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Instant #1 New York Times Bestseller & Wall Street Journal Bestseller 'Whether you are an athlete, an investor, a writer or an entrepreneur, this little but soulful book will open the door to a healthier, less anxious and more productive life and career.' - Arianna Huffington 'Ryan's trilogy of The Obstacle is the Way, Ego is the Enemy and Stillness is the Key are for sure must-reads.' Manu Ginobili, 4x NBA champion and Olympic Gold Medalist Throughout history, there's been one indelible quality that great leaders, makers, artists and fighters have shared. The Zen Buddhists described it as inner peace, the Stoics called it ataraxia and Ryan Holiday calls it stillness: the ability to be steady, focused and calm in a

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constantly busy world. This quality, valued by every major school of thought from Buddha to Seneca, John Stuart Mill to Nietzsche, is urgently necessary today. And, Holiday shows, it is entirely attainable. Just as Winston Churchill used bricklaying as a time to recharge and reflect, or Oprah Winfrey learned deep empathy from her quiet childhood, we can all benefit from stillness to feed into our greater ambitions - whether winning a battle, building a business, or simply finding happiness, peace and self-direction. Filled with wisdom and examples from historical and contemporary figures, this book shows how to cultivate this quality in your own life. Because stillness is not merely inactivity, but the doorway to the self-mastery, discipline and focus necessary to succeed in this competitive, noisy world.

Summary of Stillness Is the Key

Stillness is an alive and most practical way to access spiritual power. Freedom from fears and authorities is must to be light to yourself.

My Friend Fear

Instant New York Times Bestseller A simple, straightforward exploration of Transcendental Meditation and its benefits from world authority Bob Roth. Oprah Winfrey and Jerry Seinfeld. Ray Dalio and Ellen DeGeneres. Gwyneth Paltrow and Howard Stern. Tom Hanks and Gisele Bündchen. What do they have in common? The answer is a Transcendental Meditation teacher named Bob Roth, who has spent the past forty-five years helping many thousands of people access their innate creativity and power

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through this simple, nonreligious technique. Roth ' s students range from titans of business and the arts to federal prisoners, from war-scarred veterans to overworked moms and dads. Medical experts agree that the epidemic of stress is damaging our physical and emotional health at younger and younger ages. While there is no one single cure, the Transcendental Meditation technique is a simple practice that dramatically changes how we respond to stress and life ' s challenges. With scientifically proven benefits— reduced stress and anxiety, and improved focus, sleep, resilience, creativity, and memory, to name a few—this five-thousand-year-old technique has a clear and direct impact on our very modern problems. Once a skeptic, Roth trained under Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, the twentieth century ' s foremost scientist of consciousness and meditation, and has since become one of the most experienced and sought-after meditation teachers in the world. In *Strength in Stillness*, Roth breaks down the science behind Transcendental Meditation in a new, accessible way. He highlights the three distinct types of meditation—Focused Attention, Open Monitoring, and Self-Transcending—and showcases the evidence that the third, Self-Transcending, or Transcendental Meditation, is a uniquely accessible, effective, and efficient way to reduce stress, access inner power, and build resilience. Free of gimmicks, mystical verbiage, and obscure theory, *Strength in Stillness* offers a clear explanation for how Transcendental Meditation can calm the mind, body, and spirit.

The Artist's Journey

"It's official: excessive "internetting," smartphoning, and social media make us miserable. But it doesn't have to be that way. Over the last decade, recognized journalist Blake Snow rigorously researched, tested, and developed several connectivity strategies for finding offline balance in an online world, which

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resulted in this, his first book. In *Log Off: How to Stay Connected after Disconnecting*, Snow passionately, succinctly, and sometimes humorously explains how to hit refresh for good, do more with less online, live large on low-caloric technology, increase facetime with actual people, outperform workaholics in half the time, and tunefully blend both analog and digital lives with no regrets. If the "offline balance movement" is real, this is its playbook." -- Back Cover

