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Bullshit Jobs 2019-05-07 from bestselling writer david graeber a master of opening up thought and stimulating debate slate a powerful argument against the rise of meaningless unfulfilling jobs and their consequences does your job make a meaningful contribution to the world in the spring of 2013 david graeber asked this question in a playful provocative essay titled on the phenomenon of bullshit jobs it went viral after one million online views in seventeen different languages people all over the world are still debating the answer there are hordes of people hr consultants communication coordinators telemarketing researchers corporate lawyers whose jobs are useless and tragically they know it these people are caught in bullshit jobs graeber explores one of society s most vexing and deeply felt concerns indicting among other villains a particular strain of finance capitalism that betrays ideals shared by thinkers ranging from keynes to lincoln clever and charismatic the new yorker bullshit jobs gives individuals corporations and societies permission to undergo a shift in values placing creative and caring work at the center of our culture this book is for everyone who wants to turn their vocation back into an avocation and a thought provoking examination of our working lives financial times

Competing Against Luck 2016-10-04 the foremost authority on innovation and growth presents a path breaking book every company needs to transform innovation from a game of chance to one in which they develop products and services customers not only want to buy but are willing to pay premium prices for how do companies know how to grow how can they create products that they are sure customers want to buy can innovation be more than a game of hit and miss harvard business school professor clayton christensen has the answer a generation ago christensen revolutionized business with his groundbreaking theory of disruptive innovation now he goes further offering powerful new insights after years of research christensen has come to one critical conclusion our long held maxim that understanding the customer is the crux of innovation is wrong customers don t buy products or services they hire them to do a job understanding customers does not drive innovation success he argues understanding customer jobs does the jobs to be done approach can be seen in some of the world s most respected companies and fast growing startups including amazon intuit uber airbnb and chobani yogurt to name just a few but this book is not about celebrating these successes it s about predicting new ones christensen contends that by understanding what causes customers to hire a product or service any business can improve its innovation track record creating products that customers not only want to hire but that they ll pay premium prices to bring into their lives jobs theory offers new hope for growth to companies frustrated by their hit and miss efforts this book carefully lays down christensen s provocative framework providing a comprehensive explanation of the theory and

why it is predictive how to use it in the real world and most importantly how not to squander the insights it provides

Jobs to Be Done 2016-10-25 why do some innovation projects succeed where others fail the book reveals the business implications of jobs theory and explains how to put jobs theory into practice using outcome driven innovation

Debt, Updated and Expanded 2014-12-09 now in paperback the updated and expanded edition david graeber s fresh fascinating thought provoking and exceedingly timely financial times history of debt here anthropologist david graeber presents a stunning reversal of conventional wisdom he shows that before there was money there was debt for more than 5 000 years since the beginnings of the first agrarian empires humans have used elaborate credit systems to buy and sell goods that is long before the invention of coins or cash it is in this era graeber argues that we also first encounter a society divided into debtors and creditors graeber shows that arguments about debt and debt forgiveness have been at the center of political debates from italy to china as well as sparking innumerable insurrections he also brilliantly demonstrates that the language of the ancient works of law and religion words like guilt sin and redemption derive in large part from ancient debates about debt and shape even our most basic ideas of right and wrong we are still fighting these battles today without knowing it

Employment of English 1997-12-01 what sorts of cultural criticism are teachers and scholars to produce and how can that criticism be employed in the culture at large in recent years debates about the role and direction of english departments have mushroomed into a broader controversy over the public legitimacy of literary criticism at first glance this might seem odd few taxpayers and legislators care whether the nation s english professors are doing justice to the project of identifying the beautiful and the sublime but in the context of the legitimation crisis in american higher education the image of english departments has in fact played a major role in determining public attitudes toward colleges and college faculty similarly the changing economic conditions of universities have prompted many english professors to rethink their relations to their clients asking how literary study can serve the american public what sorts of cultural criticism are teachers and scholars to produce and how can that criticism be employed in the culture at large in the employment of english michael bérubé one of our most eloquent and gifted critics examines the cultural legitimacy of literary study in witty engaging prose bérubé asserts that we must situate these questions in a context in which nearly half of all college professors are part time labor and in which english departments are torn between their traditional mission of defining movements of literary history and protocols of textual interpretation and their newer

tasks of interrogating wider systems of signification under rubrics like gender hegemony rhetoric textuality including film and video and culture are these new roles a betrayal of the field's founding principles in effect a short sighted sell out of the discipline do they represent little more than an attempt to shore up the status of and student enrollments in english or are they legitimate objects of literary study in need of public support simultaneously investigating the economic and the intellectual ramifications of current debates the employment of english provides the clearest and most condensed account of this controversy to date

