

DEATH GROUND

Reading List



LEVI CLAMPITT

Why We Read

In business, reading about others' mistakes saves us money.

In war, reading about past battles saves us lives.

In regular life, reading saves us a whole bunch of bullshit that probably could have been prevented if we just picked up a good book to begin with.

Here are 68 books to do just that.

Because we must first lead ourselves, I have provided my favorite books on **Leadership**, then on **Thinking Clearly**, and lastly, ones you should read while **Taking Action**.

For the Death Ground Strategy to fully work, we must come to terms with our own mortality. To help drive home this point, I've also included some of my favorite biographies and fictional reads on death and/or near-death experiences.

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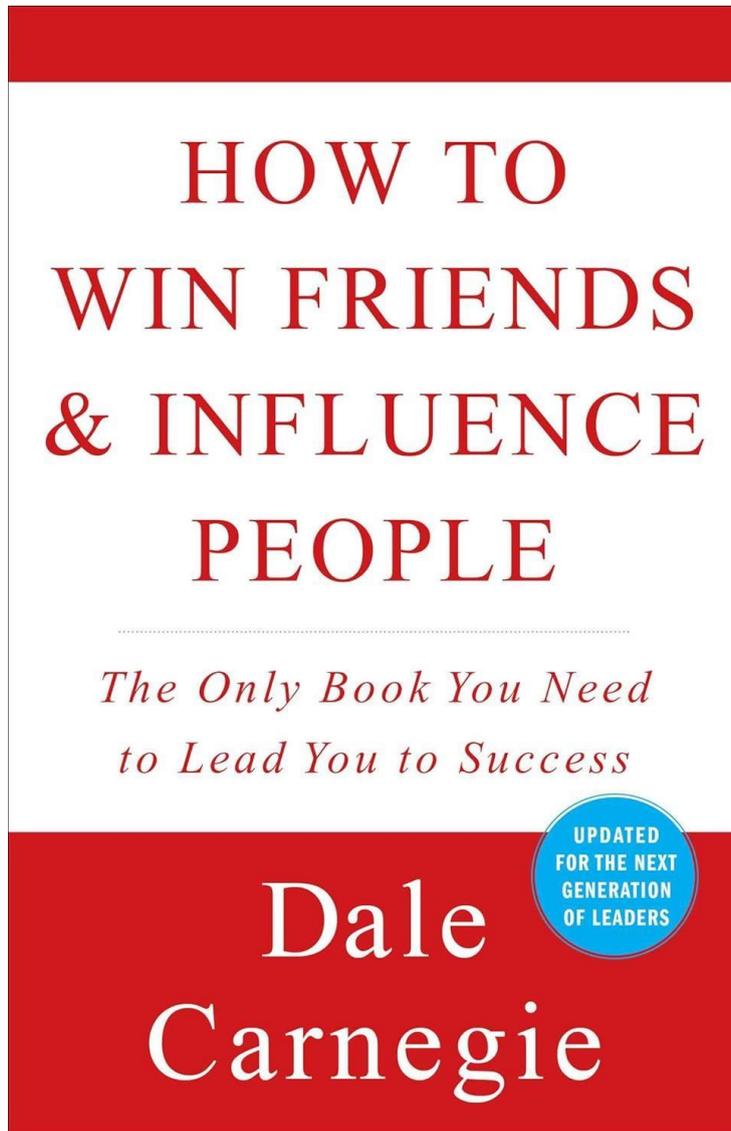
Full Disclosure: I make about a dollar per book if you use the links.



LEADERSHIP

How to Win Friends & Influence People

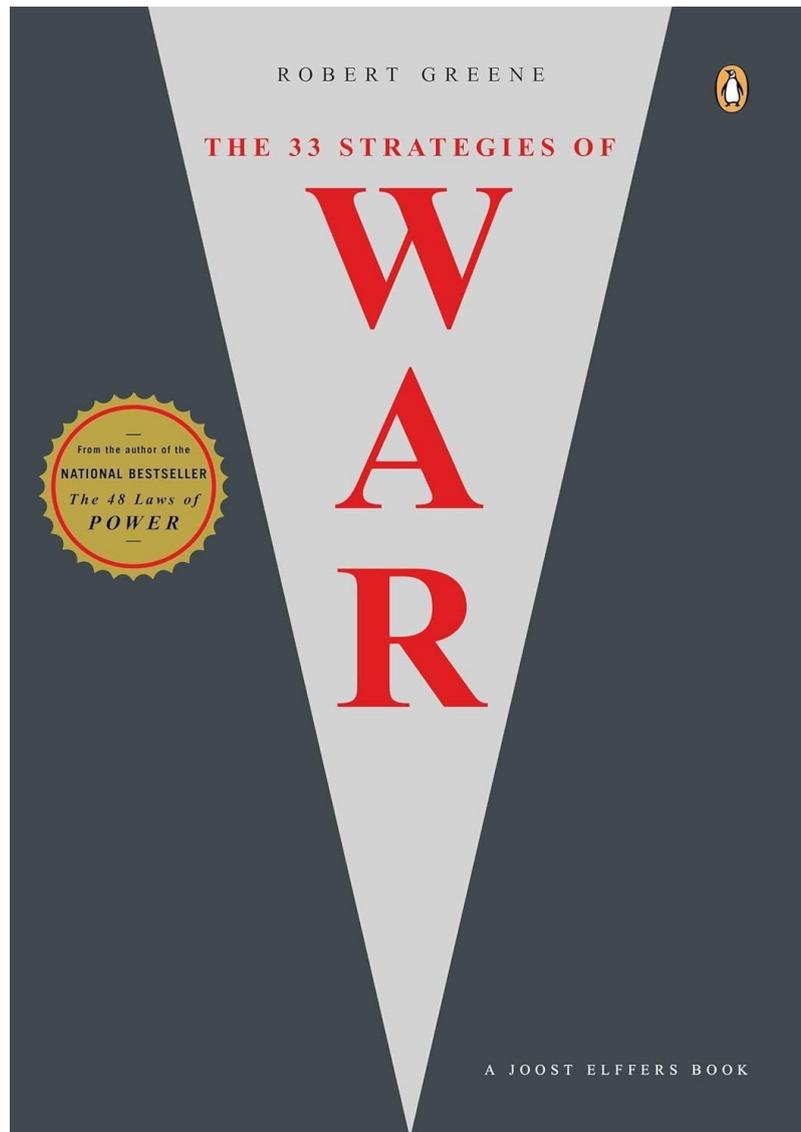
Dale Carnegie



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The 33 Strategies of War

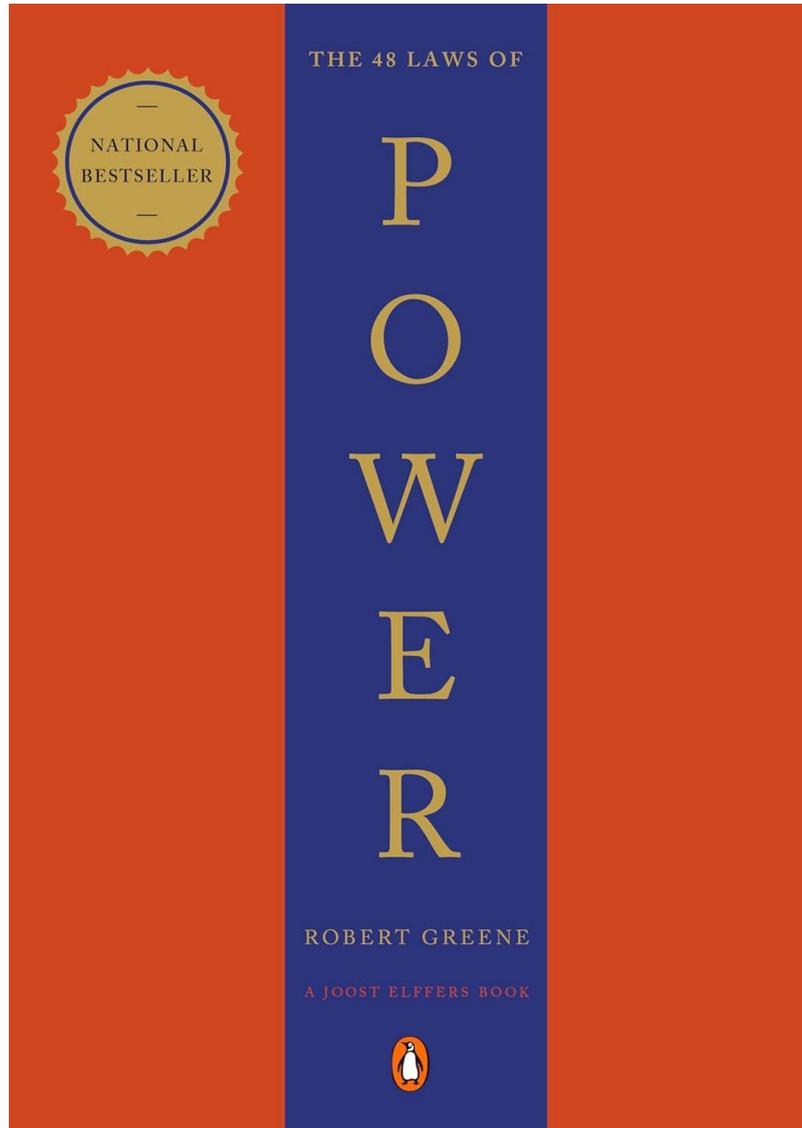
Robert Greene



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The 48 Laws of Power

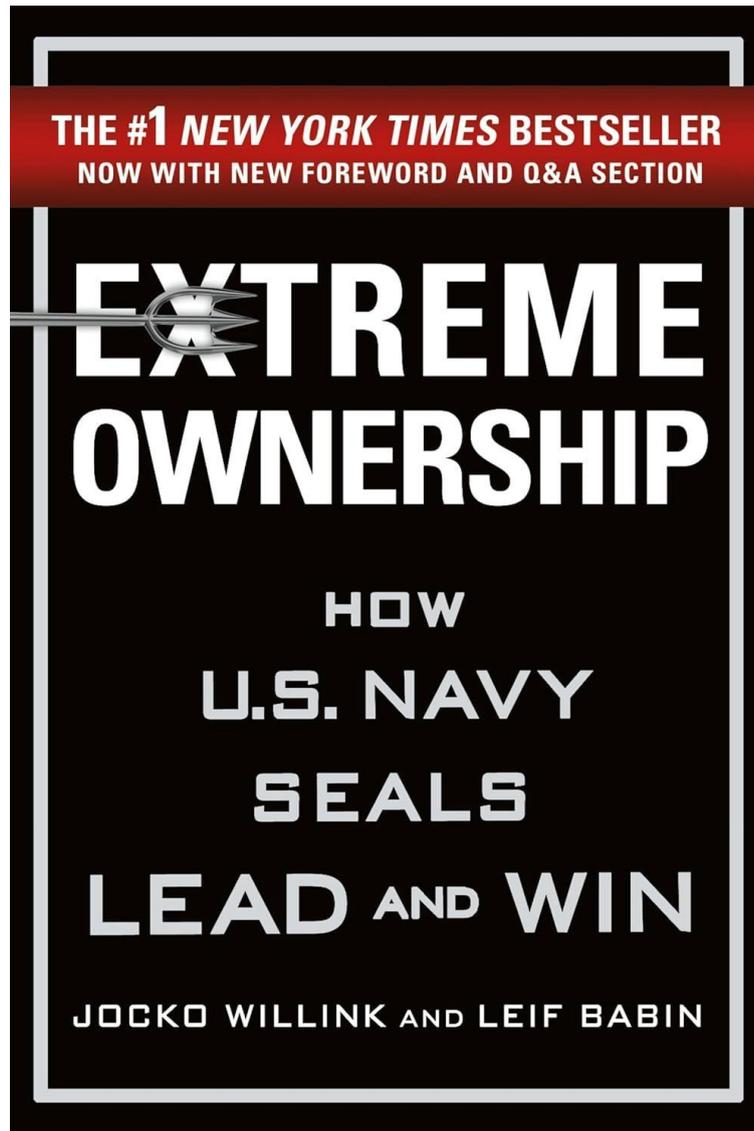
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Extreme Ownership

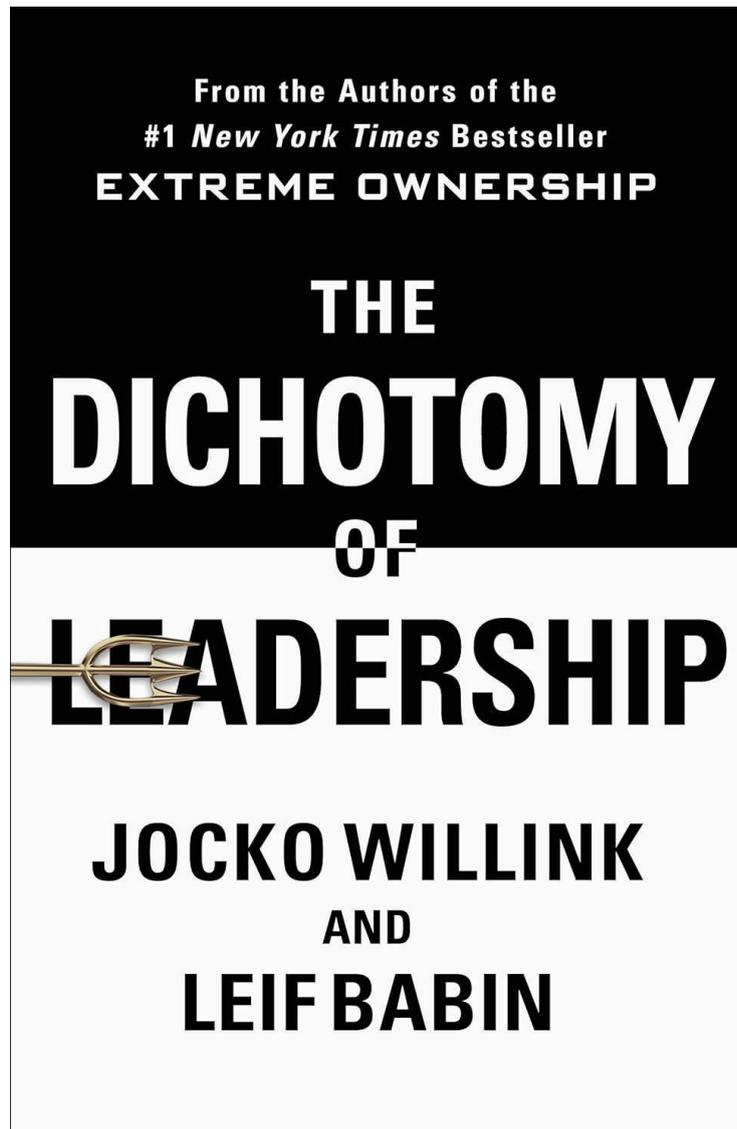
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The Dichotomy of Leadership

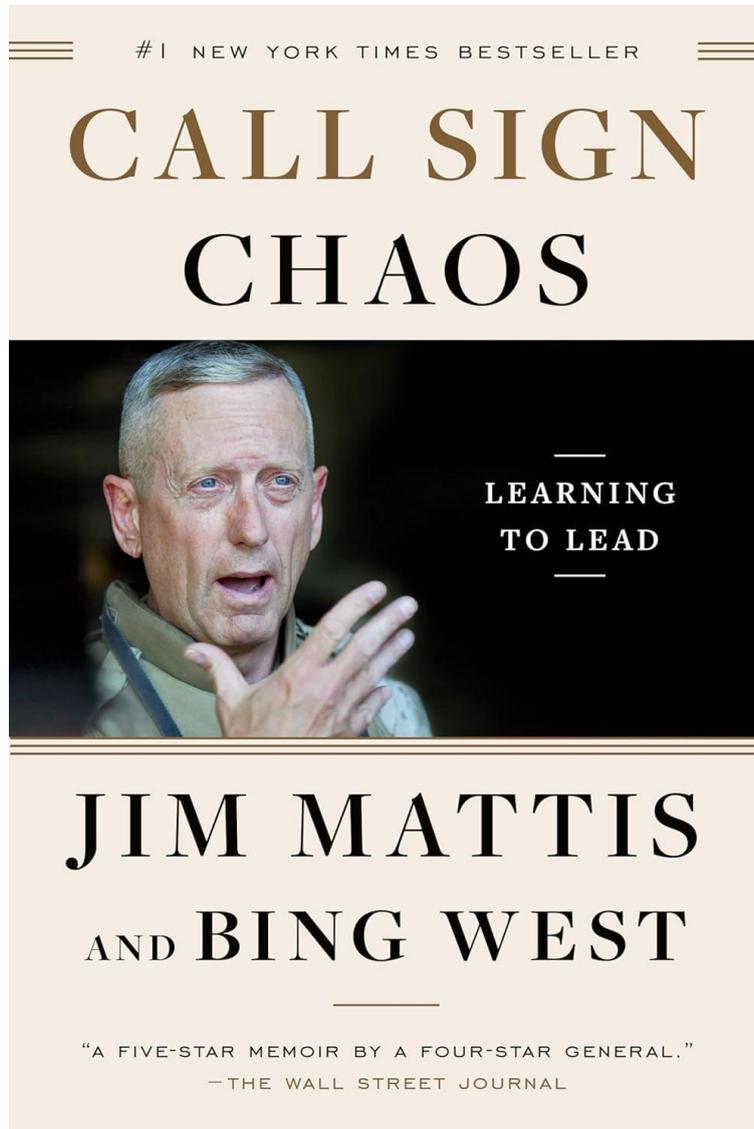
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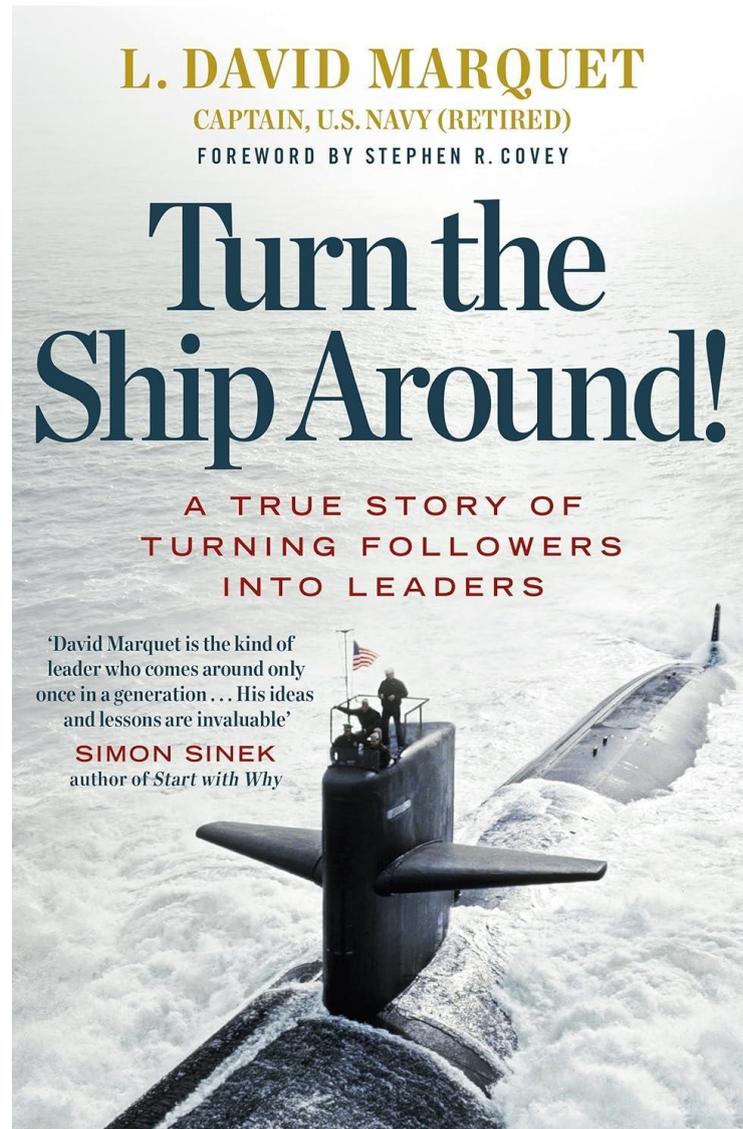
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Turn the Ship Around

