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How to Handle a Crowd

The Megachurch Book juxtaposes the way of the scripture to the way of the modern day church, particularly the megachurch. A broad range of subjects are explored including church membership, lavish buildings, dual church locations, the absence of men in the church, neglect of community, the corporate orientation of the megachurch, the tax exempt charter, and many more intriguing topics. The book primarily focuses on trends and practices that are found in African American community based megachurches. Certain topics are written in prose and biblical metaphoric style for greater impact. The more biblical versed a reader is, the more the book will resonate. In order to accommodate various levels of biblical familiarity, the author includes a Discussions and Supporting Scriptures section at the conclusion of each topic. The Megachurch Book was written to open dialogue, invoke discourse, and inspire church attendees to not only consider the appropriateness of certain megachurch practices, but to also question such practices.

The Art of Community

Although communities feel magical, they don't come together by magic. Get Together is a guide to cultivating a community-people who come together over what they care about. Whether starting a run crew, helping online streamers connect with fans, or sparking a movement of K-12 teachers, the secret to community-building is the same: don't fixate on what you can do for people (or what they can do for you). Instead, focus on what you can do with them. In Get Together, the People & Company team provides stories, prompts, and principles for each stage of cultivating a passionate group of people. Every organization holds the potential to build and sustain a thriving community. Get Together shows readers how companies and customers, artist and fans, or organizers and advocates, can join forces to accomplish more together than they could have

alone.

The Art of Community

Harness the power of communities, both inside and outside of your organization, to drive value and revenue, activate your employees' and customers' talents, and create a highly engaged, loyal customer base. What if you discovered a blueprint that could grow your brand's reputation and loyalty, dramatically reduce customer service issues, produce content and technology, and cement a powerful, lasting relationship between you and your customers? Communities have been a popular topic since the rise of the Internet and social media, but few companies have consistently harnessed their power, driven tangible value, and effectively measured their return on investment (ROI) like: Salesforce.com has seen tremendous results with their community network of over 2 million members advocating for, supporting, and integrating Salesforce.com products Star Citizen used Kickstarter to raise over \$150 million to build their new video game and a community of over 2 million players. Red Hat collaborated with their community to build industry-leading technology, which led to a \$34 billion acquisition by IBM Companies such as PayPal, Facebook, Bosch, Microsoft, CapitalOne, and Google, have also built communities inside their organizations, which have fostered innovation, broken down silos, and helped their organizations to operate more efficiently and collaboratively. People Powered helps C-suite leaders, founders, marketers, customer advocates, and community leaders gain a competitive advantage by answering the following questions: What is the key value proposition of building a community? What kind of community do we need and how do we build and integrate it into our organization? How do we incentivize and encourage people to get involved, build reliable growth, and keep community members engaged? How do we develop authentic, productive relationships with community members both online and in person? How do we get departmental buy-in, hire effectively, and create consistent, reliable community engagement skills in our organization? What are the strategic and tactical pitfalls and roadblocks we need to avoid? How do we make sure that our community continues to grow with us—and more importantly, how do we make sure that we continue to grow with them? People Powered pulls together over 20 years of pragmatic experience into a clear, simple methodology and blueprint to not just answer these questions, but deliver results. It also includes contributions from industry leaders including Joseph Gordon-Levitt (Emmy-award winning actor), Peter H. Diamandis (Founder of XPRIZE, Singularity University), Jim Zemlin (Executive Director, The Linux Foundation), Mike Shinoda (Co-Founder, Linkin Park), Jim Whitehurst (CEO, Red Hat), and more. Don't get left behind—become an industry trailblazer and ensure your company's longevity by tapping into the most dynamic force both outside and inside your organization: the people.

Bank Director

Take a snapshot of your life. Does it look and feel out of focus and blurry? Think about your life like you would a

photograph. When it is out of focus what you see is blurry or fuzzy. The last time you took a picture and the camera focus was off or not working, were you disappointed with the result? Could be that the people or the scenery were so blurred that it made everything in the picture unrecognizable. What did you do with it? Did you delete it or toss it out if it was a print? Someone who is constantly distracted with trivial tweets, computer games, a constant flow of junk email and Smartphone apps will not be nearly as successful as someone who can and does focus his or her mind and behavior. Learning to do this is truly like learning how to unleash the power of your mind. You have a potent tool available when your mind is focused and you make a purposeful decision to concentrate. Let me ask you, how many times do you check your email, Facebook page and Twitter account per hour? If you are the average heavy multitasker, your answer will be 37 times plus! Now ask yourself this question. What is this doing for you? Are you smarter? Are you wealthier? How about happier? Maybe it is high time you seriously looked into this whole idea of focused attention.