The General Theory of Employment, Interest, and Money 2018-07-20 this book was originally published by macmillan in 1936 it was voted the top academic book that shaped modern britain by academic book week uk in 2017 and in 2011 was placed on time magazine's top 100 non fiction books written in english since 1923 reissued with a fresh introduction by the nobel prize winner paul krugman and a new afterword by keynes biographer robert skidelsky this important work is made available to a new generation the general theory of employment interest and money transformed economics and changed the face of modern macroeconomics keynes argument is based on the idea that the level of employment is not determined by the price of labour but by the spending of money it gave way to an entirely new approach where employment inflation and the market economy are concerned highly provocative at its time of publication this book and keynes theories continue to remain the subject of much support and praise criticism and debate economists at any stage in their career will enjoy revisiting this treatise and observing the relevance of keynes work in today's contemporary climate

The Chaos Theory of Careers 2011-05-10 the chaos theory of careers outlines the application of chaos theory to the field of career development it draws together and extends the work that the authors have been doing over the last 8 to 10 years this text represents a new perspective on the nature of career development it emphasizes the dimensions of careers frequently neglected by contemporary accounts of careers such as the challenges and opportunities of uncertainty the interconnectedness of current life and the potential for information overload career wisdom as a response to unplanned change new approaches to vocational assessment based on emergent thinking the place of spirituality and the search for meaning and purpose in with and through work the integration of being and becoming as dimensions of career development it will be vital reading for all those working in and studying career development either at advanced undergraduate or postgraduate level and provides a new and refreshing approach to this fast changing subject key themes include factors such as complexity change and contribution people's aspirations in relation to work and

personal fulfilment contemporary realities of career choice career development and the working world

The Utopia of Rules 2015-02-24 from the author of the international bestseller debt the first 5 000 years comes a revelatory account of the way bureaucracy rules our lives where does the desire for endless rules regulations and bureaucracy come from how did we come to spend so much of our time filling out forms and is it really a cipher for state violence to answer these questions the anthropologist david graeber one of our most important and provocative thinkers traces the peculiar and unexpected ways we relate to bureaucracy today and reveals how it shapes our lives in ways we may not even notice though he also suggests that there may be something perversely appealing even romantic about bureaucracy leaping from the ascendance of right wing economics to the hidden meanings behind sherlock holmes and batman the utopia of rules is at once a powerful work of social theory in the tradition of foucault and marx and an entertaining reckoning with popular culture that calls to mind slavoj zizek at his most accessible an essential book for our times the utopia of rules is sure to start a million conversations about the institutions that rule over us and the better freer world we should perhaps begin to imagine for ourselves

Work 2020-09-03 a fascinating exploration that challenges our basic assumptions of what work means yuval noah harari there is eminently underlinable stuff on most pages fascinating the times one of those few books that will turn your customary ways of thinking upside down susan cain illuminating new statesman a revolutionary new history of humankind through the prism of work from the origins of life on earth to our ever more automated present the work we do brings us meaning moulds our values determines our social status and dictates how we spend most of our time but this wasn't always the case for 95 of our species history work held a radically different importance how then did work become the central organisational principle of our societies how did it transform our bodies our environments our views on equality and our sense of time and why in a time of material abundance are we working more than ever before

