe that it's their duty to reach higher than just the bottom line to build businesses driven by passion, purpose, and integrity. Above all, it's a call to arms for a new generation of entrepreneurs who want to disrupt the old model and do good by doing

business.

*The Real Problem Solvers* Simon and Schuster  
An extraordinary story, never before told: The intimate, behind-the-scenes life of an American boy raised by his terrorist father—the man who planned the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. What is it like to grow up with a terrorist in your home? Zak Ebrahim was only seven years old when, on November 5th, 1990, his father El-Sayyid Nosair shot and killed the leader of the Jewish Defense League. While in prison, Nosair helped plan the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993. In one of his infamous video messages, Osama bin Laden urged the world to “Remember El-Sayyid Nosair.” For Zak Ebrahim, a childhood amongst terrorism was all he knew. After his father’s incarceration, his family moved often, and as the perpetual new kid in class, he faced constant teasing and exclusion. Yet, though his radicalized father and uncles modeled fanatical beliefs, to Ebrahim something never felt right. To the shy, awkward boy, something about the hateful feelings just felt unnatural. In this book, Ebrahim dispels the myth that terrorism is a foregone conclusion for people trained to hate. Based on his own remarkable journey, he shows that hate is always a choice—but so is tolerance. Though Ebrahim was subjected to a violent, intolerant ideology throughout his childhood, he did not become radicalized. Ebrahim argues that people conditioned to be terrorists are actually well positioned to combat terrorism, because of their ability to bring seemingly incompatible ideologies together in conversation and advocate in the fight for peace. Ebrahim argues that everyone, regardless of their upbringing or circumstances, can learn to tap into their inherent empathy and embrace tolerance over hatred. His original, urgent message is fresh, groundbreaking, and essential to the current discussion about terrorism.

**Stuffocation** Random House

In a book presented in a Q-and-A format, the authors explain what social entrepreneurs are, how their organizations function, what challenges they face and how readers can get involved in the efforts that social entrepreneurs are spearheading. Cowritten by the author of *How to Change the World*. Original.

[RESUMO - Start Something That Matters / Começa algo que importa por Blake Mycoskie](#)  
Harmony

In 2006, while travelling in Argentina, young entrepreneur Blake Mycoskie encountered children too poor to afford shoes, who developed injuries on their feet that often led to serious health problems. Blake knew he wanted to help, but rather than start a charity, he went against conventional wisdom and created a for profit business to help the children who he met. With the help of a local shoemaker, Blake struck out to merge activism and fashion in the form of a local canvas shoe worn by farmers and gauchos alike, called the alpargata. Blake called his creation TOMS Shoes (which stands for "Tomorrow's Shoes") and promised to give a pair of new shoes to a child in need for every pair that he sold. Starting with only two hundred pairs of

handmade shoes, optimism, and entrepreneurial charisma, Blake successfully launched TOMS into the high fashion world. They can now be seen adorning the feet of celebrities such as Keira Knightley, Scarlett Johansson, and Tobey Maguire. Blake's mission is to prove that you can achieve financial success and make the world a better place at the same time. In this book, he shares the six counterintuitive principles that have guided the growth of TOMS for the past three years: Make business personal; Be resourceful without resources; Reverse retirement; Keep it simple; Stay humble; and, Give more, advertise less. The result is an inspiring account of a young man whose entrepreneurial spirit was able to affect change in the world, and a call to others to be inspired to do the same.

**Start Something That Matters** RH Childrens Books

Terrorist attacks. Natural disasters. Domestic crackdowns. Economic collapse. Riots. Wars. Disease. Starvation. What can you do when it all hits the fan? You can learn to be self-sufficient and survive without the system. "I've started to look at the world through apocalypse eyes." So begins Neil Strauss's harrowing new book: his first full-length work since the international bestseller *The Game*, and one of the most original-and provocative-narratives of the year. After the last few years of violence and terror, of ethnic and religious hatred, of tsunamis and hurricanes—and now of world financial meltdown—Strauss, like most of his generation, came to the sobering realization that, even in America, anything can happen. But rather than watch helplessly, he decided to do something about it. And so he spent three years traveling through a country that's lost its sense of safety, equipping himself with the tools necessary to save himself and his loved ones from an uncertain future. With the same quick wit and eye for cultural trends that marked *The Game*, *The Dirt*, and *How to Make Love Like a Porn Star*, *Emergency* traces Neil's white-knuckled journey through today's heart of darkness, as he sets out to move his life offshore, test his skills in the wild, and remake himself as a gun-toting, plane-flying, government-defying survivor. It's a tale of paranoid fantasies and crippling doubts, of shady lawyers and dangerous cult leaders, of billionaire gun nuts and survivalist superheroes, of weirdos, heroes, and ordinary citizens going off the grid. It's one man's story of a dangerous world—and how to stay alive in it. Before the next disaster strikes, you're going to want to read this book. And you'll want to do everything it suggests. Because tomorrow doesn't come with a guarantee...