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INSTANT #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER WALL STREET JOURNAL BESTSELLER BARNES & NOBLE BESTSELLER AMAZON BESTSELLER "Paging through Serrano's *Movies (and Other Things)* is like taking a long drive at night with a friend; there's that warmth and familiarity where the chat is more important than the fastest route from Point A to Point B; it's like a textbook gone right; your attention couldn't wander if it tried." -- Elisabeth Egan, *New York Times Book Review* Shea Serrano is back, and his new book, *Movies (And Other Things)*, combines the fury of a John Wick shootout, the sly brilliance of Regina George holding court at a cafeteria table, and the sheer power of a Denzel monologue, all into one. *Movies (And Other Things)* is a book about, quite frankly, movies (and other things). One of the chapters, for example, answers which race Kevin Costner was able to white savior the best, because did you know that he white saviors Mexicans in *McFarland, USA*, and white saviors Native Americans in *Dances with Wolves*, and white saviors Black people in *Black or White*, and white saviors the Cleveland Browns in *Draft Day*? Another of the chapters, for a second example, answers what other high school movie characters would be in Regina George's circle of friends if we opened up the *Mean Girls* universe to include other movies (Johnny Lawrence is temporarily in, Claire

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from *The Breakfast Club* is in, Ferris Bueller is out, Isis from *Bring It On* is out). Another of the chapters, for a third example, creates a special version of the Academy Awards specifically for rom-coms, the most underrated movie genre of all. And another of the chapters, for a final example, is actually a triple chapter that serves as an NBA-style draft of the very best and most memorable moments in gangster movies. Many, many things happen in *Movies (And Other Things)*, some of which funny, others of which are sad, a few of which are insightful, and all of which are handled with the type of care and dedication to the smallest details and pockets of pop culture that only a book by Shea Serrano can provide.

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“ Profound and delightful. . . . A strange and tender parable of two maddening obsessions; parenting and art-making. ” —Max Porter, author of *Grief Is the Thing with Feathers* and *Lanny* The ingenious storyteller Edward Carey returns to reimagine a time-honored fable: the story of an impatient father, a rebellious son, and a watery path to forgiveness for the young man known as Pinocchio In the small Tuscan town of Collodi, a lonely woodcarver longs for the companionship of a son. One day, “ as if the wood commanded me, ” Giuseppe—better known as Geppetto—carves for himself a pinewood boy, a marionette he hopes to take on tour worldwide. But when his handsome new creation comes magically to life, Geppetto screams . . . and the boy, Pinocchio, leaps from his arms and escapes into the night. Though he returns the next day, the wily boy torments his father, challenging his authority and making up stories—whereupon his nose, the very nose his father carved, grows before his eyes like an antler. When the boy disappears after one last fight, the father follows a rumor to the coast and out into the sea,

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where he is swallowed by a great fish—and consumed by guilt. He hunkers in the creature ' s belly awaiting the day when he will reconcile with the son he drove away. With all the charm, atmosphere, and emotional depth for which Edward Carey is known—and featuring his trademark fantastical illustrations—The Swallowed Man is a parable of parenthood, loss, and letting go, from a creative mind on a par with Gregory Maguire, Neil Gaiman, and Tim Burton.

The Art of Stillness

Instant #1 New York Times Bestseller & Wall Street Journal Bestseller In *The Obstacle Is the Way* and *Ego Is the Enemy*, bestselling author Ryan Holiday made ancient wisdom wildly popular with a new generation of leaders in sports, politics, and technology. In his new book, *Stillness Is the Key*, Holiday draws on timeless Stoic and Buddhist philosophy to show why slowing down is the secret weapon for those charging ahead. All great leaders, thinkers, artists, athletes, and visionaries share one indelible quality. It enables them to conquer their tempers. To avoid distraction and discover great insights. To achieve happiness and do the right thing. Ryan Holiday calls it stillness--to be steady while the world spins around you. In this book, he outlines a path for achieving this ancient, but urgently necessary way of living. Drawing on a wide range of history's greatest thinkers, from Confucius to Seneca, Marcus Aurelius to Thich Nhat Hanh, John Stuart Mill to Nietzsche, he argues that stillness is not mere inactivity, but the doorway to self-mastery, discipline, and focus. Holiday also examines figures who exemplified the power of stillness: baseball player Sadaharu Oh, whose study of Zen made him the greatest home run hitter of all time; Winston Churchill, who in balancing his busy public life with time spent laying bricks and painting at his Chartwell estate managed to save the world from annihilation in

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the process; Fred Rogers, who taught generations of children to see what was invisible to the eye; Anne Frank, whose journaling and love of nature guided her through unimaginable adversity. More than ever, people are overwhelmed. They face obstacles and egos and competition. Stillness Is the Key offers a simple but inspiring antidote to the stress of 24/7 news and social media. The stillness that we all seek is the path to meaning, contentment, and excellence in a world that needs more of it than ever.