Spotlight on the Art of Resilience

An authentic brand community is more than just people buying your product or working alongside one another. This book articulates the critical roles of mutual concern, common values, and shared experiences in creating fiercely loyal customer and collaborator relationships. Smart organizations know that creating communities is the key to unlocking unprecedented outcomes. But too many mistakenly rely on superficial transactional relationships as a foundation for community, when really people want something deeper. Carrie Melissa Jones and Charles Vogl argue that in an authentic and enriching community, members have mutual concern for one another, share personal values, and join together in meaningful shared experiences, whether online or off. On the deepest level, brands must help members grow into who they want to be. Jones and Vogl present practices used by global brands like Yelp, Etsy, Twitch, Harley Davidson, Salesforce, Airbnb, Sephora, and others to connect in a meaningful way with the people critical for their success. They articulate how authentic communities can serve organizational goals in seven different areas: innovation, talent recruitment, customer retention, marketing, customer service, building transformational movements, and creating community forums. They also reveal principles to grow a new brand community to critical mass. This is the first comprehensive guide to a crucial differentiator that gives organizations access to untapped enthusiasm and engagement.

Untying the Yellow Ribbon

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF ESSENCE'S 50 MOST IMPACTFUL BLACK BOOKS OF THE PAST 50 YEARS In this iconic memoir of his early days, Barack Obama “guides us straight to the intersection of the most serious questions of identity, class, and race” (The Washington Post Book World). “Quite extraordinary.”—Toni Morrison In this lyrical, unsentimental, and compelling memoir, the son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a

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workable meaning to his life as a black American. It begins in New York, where Barack Obama learns that his father—a figure he knows more as a myth than as a man—has been killed in a car accident. This sudden death inspires an emotional odyssey—first to a small town in Kansas, from which he retraces the migration of his mother’s family to Hawaii, and then to Kenya, where he meets the African side of his family, confronts the bitter truth of his father’s life, and at last reconciles his divided inheritance. Praise for *Dreams from My Father* “Beautifully crafted . . . moving and candid . . . This book belongs on the shelf beside works like James McBride’s *The Color of Water* and Gregory Howard Williams’s *Life on the Color Line* as a tale of living astride America’s racial categories.”—Scott Turow “Provocative . . . Persuasively describes the phenomenon of belonging to two different worlds, and thus belonging to neither.”—The New York Times Book Review “Obama’s writing is incisive yet forgiving. This is a book worth savoring.”—Alex Kotlowitz, author of *There Are No Children Here* “One of the most powerful books of self-discovery I’ve ever read, all the more so for its illuminating insights into the problems not only of race, class, and color, but of culture and ethnicity. It is also beautifully written, skillfully layered, and paced like a good novel.”—Charlayne Hunter-Gault, author of *In My Place* “*Dreams from My Father* is an exquisite, sensitive study of this wonderful young author’s journey into adulthood, his search for community and his place in it, his quest for an understanding of his roots, and his discovery of the poetry of human life. Perceptive and wise, this book will tell you something about yourself whether you are black or white.”—Marian Wright Edelman

Belong

"Hosts of all kinds, this is a must-read!" --Chris Anderson, owner and curator of TED From the host of the New York Times podcast *Together Apart*, an exciting new approach to how we gather that will transform the ways we spend our time together—at home, at work, in our communities, and beyond. In *The Art of Gathering*, Priya Parker argues that the gatherings in our lives are lackluster and unproductive--which they don't have to be. We rely too much on routine and the conventions of gatherings when we should focus on distinctiveness and the people involved. At a time when coming together is more important than ever, Parker sets forth a human-centered approach to gathering that will help everyone create meaningful, memorable experiences, large and small, for work and for play. Drawing on her expertise as a facilitator of high-powered gatherings around the world, Parker takes us inside events of all kinds to show what works, what doesn't, and why. She investigates a wide array of gatherings--conferences, meetings, a courtroom, a flash-mob party, an Arab-Israeli summer camp--and explains how simple, specific changes can invigorate any group experience. The result is a book that's both journey and guide, full of exciting ideas with real-world applications. *The Art of Gathering* will forever alter the way you look at your next meeting, industry conference, dinner party, and backyard barbecue--and how you host and attend them.

