

# New Book Alerts

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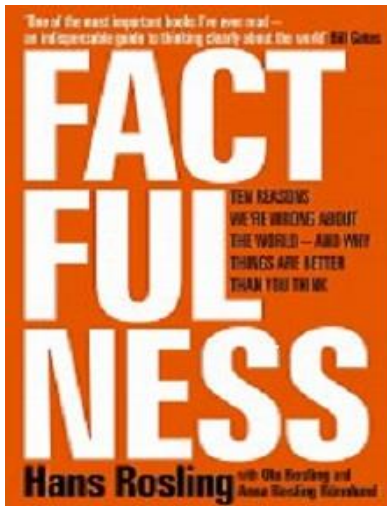
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## **1. Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World – and Why Things Are Better Than You Think/Hans Rosling**



The world today can seem a scary place. Many Americans share concerns about major current events and perhaps even a general concern that circumstances are growing worse in numerous ways, stability declining, and dangers rising everywhere. In 2019, a step back to look at what's happening is daunting - from dozens of mass shootings to economic uncertainty, volatile foreign powers, cyber-threats, questionable privacy, rapidly evolving technologies, cultural dissent, and more, a sense of being scared and overwhelmed seems reasonable. But are things as bad as they seem? Swedish statistician Hans Rosling and his son Ola Rosling in their 2018 book, Factfulness, take a step back from the fray to analyze trends and data to see whether our lives are getting worse or better, and show that in the grand scheme perhaps things are better and more hopeful than mass-media-fueled majority majority of everyday people might realize.

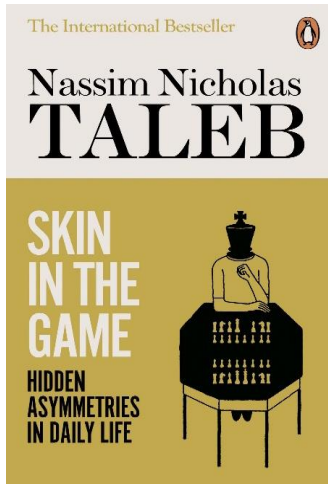
Factfulness is about understanding how our instincts program us to exaggerate situations and distort our perception of reality in ways that further exacerbate problems and how we react to them. In his book, Rosling outlines ten of these fundamental instincts and how to combat them to cultivate shift towards a perception based in fact that will ultimately alter the way we think, feel, and behave as a result.

**Pub- Sceptre**

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## 2. Skin in the Game: Hidden Asymmetries in Daily Life/Nassim Nicholas Taleb



'Skin in the game means that you do not pay attention to what people say, only to what they do, and how much of their neck they are putting on the line'

Citizens, artisans, police, fishermen, political activists and entrepreneurs all have skin in the game. Policy wonks, corporate executives, many academics, bankers and most journalists don't. It's all about having something to lose and sharing risks with others. In his most provocative and practical book yet, Nassim Nicholas Taleb shows that skin in the game, often seen as the foundation of risk management, in fact applies to all aspects of our lives.

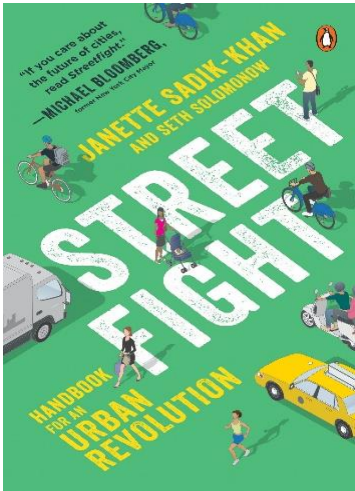
In his inimitable style, Taleb draws on everything from Antaeus the Giant to Hammurabi to Donald Trump, from ethics to used car salesmen, to create a jaw-dropping framework for understanding this idea.

**Pub- Penguin**

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### **3. Streetfight: Handbook for an Urban Revolution/ Janette Sadik-Khan**



As New York City's transportation commissioner, Janette Sadik-Khan managed the seemingly impossible and transformed the streets of one of the world's greatest, toughest cities into dynamic spaces safe for pedestrians and bikers. Her approach was dramatic and effective: Simply painting a part of the street to make it into a plaza or bus lane not only made the street safer, but it also lessened congestion and increased foot traffic, which improved the bottom line of businesses. Real-life experience confirmed that if you know how to read the street, you can make it function better by not totally reconstructing it but by reallocating the space that's already there.

