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Built to Serve Greenleaf Book Group

Freedom. It's the ability to do whatever you want, whenever you want. It's the ultimate reward of selling your business. But selling a company can be confusing, and one wrong step can easily cost you dearly. *The Art of Selling Your Business: Winning Strategies & Secret Hacks for Exiting on Top* is the last in a trilogy of books by author John Warrillow on building value. The first, *Built to Sell*, encouraged small business owners to begin thinking about their business as more than just a job. *The Automatic Customer* tagged recurring revenue as the core element in a valuable company and provided a blueprint for transforming almost any business into one with an ongoing annuity stream. Warrillow completes the set with *The Art of Selling Your Business*. This essential guide to monetizing a business is based on interviews the author conducted on his podcast, *Built to Sell Radio*, with hundreds of successfully cashed-out founders. What's the secret for harvesting the value you've created when it's time to sell? *The Art of Selling Your Business* answers important questions facing any founder, including—

- What's your business worth?
- When's the best time to sell?
- How do you create a bidding war?
- How can you position your company to maximize its attractiveness?
- Who will pay the most for your business?
- What's the secret for punching above your weight in a negotiation to sell your company?

The Art of Selling Your Business provides a sleeves-rolled-up action plan for selling your business at a premium by an author with consummate credibility.

Move the Room Berrett-Koehler Publishers

If what you thought to be true turned out not to be, when would you want to know? Obviously right away! This book is a compilation of eight commonly held financial "truths" that are generally accepted as hallmarks of a sound financial plan. What if they aren't true? What impact would relying on something that isn't true have on your financial future? For example, we have all accepted the concept of the miracle of compound interest. If the exponential growth potential were the only factor in play - anyone nearing retirement would be wealthy. But there are other factors in play that are often not accounted for, consequently, none of us are as wealthy as we thought we would be when we were first taught the miracle. Inside, find out the truth behind average rates of return, long term investing, qualified plans, buying term insurance and investing the rest, seeing your home as an investment, financing large purchases, and asset accumulation in addition to the miracle of compound interest.

The Seasons of Life Greenleaf Book Group

"No two exit experiences are exactly alike. Some people wind up happy with the process and satisfied with the way it turned out while others look back on it as a nightmare. The question I hope to answer in this book is why. What did the people with 'good' exits do differently from those who'd had 'bad' exits?" When pioneering business journalist and "Inc." magazine editor at large Bo Burlingham wrote "Small Giants," it became an instant classic for its original take on a common business problem--how to handle the pressure to grow. Now Burlingham is back to tackle an even more common problem--how to exit your company well. Sooner or later, all entrepreneurs leave their businesses and all businesses get sold, given away, or liquidated. Whatever your preferred outcome, you need to start planning for it while you still have time and options. The beautiful part is that if you start early enough, the process will lead you to build a better, stronger, more resilient company, as well as one with a higher market value. Unfortunately, most owners don't start early enough--and pay a steep price for their procrastination. Burlingham interviewed dozens of entrepreneurs across a range of industries and identified eight key factors that determine whether owners are happy after leaving their businesses. His book showcases the insights, exit plans, and cautionary tales of entrepreneurs such as Ray Pagano founder of a leading manufacturer of housings for security cameras. He turned down a bid for his company and instead changed his management style, resulting in a subsequent sale for four times the original offer. Bill Niman founder of the iconic Niman Ranch, which revolutionized the meat industry. He learned about unhappy exits when he was forced to sell to private equity investors, leaving him with nothing to show for his thirty-five years in business. Gary Hirshberg founder of organic yogurt pioneer Stonyfield Farm. He pulled off the nearly impossible task of finding a large company that would buy out his 275 small investors at a premium price while letting him retain complete control of the business. Through such stories, Burlingham offers an illuminating and inspirational guide to one of the most stressful, and yet potentially rewarding, processes business owners must go through. And he explores the emotional challenges they face at every step of the way. At the end of the day, owning a business is about more than selling goods and services. It's about making choices that shape your entire life, both professional and personal. "Finish Big" helps you figure out how to face your future with confidence and be able to someday look back on your journey with pride.