On Bullshit 2009-01-10 a 1 new york times bestseller one of the most salient features of our culture is that there is so much bullshit everyone knows this each of us contributes his share but we tend to take the situation for granted most people are rather confident of their ability to recognize bullshit and to avoid being taken in by it so the phenomenon has not aroused much deliberate concern we have no clear understanding of what bullshit is why there is so much of it or what functions it serves and we lack a conscientiously developed appreciation of what it means to us in other words as harry frankfurt writes we have no theory frankfurt one of the world's most influential moral philosophers attempts to

build such a theory here with his characteristic combination of philosophical acuity psychological insight and wry humor frankfurt proceeds by exploring how bullshit and the related concept of humbug are distinct from lying he argues that bullshitters misrepresent themselves to their audience not as liars do that is by deliberately making false claims about what is true in fact bullshit need not be untrue at all rather bullshitters seek to convey a certain impression of themselves without being concerned about whether anything at all is true they quietly change the rules governing their end of the conversation so that claims about truth and falsity are irrelevant frankfurt concludes that although bullshit can take many innocent forms excessive indulgence in it can eventually undermine the practitioner s capacity to tell the truth in a way that lying does not liars at least acknowledge that it matters what is true by virtue of this frankfurt writes bullshit is a greater enemy of the truth than lies are

Married to the Job 2012-10-11 married to the job examines an important but under researched area the relationships of wives to their husbands work janet finch looks both at the way women s lives are directly affected by the work their husbands do and how they can get drawn into it these she sees as the two sides of wives incorporation dr finch discusses a wide range of occupations from obvious stereotypes services diplomatic clergy and political wives to more subtle but equally valid shades of involvement the wives of policemen merchant seamen prison officers the owners of small businesses and academics she stresses that this process is by no means confined to the wives of professional men she argues that the nature of the work done and the way it is organised are more important pointers to the ways in which wives will be incorporated for specific illustrations dr finch draws substantially on her own original research on wives of the clergy married to the job clearly shows that marriage itself not just child bearing is an important feature of women s subordination dr finch points to the links between husband s work the family and its relationship to economic structures and suggests that wives are tied into those structures as much as anything through their vicarious involvement in their husband s work she views any prospects for change with caution the organisation of social and economic life makes it difficult for wives to break free from this incorporation even should they wish to it makes economic good sense for them to continue in most cases social life is organised so as to make compliance easy and it provides a comprehensible way of being a wife as an empirically based survey of women s subordination within marriage married to the job will prove essential reading to all those concerned about the position of women whether feminists academics or general readers it will also provide important background material for undergraduate courses on women s studies the sociology of the family the sociology of work and family policy

Creating Good Jobs 2020-01-28 experts discuss improving job quality in low wage industries including retail residential construction hospitals and long term healthcare restaurants manufacturing and long haul trucking americans work harder and longer than our counterparts in other industrialized nations yet prosperity remains elusive to many workers in such low wage industries as retail restaurants and home construction live from paycheck to paycheck juggling multiple jobs with variable schedules few benefits and limited prospects for advancement these bad outcomes are produced by a range of industry specific factors including intense competition outsourcing and subcontracting failure to enforce employment standards overt discrimination outmoded production and management systems and inadequate worker voice in this volume experts look for ways to improve job quality in the low wage sector they offer in depth examinations of specific industries long term healthcare hospitals and outpatient care retail residential construction restaurants manufacturing and long haul trucking that together account for more than half of all low wage jobs the book s sector view allows the contributors to address industry specific variations that shape operational choices about work drawing on deep industry knowledge they consider important distinctions within and between these industries the financial institutional and structural incentives that shape the choices employers make and what it would take to make more jobs better jobs contributors eileen appelbaum rosemary batt dale belman julie brockman françoise carré susan helper matt hinkel tashlin lakhani jaeun lee raphael martins russell ormiston paul osterman can ouyang chris tilly steve viscelli

SUMMARY 1901 listen to people in every field and you ll hear a call for more sophisticated leadership for leaders who can solve more complex problems than the human race has ever faced but these leaders won t simply come to the fore we have to develop them and we must cultivate them as quickly as is humanly possible changing on the job is a means to this end as opposed to showing readers how to play the role of a leader in a paint by numbers fashion changing on the job builds on theories of adult growth and development to help readers become more thoughtful individuals capable of leading in any scenario moving from the theoretical to the practical and employing real world examples author jennifer garvey berger offers a set of building blocks to help cultivate an agile workforce while improving performance coaches hr professionals thoughtful leaders and anyone who wants to flourish on the job will find this book a vital resource for developing their own capacities and those of the talent that they support