The Book of Positive Vibes

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Get ready to focus on the single most important thing you can do to live a happy, healthy, and successful life: BELONG. “Read this book, do what it says, and discover exactly where you fit in.” —John Mackey, Co-founder and CEO, Whole Foods Market “If you want to belong, read this book.” —Deepak Chopra, MD “From the moment I opened this book I was hooked. This book is caring and tender, challenging and action-driven. It is now on my recommendation list.” —Esther Perel, author of *Mating in Captivity* and *The State of Affairs*, host of *Where Should We Begin?* podcast How is it that the internet connects us to a world of people, yet so many of us feel more isolated than ever? That we have hundreds, even thousands of friends on social media, but not a single person to truly confide in? Radha Agrawal calls this “community confusion,” and in *Belong* she offers every reader a blueprint to find their people and build and nurture community, because connectedness—as more and more studies show—is our key to happiness, fulfillment, and success. A book that’s equal parts inspiring and interactive, and packed with prompts, charts, quizzes, and full-color illustrations, *Belong* takes readers on a two-part journey. Part one is *Going IN*—a gentle but intentional process of self-discovery and finding out your true energy levels and VIA (values, interests, and abilities). Part two is *Going OUT*—building on all that you’ve learned about yourself to find those few special people who feed your soul, and discovering, or creating, the ever-widening groups that align with your aims and desires. As the Co-founder and CEO of the popular global morning dance community *Daybreaker*, Radha Agrawal developed an immense offline community with her team of *Community Catalysts* in 25 cities and on a dozen college campuses around the world by creating a physical space for people to connect, self-express, sweat, and dance. Now, Radha offers the life-changing strategies, tips, and tricks for making friends that will light your fire and give you the exhale of “Ahh, I’m home.” “Radha has written a book that’s fun to read, easy to digest, and embodies deep wisdom. This isn’t just a book I’m endorsing. This is a book that I want to buy multiple copies of because I have so many friends and acquaintances that will benefit from it. It’s the first book I couldn’t wait to finish reading it so I could give my copy to one of my friends to read the same day.” —Tony Hsieh, CEO of Zappos and author of *Delivering Happiness*

The Megachurch Book

There are many souls, very far away, in grave danger. They dwell in the triple star system known as EPHAIDRIA, its four living worlds inhabited by eight thriving civilizations. Among them, an abducted race of humans face genocide. Astral entities have invaded, infiltrating their victim's nightmares and consuming the dark energy created by their fear. Ephaidria's only hope? Four Earthlings from the Milky Way, each in possession of a unique paranormal power. Clairaudience - The ability to perceive other's thoughts. Claircognizance - The capacity to sense an imminent moment. Clairvoyance - The gift to glimpse the near and distant future. And the most significant . . . the power of healing. Following the onset of identical dreams, these extraordinary humans are drawn together by a series of serendipitous events. With the help of earthly spirits, they are guided to a mystical archway of light, summoning them to depart on an epic adventure.

Creative Community Builder's Handbook

This book is an all-in-one primer for anyone aiming to build on-line communities. It covers the theory of Social Architecture, and the tools you need to build a community. It explains the ZeroMQ community in detail, including its collaboration process (C4). This is a powerful book for anyone building an Open Source community, or an on-line community in other areas.

The Art Of Seduction

Life is all about risk. Sometimes you embrace it. Other times, fate forces your hand. A. C. Burch's powerful collection of eight short stories transports the reader from Private Quarters, where a young musician must negotiate the competing demands of two strong-willed women, to a luxurious yacht in the Caribbean, where an embittered detective finds himself rejecting his Last Chance at love. A Book of Revelations is all about the cliff'the tipping point'the instant we must roll the dice or succumb to the status quo. Burch's characters face life with courage and humor in a tenacious search for meaning and fulfillment. Set in Provincetown, Palm Beach, Boston, Maine, Carnegie Hall, and the Caribbean, these memorable stories span not just distance but the range of life's experiences.