Conspiracy

In this New York Times bestselling “imperative how-to for creativity” (Nick Offerman), Adam Savage—star of Discovery Channel’s Mythbusters—shares his golden rules of creativity, from finding inspiration to following through and successfully making your idea a reality. Every Tool’s a Hammer is a chronicle of my life as a maker. It’s an exploration of making, but it’s also a permission slip of sorts from me to you. Permission to grab hold of the things you’re interested in, that fascinate you, and to dive deeper into them to see where they lead you. Through stories from forty-plus years of making and molding, building and breaking, along with the lessons I learned along the way, this book is meant to be a toolbox of problem solving, complete with a shop’s worth of notes on the tools, techniques, and materials that I use most often. Things like: In Every Tool There Is a Hammer—don’t wait until everything is perfect to begin a project, and if you don’t have the exact right tool for a task, just use whatever’s handy; Increase Your Loose Tolerance—making is messy and filled with screwups, but that’s okay, as creativity is a path with twists and turns and not a straight line to be found; Use More Cooling Fluid—it prolongs the life of blades and bits, and it prevents tool failure, but beyond that it’s a reminder to slow down and reduce the friction in your work and relationships; Screw Before You

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Glue—mechanical fasteners allow you to change and modify a project while glue is forever but sometimes you just need the right glue, so I dig into which ones will do the job with the least harm and best effects. This toolbox also includes lessons from many other incredible makers and creators, including: Jamie Hyneman, Nick Offerman, Pixar director Andrew Stanton, Oscar-winner Guillermo del Toro, artist Tom Sachs, and chef Traci Des Jardins. And if everything goes well, we will hopefully save you a few mistakes (and maybe fingers) as well as help you turn your curiosities into creations. I hope this book serves as “ creative rocket fuel ” (Ed Helms) to build, make, invent, explore, and—most of all—enjoy the thrills of being a creator.

Embrace Your Weird

You ’ ve heard the expression, “ It ’ s the little things that count. ” Research has shown that little daily practices can change the way your brain works, too. This book offers simple brain-training practices you can do every day to protect against stress, lift your mood, and find greater emotional resilience. Just One Thing is a treasure chest of over fifty practices created specifically to deepen your sense of well-being and unconditional happiness. Just one practice each day can help you: Be good to yourself Enjoy life as it is Build on your strengths Be more effective at home and work Make peace with your emotions

Digital Minimalism

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philosophy to show why slowing down is the secret weapon for those charging ahead.

The Obstacle is the Way

This workbook book breaks down all the big ideas and pertinent facts in "Stillness is the Key" so they can be easily and quickly understood. There are also Bonus puzzles and games included to make learning fun. Continue reading below to see all that you get. PLEASE NOTE: This is an unofficial and independent Workbook for Stillness is the Key and is meant to be read as a supplement, not a replacement. You can find the original book here: <https://amzn.to/2InGGx> Stillness is the key carries on the authors tradition of practical philosophy by exploring the need to slow things down, empty the mind, aligning our spirit with our body, and focusing on the moment without getting lost in the past or future. It urges a balance between work and play. This is a fresh reminder in our busy world. So hit pause on the day, slow things down, grab a journal for notes, and get ready to be still. Inside this book you can expect:

- Time saving chapter summaries (A short summary of each chapters main points)
- Checklists (Specific steps you can take to reach the chapters goals)
- Knowledge Retention Tests (A true or False test after each chapter to make sure you've retained the knowledge)
- Prep Work Q & A Sections (This section allows you to document the steps you will take to reach your goals)
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The “ anti – Biggest Loser ” handbook for realistic, lifelong health: a motivational handbook with realistic strategies and practical information to help readers initiate and then follow through and adopt a long-term healthy lifestyle.