Corporate Turnaround Artistry Lorena Jones Books

What type of business should you start? For the past 10 years, Inc. 500 CEO and #1 national best-selling author, Ryan Levesque--featured for his work in the Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Forbes, and Entrepreneur--has guided thousands of entrepreneurs

through the journey of answering this question. One of the biggest reasons why so many new businesses fail is because in the quest to decide what business to start, most of the conventional wisdom is wrong. Instead of obsessing over what--as in what should you sell or what should you build--you should first be asking who. As in who should you serve? The what is a logical question that will come soon enough. But choosing your who is the foundation from which all other things are built. That is what this book is all about. If you've ever had the dream to start your own business, become your own boss, or do your own thing--but have been afraid to take the leap and screw up your already good life--this book is for you. You will find the meticulously tested, step-by-step process outlined in the book is easy to follow, despite being the result of a decade of research and experience. This process, designed to minimize your risk of failure and losing money up front, coupled with the inspiring stories of everyday people who have used this process to launch successful businesses, will not only give you clarity on what type of business to start, but also the confidence to finally take that leap and get started.

The Business Model: How to Develop New Products, Create Market Value and Make the Competition Irrelevant John Wiley & Sons

The essential guide to selling your business--and walking away with maximum wealth Nearly every entrepreneur dreams of one day selling their business for big bucks, but far too many aren't aware of exactly what it takes to do so. The sobering truth is that it's very easy for the entrepreneurs who don't know what they're doing to walk away from a sale without the financial freedom they hoped for. In fact, only about 20 percent of businesses for sale will successfully transfer to another owner! In *Walk Away Wealthy*, Mark Tepper--a leading authority on wealth management and financial planning for entrepreneurs--shows you how to build a strong exit plan, an absolute requirement if you hope to get the full value from a sale. Tepper's twelve secrets debunk myths and deliver practical advice as he walks you through what most people don't know (or refuse to believe) about the process of planning their exit. And although it's best to start planning the exit as early as possible, the book also delivers advice for those who may have waited too long and feel lost in the face of a rapidly approaching sale. Selling the business you worked so hard to build can be a confusing and intimidating proposition. Let Mark Tepper clear away the misconceptions, steer you clear of common mistakes, and help you walk away wealthy!

Making Websites Win John Wiley & Sons

From the Publisher: America's 27 million business owners want to build sellable companies so that they can retire, travel, cash out,

or just sleep well at night knowing they could sell. Unfortunately, just 1 out of 100 business owners are successful in selling their company each year because too many have built unsellable companies. Readers of *Built To Sell* will learn: -The 8 steps to creating a sellable company -How to attract multiple strategic bidders for their business -How to maximize their valuation and get the highest possible price for their business -The secret to getting their cash up front and avoiding a lengthy earn out Described by one reader as "John Grisham meets Jim Collins", John Warrillow's new book provides business owners with a blueprint for creating a sellable company.

The Art of Selling Your Business Morgan James Publishing
Do you worry that your business will collapse without your constant presence? Are you sacrificing your family, friendships, and freedom to keep your business alive? What if instead your business could run itself, freeing you to do what you love when you want, while it continues to grow and turn a profit? It's possible. And it's easier than you think. If you're like most entrepreneurs, you started your business so you could be your own boss, make the money you deserve, and live life on your own terms. In reality, you're bogged down in the daily grind, constantly putting out fires, answering an endless stream of questions, and continually hunting for cash. Now, Mike Michalowicz, the author of *Profit First* and other small-business bestsellers, offers a straightforward step-by-step path out of this dilemma. In *Clockwork*, he draws on more than six years of research and real life examples to explain his simple approach to making your business ultra-efficient. Among other powerful strategies, you will discover how to: Make your employees act like owners: Free yourself from micromanaging by using a simple technique to empower your people to make smart decisions without you. Pinpoint your business's most important function: Unleash incredible efficiency by identifying and focusing everyone on the one function that is most crucial to your business. Know what to fix next: Most entrepreneurs try to fix every inefficiency at once and end up fixing nothing. Use the "weakest link in the chain" method to find the one fix that will add the most value now. Whether you have a staff of one, one hundred, or somewhere in between, whether you're a new entrepreneur or have been overworked and overstressed for years, *Clockwork* is your path to finally making your business work for you.