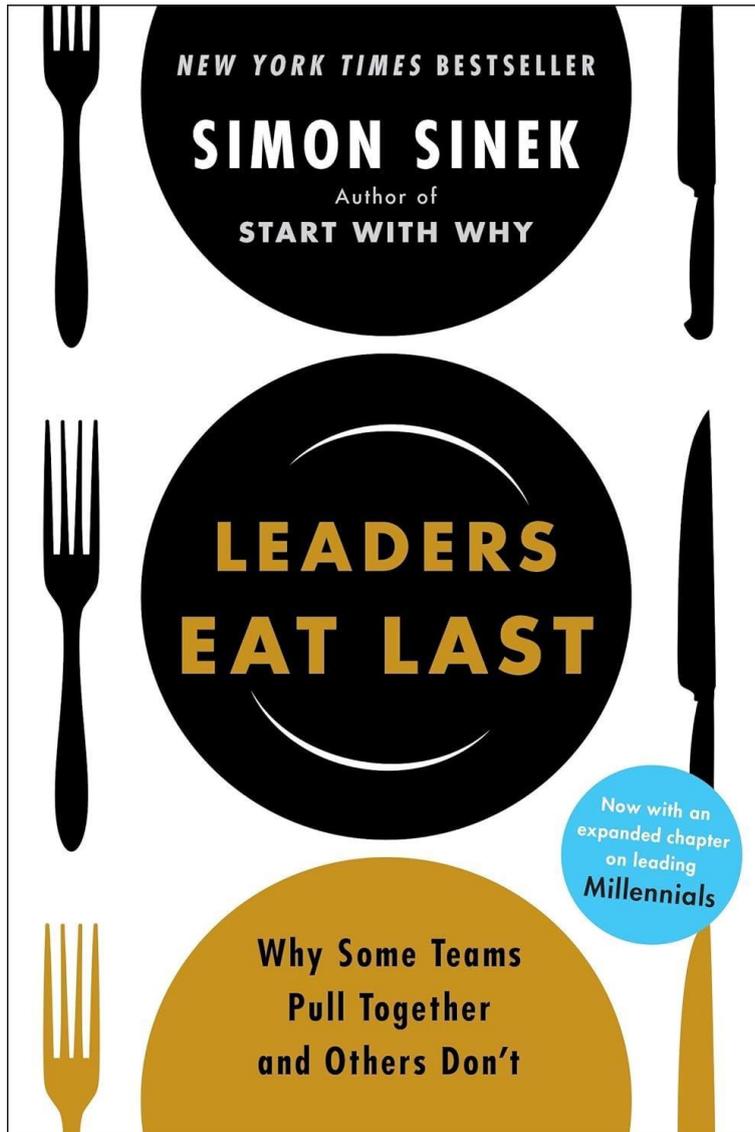
L. David Marquet



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EVERYONE TO TAKE ACTION

WITH

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New York Times bestselling author of *Leaders Eat Last* and *Together Is Better*

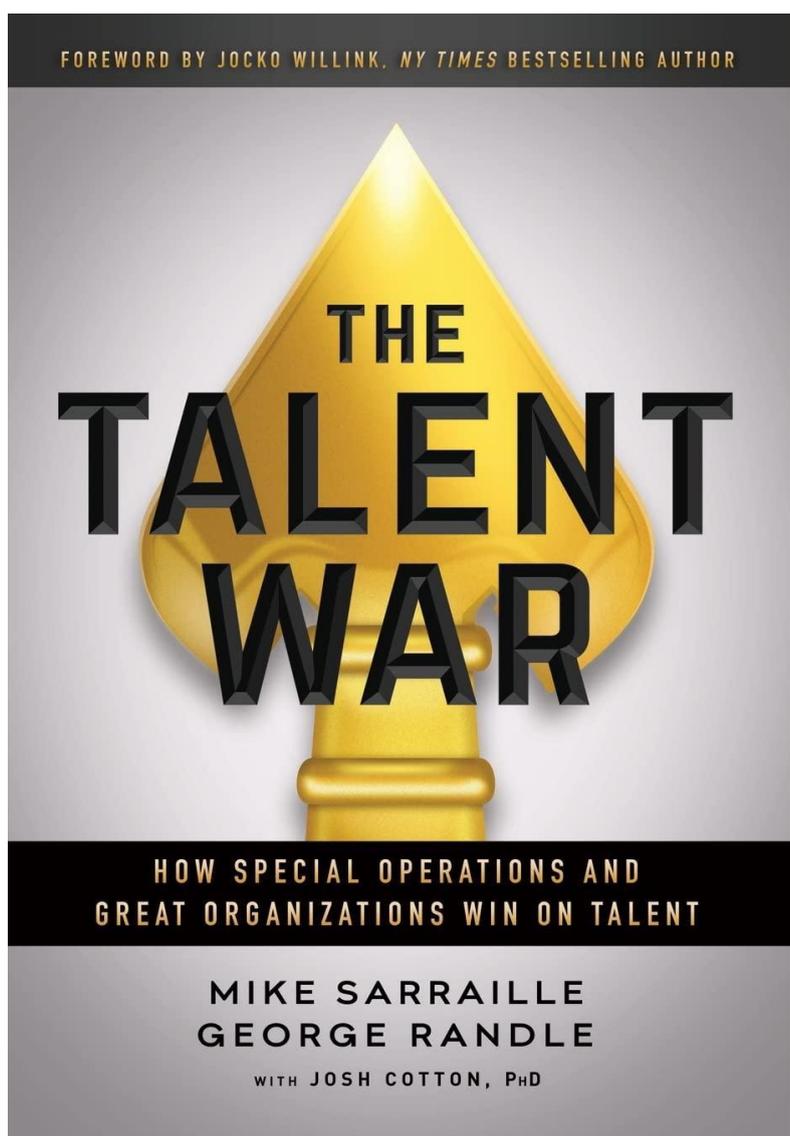
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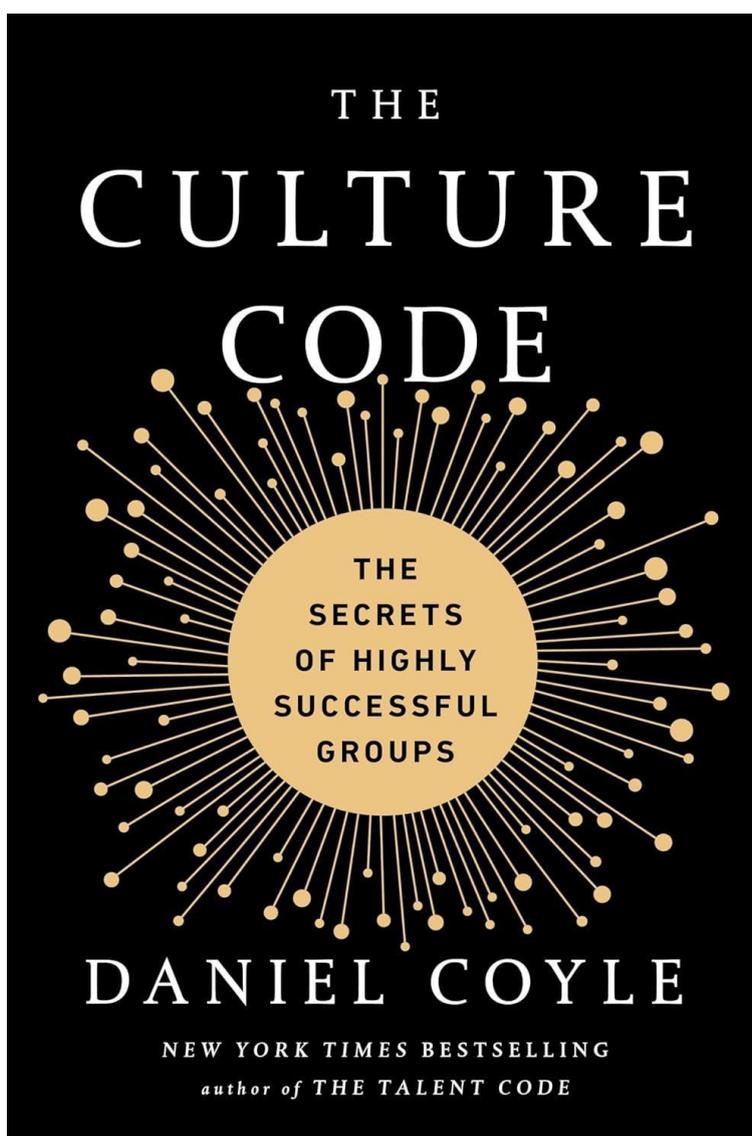
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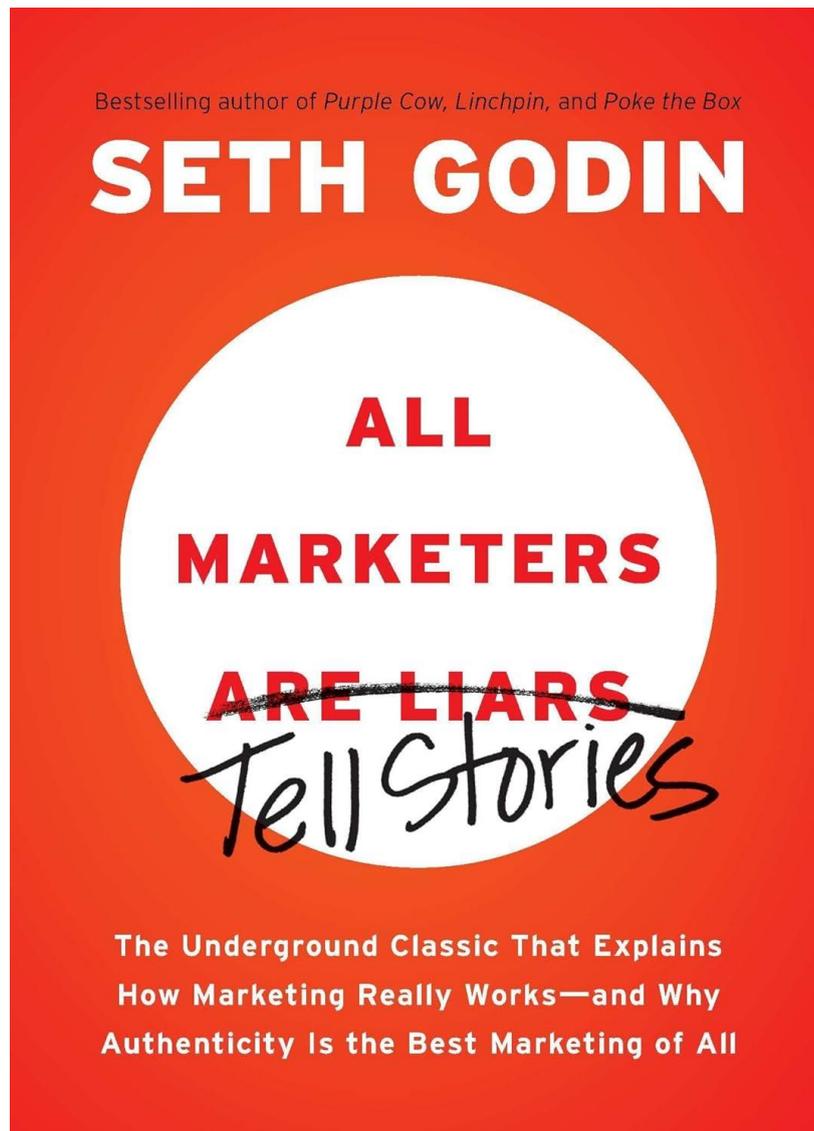
**TOOLS FOR TALKING WHEN
STAKES ARE HIGH**

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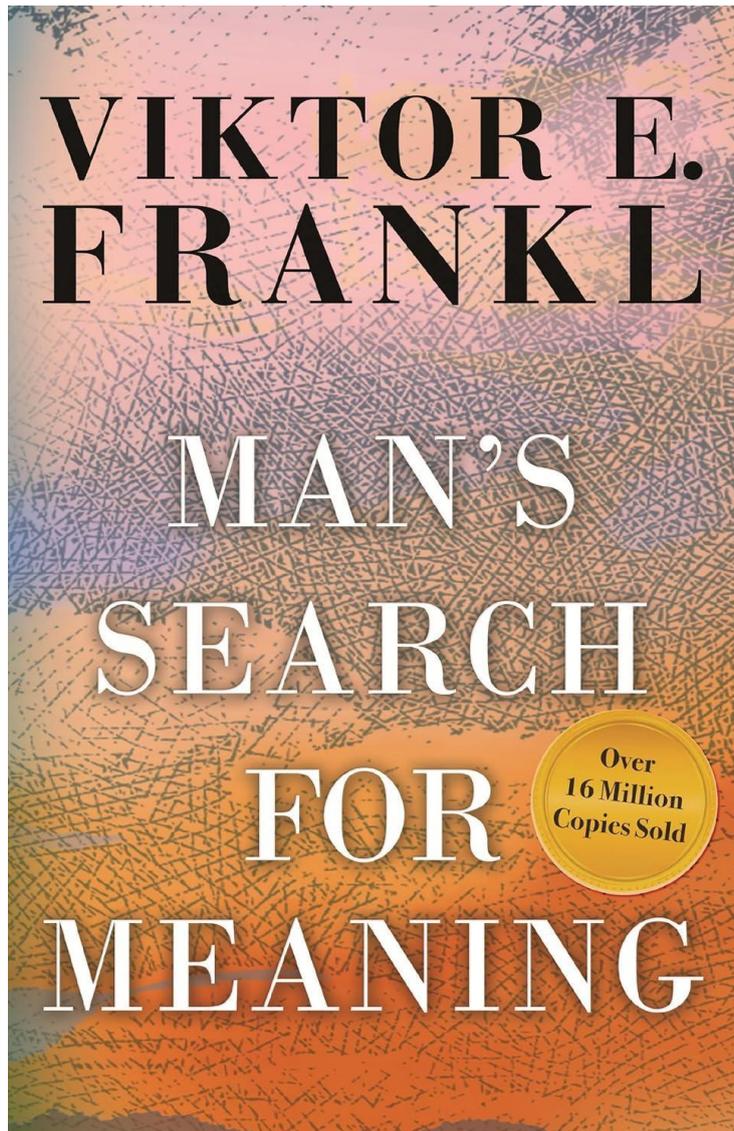


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THINKING CLEARLY

Man's Search for Meaning

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EGO IS THE ENEMY



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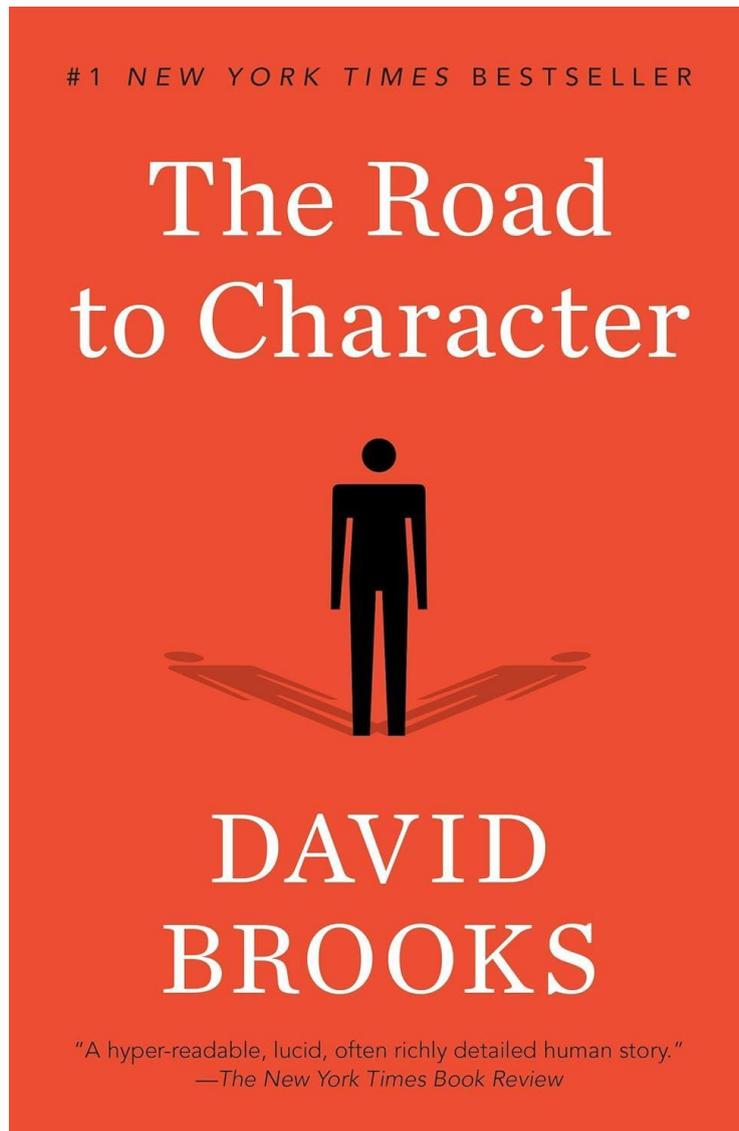
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The Road to Character