Every Tool's a Hammer

An NPR Book Concierge Best Book of 2018! A Sunday Times of London Pick of the Paperbacks A stunning story about how power works in the modern age--the book the New York Times called "one helluva page-turner" and The Sunday Times of London celebrated as "rivetingan astonishing modern media conspiracy that is a fantastic read." Pick up the book everyone is talking about. In 2007, a short blogpost on Valleywag, the Silicon Valley-vertical of Gawker Media, outed PayPal founder and billionaire investor Peter Thiel as gay. Thiel's sexuality had been known to close friends and family, but he didn't consider himself a public figure, and believed the information was private. This post would be the casus belli for a meticulously plotted conspiracy that would end nearly a decade later with a \$140 million dollar judgment against Gawker, its bankruptcy and with Nick Denton, Gawker's CEO and founder, out of a job. Only later would the world learn that Gawker's demise was not incidental--it had been masterminded by Thiel. For years, Thiel had searched endlessly for a solution to what he'd come to call the "Gawker Problem." When an unmarked envelope delivered an illegally recorded sex tape of Hogan with his best friend's wife, Gawker had seen the chance for millions of pageviews and to say the

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things that others were afraid to say. Thiel saw their publication of the tape as the opportunity he was looking for. He would come to pit Hogan against Gawker in a multi-year proxy war through the Florida legal system, while Gawker remained confidently convinced they would prevail as they had over so many other lawsuits--until it was too late. The verdict would stun the world and so would Peter's ultimate unmasking as the man who had set it all in motion. Why had he done this? How had no one discovered it? What would this mean--for the First Amendment? For privacy? For culture? In Holiday's masterful telling of this nearly unbelievable conspiracy, informed by interviews with all the key players, this case transcends the narrative of how one billionaire took down a media empire or the current state of the free press. It's a study in power, strategy, and one of the most wildly ambitious--and successful--secret plots in recent memory. Some will cheer Gawker's destruction and others will lament it, but after reading these pages--and seeing the access the author was given--no one will deny that there is something ruthless and brilliant about Peter Thiel's shocking attempt to shake up the world.

Lives of the Stoics

What do you do when your great life-plan works out, and you're still unhappy? Successful, but on the verge of burnout, Janice MacLeod saved enough money to buy herself two years of freedom in Europe. Days into her stop in Paris, she met Christophe, and her fate was sealed. Forced to find a way to fund her expat future, Janice created a painted letter subscription service, sending out thousands of letters to people who are hungry to receive something beautiful. Paris Letters is the inspiring story of a woman who dared to discover a life she could love.

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Paid to Think

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Imaginary Cities

In Vermont, one of the world's most extreme endurance events pushes racers to their absolute limits. With no defined start nor finish, the DEATH RACE strips life's comforts and forces racers to overcome the challenges they will face. In this riveting narrative, Matesi, takes readers deep into his thoughts and actions to complete this event.

Success Through Stillness

The top achievers learn the most and apply what they learn; therefore, there is no skill, information, or lesson more vital than learning how to learn. This book is a must-read for business executives, entrepreneurs, people interested in personal development, trainers, teachers, and students. We live in a world where, more and more, we succeed based on what we know rather than what task we perform. Authors, Jim Stovall and Ray Hull, PhD are lifelong learners and teachers of successful best practices across a wide spectrum of topics including learning and education. Read this book to understand more about: The ways people learn Action steps for learning New methods to learn How learning will help you achieve your goals Universal in appeal and highly accessible, this book acts as a spotlight on the truth that there is no one seeking any goal who doesn't need to learn how to learn!

A Year of Living Prayerfully

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Instant New York Times Advice & Business Bestseller, USA Today Bestseller, and Wall Street Journal #1 Bestseller! A New York Times Noteworthy Pick and a "stellar work" by Publishers Weekly From the bestselling authors of *The Daily Stoic* comes an inspiring guide to the lives of the Stoics, and what the ancients can teach us about happiness, success, resilience and virtue. Nearly 2,300 years after a ruined merchant named Zeno first established a school on the Stoa Poikile of Athens, Stoicism has found a new audience among those who seek greatness, from athletes to politicians and everyone in between. It's no wonder; the philosophy and its embrace of self-mastery, virtue, and indifference to that which we cannot control is as urgent today as it was in the chaos of the Roman Empire. In *Lives of the Stoics*, Holiday and Hanselman present the fascinating lives of the men and women who strove to live by the timeless Stoic virtues of Courage. Justice. Temperance. Wisdom. Organized in digestible, mini-biographies of all the well-known--and not so well-known--Stoics, this book vividly brings home what Stoicism was like for the people who loved it and lived it, dusting off powerful lessons to be learned from their struggles and successes. More than a mere history book, every example in these pages, from Epictetus to Marcus Aurelius--slaves to emperors--is designed to help the reader apply philosophy in their own lives. Holiday and Hanselman unveil the core values and ideas that unite figures from Seneca to Cato to Cicero across the centuries. Among them are the idea that self-rule is the greatest empire, that character is fate; how Stoics benefit from preparing not only for success, but failure; and learn to love, not merely accept, the hand they are dealt in life. A treasure of valuable insights and stories, this book can be visited again and again by any reader in search of inspiration from the past.

