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# The Founders Dilemmas

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*How to Solve the  
Innovator's Dilemma*

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An in-depth study of  
American social  
movements after the  
Civil War and their  
lessons for today by a  
prizewinning historian

The Civil War unleashed a torrent of claims for equality—in the chaotic years following the war, former slaves, women’s rights activists, farmhands, and factory workers all engaged in the pursuit of the meaning of equality in America. This contest resulted in experiments in collective action, as millions joined leagues and unions. In *Equality: An American Dilemma, 1866–1886*, Charles Postel demonstrates how taking stock of these movements forces us to rethink some of the central myths of American history. Despite a nationwide push for equality, egalitarian impulses oftentimes clashed with one another. These dynamics get to the

heart of the great paradox of the fifty years following the Civil War and of American history at large: Waves of agricultural, labor, and women’s rights movements were accompanied by the deepening of racial discrimination and oppression. Herculean efforts to overcome the economic inequality of the first Gilded Age and the sexual inequality of the late-Victorian social order emerged alongside Native American dispossession, Chinese exclusion, Jim Crow segregation, and lynch law. Now, as Postel argues, the twenty-first century has ushered in a second Gilded Age of savage socioeconomic inequalities. Convincing and learned, *Equality*

explores the roots of these social fissures and speaks urgently to the need for expansive strides toward equality to meet our contemporary crisis.

Solomon's Knot

"O'Reilly Media, Inc."

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.

The Innovator's

Dilemma Harper Collins  
An outspoken

participant in the civil rights movement, Roger Wilkins served as Assistant Attorney General during the Johnson administration. In 1972 he was awarded the Pulitzer Prize along with Bernstein and Herblock for his coverage of Watergate. Yet this black man, who has served the United States so well, feels at times an unwelcome guest here. In Jefferson's Pillow, Wilkins returns to America's beginnings and the founding fathers who preached and fought for freedom, even though they owned other human beings and legally denied them their humanity. He asserts that the mythic accounts of the American Revolution have ignored slavery

and oversimplified history until the heroes, be they the founders or the slaves in their service, are denied any human complexity. Wilkins offers a thoughtful analysis of this fundamental paradox through his exploration of the lives of George Washington, George Mason, James Madison, and of course Thomas Jefferson. He discusses how class, education, and personality allowed for the institution of slavery, unravels how we as Americans tell different sides of that story, and explores the confounding ability of that narrative to limit who we are and who we can become. An important intellectual history of America's founding, Jefferson's Pillow will change the

way we view our nation and ourselves. From the Trade Paperback edition.

*Research to Revenue*  
Currency

A guide to the early decisions that can make or break startup ventures Often downplayed in the excitement of starting up a new business venture is one of the most important decisions entrepreneurs will face: should they go it alone, or bring in cofounders, hires, and investors to help build the business? More than just financial rewards are at stake. Friendships and relationships can suffer. Bad decisions at the inception of a promising venture lay the foundations for its eventual ruin. The Founder's Dilemmas is

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**The Revolutionary Book that Will Change the Way You Do Business** Emerald Publishing Limited

START-UP NATION addresses the trillion dollar question: How is it that Israel-- a country of 7.1 million, only 60 years old, surrounded by enemies, in a constant state of war since its founding, with no natural resources-- produces more start-up companies than large, peaceful, and stable nations like Japan, China, India, Korea, Canada and the UK? With the savvy of foreign policy insiders, Senor and Singer examine the lessons of the country's adversity-driven culture, which flattens hierarchy and elevates informality-- all backed up by government policies focused on innovation. In a world where economies as diverse as Ireland, Singapore and Dubai have tried to re-create

the "Israel effect", there are entrepreneurial lessons well worth noting. As America reboots its own economy and can-do spirit, there's never been a better time to look at this remarkable and resilient nation for some impressive, surprising clues.

The Entrepreneurial Dilemma in the Life Cycle of the Small Firm  
Shortcut Edition

This book explores the different stages in the life cycle of the small firm, and ways to solve entrepreneurial dilemmas that the entrepreneur faces during and in-between these different stages of development.