Creating Community Anywhere

'I learned much from this book. Priya Parker has created both an art and a science to gathering in ways that can bring joy and fulfillment to any meeting.' - Deepak Chopra MD 'This is a must-read!' - Chris Anderson, owner and curator of TED 'A fantastic book' - Forbes 'Remarkable' - Bustle We spend our lives gathering - first in classrooms and then in meetings, weddings, conferences and away days. Yet so many of us spend this time in underwhelming moments that fail to engage us, inspire us, or connect us. We've all sat in meetings where people talk past each other or go through the motions and others which galvanize a team and remind everyone why they first took the job. We've been to weddings that were deeply moving and others that were run-of-the-mill and simply faded away. Why do some moments take off and others fizzle? What's the difference between the gatherings that inspire you and the ones that don't? In The Art of Gathering, Priya Parker gets to the heart of these questions and reveals how to design a transformative gathering. An expert on organizing successful gatherings whether in conference centres or her living room, Parker shows us how to create moving, magical, mind-changing experiences - even in spaces where we've come to expect little.

Community

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Most of our communities are fragmented and at odds within themselves. Businesses, social services, education, and health care each live within their own worlds. The same is true of individual citizens, who long for connection but end up marginalized, their gifts overlooked, their potential contributions lost. What keeps this from changing is that we are trapped in an old and tired conversation about who we are. If this narrative does not shift, we will never truly create a common future and work toward it together. What Peter Block provides in this inspiring new book is an exploration of the exact way community can emerge from fragmentation. How is community built? How does the transformation occur? What fundamental shifts are involved? What can individuals and formal leaders do to create a place they want to inhabit? We know what healthy communities look like—there are many success stories out there. The challenge is how to create one in our own place. Block helps us see how we can change the existing context of community from one of deficiencies, interests, and entitlement to one of possibility, generosity, and gifts. Questions are more important than answers in this effort, which means leadership is not a matter of style or vision but is about getting the right people together in the right way: convening is a more critical skill than commanding. As he explores the nature of community and the dynamics of transformation, Block outlines six kinds of conversation that will create communal accountability and commitment and describes how we can design physical spaces and structures that will themselves foster a sense of belonging. In *Community*, Peter Block explores a way of thinking about our places that creates an opening for authentic communities to exist and details what each of us can do to make that happen.

The Art of Community

Survival Guide provides bank directors and bank executives with the tools required to navigate the unique challenges faced by bank board members. Service as a bank director may have been considered an honor in the past - but times have changed. Today, bank directors assume more personal liability and face greater regulatory requirements than other board positions. Strong banks are the lifeblood of a healthy, growing community. When you serve as a bank director you have an extraordinary opportunity to contribute to the economic health of your community by helping local businesses grow and create jobs. Survival Guide provides you with a practical roadmap for making your job as a bank director more effective and rewarding - from the day you join to the day you depart your bank board. Every board consists of unique talents and personalities so Survival Guide is not a "cookbook". Your board and the bank's executive management team need to determine your own "recipe" for success.

New Creative Community

The Book of Positive Vibes is a collection of inspirational poems for all ages!

Runaway Bride

A great diary/ log book for any Train enthusiast, Information and notes can be recorded 100 pages

Get Together

The Muddy Fingers Garden Crew to the Rescue! follows the kids from school to a nearby neighborhood where they work to save a friend's community garden in jeopardy of closure due to a squabble among neighbors. Will all be lost?

Ephaidria

Bring People Together! Strong communities help people support one another, share their passions, and achieve big goals. And such communities aren't just happy accidents—they can be purposefully cultivated, whether they're in a company, in a faith institution, or among friends and enthusiasts. Drawing on 3,000 years of history and his personal experience, Charles Vogl lays out seven time-tested principles for growing enduring, effective, and connected communities. He provides hands-on tools for creatively adapting these principles to any group—formal or informal, mission driven or social, physical or virtual. This book is a guide for leaders seeking to build a vibrant, living entity that will greatly enrich its members' lives.