Power of Stillness

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A primer on the future of PR, marketing and advertising — now revised and updated with new case studies "Forget everything you thought you knew about marketing and read this book. And then make everyone you work with read it, too." —Jason Harris, CEO of Mekanism Megabrands like Dropbox, Instagram, Snapchat, and Airbnb were barely a blip on the radar years ago, but now they're worth billions—with hardly a dime spent on traditional marketing. No press releases, no TV commercials, no billboards. Instead, they relied on growth hacking to reach users and build their businesses. Growth hackers have thrown out the old playbook and replaced it with tools that are testable, trackable, and scalable. They believe that products and businesses should be modified repeatedly until they 're primed to generate explosive reactions. Bestselling author Ryan Holiday, the acclaimed marketing guru for many successful brands, authors, and musicians, explains the new rules in a book that has become a marketing classic in Silicon Valley and around the world. This new edition is updated with cutting-edge case studies of startups, brands, and small businesses. *Growth Hacker Marketing* is the go-to playbook for any company or entrepreneur looking to build and grow.

The Art of Learning and Self-Development

"I have a theory about the Hero's Journey. We all have one. We have many, in fact. But our primary hero's journey is the passage we live out, in real life, before we find our calling. The hero's journey ends when, like Odysseus, we return home to Ithaca, to the place from which we started. What then? The passage that comes next is The Artist's Journey. On our artist's journey, we move past Resistance and past self-sabotage. We discover our true selves and our authentic calling, and we produce the works we were born to create. You are an artist too—whether you realize it or not, whether you like it or not—and

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you have an artist's journey. Will you live it out? Will you follow your Muse and do the work you were born to do? Ready or not, you are called."--Back cover.

The Raven

*PLEASE NOTE: This concise summary is unofficial and is not authorized, approved, licensed, or endorsed by the original book's publisher or author. *Short on time? Or maybe you've already read the book, but need a refresh on the most important takeaways. In a quick, easy listen, you can take the main principles from Stillness Is the Key! In his 2019 book, Stillness Is the Key, Ryan Holiday guides readers using Stoic and Buddhist philosophies to show people how internal stillness can lead to doing great things, personal peace, and happiness. The world is packed with a 24/7 media cycle, which can be overwhelming and daunting, making it hard to find any quietness; yet, Holiday remedies this issue by reemphasizing techniques used for hundreds of years. He uses extensive examples of notable, successful people throughout history who found this stillness he describes and utilized it in high-pressure and inspiring circumstances. From sports stars to politicians, Holiday shows a full breadth of people who benefit from stillness, which shows that Holiday's tactics can be used in any career or personal scenario that feels unmanageable. Stillness Is the Key not only shows that stillness works, but it also helpfully guides readers on how they too can achieve tranquility in their minds, which leads to the ability to handle situations that are externally chaotic. The world is not neat and orderly, but with patience and a quiet mind, each person can teach themselves to cope and even thrive in the disorder. The book astutely shows how the way people orient their brains can impact how they act.

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The Four Winds

Have you ever thought about the fact that a craftsman has more and better tools to solve challenges on the job than the leader of a business or organization does? Leadership “ tools ” are usually defined as computers, spreadsheets, data, and even experience, but in reality, leaders need thinking tools that are hard to come by, so they find themselves hunting and pecking for answers in books, at seminars, through on-the-job training programs, from mentors, and at business schools, and still, they ’ re left with gaps. Surely, most leaders are good at what they do, but the daily challenges of their jobs, like accelerating growth, increasing productivity, driving innovation, doing more with less, and balancing work with life don ’ t come with some sort of leadership toolkit until now. In *Paid to Think*, international consultant David Goldsmith presents his groundbreaking approach to leadership and management based on research revealing the twelve specific activities that all leaders perform on a daily basis, and he provides you with each activity ’ s accompanying tools and instructions proven to boost your performance and that of your entire organization. Take the uncertainty out of everyday leading, convert ideas to realities, and maximize your intellectual value. Learn how decision makers at some of the world ’ s most successful organizations have already used *Paid to Think* ’ s universal and easily transferable tools--regardless of their industries, sectors, geographic locations, or management levels--as their greatest advantages in achieving more, earning more, and living more.