Changing on the Job 2011-11-30 your career game demonstrates how game theory can help readers to understand and proactively take charge of their career strategy authors nathan bennett and stephen

a miles teach readers to manage the interdependencies and interconnectedness among coworkers managers and others in a manner that supports personal career efforts then they show how readers can become better players the key to learning how to play the career game is career agility in short nimble individuals are better game players this book includes conversations with a wide range of successful professionals such as ursula burns xerox stephen elop microsoft marius kloppers bhp billiton ken frazier merck and liz mccartney the st bernard project and discusses how their career moves demonstrate elements of a game theory approach to career management this is a must read strategic guide for anyone who seeks to advance their career and navigate today s job market

Your Career Game 2010-03-25 this important new book is a comparative study of social mobility based on qualitative interviews with middle class parents in america and britain it addresses the key issue in stratification research namely the stability of class relations and middle class reproduction drawing on interviewee accounts of how parents mobilised economic cultural and social resources to help them into professional careers it then considers how the interviewees as parents seek to increase their children s chances of educational success and occupational advancement middle class parents may try to secure their children s social position but it is not an easy or straightforward affair with the decline of the quality of state education and increased job insecurity in the labour market since the 1970s and 1980s the reproduction of advantage is more difficult than in the affluent decades of the 1950s and 1960s the implications for public policy especially public investment in higher education are considered

Class Practices 2004-04-29 a rising young economist at berkeley makes correlations between success and geography explaining how such rising centers of innovation as san francisco boston and austin are likely to offer influential opportunities and shape the national and global economies in positive or detrimental ways

The New Geography of Jobs 2012 for most of us work is a basic daily fact of life but that simple fact encompasses an incredibly wide range of experiences hard at work takes readers into the day to day work experiences of more than fifty working people in singapore who hold jobs that run from the ordinary to the unusual from ice cream vendors baristas police officers and funeral directors to academic ghostwriters temple flower sellers and thai disco girl agents through first person narratives based on detailed interviews vividly augmented with color photographs hard at work reminds us of the everyday labor that continually goes on around us and that every job can reveal something interesting if we just look closely enough it shows us too the ways inequalities of status and income are felt and

internalized in this highly globalized society

Hard at Work 2019 named one of 100 leadership success books to read in a lifetime by amazon editors a wall street journal and businessweek bestseller named by fast company as one of the most influential leadership books in its leadership hall of fame an innovation classic from steve jobs to jeff bezos clay christensen s work continues to underpin today s most innovative leaders and organizations the bestselling classic on disruptive innovation by renowned author clayton m christensen his work is cited by the world s best known thought leaders from steve jobs to malcolm gladwell in this classic bestseller one of the most influential business books of all time innovation expert clayton christensen shows how even the most outstanding companies can do everything right yet still lose market leadership christensen explains why most companies miss out on new waves of innovation no matter the industry he says a successful company with established products will get pushed aside unless managers know how and when to abandon traditional business practices offering both successes and failures from leading companies as a guide the innovator s dilemma gives you a set of rules for capitalizing on the phenomenon of disruptive innovation sharp cogent and provocative and consistently noted as one of the most valuable business ideas of all time the innovator s dilemma is the book no manager leader or entrepreneur should be without

The Innovator's Dilemma 2015-12-15 the new york times bestseller that gives readers a paradigm shattering new way to think about motivation from the author of when the scientific secrets of perfect timing most people believe that the best way to motivate is with rewards like money the carrot and stick approach that s a mistake says daniel h pink author of to sell is human the surprising truth about motivating others in this provocative and persuasive new book he asserts that the secret to high performance and satisfaction at work at school and at home is the deeply human need to direct our own lives to learn and create new things and to do better by ourselves and our world drawing on four decades of scientific research on human motivation pink exposes the mismatch between what science knows and what business does and how that affects every aspect of life he examines the three elements of true motivation autonomy mastery and purpose and offers smart and surprising techniques for putting these into action in a unique book that will change how we think and transform how we live