Building Successful Online Communities

Which sort of seducer could you be? Siren? Rake? Cold Coquette? Star? Comedian? Charismatic? Or Saint? This book will show you which. Charm, persuasion, the ability to create illusions: these are some of the many dazzling gifts of the Seducer, the compelling figure who is able to manipulate, mislead and give pleasure all at once. When raised to the level of art, seduction, an indirect and subtle form of power, has toppled empires, won elections and enslaved great minds. In this beautiful, sensually designed book, Greene unearths the two sides of seduction: the characters and the process. Discover who you, or your pursuer, most resembles. Learn, too, the pitfalls of the anti-Seducer. Immerse yourself in the twenty-four manoeuvres and strategies of the seductive process, the ritual by which a seducer gains mastery over their target. Understand how to 'Choose the Right Victim', 'Appear to Be an Object of Desire' and 'Confuse Desire and Reality'. In addition, Greene provides instruction on how to identify victims by type. Each fascinating character and each cunning tactic demonstrates a fundamental truth about who we are, and the targets we've become - or hope to win over. The Art of Seduction is an indispensable primer on the essence of one of history's greatest weapons and the ultimate power trip. From the internationally bestselling author of The 48 Laws of Power, Mastery, and The 33 Strategies Of War.

A Book of Revelations

Heroes are all around us you can be one of them! Books for healthcare practitioners and facilities are often geared to executives and senior staff. In Heroes in the Halls, however, author Claude Halpin incorporates leadership concepts, education and management practices which can be used by all, both at work and home regardless of individual roles. With years of professional experience, education and consulting experience supporting his efforts, Claude teaches practices that break down barriers among staff members, helping them achieve goals and releasing the untapped potential of every employee.

Lazaros' Notebook

A RUNAWAY BRIDE Grace Marshall fled the church moments before her ceremony, leaving her twin sister buttoned into the wedding dress. A risky move for a good reason, and now she has to deal with the fallout. She expects the town and her family to be angry, but not this cowboy she just met. Who is he to judge? WITH SECRETS TO HIDE Horse trainer Mike Torres Thompson fabricated new identities for his siblings in order to keep them together after their parents died. Different location, different names, different lives. Once these last two kids are on their feet-and those feet moving out his door, he can pursue his own dream of a ranch for abused horses. Then he meets Grace, and all his carefully-formed plans run away like a mustang. Or a bride. Neither denies their physical attraction, but love? Can the runaway bride and the responsible family man overcome their pasts and learn to trust? Will they be able to take a leap of faith toward a future together?

----- Author's note: While this is the second book in the series, it can be read at any time as a stand alone. I hope you enjoy them all, in whatever order you read them. WHAT REVIEWERS ARE SAYING ABOUT MEGAN'S BOOKS: THE WEDDING RESCUE, Love in Little Tree Book 1 4 Stars (at the Long and Short Reviews site; 3 stars on Amazon), Long and Short Reviews The Wedding Rescue is a full bodied romance filled with a lot of emotional layers. There's gentle humor, characters that are genuinely likeable, and a few that are not, with good reason. It's a well told romance story that takes the time to explore all the nuances of ranch and community life and shares with a reader all its charm and quirks. 4 Stars, Jeep Diva reviews a slow burn type of romance you need to read this one! STAND-IN MOM 4 1/2 Stars, Romantic Times Book Reviews a -charming romance- and -a runaway good read.- 4 1/2 Books from Long and Short Reviews -rich in emotional detail- Voted Book of the Week at LASR Readers 4 Cups from Coffee Time Romance -This is a book you will be glad you took the time to read.- THE MARRIAGE SOLUTION 4 Stars, Romantic Times Book Reviews -a sweet story of love and parenting.- MARRYING THE BOSS 2008 Romantic Times Reviewers Choice Nominee Best First Book

Collective Manifestation

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A guide to successful community moderation exploring everything from the trenches of Reddit to your neighborhood Facebook page. Don't read the comments. Old advice, yet more relevant than ever. The tools we once hailed for their power to connect people and spark creativity can also be hotbeds of hate, harassment, and political division. Platforms like Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter are under fire for either too much or too little moderation. Creating and maintaining healthy online communities isn't easy. Over the course of two years of graduate research at MIT, former tech journalist and current product manager Anika Gupta interviewed moderators who'd worked on the sidelines of gamer forums and in the quagmires of online news comments sections. She's spoken with professional and volunteer moderators for communities like Pantsuit Nation, Nextdoor, World of Warcraft guilds, Reddit, and FetLife. In *How to Handle a Crowd*, she shares what makes successful communities tick – and what you can learn from them about the delicate balance of community moderation. Topics include: -Building creative communities in online spaces -Bridging political division—and creating new alliances -Encouraging freedom of speech -Defining and eliminating hate and trolling -Ensuring safety for all participants -Motivating community members to action *How to Handle a Crowd* is the perfect book for anyone looking to take their small community group to the next level, start a career in online moderation, or tackle their own business's comments section.