*Start-up Nation*  
Greenleaf Book Group

LAUNCHING NEW VENTURES, 7e provides tomorrow's entrepreneurs with the

tools to launch a successful new business in a global marketplace. The text follows the logical development process: from initial idea, to developing and testing a business model, to designing a business and preparing for growth. The seventh edition represents the most current thoughts, ideas, and practices in the field of entrepreneurship.

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*The Founder's Dilemmas* Beacon Press

Fully revised and expanded for the first time in a decade, this is Guy Kawasaki's classic, bestselling

guide to launching and making your new product, service, or idea a success.

Whether you're an aspiring entrepreneur, small-business owner, intrapreneur, or not-for-profit leader, there's no shortage of advice on topics such as innovating, recruiting, fund raising, and branding. In fact, there are so many books, articles, websites, blogs, webinars, and conferences that many startups get paralyzed, or they focus on the wrong priorities and go broke before they succeed. *The Art of the Start 2.0* solves that problem by distilling Guy Kawasaki's decades of experience as one of the most hardworking and irreverent strategists in the business world.

Guy has totally overhauled this iconic, essential guide for anyone starting anything. It's 64 percent longer than version 1.0 and features his latest insights and practical advice about social media, crowdfunding, cloud computing, and many other topics. Guy understands the seismic changes in business over the last decade: Once-invulnerable market leaders are struggling. Many of the basics of getting established have become easier, cheaper, and more democratic. Business plans are no longer necessary. Social media has replaced PR and advertising as the key method of promotion. Crowdfunding is now a viable alternative to

investors. The cloud makes basic infrastructure affordable for almost any new venture. The Art of the Start 2.0 will show you how to effectively deploy all these new tools. And it will help you master the fundamental challenges that have not changed: building a strong team, creating an awesome product or service, and facing down your competition. As Guy likes to say, "Entrepreneur is a state of mind, not a job title." His book will help you make your crazy ideas stick, through an adventure that's more art than science - the art of the start. Don't Mess It Up University of Chicago Press Momentum is your greatest ally - with it you can do anything,



without it you will stall. As CEO you hate surprises, especially the kind that undermines momentum - yours or the organization you lead. Every CEO's journey is unique. However, there exists a very predictable, but previously unknown pattern: the CEO life cycle. The Four Dilemmas of the CEO outlines the common challenges that every CEO will face during their tenure, irrespective of geography or industry. Once understood, action can be taken to break through these glass ceilings that cause CEOs to get stuck in the business, while their mandate for working on the business is continually diverted. Framed within the life cycle of

a CEO, the Four Dilemmas are: 1. You're in charge of everything, but cannot completely trust anything. 2. You know that today's executive cannot deliver tomorrow's results. 3. How do you engage the full capability of your executive on the business when their reputations were earned working in the business? 4. At what point does the price of remaining personally relevant outweigh your other options? In the first book to focus on the life cycle of a CEO, the authors draw on decades of international experience, both as former CEOs and trusted advisers, to show every executive how to recognize and anticipate the individual dilemmas,

master them, and accelerate through them.

Anticipating and Avoiding the Pitfalls That Can Sink a Startup MIT Press

The Organizational Life of Psychoanalysis is a wide-ranging exploration and examination of the organizational conflicts and dilemmas that have troubled psychoanalysis since its inception. Kenneth Eisold provides a unique, detailed, and closely reasoned account of the systems needed to carry out the tasks of training, quality control, community building, and relationships with the larger professional community. He explores how the freedom to innovate and explore can be sustained in a context

where the culture has insisted on certain standards being set and enforced, standards that have little to do with providing effective pathways to cure. Each chapter in this collection addresses a specific dilemma faced by the profession, including: Who is to be in charge of training and who will determine those who succeed the existing leadership? Which theories and practices are to be approved and which proscribed and censored? How is the competition with alternative methods, including psychotherapy informed by psychoanalysis, to be managed? Several chapters are devoted to exploring the reciprocal influence of