Drive 2011-04-05 the contributors to this edited collection argue that a flexible job guarantee program able to react to an economy s fluctuating need for work would stabilize the labor standard the value of employment in relation to money during economic downturns the program would expand to provide more public sector jobs in response to private sector layoffs it would then contract when economic

growth offered private sector employment opportunities this flexible full employment program would create a balanced perpetually active labor force providing the macroeconomic stability necessary to define a functioning labor standard just as the gold standard measured the worth of money against gold reserves john maynard keynes argued so a labor standard ought to measure the value of money in terms of its labor equivalent however he failed to account for the fact that unlike a gold standard a labor standard does not have any kind of surety that money will continue to match its value in paid work over time together the contributors argue that full employment would provide this missing security and allow authorities to define the value equivalencies of money and labor the way that money once represented its exact equivalent in gold

The Job Guarantee and Modern Money Theory 2017-01-25 paid work is absolutely central to the culture and politics of capitalist societies yet today s work centred world is becoming increasingly hostile to the human need for autonomy spontaneity and community the grim reality of a society in which some are overworked whilst others are condemned to intermittent work and unemployment is progressively more difficult to tolerate in this thought provoking book david frayne questions the central place of work in mainstream political visions of the future laying bare the ways in which economic demands colonise our lives and priorities drawing on his original research into the lives of people who are actively resisting nine to five employment frayne asks what motivates these people to disconnect from work whether or not their resistance is futile and whether they might have the capacity to inspire an alternative form of development based on a reduction and social redistribution of work a crucial dissection of the work centred nature of modern society and emerging resistance to it the refusal of work is a bold call for a more humane and sustainable vision of social progress

The Refusal of Work 2015-11-15 what do we think about when we think about human evolution with his characteristic wit and wisdom anthropologist jonathan marks explores our scientific narrative of human origins the study of evolution and examines its cultural elements and theoretical foundations in the process he situates human evolution within a general anthropological framework and presents it as a special case of kinship and mythology tales of the ex apes argues that human evolution has incorporated the emergence of social relations and cultural histories that are unprecedented in the apes and thus cannot be reduced to purely biological properties and processes marks shows that human evolution has involved the transformation from biological to biocultural evolution over tens of thousands of years new social roles notably spouse father in laws and grandparents have co evolved with new technologies and symbolic meanings to produce the human species in the absence of

significant biological evolution we are biocultural creatures marks argues fully comprehensible by
recourse to neither our real ape ancestry nor our imaginary cultureless biology

Tales of the Ex-Apes 2015-09-08 unlock the key to success in this must read for anyone seeking to
succeed pioneering psychologist angela duckworth takes us on an eye opening journey to discover the
true qualities that lead to outstanding achievement winningly personal insightful and powerful grit is a
book about what goes through your head when you fall down and how that not talent or luck makes all
the difference impressively fresh and original susan cain

Grit 2016-05-05 a world renowned innovation guru explains practices that result in breakthrough
innovations ulwick s outcome driven programs bring discipline and predictability to the often random
process of innovation clayton christensen for years companies have accepted the underlying principles
that define the customer driven paradigm that is using customer requirements to guide growth and
innovation but twenty years into this movement breakthrough innovations are still rare and most
companies find that 50 to 90 percent of their innovation initiatives flop the cost of these failures to u s
companies alone is estimated to be well over 100 billion annually in a book that challenges everything
you have learned about being customer driven internationally acclaimed innovation leader anthony
ulwick reveals the secret weapon behind some of the most successful companies of recent years
known as outcome driven innovation this revolutionary approach to new product and service creation
transforms innovation from a nebulous art into a rigorous science from which randomness and
uncertainty are eliminated based on more than 200 studies spanning more than seventy companies
and twenty five industries ulwick contends that when it comes to innovation the traditional methods
companies use to communicate with customers are the root cause of chronic waste and missed
opportunity in what customers want ulwick demonstrates that all popular qualitative research methods
yield well intentioned but unfitting and dreadfully misleading information that serves to derail the
innovation process rather than accepting customer inputs such as needs benefits specifications and
solutions ulwick argues that researchers should silence the literal voice of the customer and focus on
the metrics that customers use to measure success when executing the jobs tasks or activities they
are trying to get done using these customer desired outcomes as inputs into the innovation process
eliminates much of the chaos and variability that typically derails innovation initiatives with the same
profound insight simplicity and uncommon sense that propelled the innovator s solution to worldwide
acclaim this paradigm changing book details an eight step approach that uses outcome driven thinking
to dramatically improve every aspect of the innovation process from segmenting markets and

identifying opportunities to creating evaluating and positioning breakthrough concepts using case studies from microsoft johnson johnson aig pfizer and other leading companies what customers want shows companies how to obtain unique customer inputs that make predictable innovation possible recognize opportunities for disruption new market creation and core market growth well before competitors do identify which ideas technologies and acquisitions have the greatest potential for creating customer value systematically define breakthrough products and services concepts innovation is fundamental to success and business growth offering a proven alternative to failed customer driven thinking this landmark book arms you with the tools to unleash innovation lower costs and reduce failure rates and create the products and services customers really want