Dreams from My Father

Resilience is largely an exercise of mindset and mindfulness, of perspective and persistence, of ways of thinking and of will. Inside, you will find personal stories and their lessons that are intended to help anyone who is struggling with a personal test or dealing with loss.

The Showing

An ideas and process based book helping individuals and groups to follow dreams through creation of online and physical intentional communities, that inspire, innovate and contribute to positive social change and new realizations of love, peace and plenty around the globe.

Building Brand Communities

Online communities offer a wide range of opportunities today, whether you're supporting a cause, marketing a product or service, or developing open source software. *The Art of Community* will help you develop the broad range of talents you need to recruit members to your community, motivate and manage them, and help them become active participants. Author Jono Bacon offers a collection of experiences and observations from his decade-long involvement in building and managing communities, including his current position as manager for Ubuntu, arguably the largest community in open

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source software. You'll discover how a vibrant community can provide you with a reliable support network, a valuable source of new ideas, and a powerful marketing force. The Art of Community will help you: Develop a strategy, with specific objectives and goals, for building your community Build simple, non-bureaucratic processes to help your community perform tasks, work together, and share successes Provide tools and infrastructure that let contributors work quickly Create buzz around your community to get more people involved Track the community's work so it can be optimized and simplified Explore a capable, representative governance strategy for your community Identify and manage conflict, including dealing with divisive personalities

Focus

Create a Culture of Belonging! Strong cultures help people support one another, share their passions, and achieve big goals. And such cultures of belonging aren't just happy accidents - they can be purposefully cultivated, whether they're in a company, a faith institution or among friends and enthusiasts. Drawing on 3,000 years of history and his personal experience, Charles Vogl lays out seven time-tested principles for growing enduring, effective and connected communities. He provides hands-on tools for creatively adapting these principles to any group—formal or informal, mission driven or social, physical or virtual. This book is a guide for leaders seeking to build a vibrant, living culture that will enrich lives.

The Art of Gathering

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Put the power of arts and culture to work in your community Part 1 of this unique guide distills research and emerging ideas behind culturally driven community development and explains key underlying principles. You'll understand the arts impact on community well-being and have the rationale for engaging others. Find inspiration and ideas from twenty case studies Part 2 gives you ten concrete strategies for building on the unique qualities of your own community. Each strategy is illustrated by two case studies taken from a variety of cities, small towns, and neighborhoods across the United States. You'll learn how people from all walks of life used culture and creativity as a glue to bind together people, ideas, enterprises, and institutions to make places more balanced and healthy. These examples are followed in Part 3 with six steps to assessing, planning, and implementing creative community building projects: 1. Assess Your Situation and Goals; 2. Identify and Recruit Effective Partners; 3. Map Values, Strengths, Assets, and History; 4. Focus on Your Key Asset, Vision, Identity, and Core Strategies; 5. Craft a Plan That Brings the Identity to Life; 6. Secure Funding, Policy Support, and Media Coverage. Detailed guidance, hands-on worksheets, and a hypothetical community sample walk you through the entire

process. Each section includes additional resources as well as an appendix listing books, web sites, organizations, and research studies. By understanding the theoretical context (Part 1), learning from case studies (Part 2), and following the six steps (Part 3), you'll be able to build a more vibrant, creative, and equitable community.

Principals of Inclusion

guide to online community management for professionals

The Art of Community

An essential textbook about how communities develop themselves through collaborative creative arts.

Heroes in the Halls

Dr. Griffiths' Principals of Inclusion is both a practical, realistic blueprint and an inspiring call to action for accelerating schools/school systems in their search to optimize all students' potential (inclusion). In an information age and an increasingly interconnected Global Village, no student's potential can afford to be wasted, especially by exclusionary educational practices/traditions (either conscious or unconscious). Dr. Griffiths writes clearly, using universal metaphors/tactics applicable to all educational situations.