[Oh, the Places You'll Go!](#) Berrett-Koehler Publishers

Do you want more free book summaries like this? Download our app for free at <https://www.QuickRead.com/App> and get access to hundreds of free book and audiobook summaries. Unlock your potential to make a difference in the world. We all want to do something that matters. We all hope that our lives will leave a positive impact on the world. Unfortunately, however, we often get stuck

along the way, overwhelmed by the weight of our own fears or the grind of everyday life. That's why author and entrepreneur Blake Mycoskie has crafted this guide for building a business that matters. Following his business model-- which donates products to a person in need for every product purchased-- you'll learn how you too can start something that matters.

**Real Good Grammar, Too** Simon and Schuster

The incredible story of the man behind TOMS Shoes and One for One, the revolutionary business model that marries fun, profit, and social good. “A creative and open-hearted business model for our times.”—The Wall Street Journal  
Why this book is for you: • You're ready to make a difference in the world—through your own start-up business, a nonprofit organization, or a new project that you create within your current job. • You want to love your work, work for what you love, and have a positive impact on the world—all at the same time. • You're inspired by charity: water, method, and FEED Projects and want to learn how these organizations got their start. • You're curious about how someone who never made a pair of shoes, attended fashion school, or worked in retail created one of the fastest-growing footwear companies in the world by giving shoes away. • You're looking for a new model of success to share with your children, students, co-workers, and members of your community. You're ready to start something that matters.

*Uncontainable* Grand Central Publishing  
Stories, inspiration, and practical advice on how entrepreneurs can grow their companies rapidly without sacrificing their ethics (or Mother Earth), from the founders of Yes To, the #2 natural beauty brand in the U.S. after only a few short years.  
*Start Something That Matters* St. Martin's Press  
In 2006, the TOMS shoe company radically disrupted the for-profit business model, literally for good. In challenging what a money-making company could do with its earnings, TOMS incorporated a giving component within its business model, making giving intrinsic to each sale. For every pair of shoes sold, another pair would be given away to a child in need. Giving thus became ‘good business’ at both levels: in making money and in helping kids. The TOMS Effect is a book that explains and explores this phenomenon, through TOMS company history, as well as through major corporations like Walgreens, Walmart, Nestle, Stella Artois, and Michael Kors, as in addition to younger, smaller companies and start-ups like Warby Parker, Brandless, and Not Impossible Labs. TOMS founder Blake Mycoskie was the epitome of counter-culture CEO; his goal to ‘start something that matters’ has been proven in terms of business sense (he is worth \$300 million), and has been sustained through product line evolution, and creative marketing, where the shoes become a ‘movement,’ and the customer becomes a ‘partner.’ The TOMS Effect has influenced the behavior of consumers, as well as young entrepreneurs and established corporations. In November 2018, Blake took to late-night shows

to publicize TOMS newest giving ventures: End Gun Violence Together (EGVT) and 'Pick your Style, Pick your Stand.' These campaigns have been riskier than TOMS' previous social justice, health, and community efforts. Will this latest iteration of the TOMS model be sustainable, both in terms of monetization of EGVT products, and in effectively causing change?

### Clay Water Brick Currency

A business memoir from fifteen year-old lemonade entrepreneur and one of TIME Magazine's Top 30 Most Influential Teens, Mikaila Ulmer, and her advice for life and business. When Mikaila Ulmer was four, she was stung by a bee--twice in one week. She was terrified of going outside, so her parents encouraged her to learn more about bees so she wouldn't be afraid. It worked. Mikaila didn't just learn what an important role bees play in our ecosystem, but she also learned bees are endangered, and set out to save them. She started by selling cups of lemonade in front of her house and donating the small proceeds to organizations dedicated to bee conservation. When she realized the more lemonade she sold, the more bees she could help, Me & the Bees Lemonade was born. Now she sells her lemonade across the country. From meetings with Fortune 500 CEOs, to securing a deal on Shark Tank, to even visiting the Obama White House, Mikaila's lemonade and passion for bee conservation have taken her far. In *Bee Fearless*, part memoir, part business guide, Mikaila--now fifteen--shares her personal journey and special brand of mindful entrepreneurship and offers helpful tips and guidance for young readers interested in pursuing their own ventures, instilling in them the bee-lief that they can bee fearless and achieve their dreams too.