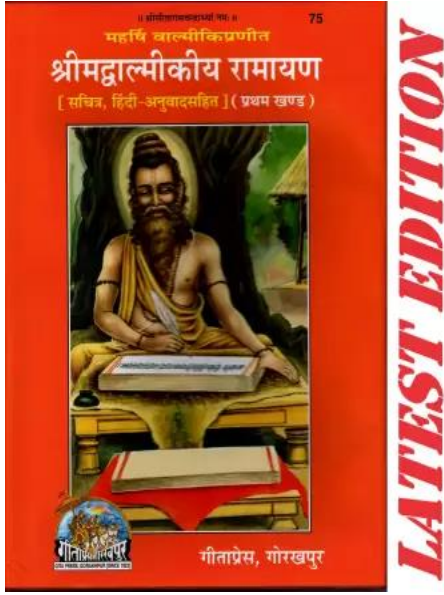
Breaking the street into its component parts, Streetfight demonstrates, with step-by-step visuals, how to rewrite the underlying “source code” of a street, with pointers on how to add protected bike paths, improve crosswalk space, and provide visual cues to reduce speeding. Achieving such a radical overhaul wasn't easy, and Streetfight pulls back the curtain on the battles Sadik-Khan won to make her approach work. She includes examples of how this new way to read the streets has already made its way around the world, from pocket parks in Mexico City and Los Angeles to more pedestrian-friendly streets in Auckland and Buenos Aires, and innovative bike-lane designs and plazas in Austin, Indianapolis, and San Francisco. Many are inspired by the changes taking place in New York City and are based on the same techniques. Streetfight deconstructs, reassembles, and reinvents the street, inviting readers to see it in ways they never imagined.

**Pub- Penguin**

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4. **Shreemadvalmikiya Ramayan 2nd khand ( Sunderkand se Uttarkand tak)/  
Maharshi Valmiki**



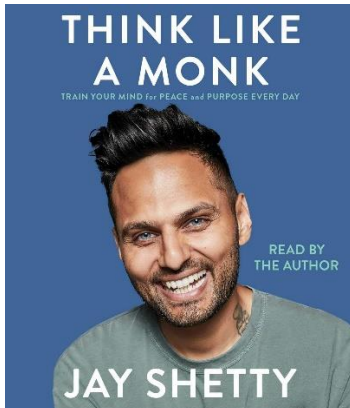
Valmiki Ramayan is one of the world's most remarkable classics and excels in its moral appeal. It is full of lessons for all and deserves to be read with interest and profit by all lovers of healthy literature. It is noted for its poetic excellence and is the oldest specimen of epic poetry. It stands equal in rank to the Vedas. Valmiki Ramayan is available in two volumes with Sanskrit text and English translation. Hard-bound with illustration.

**Pub- Gita Press**

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5. **Think like a monk Train your mind for peace and purpose every day /Jay Shetty**



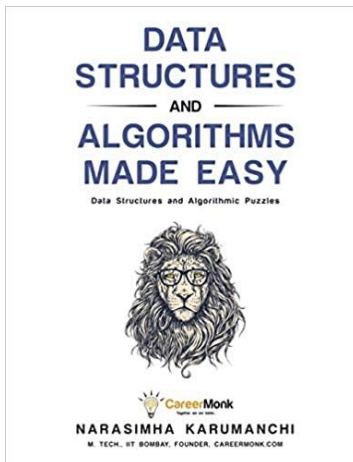
In this book, you learn to have and live with peace and purpose. It teaches you to filter out the negative thoughts and the cancers of our mind Complaining, Comparing, and Criticizing, Nowadays, people focus on how to get attention which brings our heart affection. We go to more paying jobs we hate to earn money. It is ok to earn less but be happy. Happiness mostly matters in this world to anybody and everybody. It shows us how monks live in their life and it has a deep meaning if you read this book. Even if we are doing 15 mins of meditation we say we don't have time but if we are in social media you say its my time. It's all about how you see it. Combining ancient wisdom with the practicalities of today there are a lot of differences. This book is totally recommended to you by me itself it is amazing and motivating pls do read this book.

**Pub- London Harper Collins**

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6. **Data structures and algorithms made easy data structures and algorithmic puzzles/ Narasimha Karumanchi**



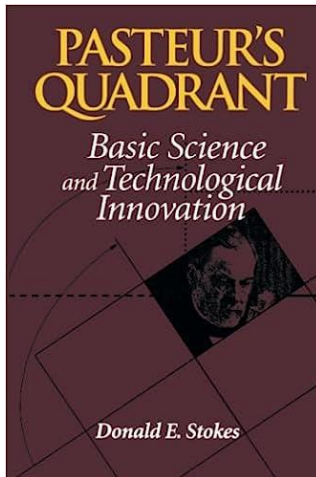
This book is also useful for Engineering degree students and Masters degree students during their academic preparations. In all the chapters you will see that there is more emphasis on problems and their analysis rather than on theory. In each chapter, you will first read about the basic required theory, which is then followed by a section on problem sets. In total, there are approximately 700 algorithmic problems, all with solutions. If you read the book as a student preparing for competitive exams for Computer Science /Information Technology, the content covers all the required topics in full detail. While writing this book, my main focus was to help students who are preparing for these exams. In all the chapters you will see more emphasis on problems and analysis rather than on theory. In each chapter, you will first see the basic required theory followed by various problems. For many problems, multiple solutions are provided with different levels of complexity. We start with the brute force solution and slowly move toward the best solution possible for that problem. For each problem, we endeavor to understand how much time the algorithm takes and how much memory the algorithm uses.