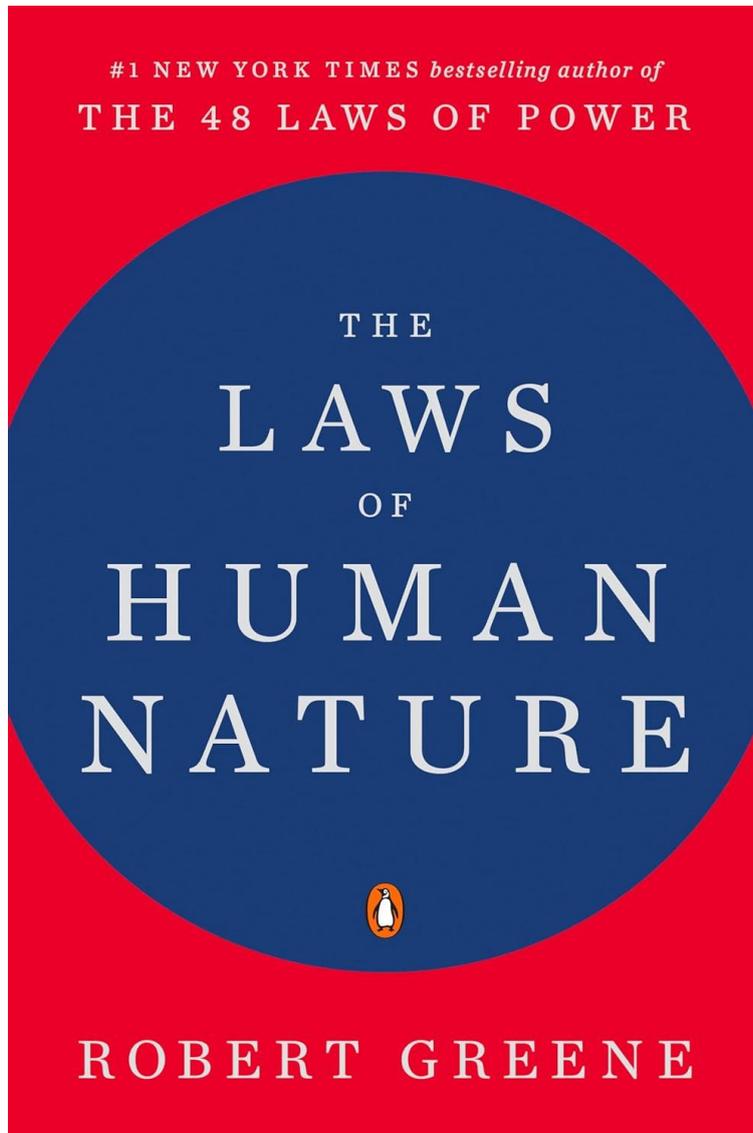
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The Laws of Human Nature

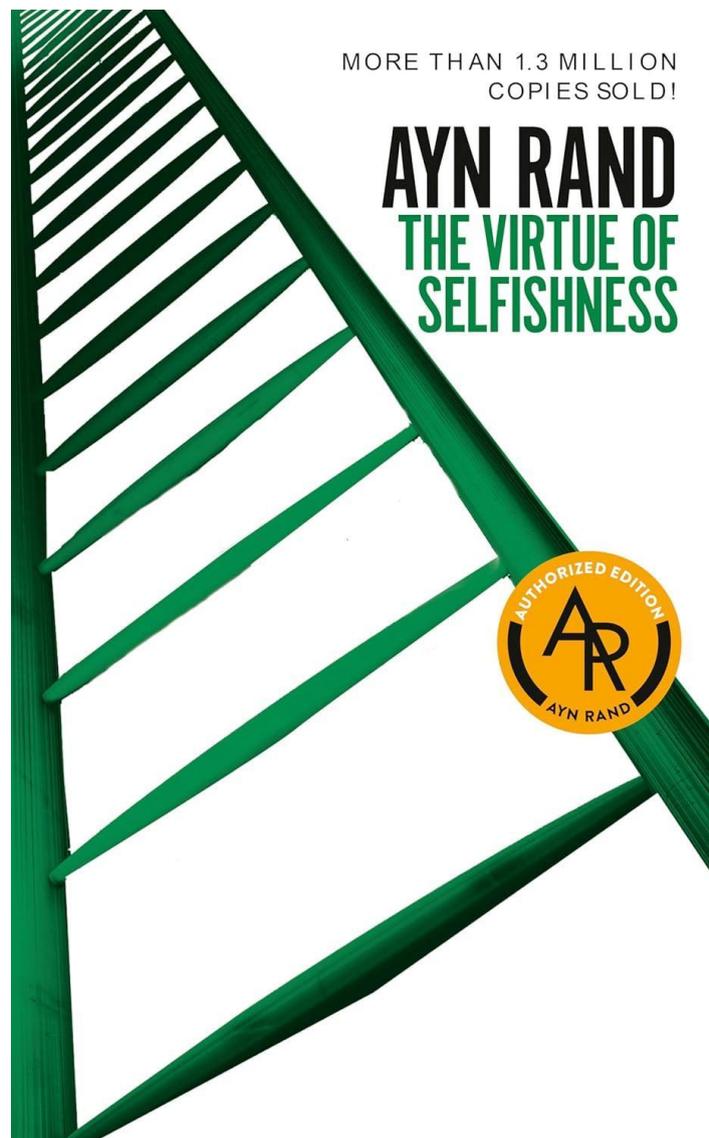
Robert Greene



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The Virtue of Selfishness

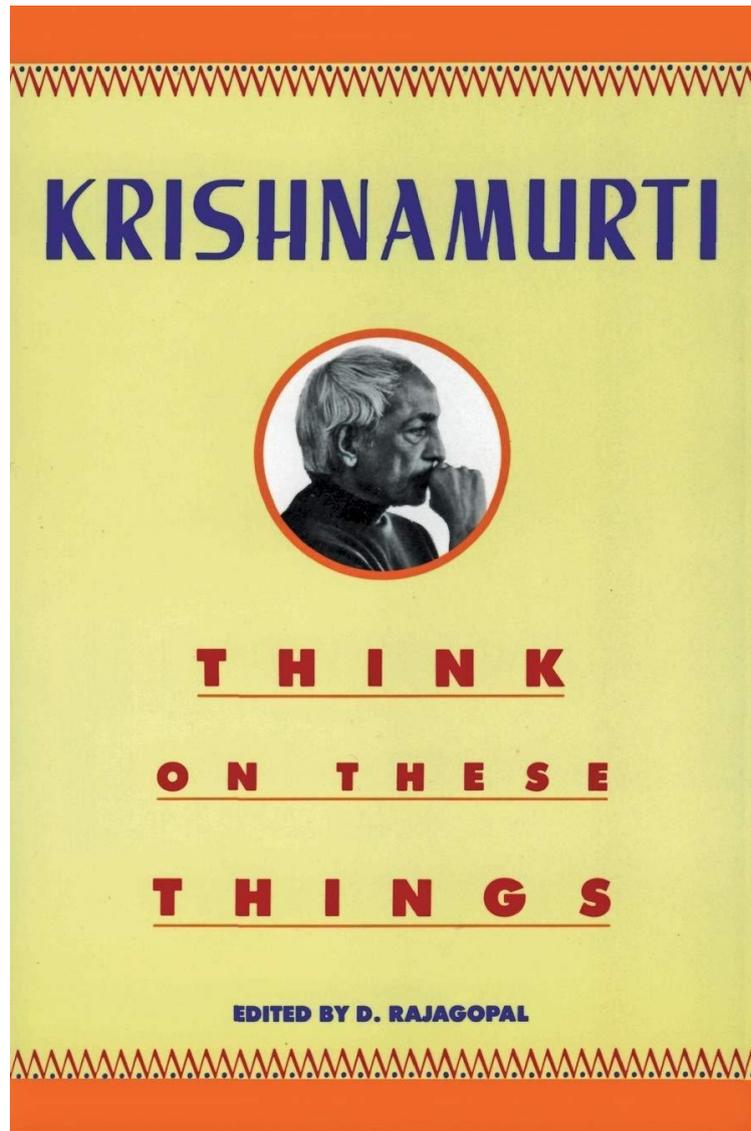
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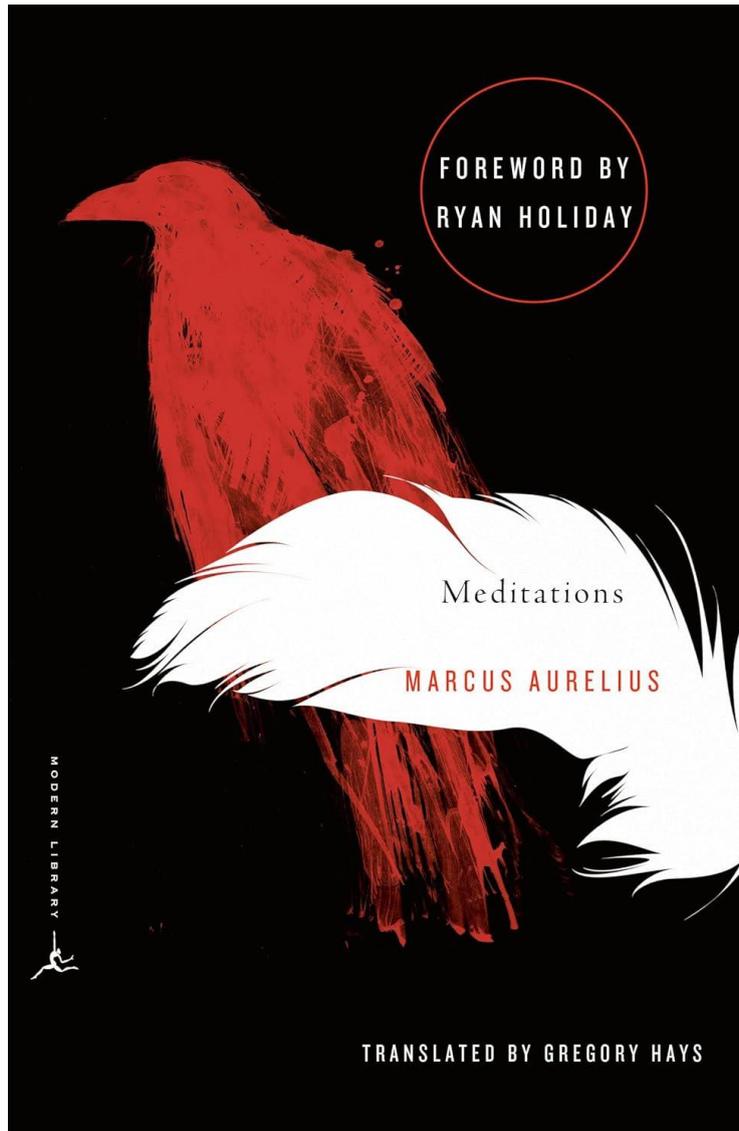
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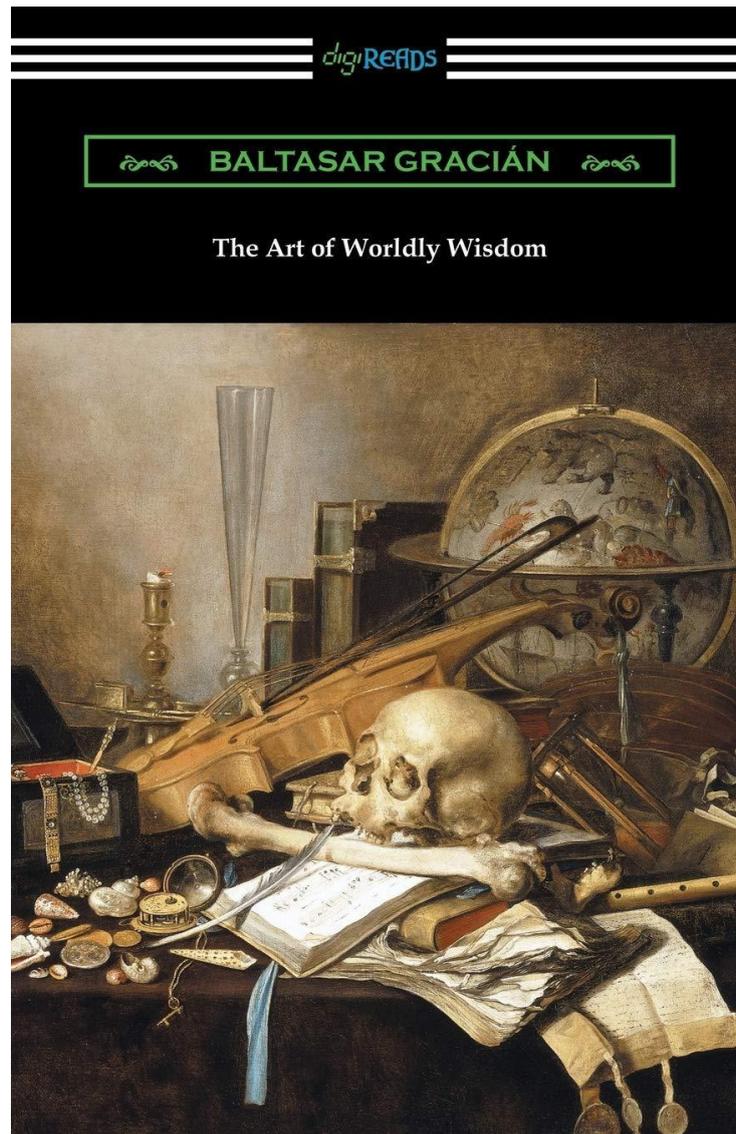
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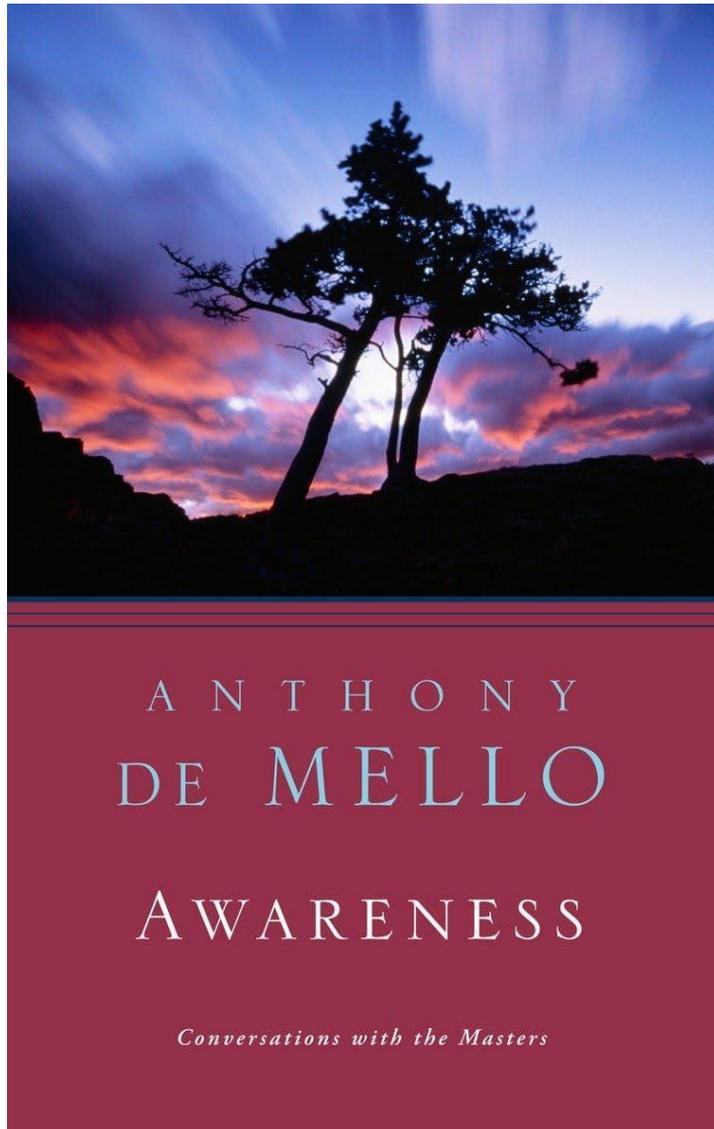
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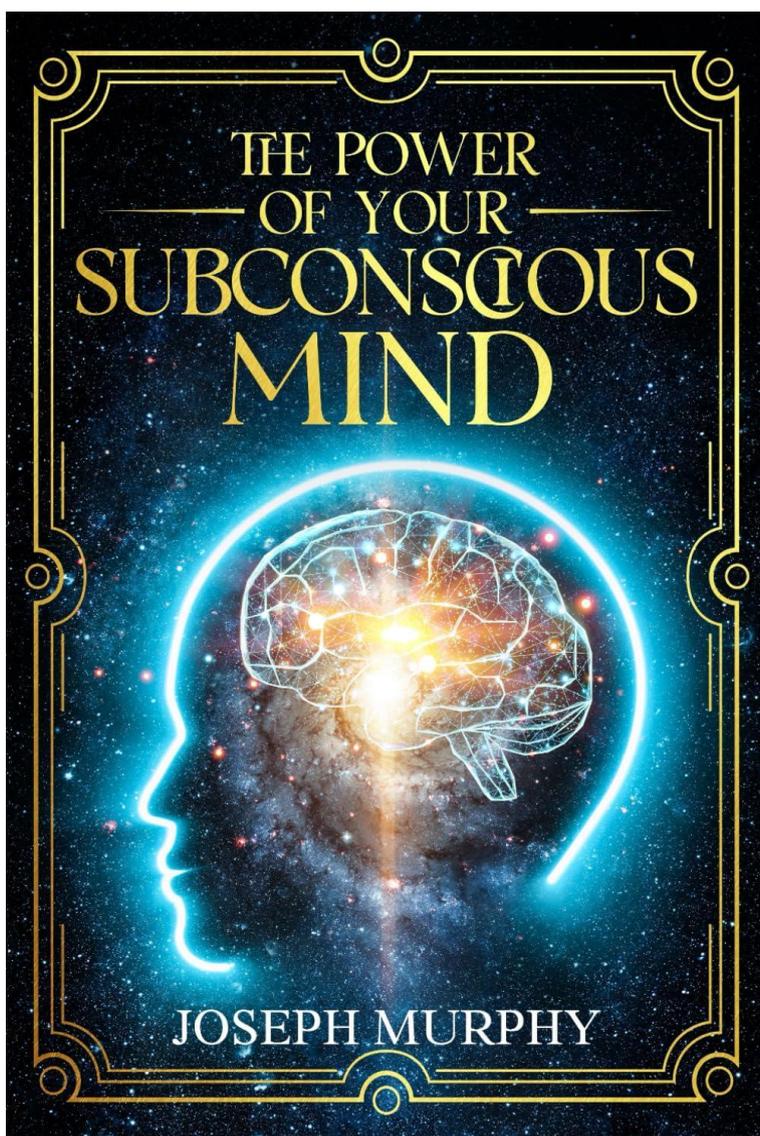
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The Power of Your Subconscious Mind