*High-Hanging Fruit* Bantam

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** • An inspiring personal story of redemption, second chances, and the transformative power within us all, from the founder and CEO of the nonprofit charity: water. At 28 years old, Scott Harrison had it all. A top nightclub promoter in New York City, his life was an endless cycle of drugs, booze, models—repeat. But 10 years in, desperately unhappy and morally bankrupt, he asked himself, "What would the exact opposite of my life look like?" Walking away from everything, Harrison spent the next 16 months on a hospital ship in West Africa and discovered his true calling. In 2006, with no money and less than no experience, Harrison founded charity: water. Today, his organization has raised over \$400 million to bring clean drinking water to more than 10 million people around the globe. In *Thirst*, Harrison recounts the twists and turns that built charity: water into one of the most trusted and admired nonprofits in the world. Renowned for its 100% donation model, bold storytelling, imaginative branding, and radical commitment to transparency, charity: water has disrupted how social

entrepreneurs work while inspiring millions of people to join its mission of bringing clean water to everyone on the planet within our lifetime. In the tradition of such bestselling books as *Shoe Dog* and *Mountains Beyond Mountains*, *Thirst* is a riveting account of how to build a better charity, a better business, a better life—and a gritty tale that proves it's never too late to make a change. 100% of the author's net proceeds from *Thirst* will go to fund charity: water projects around the world.

*Thirst* Hay House, Inc

In the tradition of *Kabul Beauty School* and *Start Something That Matters* comes an inspiring story of social entrepreneurship from the co-founder of Kiva, the first online microlending platform for the working poor. Featuring lessons learned from successful businesses in the world's poorest countries, Jessica Jackley's *Clay Water Brick* will motivate readers to more deeply appreciate the incredible entrepreneurial potential that exists in every human being on this planet—especially themselves. "The heart of entrepreneurship is never about what we have. It's about what we do." Meet Patrick, who had next to nothing and started a thriving business using just the ground beneath his feet . . . Blessing, who built her shop right in the middle of the road, refusing to take the chance that her customers might pass her by . . .

Constance, who cornered the banana market in her African village with her big personality and sense of mission. Patrick, Blessing, Constance, and many others are among the poorest of the world's poor. And yet they each had crucial lessons to teach Jessica Jackley—lessons about resilience, creativity, perseverance, and, above all, entrepreneurship. For as long as she could remember, Jackley, the co-founder of the revolutionary microlending site Kiva, had a singular and urgent ambition: to help alleviate global poverty. While in her twenties, she set off for Africa to finally meet the people she had long dreamed of helping. The insights of those she met changed her understanding. Today she believes that many of the most inspiring entrepreneurs in the world are not focused on high-tech ventures or making a lot of money; instead, they wake up every day and build better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities, regardless of the things they lack or the obstacles they encounter. As Jackley puts it, "The greatest entrepreneurs succeed not because of what they possess but because of what they are determined to do." In *Clay Water Brick*, Jackley challenges readers to embrace entrepreneurship as a powerful force for change in the world. She shares her own story of founding Kiva with little more than a laptop and a dream, and the stories and the lessons she has learned from those across the globe who are doing the most with the least. Praise for *Clay Water Brick* "Jessica Jackley didn't wait for permission to change the world—she just did it. It turns out that you can too."—Seth Godin, author of *What to Do When It's Your Turn* "Fascinating . . . gripping . . . bursting with lessons . . . Jessica Jackley has written a remarkable book . . . so thoroughly well meaning and engagingly put it is too magnetic to put down."—Financial Times "Clay Water Brick is a tremendously inspiring read. Jessica Jackley, the virtuoso co-founder of the revolutionary microlending platform Kiva, shares uplifting stories and compelling lessons on entrepreneurship, resilience, and

character."—Adam Grant, author of *Give and Take* "A blueprint for anyone who wants to make the world a better place and find fulfillment in the process, no matter how scarce their resources or how steep the challenge."—Arianna Huffington "This book is inspirational. And honest and practical. . . . Well written, thoughtful: a selfless account of how to succeed by doing right and following your heart."—Booklist