**Pub- Career Monk**

**Accession No -157916**

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**7. Pasteur's quadrant basic science and technological innovation/Donald E Stokes**



Over fifty years ago, Vannevar Bush released his enormously influential report, *Science, the Endless Frontier*, which asserted a dichotomy between basic and applied science. This view was at the core of the compact between government and science that led to the golden age of scientific research after World War II—a compact that is currently under severe stress. In this book, Donald Stokes challenges Bush's view and maintains that we can only rebuild the relationship between government and the scientific community when we understand what is wrong with that view.

Stokes begins with an analysis of the goals of understanding and use in scientific research. He recasts the widely accepted view of the tension between understanding and use, citing as a model case the fundamental yet use-inspired studies by which Louis Pasteur laid the foundations of microbiology a century ago. Pasteur worked in the era of the “second industrial revolution,” when the relationship between basic science and technological change assumed its modern form. Over subsequent decades, technology has been increasingly science-based. But science has been increasingly technology-based—with the choice of problems and the conduct of research often inspired by societal needs. An example is the work of the quantum-effects physicists who are probing the phenomena revealed by the miniaturization of semiconductors from the time of the transistor's discovery after World War II.

**Pub- Brookings Institution**

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## 8. Zen & the art of motorcycle maintenance Robert/ M.Pirsig



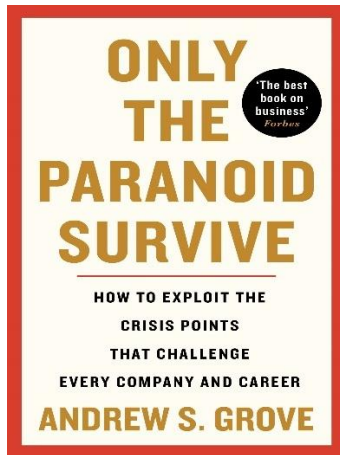
The extraordinary story of a man’s quest for truth. It will change the way you think and feel about your life. “The cycle you’re working on is a cycle called ‘yourself.’” “The study of the art of motorcycle maintenance is really a study of the art of rationality itself. Working on a motorcycle, working well, caring, is to become part of a process, to achieve an inner peace of mind. The motorcycle is primarily a mental phenomenon.” — Robert M. Pirsig “Profoundly important... full of insights into our most perplexing contemporary dilemmas... It is intellectual entertainment of the highest order.” — “The New York Times” “It lodges in the mind as few recent novels have... The book is inspired, original... As the mountains gentle toward the sea—with father and child locked in a ghostly grip—the narrative tact, the perfect economy of effect defy criticism... The analogies with “Moby Dick” are patent. Robert Pirsig invites the prodigious comparison... What more can one say?” — “The New Yorker” “It’s a miracle sparkles like an electric dream. Freshness, originality... that seduces you into loving motorcycles, as tender in their pistons as the petals in the Buddah’s dawn lotus.” — “The Village Voice”

**Pub- Vintage**

**Accession No -157918**

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9. **Only the paranoid survive how to exploit the crisis points that challenge every company and career Andrew S. Grove**



Under Andy Grove's leadership, Intel has become the world's largest chip maker and one of the most admired companies in the world. In *Only the Paranoid Survive*, Grove reveals his strategy of focusing on a new way of measuring the nightmare moment every leader dreads—when massive change occurs and a company must, virtually overnight, adapt or fall by the wayside. Grove calls such a moment a Strategic Inflection Point, which can be set off by almost anything: mega-competition, a change in regulations, or a seemingly modest change in technology. When a Strategic Inflection Point hits, the ordinary rules of business go out the window. Yet, managed right, a Strategic Inflection Point can be an opportunity to win in the marketplace and emerge stronger than ever. Grove underscores his message by examining his own record of success and failure, including how he navigated the events of the Pentium flaw, which threatened Intel's reputation in 1994, and how he has dealt with the explosions in growth of the Internet. The work of a lifetime, *Only the Paranoid Survive* is a classic of managerial and leadership skills. The Currency Paperback edition of *Only the Paranoid Survive* includes a new chapter about the impact of strategic inflection points on individual careers—how to predict them and how to benefit from them.

**Pub- Profile Books**

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