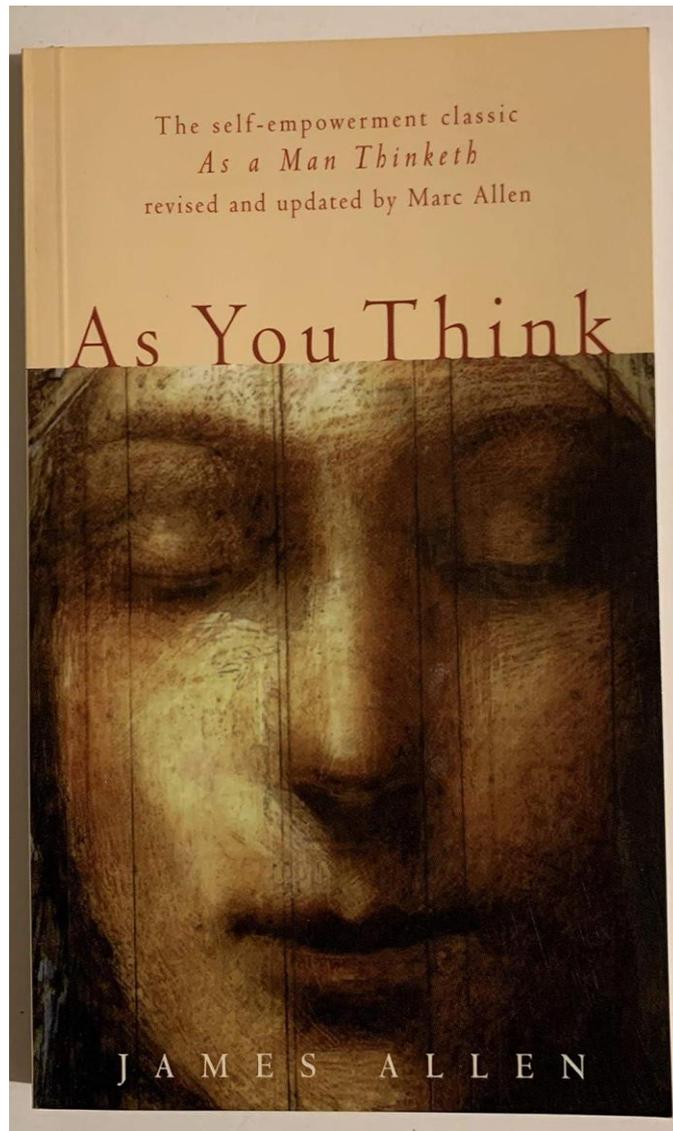
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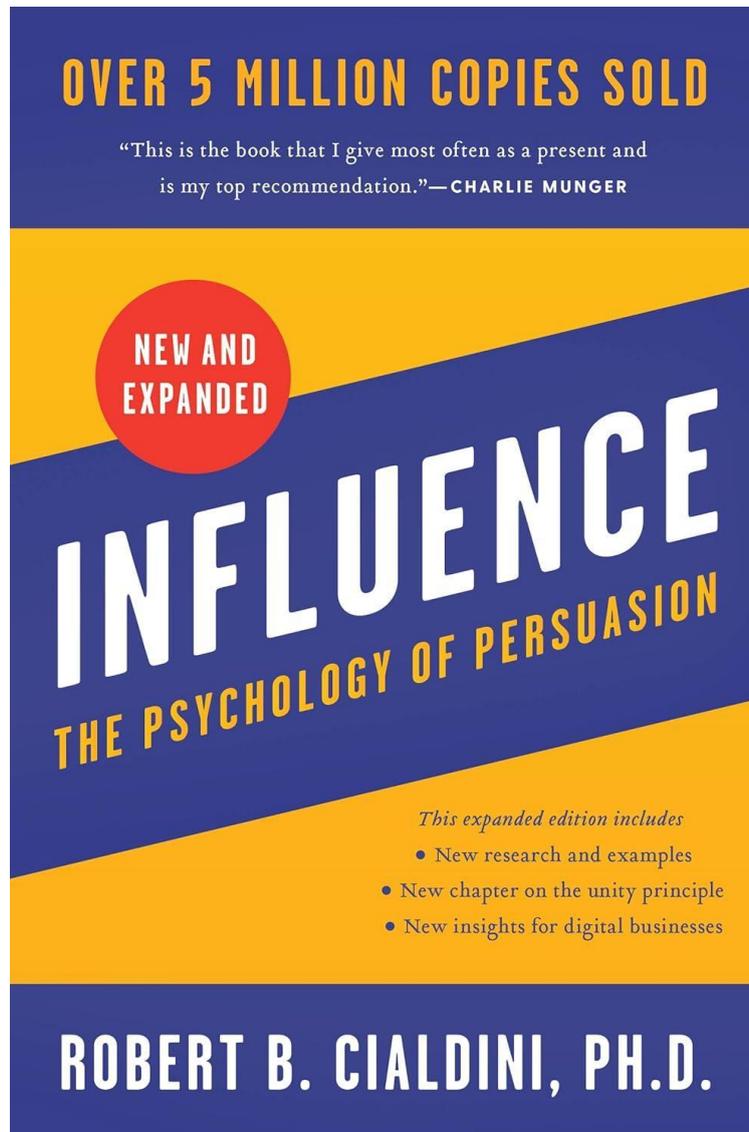
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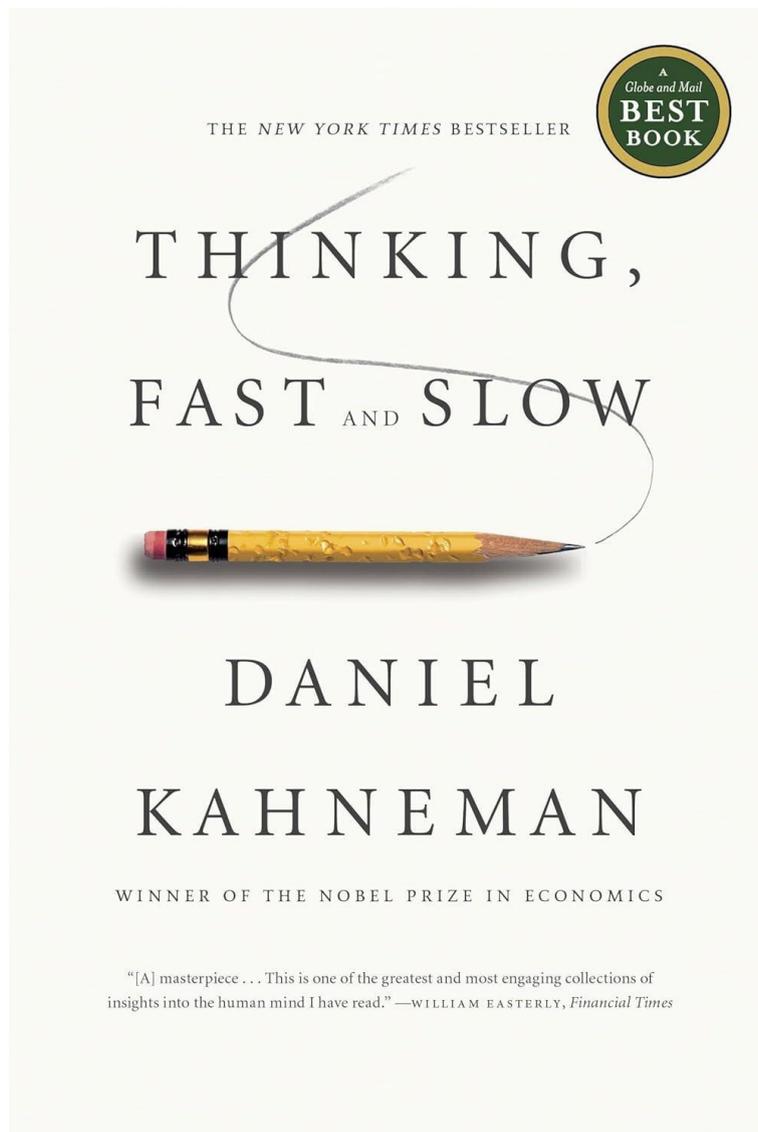
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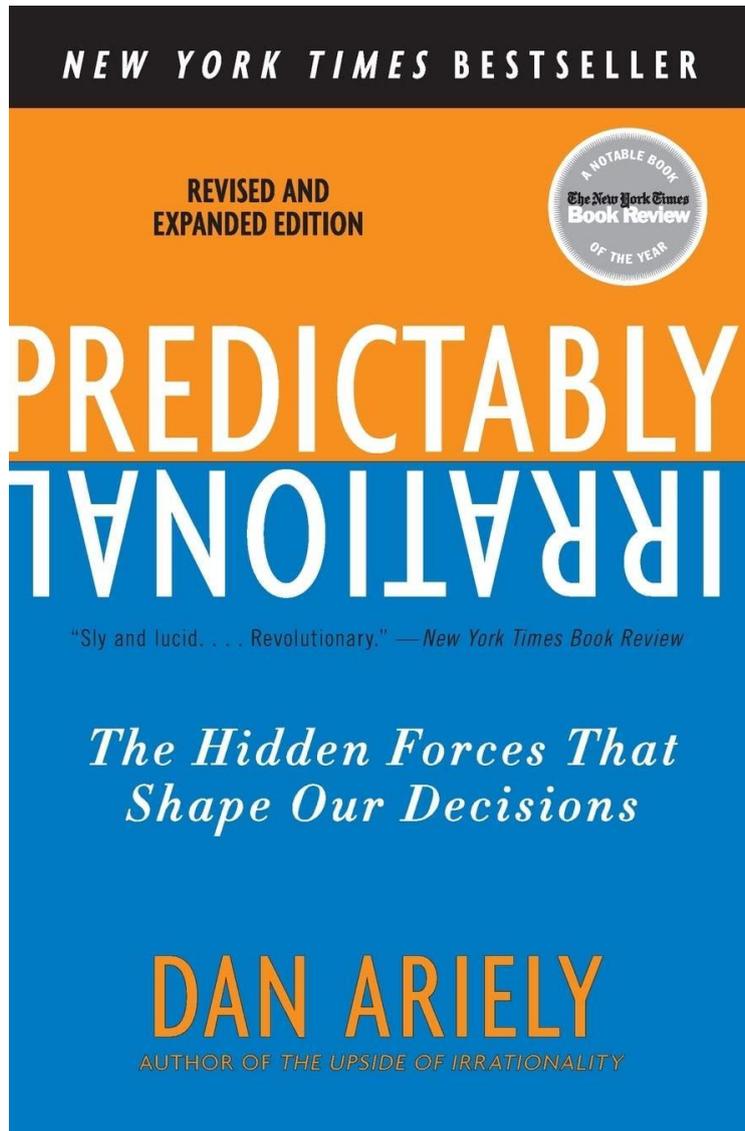
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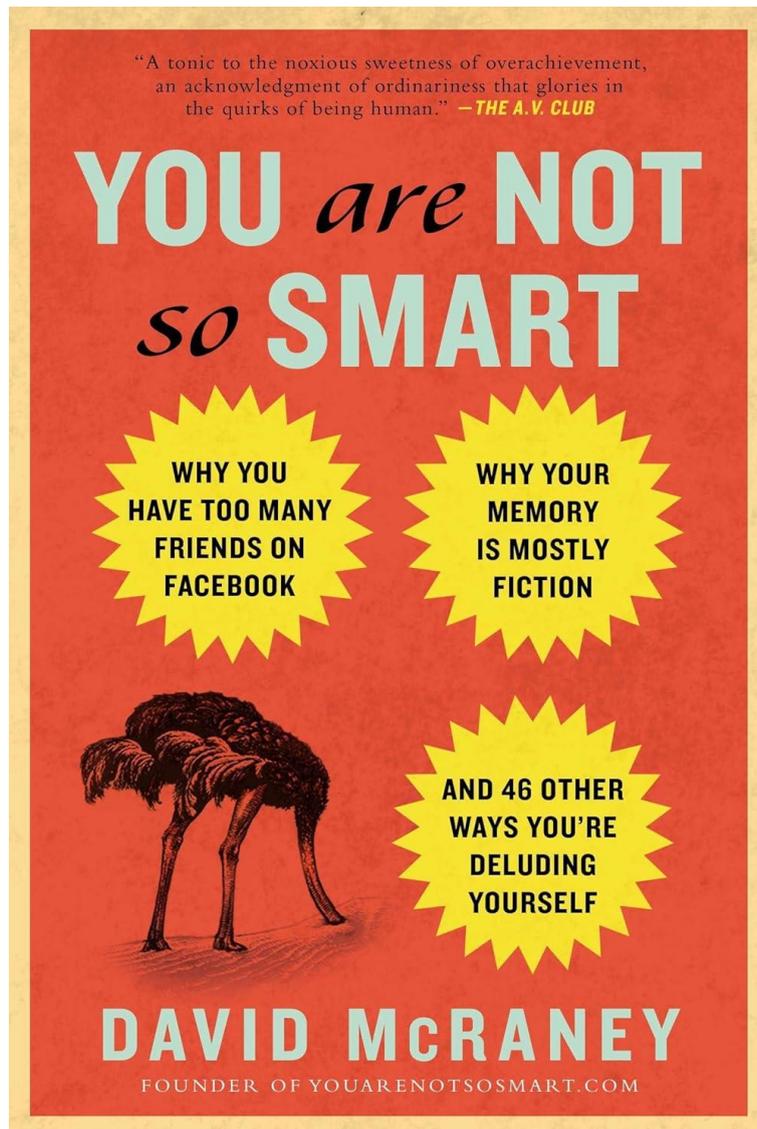
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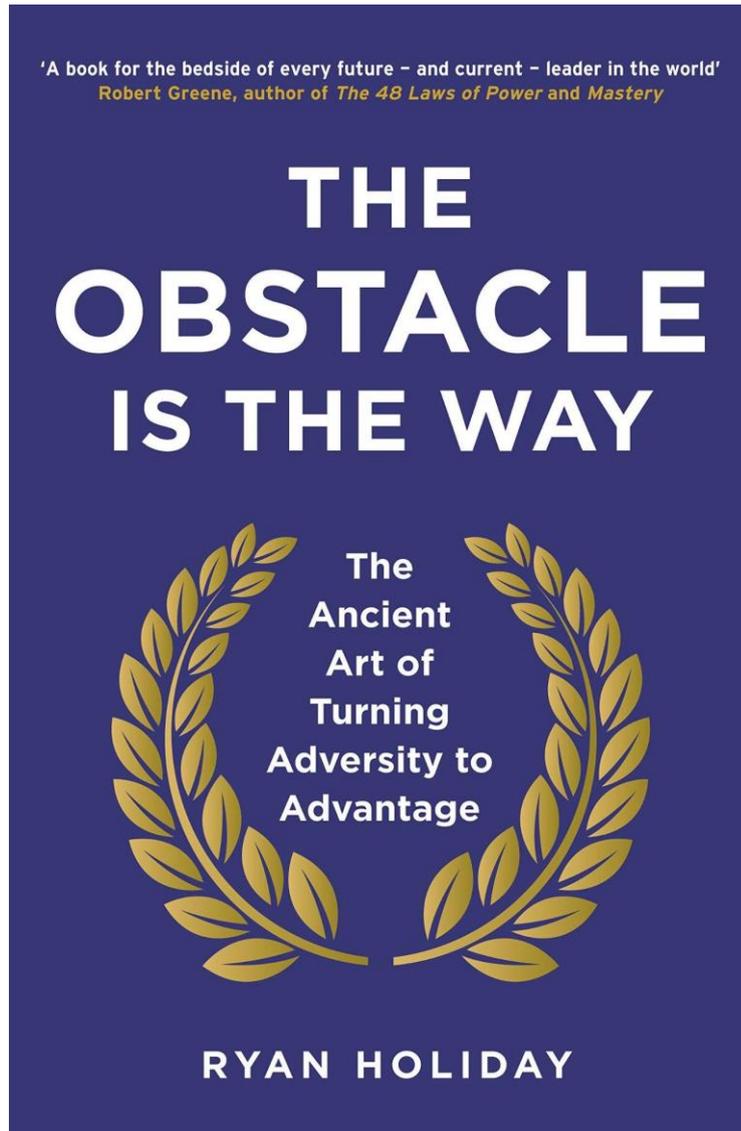