Built to Last Portfolio

The Seasons of Life is a glimpse at the depth of Jim Rohn's character. A beautiful book, destined to become a masterpiece in literary creativity. Jim Rohn, a man of our generation, has been given a gift. His inspiring seminars and appearances before groups across America and around the world have changed the lives of tens of thousands of people. He has the unique capacity for finding the miraculous hidden among the common, and for expressing it with word pictures that profoundly affect all who hear. Anthony Robbins credits Jim Rohn as his first personal development teacher, and Tom Tophin calls him a modern-day Will Rogers. *The Seasons of Life* will inspire and motivate you through the spring, summer, autumn and winter of your own life.

Built to Sell Hay House, Inc

Whether you've tried to systemise in the past or not, **SYSTEMology** provides a revolutionary approach to small business systems.

Exit Rich Penguin

Most people wake up and drive to a job that they hate. Think about your five closest friends. Are they happy? Do they live their lives with purpose? Do you? We put on a fake front for what we want people to see and think about us, but the reality is most people aren't happy. We're lost. We settle. We aren't happy with where we are. You can't be happy if you don't know your purpose. It's not possible. You want more but you don't even know where to start. You know there is more out there. You see others having success and you want it, too; there is nothing wrong with that. You just need help finding your purpose so you can find the success you see all around you. You can be productive, crush your goals, pretend that all the things that you've acquired actually mean something...but at the end of the day, if you don't know your purpose, you'll always feel like there's something missing. You'll know that you're capable of more and that you're not living the life you should be. You might be fooling the world, but you're not fooling the person looking back at you in the mirror. You need to find your actual power source. Your purpose is your source of power. Once you find your purpose it'll fuel you for life. You'll do things that you never thought you were capable of. Achieving your purpose will force you to morph into a stronger version of yourself. You'll have to push through fears, insecurities, and doubts that held you back. But somehow it'll all feel possible and necessary because you're purpose-driven now...and that's the only thing you'll ever need.

Hire Your Buyer Primento

Most websites lose. Almost all of them. Many never make a profit. Others are successful at first, and then get crushed by competitors. This book is about how to buck the trend--to make websites that customers love and that are outrageously profitable. The methodology is based on the authors' award-winning work growing many of the world's biggest web companies--plus hundreds of smaller, market-leading companies

in over eighty different industries. In this book, you'll get What successful web businesses do differently (and others get wrong) How to easily identify your website's biggest opportunities A treasure trove of proven solutions for growing businesses Discover how to grow your profits--by making winning websites that people love.

Summary of John Warrillow's Built To Sell Build It Backwards

"This timely book reminds us that innovation is agnostic about where it's created." —Satya Nadella, CEO, Microsoft Over and over, we see big legacy businesses getting beaten to the punch by energetic little start-ups. It seems like innovation can come from only the bottom up or from the outside in. But tech experts Vivek Wadhwa and Ismail Amla are here to tell you that "big equals slow and stodgy" is a myth. Based on decades of experience working with both the world's leading brands and disruptive start-ups, this book explores the opportunity legacy companies have to create new markets, supercharge growth, and remake their businesses by combining the mindset and tool belt of start-ups with the benefits of incumbency: boatloads of customer data, decades of brand equity, robust distribution channels, enormous financial assets, and more. Wadhwa and Amla go deeply into why the pace and dynamics of innovation have changed so dramatically in recent years and show how companies can overcome obstacles like the Eight Deadly Sins of Stasis. Equally important, they provide a playbook on how to use their insights in your own company, team, or career. This fast-paced, anecdote-rich story rethinks modern innovation—a book every manager, executive, and ambitious employee will want to read.