What Customers Want: Using Outcome-Driven Innovation to Create Breakthrough Products and

Services 2005-09-06 draws on more than forty interviews with steve jobs as well as interviews with family members friends competitors and colleagues to offer a look at the co founder and leading creative force behind the apple computer company

Steve Jobs 2011 in a challenging economy filled with multiple competitors no one can afford to stagnate yet innovation is notoriously difficult how do you pinpoint the winning ideas that customers will love sifting through purchasing data for clues about what might sell or haphazardly brainstorming ideas are typical strategies however innovation expert stephen wunker offers the effective jobs method determining the drivers of customer behavior those functional and emotional goals that people want to achieve this simple shift in perspective opens up new insights about your customers and a wealth of hidden opportunities for example social media newcomer snapchat used the jobs process to capture the millennial demographic by reducing functionality the company satisfied its users unmet need to document real life in the moment without filters and like buttons packed with similar examples from every industry this complete innovation guide explains both foundational concepts and a detailed action plan developed by wunker and his team in jobs to be done the groundbreaking jobs roadmap takes you step by step through the innovation process and reveals how to gather valuable customer insights turn those insights into new product ideas test and iterate until you find original profitable solutions and much more jobs to be done gives you a clear cut framework for thinking about your business outlines a roadmap for discovering new markets new products and services and helps you generate creative opportunities to innovate your way to success

Jobs to Be Done 2016-11-15 the democracy project is an exploration of anti capitalist dissent and new political ideas from david graeber author of debt the first 5 000 years and a leading member of the

occupy movement from the earliest meetings for occupy wall street david graeber activist anarchist and anthropologist felt that something was different from previous demonstrations as events gathered pace from local actions like illegally teaching a seminar in the bank of america lobby in a tweed jacket he d borrowed to look the part to his harassment and attempted intimidation by new york police in zuccotti park graeber saw the other occupy movements in cairo athens barcelona and london and knew that times were truly changing this witty provocative yet wide ranging and ideas driven look at the actions of the 99 is a vital read in today s protest climate and asks why did it work this time what went right and what can we all do now to make our world democratic once again an energetic account of contemporary events the democracy project will change the way you think about anarchism and political organization david graeber is a radical anthropologist at goldsmiths university of london who has been involved with the occupy movement most actively at wall street he has written for many publications including harper s the wall street journal the nation and the guardian he is also the author most recently of the widely praised debt the first 5 000 years as well as many books on social organization and revolution including towards an anthropological theory of value fragments of an anarchist anthropology direct action an ethnography i have twice given away david graeber s debt the first 5 000 years and christmas will not change my habits the book is more readable and entertaining than i can indicate peter carey observer books of the year debt the first 5 000 years by goldsmiths college anthropologist david graeber has become one of the year s most influential books paul mason guardian books of 2011

The Democracy Project 2013-04-09 an urgent collection of short stories from one of singapore s most celebrated voices now published in america for the first time

Malay Sketches 2018-02 in rutherfren and donohue s employment discrimination law and theory the authors preserve the relative simplicity and compact coverage of an introductory employment discrimination law casebook for a field that grows ever more complex keeping the larger questions in view and the controversial arguments that surround them on all sides remains a challenge as cases and statutes raise ever more finely tuned issues of doctrine this edition keeps readers abreast of recent developments assesses what those developments hold for the future of employment discrimination law introduces the issues in a field of continuing vitality and controversy