The Daily Stoic Journal

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The book that Inc. says "every entrepreneur should read" and an FT Book of the Month selection How did the movie The Shawshank Redemption fail at the box office but go on to gross more than \$100 million as a cult classic? How did The 48 Laws of Power miss the bestseller lists for more than a decade and still sell more than a million copies? How is Iron Maiden still filling stadiums worldwide without radio or TV exposure forty years after the band was founded? Bestselling author and marketer Ryan Holiday calls such works and artists perennial sellers. How do they endure and thrive while most books, movies, songs, video games, and pieces of art disappear quickly after initial success? How can we create and market creative works that achieve longevity? Holiday explores this mystery by drawing on his extensive experience working with businesses and creators such as Google, American Apparel, and the author John Grisham, as well as his interviews with the minds behind some of the greatest perennial sellers of our time. His fascinating examples include:

- Rick Rubin, producer for Adele, Jay-Z, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers, who teaches his artists to push past short-term thinking and root their work in long-term inspiration.
- Tim Ferriss, whose books have sold millions of copies, in part because he rigorously tests every element of his work to see what generates the strongest response.
- Seinfeld, which managed to capture both the essence of the nineties and timeless themes to become a modern classic.
- Harper Lee, who transformed a muddled manuscript into To Kill a Mockingbird with the help of the right editor and feedback.
- Winston Churchill, Stefan Zweig, and Lady Gaga, who each learned the essential tenets of building a platform of loyal, dedicated supporters.

Holiday reveals that the key to success for many perennial sellers is that their creators don't distinguish between the making and the marketing. The product's purpose and audience are in the creator's mind from day one. By thinking holistically about the relationship between their audience and their work, creators of all kinds improve the chances that their offerings will stand the test of time.

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grow. Not only will you learn faster, but you'll also be more productive as you save hours of your day. As you grow smarter from each read, your family and friends may notice and give you compliments on how much you have grown. We chase after the key points and analyze every chapter. You save time by not having to read all the unnecessary fluff that some books may have and absorb only the valuable & practical info you need. That's right you don't need super speed-reading powers, you'll absorb the info in an hour or less! **DISCLAIMER:** We are confident that our professional summaries will bring more readers to the full-lengthed book who otherwise would have been discouraged due to a long-read commitment. Our hope is that readers like you can use this summary to help cement the most important lessons and ultimately use it as an intro or companion to the original book, not as a replacement.

Summary of Stillness is the Key

Patel takes us deep into her artistic vision and emotional journey using a mix of personal reflections, inspirational quotes, questions for reflection, and breathtaking watercolor visuals. She views fear as guideposts lighting the way to what we really want in life, offering opportunities to make big changes, to discover the remarkable potential inside ourselves. -- adapted from publisher's info.

The Way of Baseball

Stoicism is the most helpful and practical philosophy ever devised. Its intention is to help people find happiness by thinking differently about their lives and their problems. The advice the Stoics provided

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centuries ago is still the best anyone has offered, and it ' s as useful today as it was then—or more. When anyone today says something really wise, the Stoics usually said it first. Today the word “ stoicism ” is often used to mean suffering without complaint, but the true ideas, and ideals, of the Stoics are far more powerful and interesting. Stoicism means knowing the difference between what we can control and we can ' t, and not worrying about the latter. The Stoics were masters of perspective, always taking the long view while remembering that life is short. And they were deep and insightful students of human nature, understanding how we manage to make ourselves miserable as well as how we seek and can find fulfillment. The great insights of the Stoics are spread over a wide range of ancient sources. This book brings them all together for the first time. It systematically presents what the various Stoic philosophers said on every important topic, accompanied by an eloquent commentary that is clear and concise. The result is a set of philosophy lessons for everyone—the most valuable wisdom of ages past made available for our times, and for all time.