The Art of SEO Lulu.com

The self-employment revolution is here. Learn the latest pioneering tactics from real people who are bringing in \$1 million a year on their own terms. Join the record number of people who have ended their dependence on traditional employment and embraced entrepreneurship as the ultimate way to control their futures. Determine when, where, and how much you work, and by what values. With up-to-date advice and more real-life success stories, this revised edition of *The Million-Dollar, One-Person Business* shows the latest strategies you can apply from everyday people who--on their own--are bringing in \$1 million a year to live exactly how they want.

Summary Systemology

From the Introduction: What Is Hiring Your Buyer? This book offers a solution to a substantial crisis facing business owners between the ages of 50 and 70. In the United States there are six million of these owners and in Canada there are 550,000. It is estimated that 55% of these businesses will transfer or disappear as a result of a calamity. The ensuing fiscal carnage will be a threat to the entire economy. Many small business owners operate in a blissful state, assuming they can always sell their businesses. But the average price of a business listed on the largest business sale website in the US is \$155,000, and that's not going to cut it. It comes as quite a surprise to many owners that the same business that pays them \$200,000 a year may have zero transfer value. Further, some estimates say that only 30% of businesses go to family members. That leaves millions of businesses in the danger zone. Aside from selling, business owners have only a few options. The most readily available option for those with a solid business foundation and the right team-building skills is to hire your buyer. That is, work with the people in your business; form a team; strategize; clarify your purpose, vision and values; and build more value in your business. Train your successor or team of successors and then watch your business flourish and share in the value created as you transfer it to the new ownership team. That's hiring your buyer. The actual buyer, or team of buyers, may be existing employees, one or more of your children, or you may have to go out and find them. If you are an owner you need to decide whether this option is for you and if it is, you need to take the active steps to make it happen. This book shows you how. The Second E-Myth Over 25 years ago, Michael E. Gerber wrote a bestselling business book called *The E-Myth: Why Most Businesses Don't Work and What to Do About It*. The e-myth (that is, the entrepreneur myth) is the mistaken belief that most businesses are started by people with tangible business skills, when in fact most are started by "technicians" who know nothing about running a business. Hence, most fail. By contrast, consider that almost every business owner between 50 and 70 is one of the 20% who survived the cut. And most are successful entrepreneurs supporting a decent lifestyle. There are millions of owners who have spent decades building a solid business foundation. This is significant; it means something. Creating a solid business foundation is the most difficult stage of a business. The site has been excavated, the forms put in, the concrete poured and set. But then what happens? For most of these owners, the answer is nothing - they stop building the business at the foundation stage. Why? Because the business satisfies their lifestyle needs. But there is a second e-myth, one that Gerber did not talk about. Most entrepreneurs believe this second myth: they believe they are creating value in their business. This is a myth. A business is something separate from the owner; a business is something that has value and can be sold. What most entrepreneurs have created is a lucrative, interesting job for

themselves, but not a business with significant value that they can sell. These entrepreneurs are lifestyle business owners. Their businesses are designed to be the foundation of a decent lifestyle, to generate a good salary and to serve as a vehicle for freedom and expression. The problem is that there is no way that selling that business will support a decent lifestyle in retirement. These businesses are not professionally managed - the entrepreneur covers almost all management functions and makes all the decisions. And these decisions are made for the convenience and comfort of the owner, not for the purpose of maximizing the value of the business. This book sets out a well defined path for creating a team and building value on top of your solid business foundation so that everyone can win.