**RESUMEN - Start Something That Matters**

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Mycoskie Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Now is the time... Stop waiting around for the career--and life--that you deserve and start taking the reins! *Leading Women* shows you how to claim power and respect, conquer your internal barriers, and change the world by helping other women do the same. Featuring stories from twenty nationally acclaimed female leaders, this empowering guide offers real-life advice for breaking free of the predetermined roles in the business world and life. Powerful women such as New York Times bestselling author Marci Shimoff, advocacy leader Gloria Feldt, and Emmy-winning television host Aurea McGarry describe what it's like to go beyond their comfort zones, hold their own in a male-dominated environment, and take control of the situations that keep many women from achieving their goals. From corporate coach Lois Frankel's key ways to becoming a natural and necessary leader to bestselling author M. Bridget Cook-Burch's struggles after years of abuse, their insight will help you embrace your purpose, seize important opportunities, and overcome any obstacle that comes your way. With the guidance of these influential, resourceful leaders, you'll maximize your personal power, exceed your business goals, and establish a network designed to support and celebrate your fellow women. Contributors include: Kristin Andress, Cheryl Benton, Claire Damken Brown, PhD, M. Bridget Cook-Burch, Vivian Diller, PhD, Gloria Feldt, Lois P. Frankel, PhD, Joanna L. Krotz, Aurea McGarry, Lisa Mininni, Shirley Osbourne, Lois Phillips, PhD, Birute Regine, PhD, Linda Rendleman, Marcia Reynolds, PhD, Marci Shimoff, Rebecca Tinsley, Sandra Ford Walston, Michele Willens, and Janet Rose Wojtalik, EdD *The Terrorist's Son* Penguin The author describes how he left a lucrative business consulting job to found the nonprofit Pencils of Promise, an organization responsible for building schools for the poor in developing countries around the world and which recently completed its two hundredth school. **Middle Market M & A** Simon and Schuster

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Born to a poor family in Arkansas, Robert Dedman formed his life goal at the age of eighteen -- he would make \$50 million by the age of 50 and give \$1 million a year to charity. Now 72, Dedman has achieved his goal...and much, much more. Today, Robert Dedman is one of the most successful developers in the private club industry. Billionaire philanthropist and chairman of Club Corporation

International, he has given more than \$26 million to Texas and Florida universities. His "three-in-one" golf club concept has earned ClubCorp assets worth more than \$3 billion, averaging revenues of \$1.2 billion a year. But Dedman is about more than money and golf courses. His personal ideals and philosophies are molded by his studies of classical poetry, Browning, Shakespeare and Kipling. And his philanthropic nature and healthy lifestyle have been influenced by his desire to be a well-balanced person. While Dedman may seek material success, his primary goal is richness in life. King of Clubs is a candid and revealing account of how life is worth more than a bank balance, how true wealth is a matter of Spirit.

[Social Entrepreneurship in India](#) Random House Supermaker is a guide to business and career development by Jaime Schmidt: acclaimed entrepreneur, founder of Schmidt's Naturals, and icon of the Maker Movement. In Supermaker, she shares how you too can start or grow your own business with advice on branding, product development, social media marketing, scaling, PR, and customer engagement, all based on her own hard-won mastery. In just seven years, Jaime Schmidt went from making natural products in her Portland, Oregon, kitchen to turning her brand into a household name and selling her company to Unilever—without sacrificing the integrity of her product or her creative vision. • Readers learn how to get ahead on their own terms and while maintaining their commitment to fair and sustainable principles. • A valuable resource to the ever-growing community of business owners and entrepreneurs who want to go from maker to magnate. • Candid advice from an industry disruptor. Following her growth from farmers' market stand to international brand, Jaime's book is a riveting mix of inspiration, the honest airing of mistakes, and indispensable instruction.

Supermaker empowers and unites the next generation of entrepreneurs. • A go-to guide for the passion-to-profit journey. • The perfect read for aspiring entrepreneurs, makers, creatives, and anyone with an interest in natural products, selling your products online, retail strategy, and digital marketing. • Great for anyone who enjoyed Start Something That Matters by Blake Mycoskie, Craft, Inc: Turn Your Creative Hobby into a Business by Meg Mateo Ilasco, and The Girls' Guide to Starting Your Own Business: Candid Advice, Frank Talk, and True Stories for the Successful Entrepreneur by Caitlin Friedman.

**SUMMARY - Start Something That Matters By Blake Mycoskie** Random House Dr. Seuss's wonderfully wise Oh, the Places You'll Go! is the perfect gift to celebrate all of our special milestones—from graduations to birthdays and beyond! From soaring to high heights and seeing great sights to being left in

a Lurch on a prickly perch, Dr. Seuss addresses life's ups and downs with his trademark humorous verse and whimsical illustrations. The inspiring and timeless message encourages readers to find the success that lies within, no matter what challenges they face. A perennial favorite and a perfect gift for anyone starting a new phase in their life!