The Daily Stoic

The instant Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and international bestseller “ While the history books are filled with tales of obsessive visionary geniuses who remade the world in their image with sheer, almost irrational force, I ' ve found that history is also made by individuals who fought their egos at every turn, who eschewed the spotlight, and who put their higher goals above their desire for recognition. ” —from the prologue Many of us insist the main impediment to a full, successful life is the outside world. In fact, the most common enemy lies within: our ego. Early in our careers, it impedes learning and the cultivation of talent. With success, it can blind us to our faults and sow future problems. In failure, it

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magnifies each blow and makes recovery more difficult. At every stage, ego holds us back. Ego Is the Enemy draws on a vast array of stories and examples, from literature to philosophy to history. We meet fascinating figures such as George Marshall, Jackie Robinson, Katharine Graham, Bill Belichick, and Eleanor Roosevelt, who all reached the highest levels of power and success by conquering their own egos. Their strategies and tactics can be ours as well. In an era that glorifies social media, reality TV, and other forms of shameless self-promotion, the battle against ego must be fought on many fronts. Armed with the lessons in this book, as Holiday writes, “ you will be less invested in the story you tell about your own specialness, and as a result, you will be liberated to accomplish the world-changing work you ’ ve set out to achieve. ”

Paris Letters

Although 90 percent of us pray, very few of us feel as if we have mastered prayer. A Year of Living Prayerfully is a fascinating, humorous, globe-trotting exploration of prayer that will help you grow your own prayer life. While working on a humanitarian project related to exposing human trafficking, Jay and Michelle Brock felt they needed better and stronger prayer support. In an effort to learn more about prayer, the couple traveled the globe, exploring the great prayer traditions: in mountains and monasteries, in communes and cathedrals, standing up and lying down, every hour and around the clock. Jared ’ s witty reflections on his fast-paced journey will both entertain and prompt you to think about your own prayer life. As you follow Jared on his eclectic journey, you ’ ll discover an expansive vision of what prayer can be and how much it is has changed the course of human history. Spark growth in your own prayer life with this exhilarating and charming journey through prayer.

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Movies (And Other Things)

Equanimity, good health, peace of mind, and long life are the goals of the ancient Taoist tradition known as "internal alchemy," of which *Cultivating Stillness* is a key text. Written between the second and fifth centuries, the book is attributed to T'ai Shang Lao-chun—the legendary figure more widely known as Lao-Tzu, author of the *Tao-te Ching*. The accompanying commentary, written in the nineteenth century by Shui-ch'ing Tzu, explains the alchemical symbolism of the text and the methods for cultivating internal stillness of body and mind. A principal part of the Taoist canon for many centuries, *Cultivating Stillness* is still the first book studied by Taoist initiates today.

Legend of the Death Race

#1 Wall Street Journal Bestseller *The Obstacle is the Way* has become a cult classic, beloved by men and women around the world who apply its wisdom to become more successful at whatever they do. Its many fans include a former governor and movie star (Arnold Schwarzenegger), a hip hop icon (LL Cool J), an Irish tennis pro (James McGee), an NBC sportscaster (Michele Tafoya), and the coaches and players of winning teams like the New England Patriots, Seattle Seahawks, Chicago Cubs, and University of Texas men's basketball team. The book draws its inspiration from stoicism, the ancient Greek philosophy of enduring pain or adversity with perseverance and resilience. Stoics focus on the things they can control, let go of everything else, and turn every new obstacle into an opportunity to get better, stronger, tougher. As Marcus Aurelius put it nearly 2000 years ago: "The impediment to action

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advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way. ” Ryan Holiday shows us how some of the most successful people in history—from John D. Rockefeller to Amelia Earhart to Ulysses S. Grant to Steve Jobs—have applied stoicism to overcome difficult or even impossible situations. Their embrace of these principles ultimately mattered more than their natural intelligence, talents, or luck. If you ’ re feeling frustrated, demoralized, or stuck in a rut, this book can help you turn your problems into your biggest advantages. And along the way it will inspire you with dozens of true stories of the greats from every age and era.

Finding Your Fit

Learn the most basic tool for successful living: Meditation. In *Success Through Stillness*, Russell Simmons, the original hip-hop mogul, illustrates the intimate connection between inner peace and outward success. A meditator for the past fifteen years, Simmons has trained with an observed other highly successful fellow meditators and shares how meditation has contributed to the success of innovators like Oprah Winfrey, Ellen DeGeneres, and Russell Brand, as well as other leaders in business, art, and entertainment. Russell lays out the research that explores both the mind and body benefits of meditation, as well as how stillness has been instrumental in sustaining his own career. He also shows the simplest path to the tool that will help you find greater clarity and focus throughout your workday to increase your productivity; unlock your creativity by allowing your inspiration to be heard over life's distractions; reduce stress; break out of harmful cycles; and even lower your blood pressure. 'An easy-to-read guide that explains why meditation is such a powerful tool for success and happiness.' San Francisco Examiner 'Success Through Stillness marks Simmons's continued effort to teach people how

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the practices of yoga and meditation can change their lives.' The Huffington Post

The Obstacle Is the Way

The author shares lessons he learned throughout his athletic career, explaining how he approached baseball philosophically and learned to be still, live in the present, and achieve mindfulness in spite of challenges and fame.