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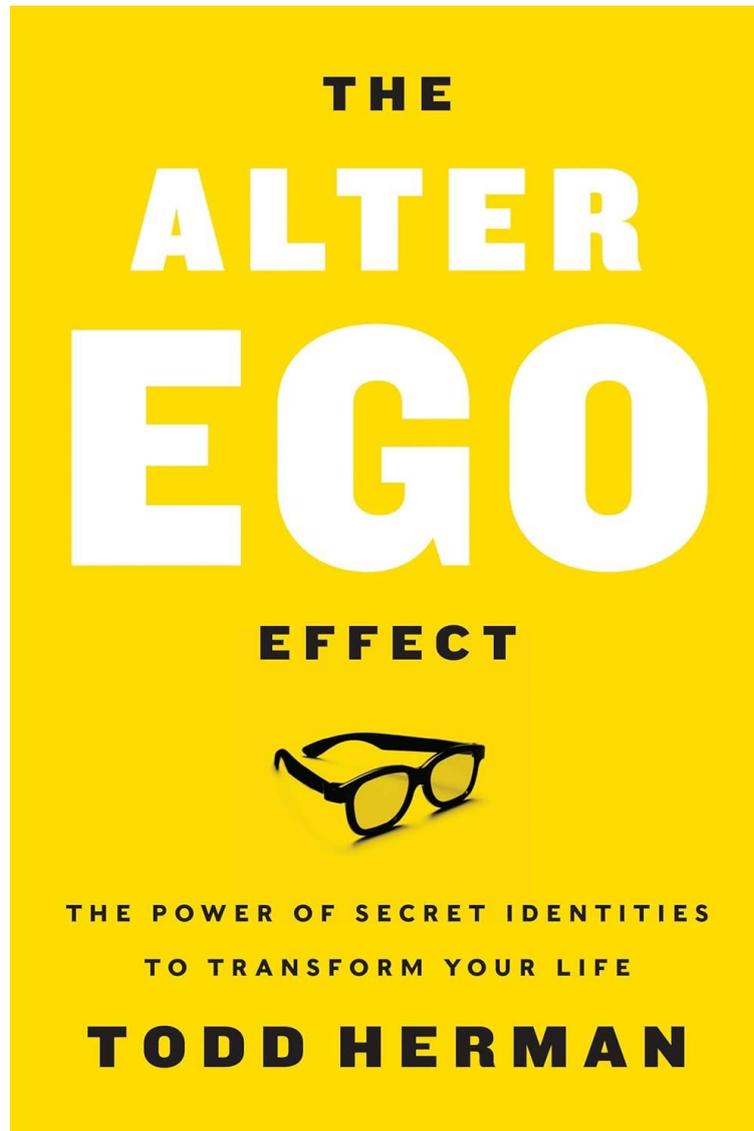
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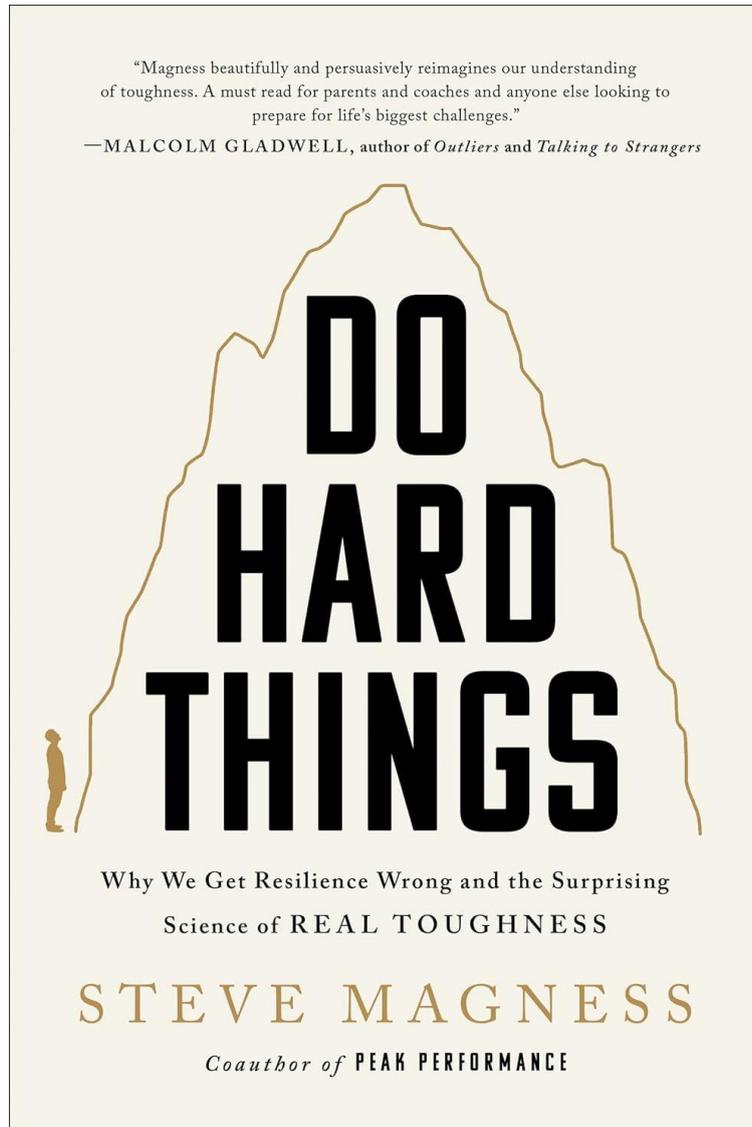
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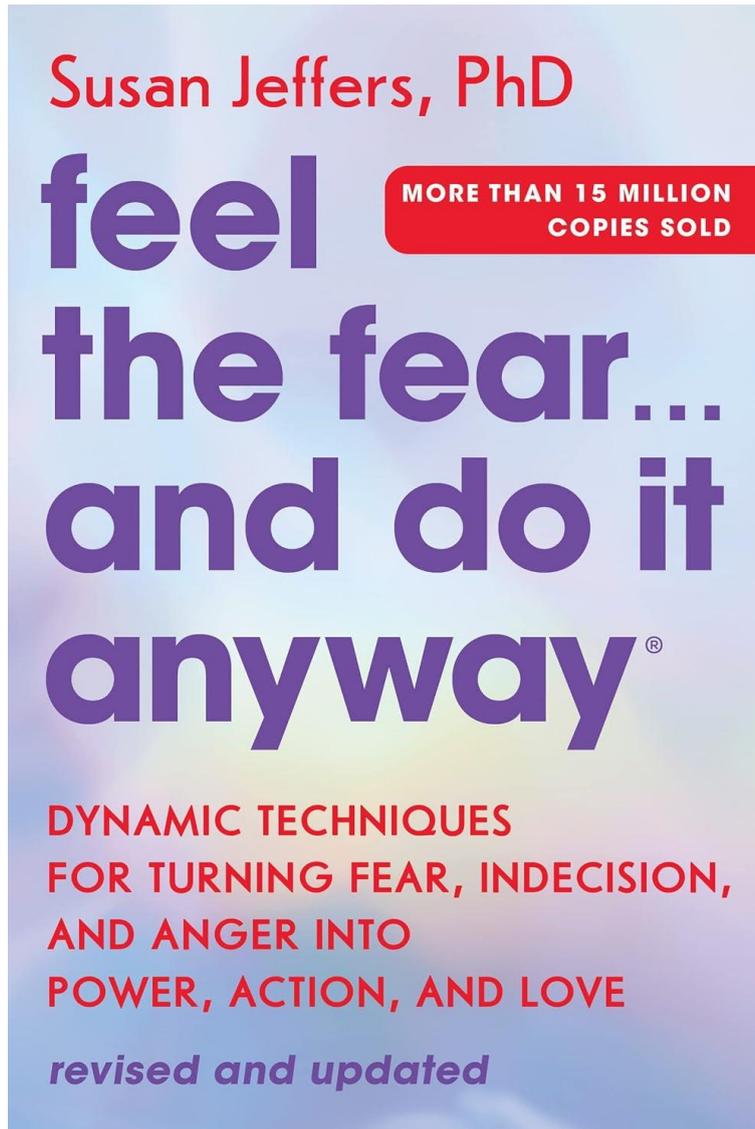
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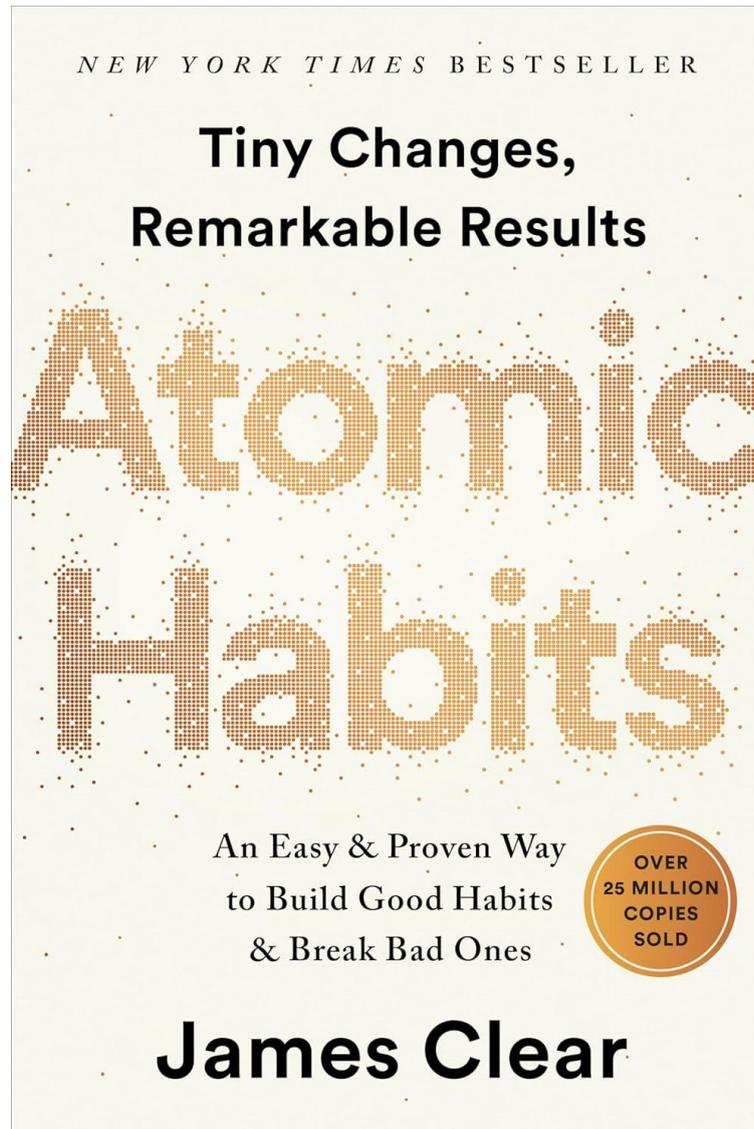
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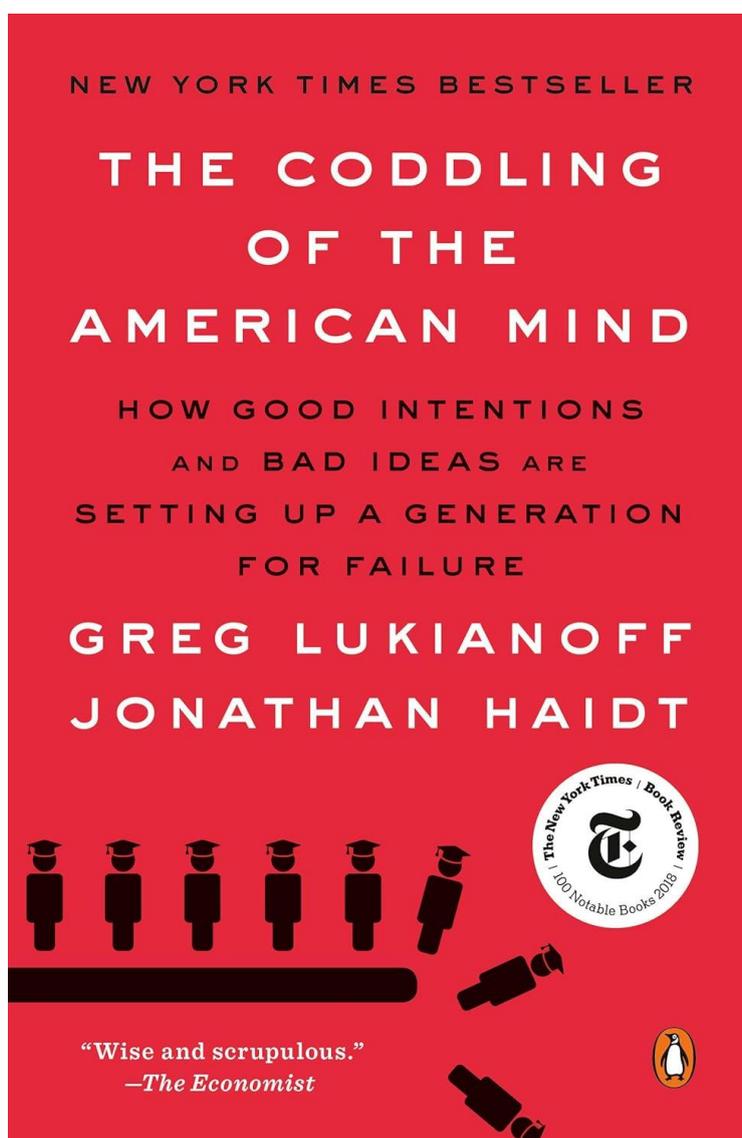