SYSTEMology Savio Republic

An insightful and practical toolkit for managing organizational growth *Growing Pains* is the definitive guide to the life cycle of an organization, and the optimization strategies that make the organization stronger. Whether growth is rapid, slow, or not occurring at all, this book provides a host of solid tools and recommendations for putting everything in order. Now in its fifth edition, this invaluable guide has been fully updated to reflect the current economic climate, and includes new case studies and chapters discussing nonprofit life cycle tools, leadership challenges and the "leadership molecule", and real-world applications of the frameworks presented. The latest empirical research is presented in the context of these ideas, including new data on strategic organizational development. Mini-cases that illustrate growth management issues have been added throughout, with additional coverage of international entrepreneurship and companies that provide a frame of reference for the perspective being developed. *Growing Pains* are normal, and a valuable indicator of organizational health, but they indicate the need for new systems, processes, and structure to support the organization's size. This book provides a practical framework for managing the process, applicable to organizations of all sizes. Understand the key stages of growth and the challenges of each Measure your organization's growing pains and development Deploy new tools that facilitate positive organizational development Make the necessary transitions required to ensure sustainable success Some companies, even after brilliant beginnings, lose their way as growth throws them for a loop. *Growing Pains* identifies the underlying factors that promote long term success, and gives you a framework for successfully managing the transitions of growth.

Marketing (Collins Business Secrets) Penguin

The marketing secrets that experts and top professionals use.

The Messy Marketplace Penguin

Too many entrepreneurs push off planning for the sale of their business until the last moment. But for a business to sell for what it's really worth—or even more—owners need to prepare for the sale from the very start. In *Exit Rich*, author and mergers and acquisitions authority Michelle Seiler Tucker joins forces with Sharon Lechter, finance expert and author of *Rich Dad Poor Dad*, to create a must-have guide for all business owners—whether they're gearing up to sell a business now or just getting started building out their company into something to sell for a profit in the future. Seiler Tucker's twofold approach to selling your business for maximum profit combines two of the most powerful elements of her mergers and acquisitions toolkit: the "ST GPS Exit Model" to help business owners set goals for the sale before their business hit the market, and the "6 P Method" to help them objectively evaluate their business's worth, before their potential buyers do. Combined, these tools provide invaluable insight into the process of preparing a business for sale, finding the right buyers, and staging the sale itself. Throughout the book, Sharon Lechter's wisdom peppers each chapter in the "Mentoring Corner" section, providing forward-thinking entrepreneurs with the perspective that they need to take control of their business's future and exit rich. This book is a rich resource for any business owner looking to: • Objectively evaluate their business before a sale • Improve their chances of finding the right buyer • Sell their business for maximum profit

Confessions of a CPA Penguin

Summary: Built To Sell The must-read Review and Analysis of John Warrillow's Book. By reading this summary, you will learn how to prepare to sell your business. Business owners may want to sell their company but don't know where to start. Entrepreneurs can be too closely tied to their work and, as a result, the company may sell for a low price. John Warrillow tells the story of one man who is able to gain financial freedom by assembling his business and employees to manage without him. The story is based on Warrillow's own experiences and challenges selling his own companies. Do you want to sell your company for maximal profit? Disclaimer: This is a summary and not the original book.

Clockwork 10 Hands Publishing

Run your company. Don't let it run you. Most business owners started their company because they wanted more freedom—to work on their own schedules, make the kind of money they deserve, and eventually retire on the fruits of their labor. Unfortunately, according to John Warrillow, most owners find that stepping out of the picture is extremely difficult because their business relies too heavily on their personal involvement. Without

them, their company—no matter how big or profitable—is essentially worthless. But the good news is that entrepreneurs can take specific steps—no matter what stage a business is in—to create a valuable, sellable company. Warrillow shows exactly

what it takes to create a solid business that can thrive long into the future.

Built to Sell Broilga Pub.

In "T.N.T. - It Rocks the Earth," you are told exactly how to acquire a wonderful secret, that Power, or whatever you wish to call it,

which, when accepted and developed through a process of right thinking, creates a philosophy of life which sweeps away all obstacles and brings that which every human desires: success, happiness and contentment.