Freudian psychoanalysis and Jungian Analytical Psychology. Others explore the specific dilemmas and difficulties affecting the field currently, stemming from the massive restructuring of the health care industry and the changes affecting all professions, as they are reshaped into massive organizations no longer marked by personal relationships and individual control. *The Organizational Life of Psychoanalysis* will be essential reading for psychoanalysts, psychoanalytic psychotherapists, and anyone interested in the future of psychoanalysis as a profession. It will appeal greatly to anyone who has assumed full or partial

responsibility for the management of a psychoanalytic institute or association. *Max Planck and the Fortunes of German Science, With a New Afterword* Routledge  
Where are you in your business journey? Most entrepreneurs are looking for ways to push their companies to grow and get bigger. But they struggle with decisions about how big they want to become, how much money to keep investing in their company, and how to even go about it. They want more, but they're not sure how to think about the problems, obligations, and risk that come with growth. This is the growth dilemma. In *The Growth Dilemma*, Ami Kassir, author and nationally renowned

expert on access to capital for entrepreneurs, shows you how to sort through your choices to build your business to the size and complexity that makes the most sense for you. He'll walk you through exercises that help you:

- Answer the crucial million-dollar question
- Figure out what entrepreneurial stage you're in
- Determine your personal risk profile
- Identify your own growth aspirations

Knowing these parts of your puzzle will not only influence how you think about your growth dilemma but also allow you to discover your financing comfort zone. Through the profiles of fifteen real entrepreneurs and companies, you'll also be able to see,

throughout the book, examples of how different financing decisions affect every kind of business. As you apply the strategies you learn, you'll find the financing structure that will help you reach your goals.

**And Other Dilemmas of Race, Admissions, and Meritocracy at Elite Universities** IGI Global

An engaging guide to excelling in today's venture capital arena Beginning in 2005, Brad Feld and Jason Mendelson, managing directors at Foundry Group, wrote a long series of blog posts describing all the parts of a typical venture capital Term Sheet: a document which outlines key financial and other terms of a proposed investment. Since this time, they've

seen the series used as the basis for a number of college courses, and have been thanked by thousands of people who have used the information to gain a better understanding of the venture capital field. Drawn from the past work Feld and Mendelson have written about in their blog and augmented with newer material, *Venture Capital Financings* puts this discipline in perspective and lays out the strategies that allow entrepreneurs to excel in their start-up companies. Page by page, this book discusses all facets of the venture capital fundraising process. Along the way, Feld and Mendelson touch on everything from how valuations are set to what externalities

venture capitalists face that factor into entrepreneurs' businesses. Includes a breakdown analysis of the mechanics of a Term Sheet and the tactics needed to negotiate Details the different stages of the venture capital process, from starting a venture and seeing it through to the later stages Explores the entire venture capital ecosystem including those who invest in venture capitalist Contain standard documents that are used in these transactions Written by two highly regarded experts in the world of venture capital The venture capital arena is a complex and competitive place, but with this book as your guide, you'll discover what it takes to make

your way through it. *Inconsequential Dilemmas* Farrar, Straus and Giroux Our social, educational, professional, and political ethics play a significant role in every aspect of our life. As technology continues to influence our society, these principles need to be valued. *Moral, Ethical, and Social Dilemmas in the Age of Technology: Theories and Practice* highlights the innovations and developments in the ethical features of technology in society. This comprehensive collection brings together research in the areas of computer, engineering, and biotechnical ethics. These theoretical studies and innovative methodologies are essential for

researchers, practitioners and philosophers. *Conflicts, Dilemmas, and the Future of the Profession* Princeton University Press Often downplayed in the excitement of starting up a new business venture is one of the most important decisions entrepreneurs will face: should they go it alone, or bring in cofounders, hires, and investors to help build the business? More than just financial rewards are at stake. Friendships and relationships can suffer. Bad decisions at the inception of a promising venture lay the foundations for its eventual ruin. *The Founder's Dilemmas* is the first book to examine the early decisions by