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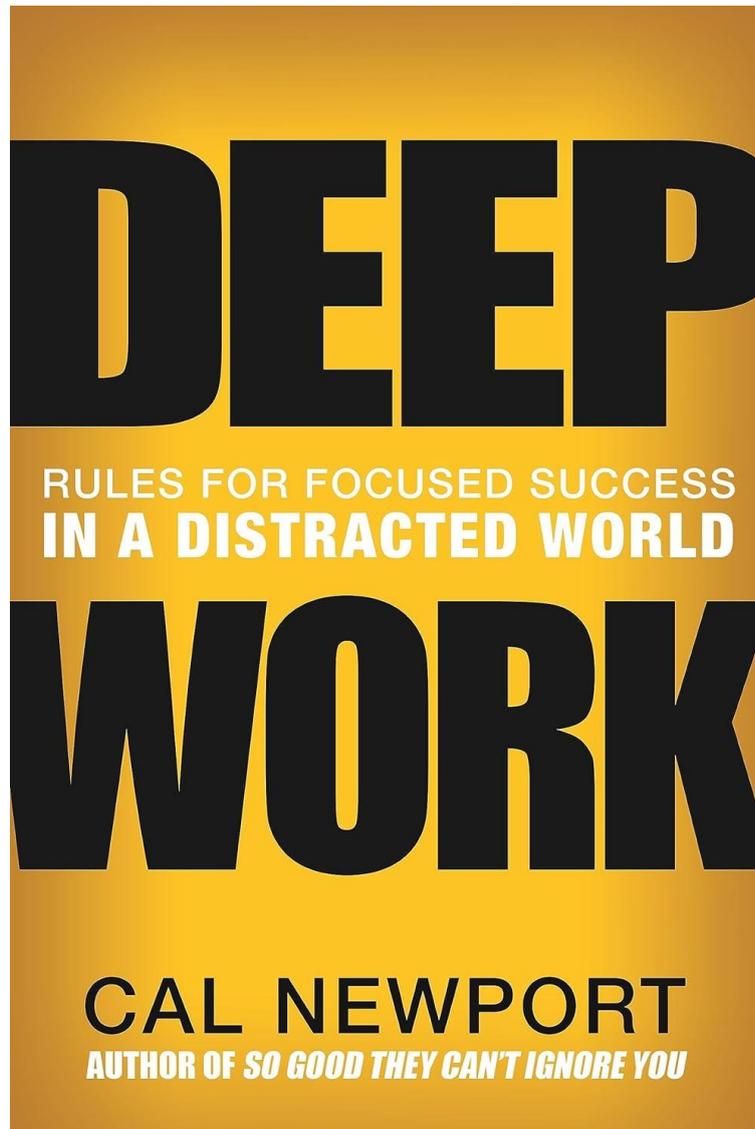
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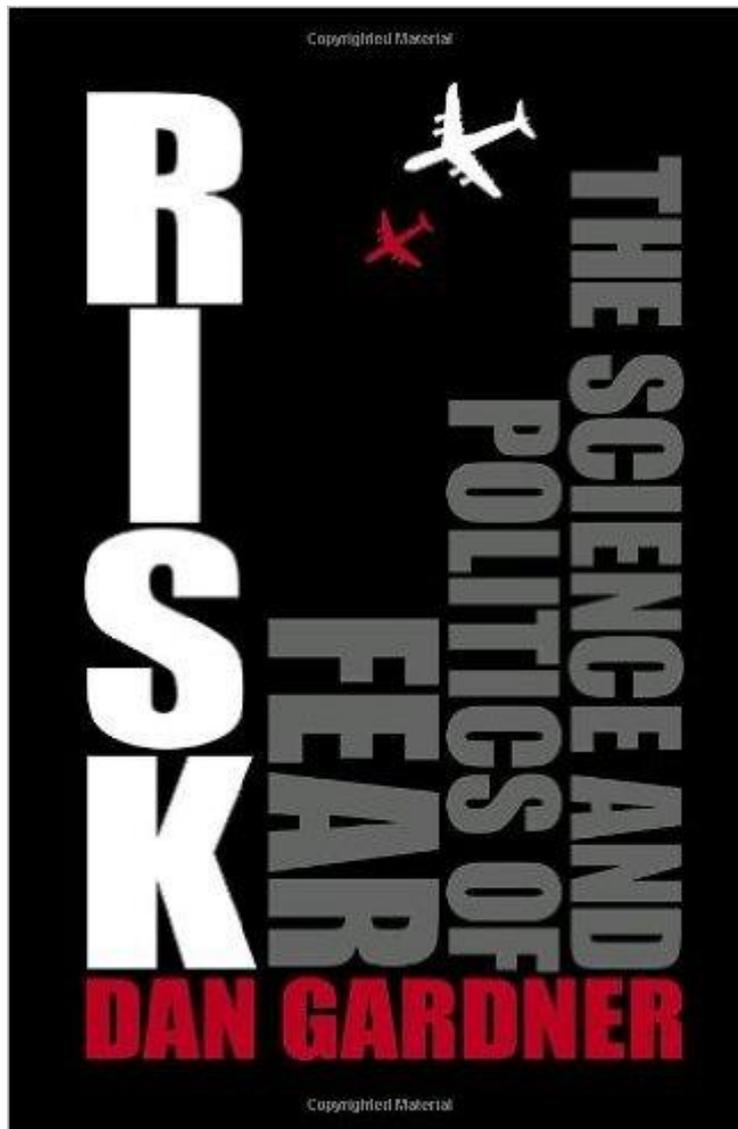
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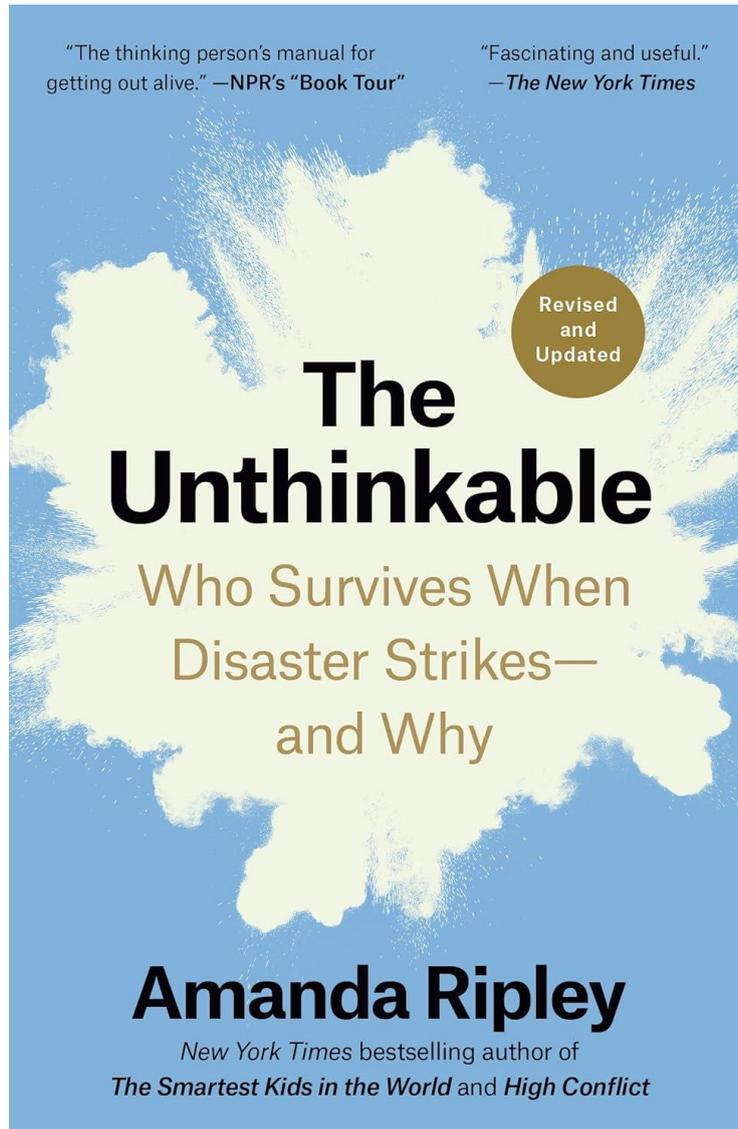
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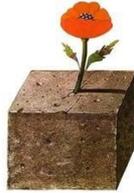
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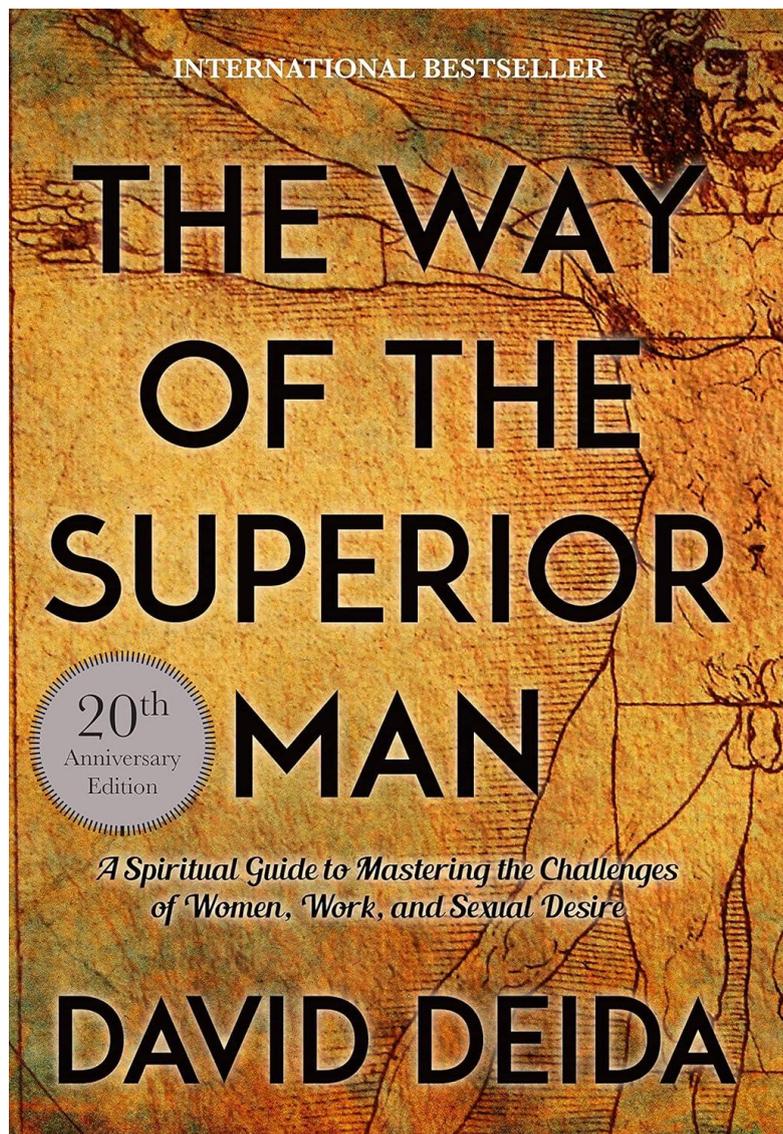
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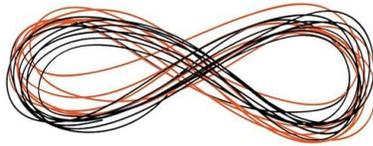
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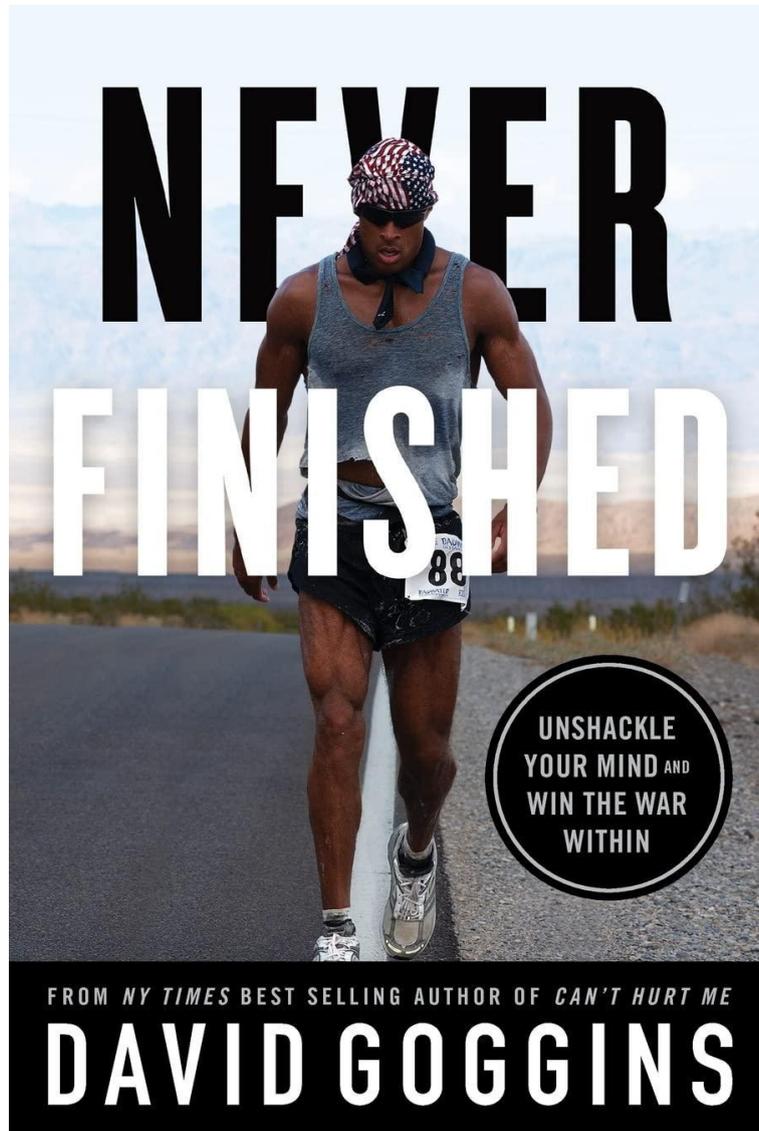
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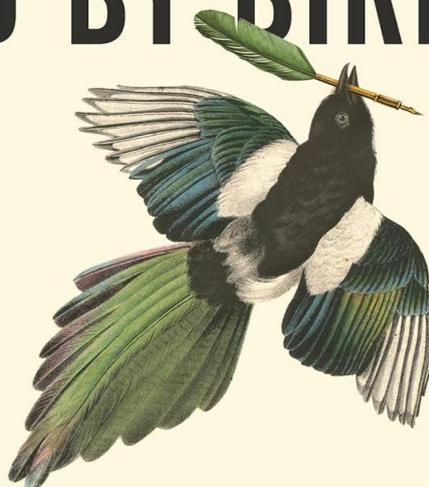
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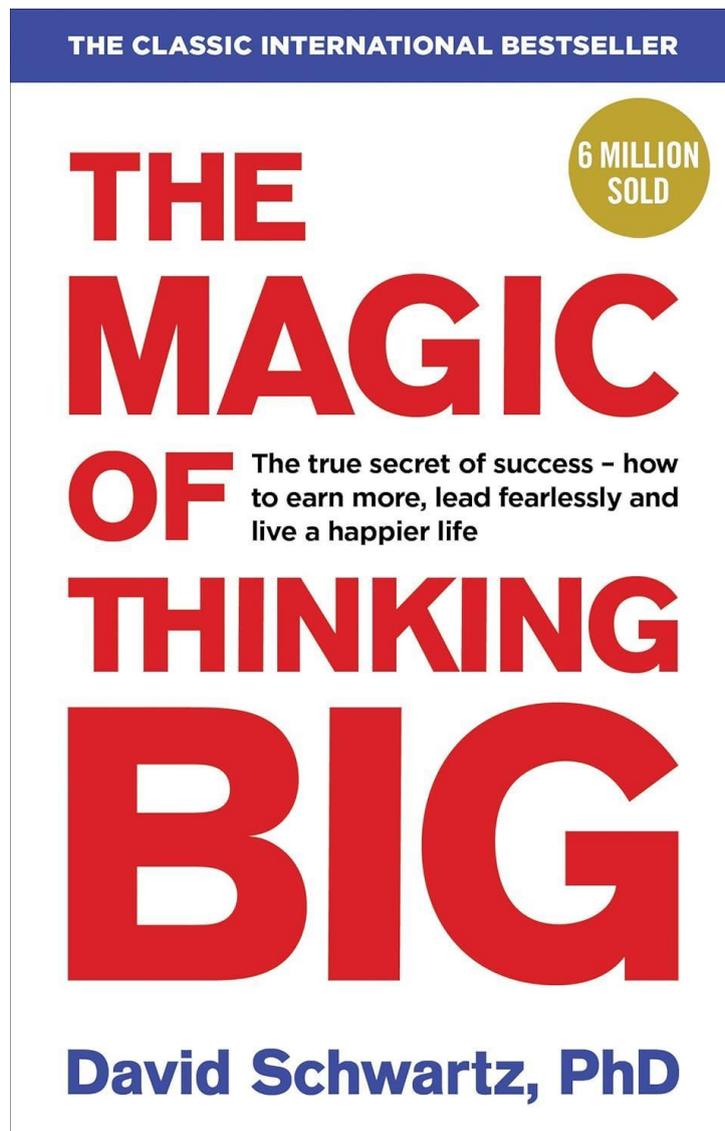
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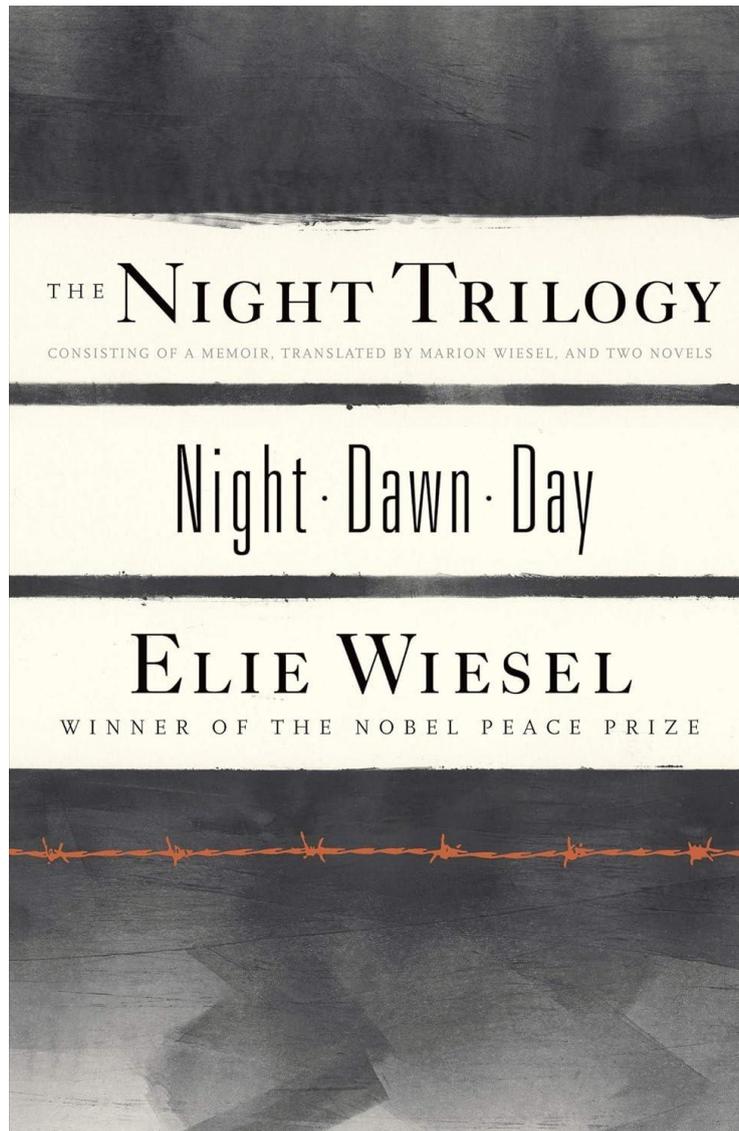