Employment Discrimination 2012 in 1959 john i holland introduced a theory of vocational choices which is still used today it embraces a personality typology involving six models widely known as the holland code or riasec here in this new publication readers will finally see holland s previously

unpublished autobiography and appreciate this antidote for imperfect secondary accounts of the theory this long awaited book provides counseling practitioners counselor educators researchers vocational psychologists and students with 1 a clear and concise understanding of the holland theory and its implications for practice 2 a snapshot of john holland s life long effort to establish the efficacy of the theory and 3 an appreciation for the life of an accomplished theoretician and researcher and his impact on the counseling profession

My Life with a Theory 2020-06-15 from john maynard keynes s prediction of a fifteen hour workweek to present day speculation about automation we have not stopped forecasting the end of work critical theory and political philosophy have turned their attention away from the workplace to focus on other realms of domination and emancipation but far from coming to an end work continues to occupy a central place in our lives this is not only because of the amount of time people spend on the job many of our deepest hopes and fears are bound up in our labor what jobs we perform how we relate to others how we might flourish the return of work in critical theory presents a bold new account of the human significance of work and the human costs of contemporary forms of work organization a collaboration among experts in philosophy social theory and clinical psychology it brings together empirical research with incisive analysis of the political stakes of contemporary work the return of work in critical theory begins by looking in detail at the ways in which work today fails to meet our expectations it then sketches a phenomenological description of work and examines the normative premises that underlie the experience of work finally it puts forward a novel conception of work that can renew critical theory s engagement with work and point toward possibilities for transformation inspired by max horkheimer s vision of critical theory as empirically informed reflection on the sources of social suffering with emancipatory intent the return of work in critical theory is a lucid diagnosis of the malaise and pathologies of contemporary work that proposes powerful remedies

Making Vocational Choices 1973 in a hierarchy every employee rises to the level of their own incompetence this simple maxim defined by this classic book over 40 years ago has become a beacon of truth in the world of work from the civil service to multinational companies to hospital management it explains why things constantly go wrong promotion up a hierarchy inevitably leads to over promotion and incompetence through barbed anecdotes and wry humour the authors define the problem and show how anyone whether at the top or bottom of the career ladder can avoid its pitfalls or indeed avoid promotion entirely

The Return of Work in Critical Theory 2018-06-19 explains how today s workers are a company s

greatest asset and should be treated as such and discusses the flaws in the trend that sent service manufacturing and retail sector jobs overseas in an effort to stay competitive through reduced wages and benefits 25 000 first printing

The Peter Principle 2020-10 instant new york times bestseller a dramatically new understanding of human history challenging our most fundamental assumptions about social evolution from the development of agriculture and cities to the origins of the state democracy and inequality and revealing new possibilities for human emancipation for generations our remote ancestors have been cast as primitive and childlike either free and equal innocents or thuggish and warlike civilization we are told could be achieved only by sacrificing those original freedoms or alternatively by taming our baser instincts david graeber and david wengrow show how such theories first emerged in the eighteenth century as a conservative reaction to powerful critiques of european society posed by indigenous observers and intellectuals revisiting this encounter has startling implications for how we make sense of human history today including the origins of farming property cities democracy slavery and civilization itself drawing on pathbreaking research in archaeology and anthropology the authors show how history becomes a far more interesting place once we learn to throw off our conceptual shackles and perceive what s really there if humans did not spend 95 percent of their evolutionary past in tiny bands of hunter gatherers what were they doing all that time if agriculture and cities did not mean a plunge into hierarchy and domination then what kinds of social and economic organization did they lead to the answers are often unexpected and suggest that the course of human history may be less set in stone and more full of playful hopeful possibilities than we tend to assume the dawn of everything fundamentally transforms our understanding of the human past and offers a path toward imagining new forms of freedom new ways of organizing society this is a monumental book of formidable intellectual range animated by curiosity moral vision and a faith in the power of direct action includes black and white illustrations

The Good Jobs Strategy 2014 the thrilling history of archaeological adventure with tales of danger debate audacious explorers and astonishing discoveries around the globe what is archaeology the word may bring to mind images of golden pharaohs and lost civilizations or neanderthal skulls and ice age cave art archaeology is all of these but also far more the only science to encompass the entire span of human history more than three million years this little history tells the riveting stories of some of the great archaeologists and their amazing discoveries around the globe ancient egyptian tombs mayan ruins the first colonial settlements at jamestown mysterious stonehenge the incredibly

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