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**The Art of the Start 2.0** innovad LLC  
In Don't Mess It Up: How Founders and Their Successors Can Avoid the Clichés That Inhibit Growth, author and six-time second

CEO Les Trachtman offers his expertise on the most effective ways to successfully hand off your company to a worthy successor. He also has advice for those who are inheriting a business and want to take it to the next level, as well as for boards who are dealing with these leadership transitions. In his direct, no-nonsense approach, Les shows readers how seemingly harmless business clichés such as “get it right” and “be careful” can have a detrimental effect on a company’s future by conveying that such imperative ingredients such as risk and innovation are things to now be avoided. Readers will learn how to:

- Understand the metamorphosis required to transition

from great founder to great CEO • Know when, and if, it’s time to replace yourself • Pick the right successor • Prepare yourself and your company for the fragile transition • Create a successful CEO transition • Separate yourself from the company There is likely no one more experienced in founder transitions than Les Trachtman. He has been an innovative and respected successor at six different companies; let his hard-won advice guide you through your transition and toward success.

### **An American**

### **Dilemma** Apress

What avoidable problem destroys more young startups than any other? Why is it a mistake to ask for



introductions to investors? When do you play the CEO card? Should you sell out? Author and four-time founder/CEO Dan Shapiro tells the stories of dozens of startups whose companies lived and died by the advice in these pages. From inception to destruction and triumph to despair, this rollercoaster read takes aspiring entrepreneurs from the highs of billion-dollar payouts and market-smashing success to the depths of impostor syndrome and bankruptcy. *Hot Seat* is divided into the five phases of the startup CEO experience: *Founding* explains how to formulate your idea, allocate equity, and not argue yourself to death; *Funding* provides the keys to venture capital,

angels, and crowdfunding, plus clear advice on which approach to choose; *Leadership* lays out a path to build a strategy and culture for your team that will survive good times and bad; *Management* reveals how to manage your board, argue with your team, and play the CEO card; *Endgame* explains how to finish a company's existence with grace, wealth, and minimal litigation.

**How to Overcome the Predictable Crises of Growth**

Cengage Learning

A new classic, cited by leaders and media around the globe as a highly recommended read for anyone interested in innovation. In *The Innovator's DNA*, authors Jeffrey Dyer, Hal Gregersen, and

bestselling author Clayton Christensen (The Innovator's Dilemma, The Innovator's Solution, How Will You Measure Your Life?) build on what we know about disruptive innovation to show how individuals can develop the skills necessary to move progressively from idea to impact. By identifying behaviors of the world's best innovators—from leaders at Amazon and Apple to those at Google, Skype, and Virgin Group—the authors outline five discovery skills that distinguish innovative entrepreneurs and executives from ordinary managers: Associating, Questioning, Observing, Networking, and Experimenting. Once you master these

competencies (the authors provide a self-assessment for rating your own innovator's DNA), the authors explain how to generate ideas, collaborate to implement them, and build innovation skills throughout the organization to result in a competitive edge. This innovation advantage will translate into a premium in your company's stock price—an innovation premium—which is possible only by building the code for innovation right into your organization's people, processes, and guiding philosophies. Practical and provocative, The Innovator's DNA is an essential resource for individuals and teams who want to

strengthen their innovative prowess. The Organizational Life of Psychoanalysis Bloomsbury Publishing “Deeply reported and bracingly written, this book is an indispensable guide to modern innovation and entrepreneurship.” —Walter Isaacson, New York Times bestselling author of Code Breaker A definitive look at the origin of PayPal and its founding team—including Elon Musk, Amy Rowe Klement, Peter Thiel, Julie Anderson, Max Levchin, Reid Hoffman, and many others whose stories have never been shared. They have defined the modern world. This experience defined them. Today, PayPal’s founders and earliest employees are considered the