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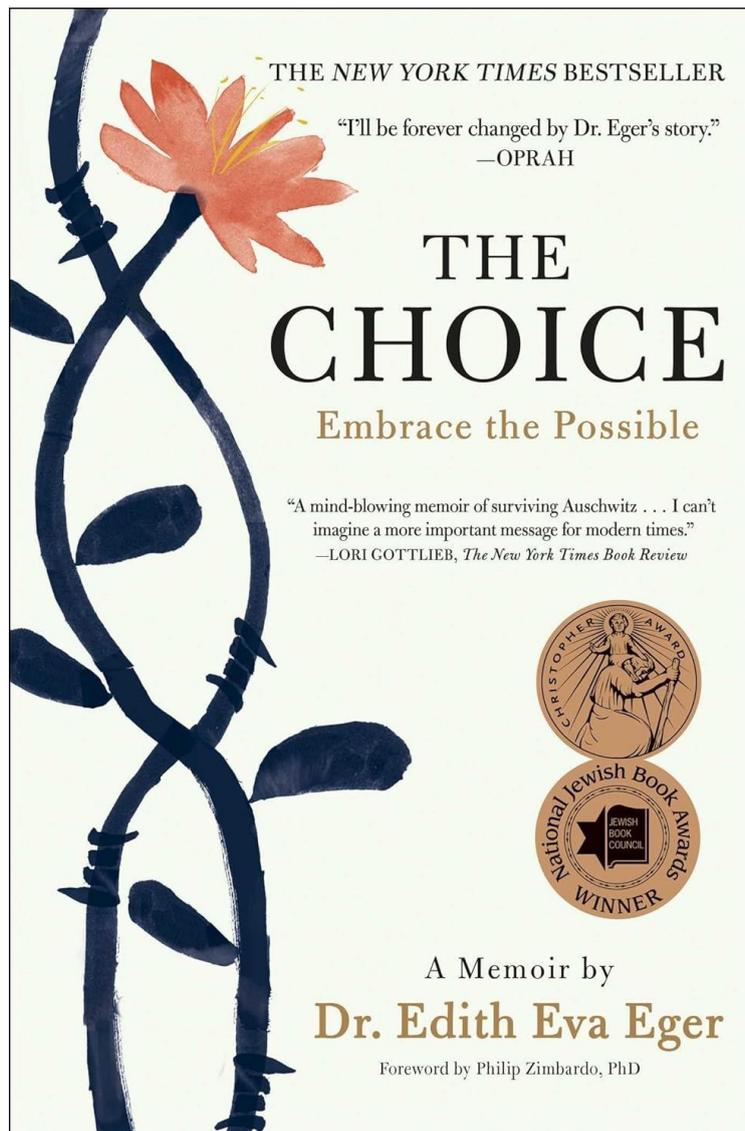
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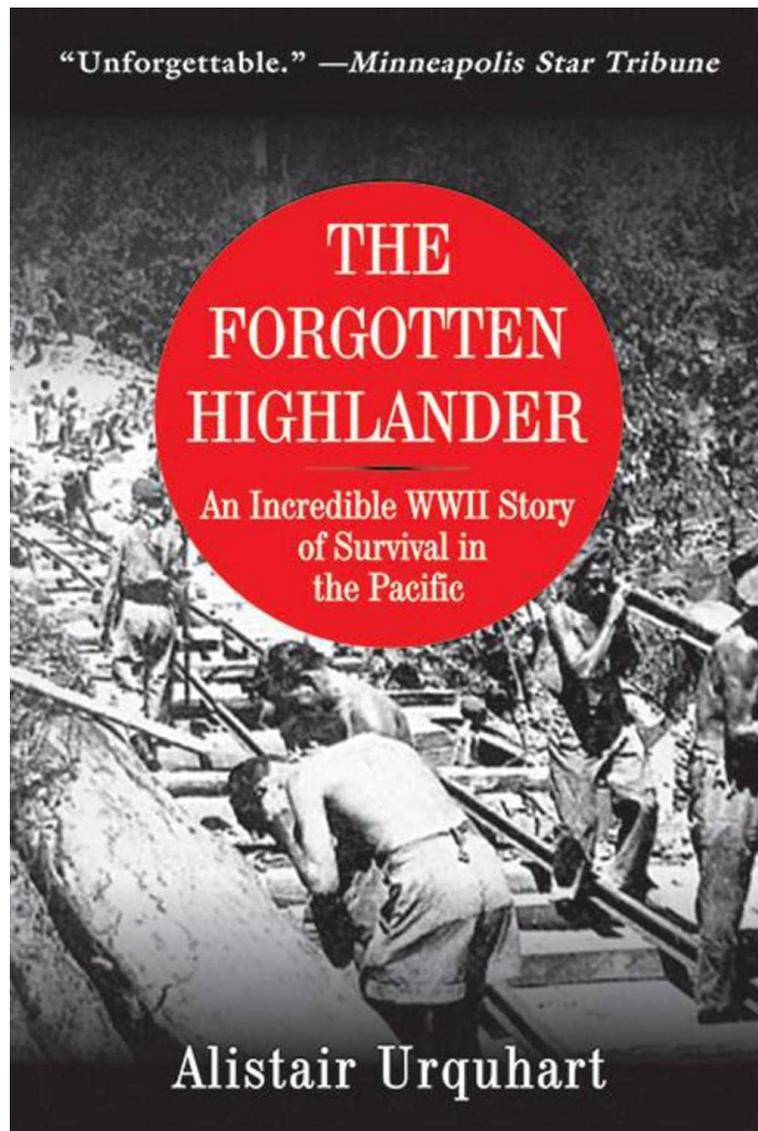
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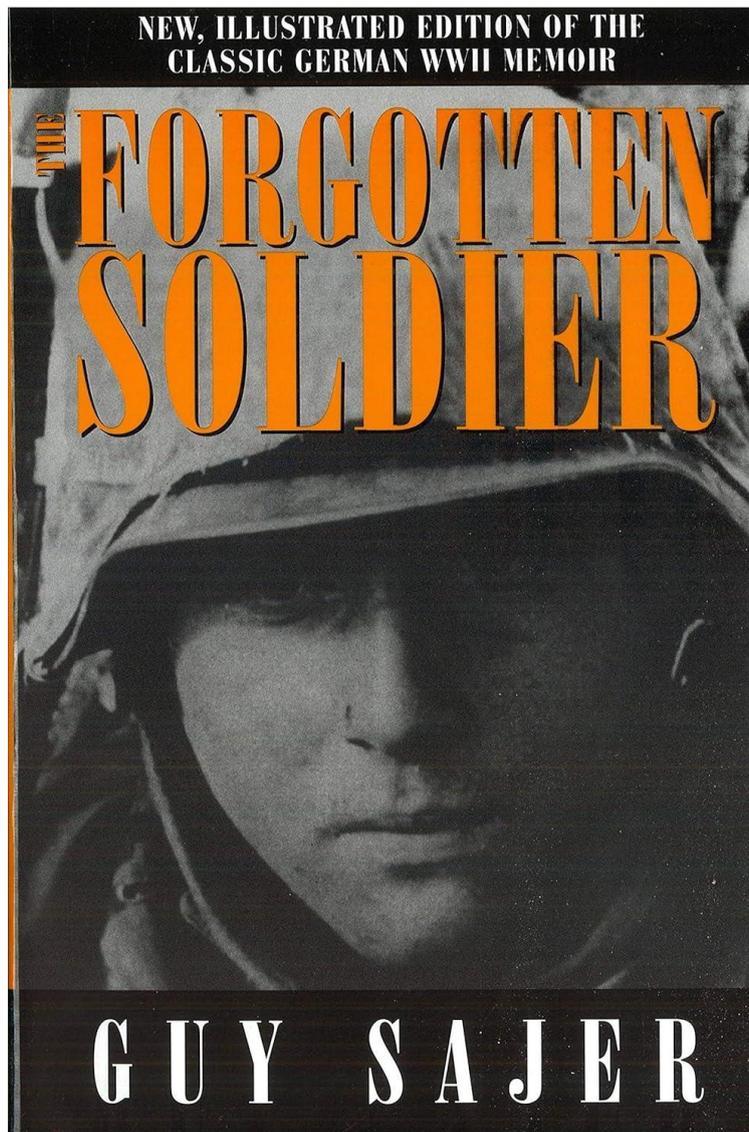
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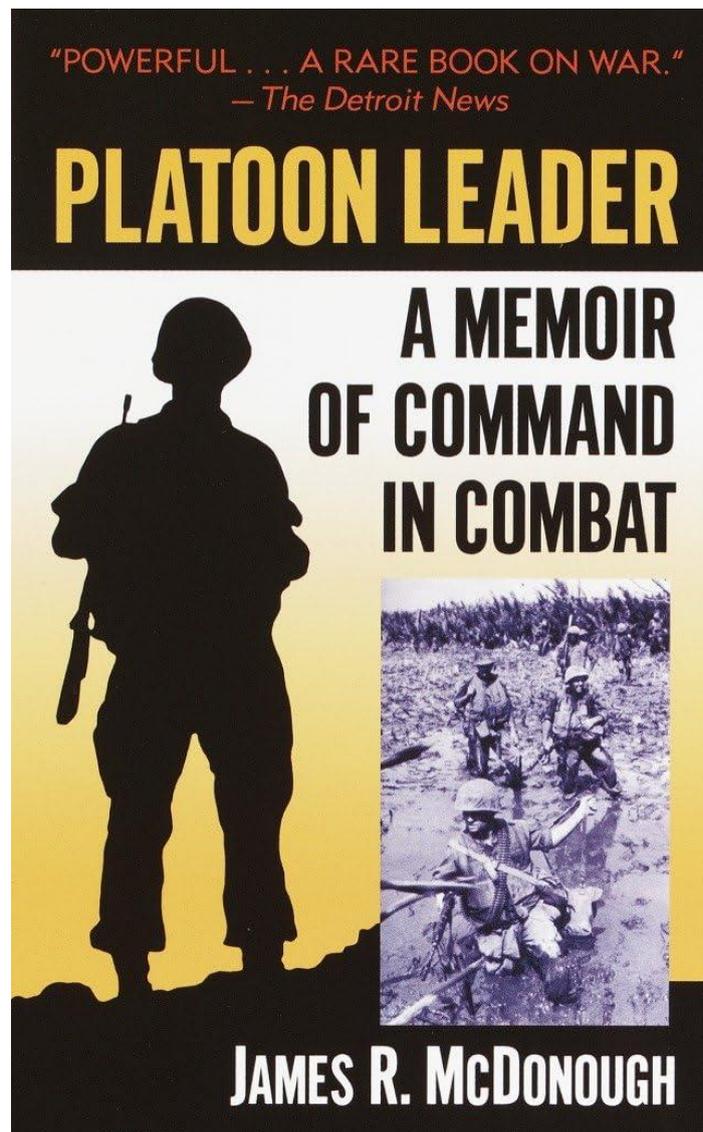
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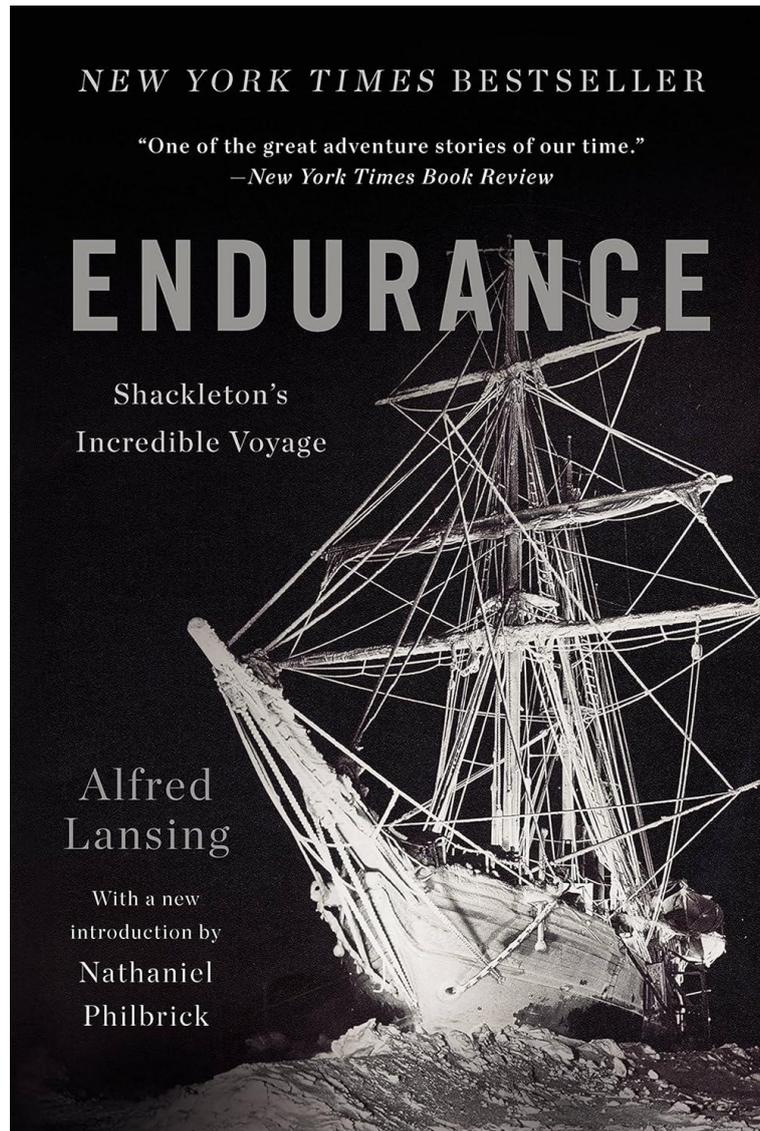
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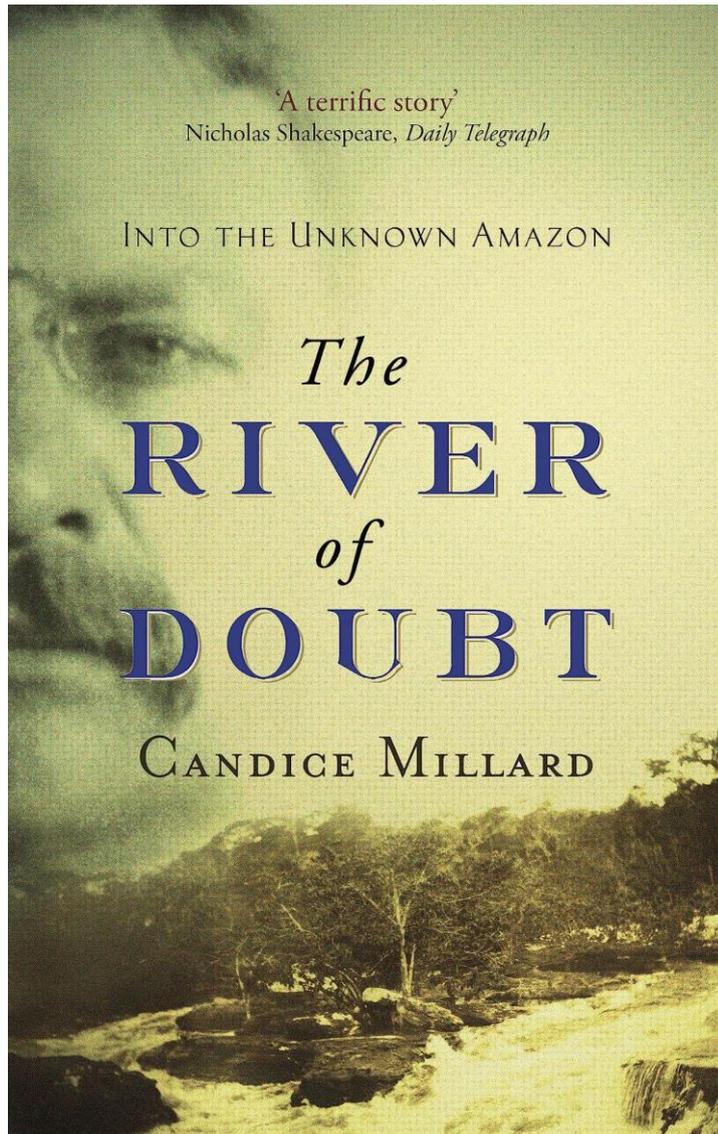
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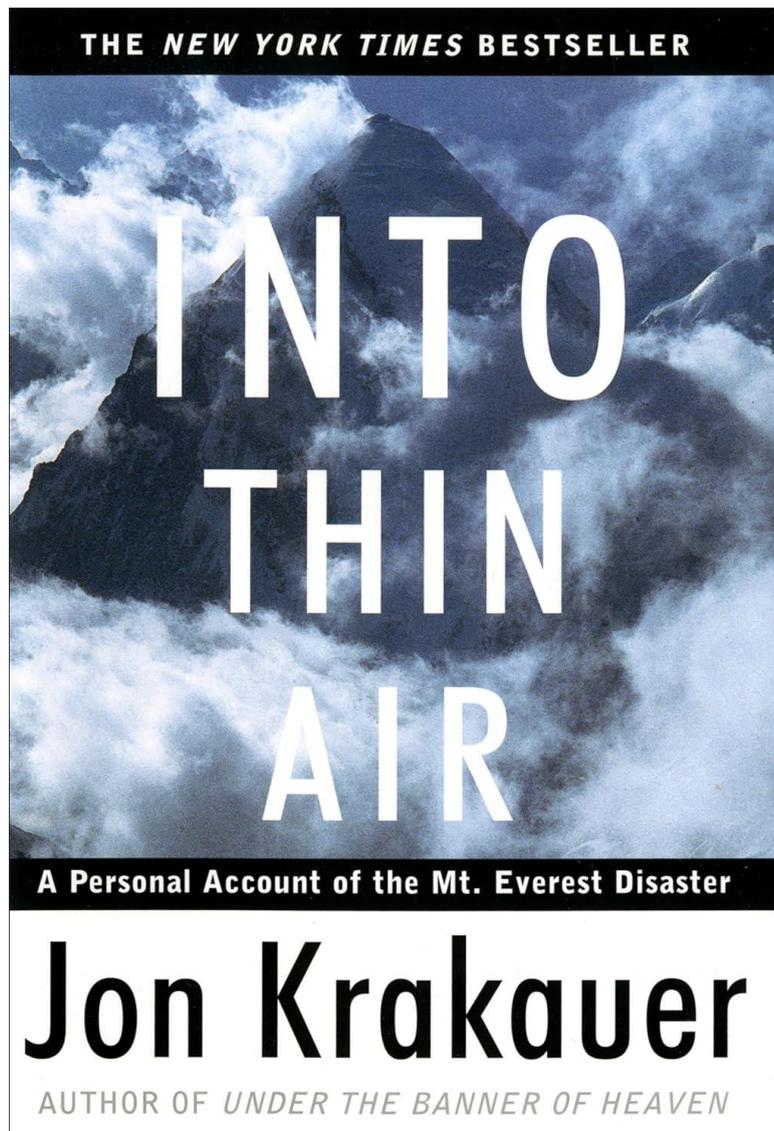
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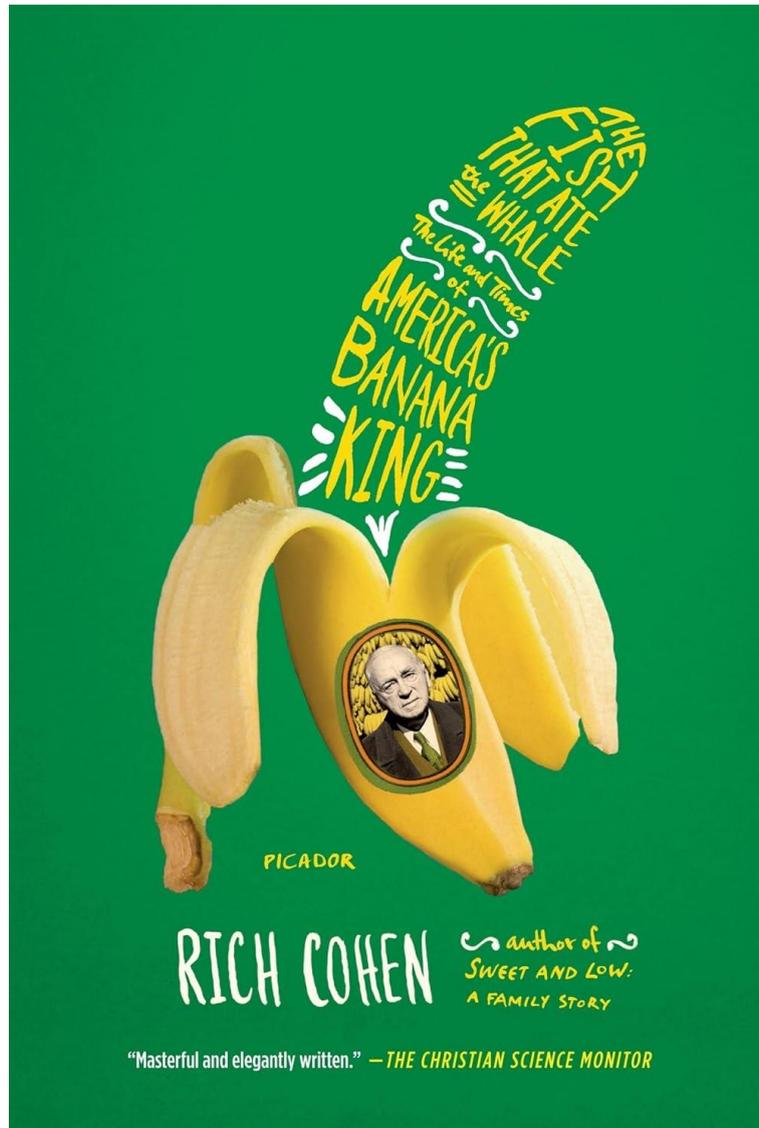
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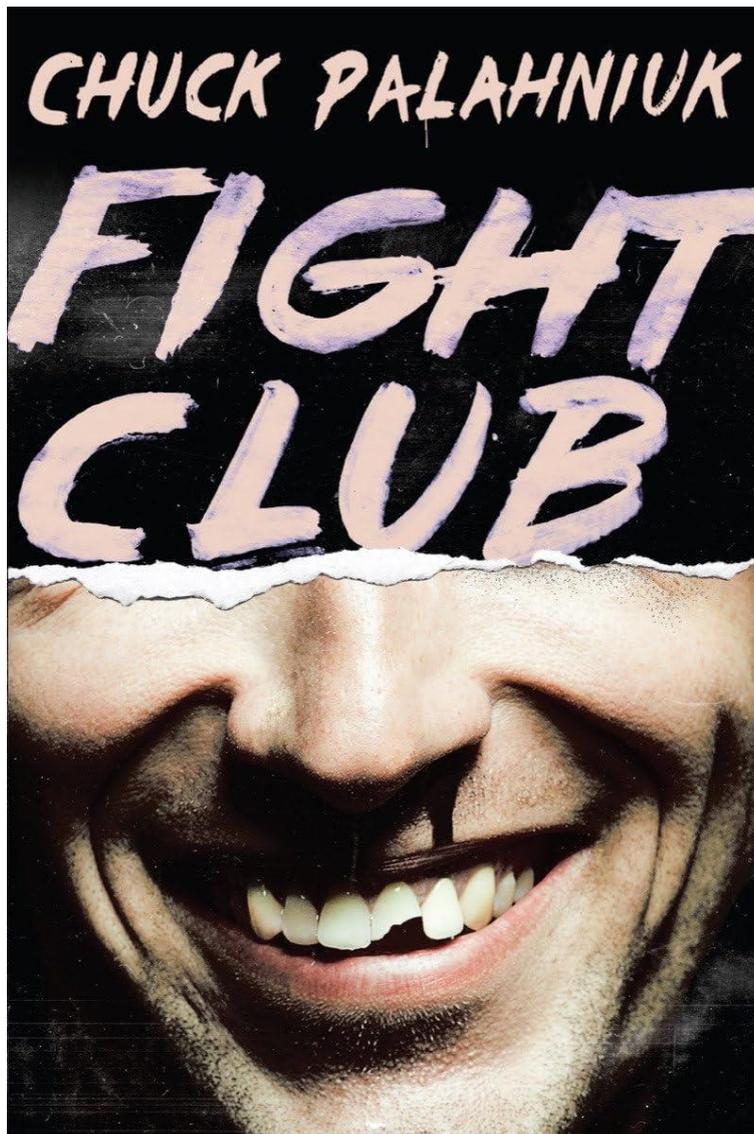