Buzzing Communities

'His visit to the house has awoken that which was sleeping: how many must be taken before IT can be laid to rest?' For Sale again is Mister Jones' family home: a house he had known and feared since his childhood. On a nostalgic whim he decides to visit the house, with disastrous results. The house reacts to his appearance and the estate agent who is showing him around vanishes. Shortly afterwards the next agent appointed to handle the sale of the property also disappears. Mister Jones wants nothing to do with the property. His visit has awoken old memories for him, and the memories are not pleasant. But it is clear that something else has also been awoken by his visit, and when he is begged to help find the young agent who has vanished, he can no longer avoid the responsibility of facing his legacy of evil, and dealing with the curse laid upon the house. But what will happen when he faces IT, and who will emerge alive? If you knew just how much of this story is true, how well would you sleep tonight? The following books in the series of Mister Jones Mysteries are: Portrait of a Girl The House Next Door The Curse of Clyffe House You will find links to the next books in the collection on the author's Amazon page.

How to Do Creative Placemaking

"A compelling proposal for a new American social contract that prevents the loss of another generation of Veterans and heals our communities from more than a decade at war" America is welcoming home nearly 12 million post-9/11 Service Members, Veterans, Guard, Reserve, and military family members. Our Federal systems are not meeting their transition needs and these systems can't adapt rapidly enough. Fortunately, there is a safety net to prevent losing another generation of Veterans to homelessness, suicide, and substance abuse. There is a way to safeguard their families from divorce, domestic abuse, and child maltreatment. There is a solution: It's called COMMUNITY. As citizens, we genuinely want to help but the issues seem so complex. The good news is that this is how Americans have always solved our problems. It's our history and our spirit from the pilgrims to the pioneers, from women's suffrage to the civil rights movement, from the Minutemen to Rosie the Riveter. This little book breaks the issues down into easy to read pieces and gives every American a way to step up and help. Good or bad, right or wrong, fair or unfair, transition takes place at home and the burden of care for this generation of Veterans will impact local budgets as well as exacting a serious human toll on Veteran families and communities. If we act now, we may contain some of these costs while preventing divorce, domestic violence, and child abuse. It is unlikely that we will receive much, if any, meaningful help from Federal government. It's up to us to design and implement our own solutions. Consider how we survived the Great Depression and sacrificed during World War II. Isn't that how America has always worked best? As American citizens, we are bombarded with negative messaging about today's transitioning military and their needs. Scandals among our top military leaders and the epidemic of military sexual assault have caused us to question our entire military system. In the process, we have lost sight of the tremendous skills and experiences our transitioning military bring home: commitment to service; leadership and teamwork; work ethic; and entrepreneurship. So, if we really want to say "Thank you for your service" in a meaningful way, we will engage in a mindset shift where we no longer look at our military coming home as a sorry rucksack of needs but as a much needed battalion of community leaders and volunteers who can help us rebuild America. Everyone wins! So, we have a tsunami of needs that will cost us billions of dollars. Meanwhile, we have the opportunity to tap into an ocean of potential. And, we all still have hopes and dreams for America. But, that will require us to work together. The bad news is that we have forgotten how to BE community. We have forgotten how to roll up our sleeves, solve our own problems, and take care of our own people. We have allowed ourselves to become polarized as citizens and it paralyzes our ability to work together for the common good, where everyone wins. The good news is that there is one issue that everyone agrees on, perhaps the only issue: no one in America wants to lose another generation of Veterans like we did after Vietnam. So, if we can ALL agree on this one issue, can this be our rallying point? Can we support our military coming home in a way that strengthens community, generates cost savings in local government, creates economic development, and lays a foundation to rebuild an America everyone is proud of? We ALL have something at stake here. We may have misplaced some of the best parts of ourselves, but we have not completely lost our American values. It is not too late for us to reclaim what has always been one of America's greatest

strengths: our ability to reinvent ourselves and our commitment to take care of our own. It's time to shift our paradigm. It's time to move into action. Read Untying the Yellow Ribbon. Join the movement. Do your part to rebuild America!