technology industry’s most powerful network. Since leaving PayPal, they have formed, funded, and advised the leading companies of our era, including Tesla, Facebook, YouTube, SpaceX, Yelp, Palantir, and LinkedIn, among many others. As a group, they have driven twenty-first-century innovation and entrepreneurship. Their names stir passions; they’re as controversial as they are admired. Yet for all their influence, the story of where they first started has gone largely untold. Before igniting the commercial space race or jumpstarting social media’s rise, they were the unknown creators of a scrappy online payments start-up called PayPal. In building what became one of the world’s

foremost companies, they faced bruising competition, internal strife, the emergence of widespread online fraud, and the devastating dot-com bust of the 2000s. Their success was anything but certain. In *The Founders: The Story of PayPal and the Entrepreneurs Who Shaped Silicon Valley*, award-winning author and biographer Jimmy Soni explores PayPal's turbulent early days. With hundreds of interviews and unprecedented access to thousands of pages of internal material, he shows how the seeds of so much of what shapes our world today—fast-scaling digital start-ups, cashless currency concepts, mobile money transfer—were planted two decades

ago. He also reveals the stories of countless individuals who were left out of the front-page features and banner headlines but who were central to PayPal's success. *The Founders* is a story of iteration and inventiveness—the products of which have cast a long and powerful shadow over modern life. This narrative illustrates how this rare assemblage of talent came to work together and how their collaboration changed our world forever. [Hot Seat](#) Princeton University Press  
An expert in management takes on the conventional wisdom about disruption, looking at companies that proved resilient and offering managers tools for

survival. “Disruption” is a business buzzword that has gotten out of control. Today everything and everyone seem to be characterized as disruptive—or, if they aren't disruptive yet, it's only a matter of time before they become so. In this book, Joshua Gans cuts through the chatter to focus on disruption in its initial use as a business term, identifying new ways to understand it and suggesting new tools to manage it. Almost twenty years ago Clayton Christensen popularized the term in his book *The Innovator's Dilemma*, writing of disruption as a set of risks that established firms face. Since then, few have closely examined his account. Gans does so

in this book. He looks at companies that have proven resilient and those that have fallen, and explains why some companies have successfully managed disruption—Fujifilm and Canon, for example—and why some like Blockbuster and Encyclopedia Britannica have not. Departing from the conventional wisdom, Gans identifies two kinds of disruption: demand-side, when successful firms focus on their main customers and underestimate market entrants with innovations that target niche demands; and supply-side, when firms focused on developing existing competencies become incapable of developing new ones. Gans describes the full

range of actions business leaders can take to deal with each type of disruption, from “self-disrupting” independent internal units to tightly integrated product development. But therein lies the disruption dilemma: A firm cannot practice both independence and integration at once. Gans shows business leaders how to choose their strategy so their firms can deal with disruption while continuing to innovate.

### **Venture Deals**

Stanford University Press

In this landmark effort to understand African American people in the New World, Gunnar Myrdal provides deep insight into the contradictions of American democracy as well as a study of a

people within a people. The title of the book, 'An American Dilemma', refers to the moral contradiction of a nation torn between allegiance to its highest ideals and awareness of the base realities of racial discrimination. The touchstone of this classic is the jarring discrepancy between the American creed of respect for the inalienable rights to freedom, justice, and opportunity for all and the pervasive violations of the dignity of blacks. The appendices are a gold mine of information, theory, and methodology. Indeed, two of the appendices were issued as a separate work given their importance for systematic theory in social research. The

new introduction by Sissela Bok offers a remarkably intimate yet rigorously objective appraisal of Myrdal—a social scientist who wanted to see himself as an analytic intellectual, yet had an unbending desire to bring about change. 'An American Dilemma' is testimonial to the man as well as the ideas he espoused. When it first appeared 'An American Dilemma' was called "the most penetrating and important book on contemporary American civilization"

by Robert S. Lynd; "One of the best political commentaries on American life that has ever been written" in *The American Political Science Review*; and a book with "a novelty and a courage seldom found in American discussions either of our total society or of the part which the Negro plays in it" in *'The American Sociological Review'*. It is a foundation work for all those concerned with the history and current status of race relations in the United States.