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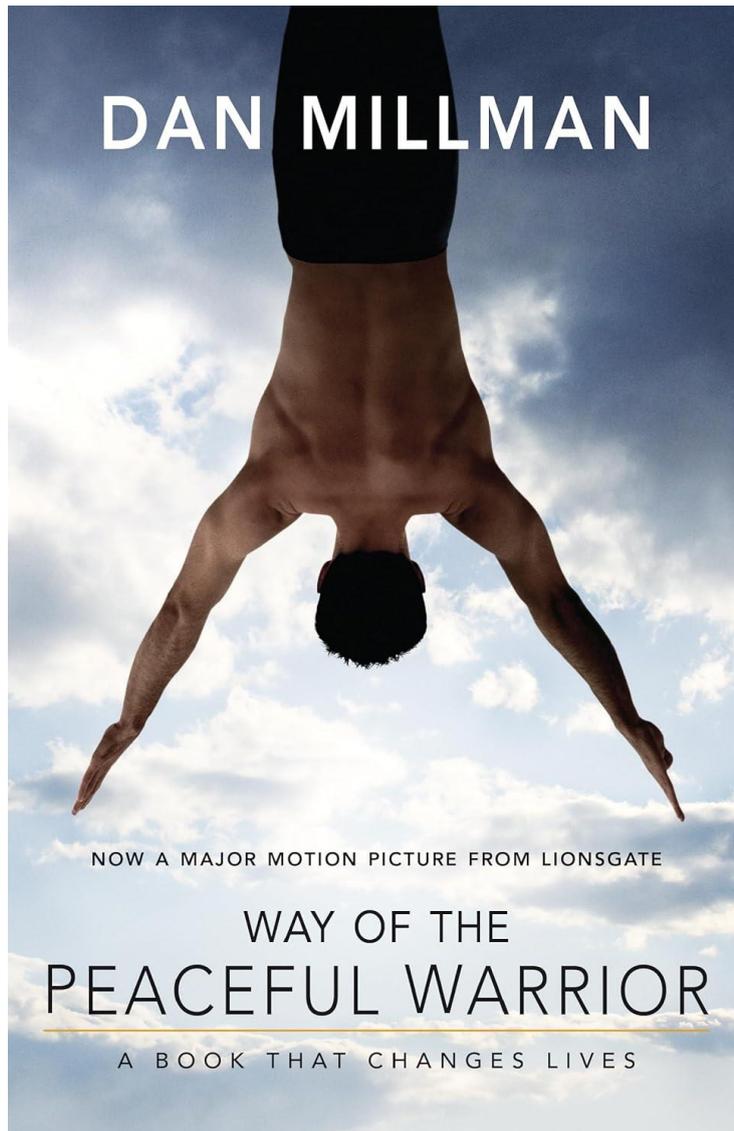
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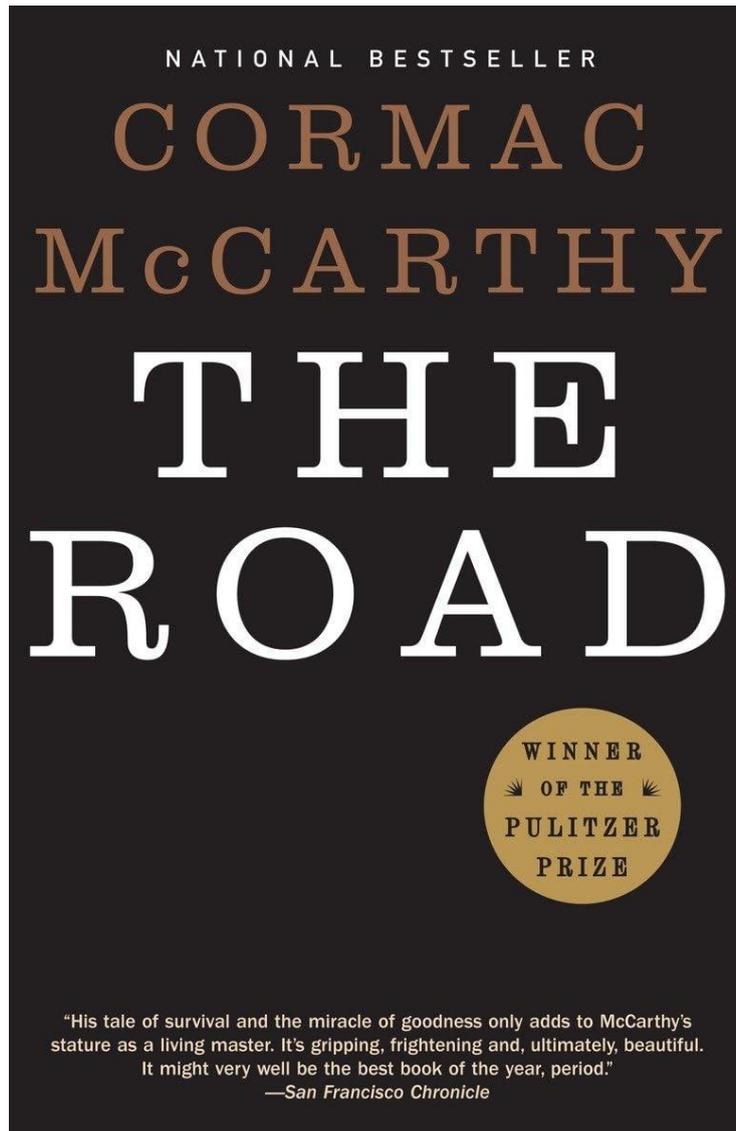
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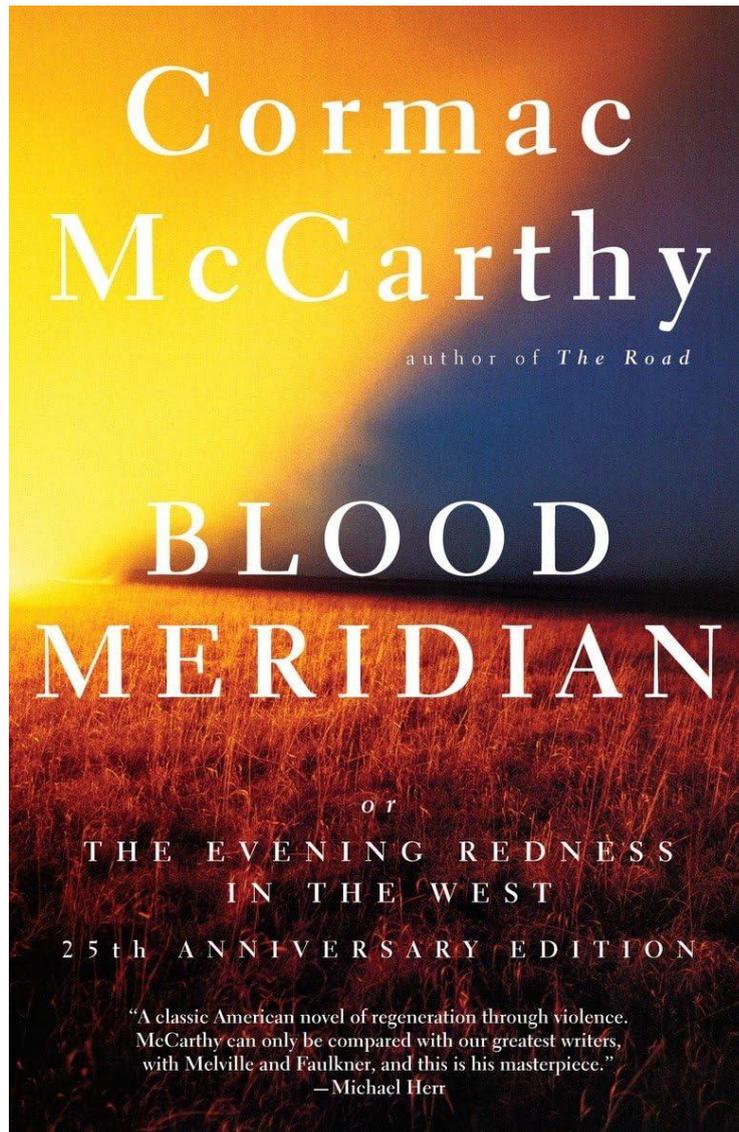
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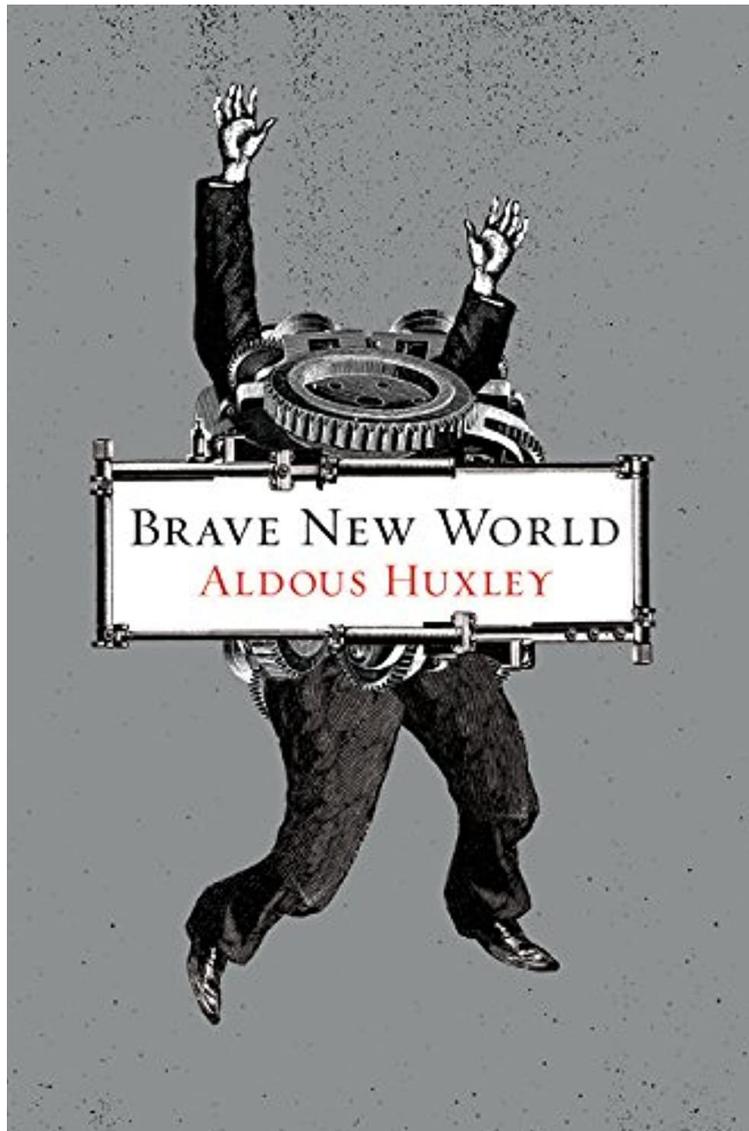
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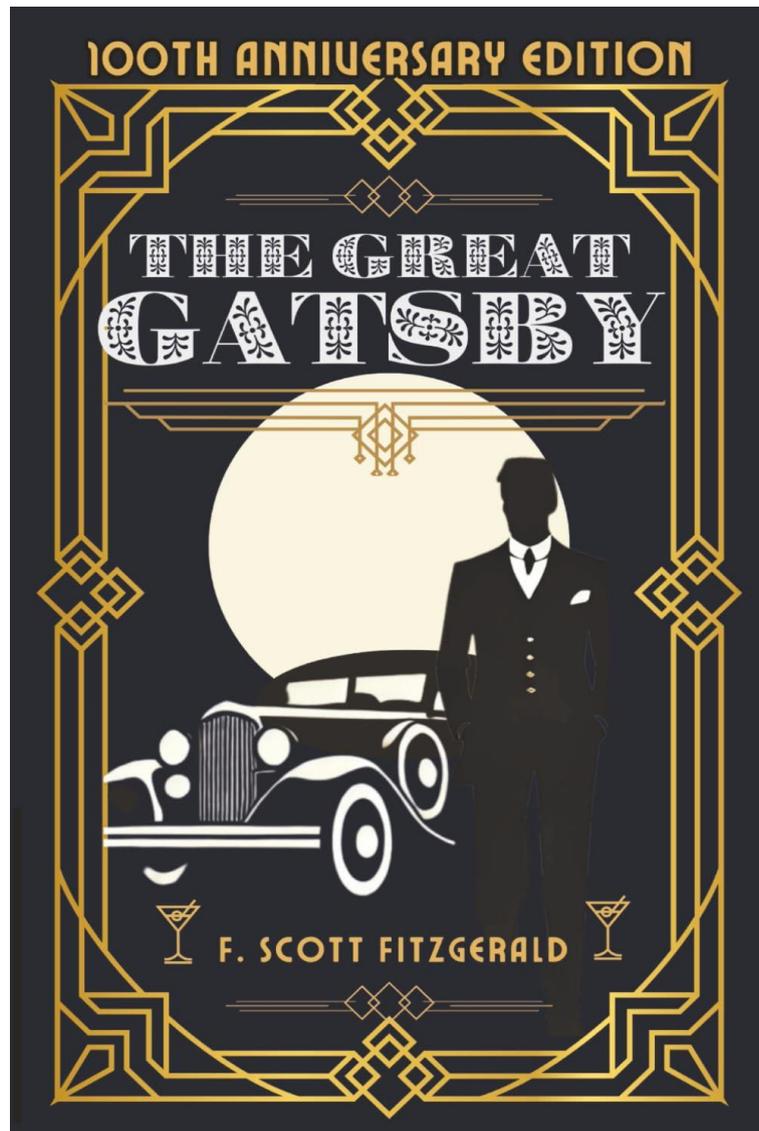
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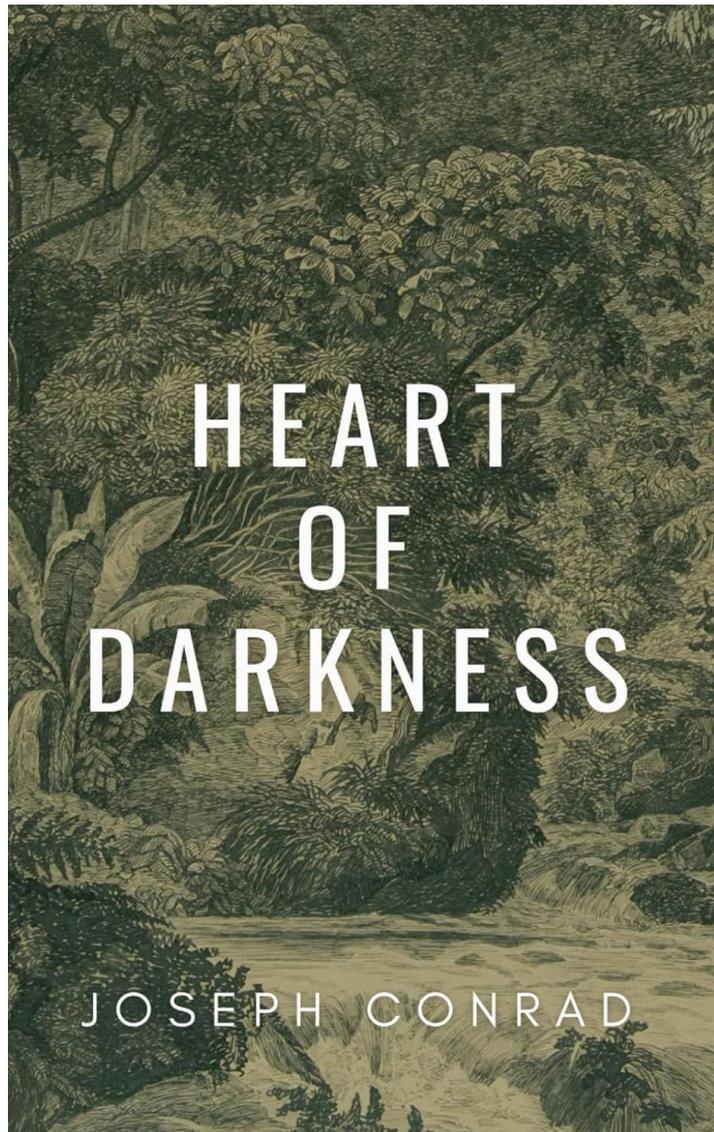
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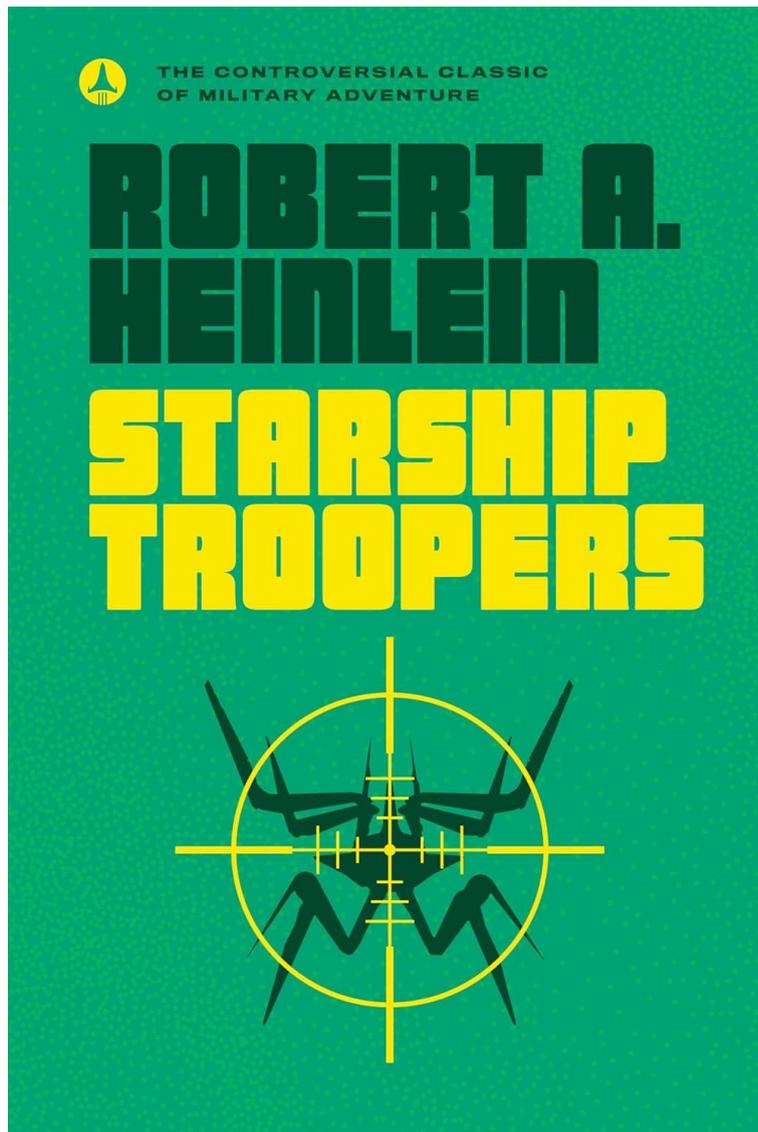
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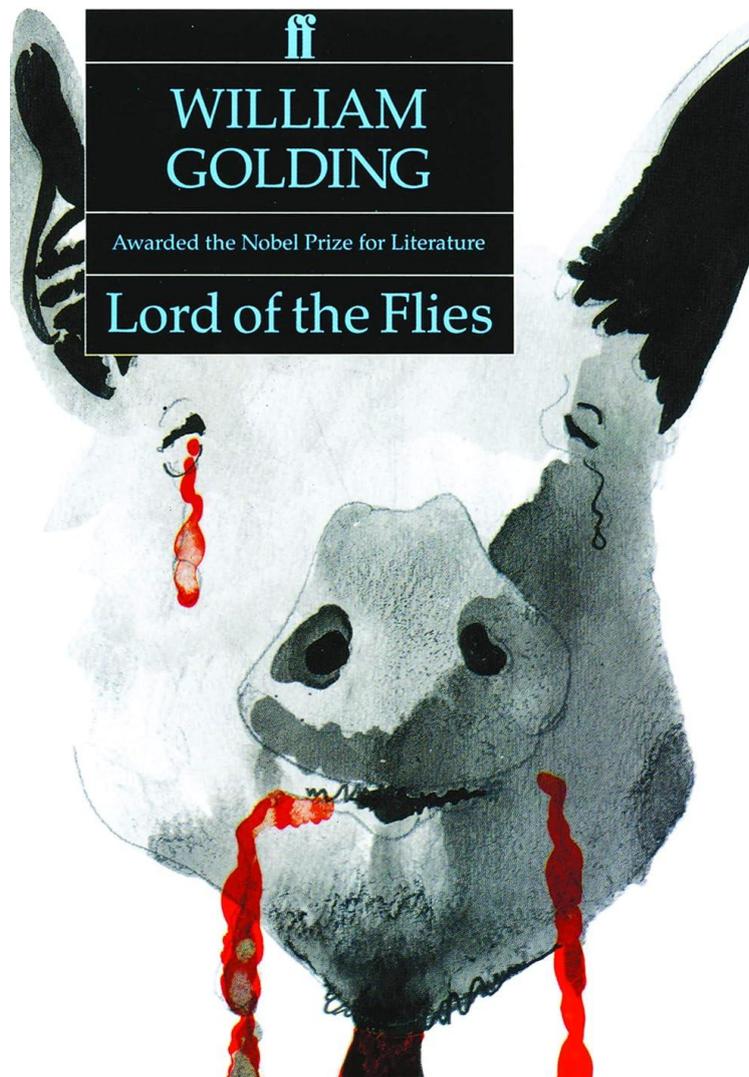
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