Social Architecture

Continuing Care Retirement Communities. First published in 1984. "Today there are about 275 continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) in the United States where some 90,000 elderly people (average age about 80) live independently in their own apartments but have the opportunity for eating together, group recreation, and other activities that comes from being part of an organized community. Most important, in addition to having immediately available a variety of health and social services which they can call on according to their desires and needs, the residents have a virtual guarantee that they will be adequately taken care of no matter what happens to their health. The fear of someday being a burden on relatives or friends or of finding oneself helpless among uncaring strangers is effectively removed. It is this health care guarantee that principally distinguishes CCRCs from other retirement communities. CCRCs provide insurance against the cost of long-term care, and supplement coverage of acute health care costs paid for largely by Medicare and private insurance. Their unique feature is that they provide this otherwise unobtainable full insurance in combination with independent living arrangements that the resident can enjoy as long as health permits. CCRCs are intended to be fully self-supporting, and therein lies the origin of this book. The study is the first detailed analysis of the actuarial, financial, and legal issues involved in keeping existing CCRCs financially sound and providing for the formation of new communities in ways that protect the rights of residents while assuring the perpetuation of the community. CCRCs provide essentially a new form of insurance, but until now this type of insurance has not been subjected to rigorous examination. It is fortunate that such an examination has begun, and it is to be hoped that this book will be followed quickly by other work in the field. The members of the Advisory Committee who worked closely with the research team believe that the CCRC field may be on the threshold of a major expansion, principally because for the first time large numbers of older Americans will be able to meet the cost. The financing method combines a sizable entrance fee (average \$35,000 single and \$39,000 couple at the time of the study) with a monthly payment which is adjusted from time to time for inflation and occasionally other factors (average \$600 single and \$850 couple). About 70 percent of older people now own their homes, and in many cases they have enough equity in those homes to meet the required entrance fees. And inflation-proof Social Security plus some additional income from private pensions and investments can form a basis for meeting the monthly fee for many older people, although undoubtedly considerably less than a majority. It is true that many who can afford CCRCs will nevertheless prefer other retirement arrangements, but for a considerable number the full health insurance, including long-term care, combined with independent living in a community setting will make CCRCs attractive. On behalf of the other 12 members of the Advisory Committee, I wish to commend the research team-Howard E. Winklevoss, Ph.D., project director; Alwyn V. Powell, MAAA; David L. Cohen, Esq.; Ann Trueblood-Raper; and Amy R. Karash-for their efforts to address the comments and

suggestions of the Advisory Committee throughout the past 18 months and for diligently pursuing the research which has produced this book. We also wish to thank Dr. Dan M. McGill, who served the study as consultant to the research team and as chairman of the Wharton School Insurance Department and the Pension Research Council. It is our hope that the book will be useful to public policymakers, to corporations and foundations with an interest in older people and their health, to the financial community, and to potential sponsors of CCRCs."

Continuing Care Retirement Communities

What's the point of creating a great Web site if no one goes there-or worse, if people come but never return? How do some sites, such as America Online, EBay, and GeoCities, develop into Internet communities with loyal followings and regular repeat traffic? How can Web page designers and developers create sites that are vibrant and rewarding? Amy Jo Kim, author of *Community Building on the Web* and consultant to some of the most successful Internet communities, is an expert at teaching how to design sites that succeed by making new visitors feel welcome, rewarding member participation, and building a sense of their own history. She discusses important design strategies, interviews influential Web community-builders, and provides the reader with templates and questionnaires to use in building their own communities.

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This text provides groups with guidelines for creating effective communication, conducting productive meetings, making joint decisions, and working through conflicts, as well as the practical skills needed to set up activities such as celebrations and retreats.

People Powered

How insights from the social sciences, including social psychology and economics, can improve the design of online communities. Online communities are among the most popular destinations on the Internet, but not all online communities

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are equally successful. For every flourishing Facebook, there is a moribund Friendster—not to mention the scores of smaller social networking sites that never attracted enough members to be viable. This book offers lessons from theory and empirical research in the social sciences that can help improve the design of online communities. The authors draw on the literature in psychology, economics, and other social sciences, as well as their own research, translating general findings into useful design claims. They explain, for example, how to encourage information contributions based on the theory of public goods, and how to build members' commitment based on theories of interpersonal bond formation. For each design claim, they offer supporting evidence from theory, experiments, or observational studies.

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