Ego Is the Enemy

An instant New York Times bestseller In Embrace Your Weird, New York Times bestselling author, producer, actress, TV writer, and award-winning web series creator, Felicia Day takes you on a journey to find, rekindle, or expand your creative passions. Including Felicia 's personal stories and hard-won wisdom, Embrace Your Weird offers: —Entertaining and revelatory exercises that empower you to be fearless, so you can rediscover the things that bring you joy, and crack your imagination wide open —Unique techniques to vanquish enemies of creativity like: anxiety, fear, procrastination, perfectionism, criticism, and jealousy —Tips to cultivate a creative community —Space to explore and get your neurons firing Whether you enjoy writing, baking, painting, podcasting, playing music, or have yet to uncover your favorite creative outlet, Embrace Your Weird will help you unlock the power of self-expression. Get motivated. Get creative. Get weird.

The Swallowed Man

Ryan Holiday has led the popular revival of stoicism since 2014, with his acclaimed bestsellers *The Obstacle is the Way*, *Ego is the Enemy*, and-in partnership with Stephen Hanselman-*The Daily Stoic*. The latter offered powerful quotations, fresh anecdotes, and insightful commentary about the wisdom of Epictetus, Seneca, and Marcus Aurelius. Now Holiday and Hanselman are back with *The Daily Stoic Journal*, an interactive guide to integrating this ancient philosophy into our 21st century lives. Readers will find weekly explanations and quotations to inspire deeper reflection on Stoic practices, daily prompts, and a helpful introduction explaining the various Stoic tools of self-management. This beautifully designed hardcover journal features space for morning and evening notes, along with advice to encourage ongoing writing and insights, day by day through the year. This is the perfect companion volume for people who already love *The Daily Stoic*, but it can also be used as a stand-alone journal. It will help anyone seeking inner peace and clarity in our crazy world, even those who have never previously encountered Stoicism.

The Practicing Stoic

How can we understand the infinite variety of cities? Darran Anderson seems to exhaust all possibilities in this work of creative nonfiction. Drawing inspiration from Marco Polo and Italo Calvino, Anderson shows that we have much to learn about ourselves by looking not only at the cities we have built, but also at the cities we have imagined. Anderson draws on literature (Gustav Meyrink, Franz Kafka, Jaroslav

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Hasek, and James Joyce), but he also looks at architectural writings and works by the likes of Bruno Taut and Walter Gropius, Medieval travel memoirs from the Middle East, mid-twentieth-century comic books, Star Trek, mythical lands such as Cockaigne, and the works of Claude Debussy. Anderson sees the visionary architecture dreamed up by architects, artists, philosophers, writers, and citizens as wedded to the egalitarian sense that cities are for everyone. He proves that we must not be locked into the structures that exclude ordinary citizens--that cities evolve and that we can have input. As he says: "If a city can be imagined into being, it can be re-imagined as well."

Strength in Stillness

A follow up to Pico Iyer ' s essay " The Joy of Quiet, " The Art of Stillness considers the unexpected adventure of staying put and reveals a counterintuitive truth: The more ways we have to connect, the more we seem desperate to unplug. Why might a lifelong traveler like Pico Iyer, who has journeyed from Easter Island to Ethiopia, Cuba to Kathmandu, think that sitting quietly in a room might be the ultimate adventure? Because in our madly accelerating world, our lives are crowded, chaotic and noisy. There ' s never been a greater need to slow down, tune out and give ourselves permission to be still. In The Art of Stillness—a TED Books release—Iyer investigate the lives of people who have made a life seeking stillness: from Matthieu Ricard, a Frenchman with a PhD in molecular biology who left a promising scientific career to become a Tibetan monk, to revered singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen, who traded the pleasures of the senses for several years of living the near-silent life of meditation as a Zen monk. Iyer also draws on his own experiences as a travel writer to explore why advances in technology are making us more likely to retreat. He reflects that this is perhaps the reason why many people—even those with

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no religious commitment—seem to be turning to yoga, or meditation, or seeking silent retreats. These aren't New Age fads so much as ways to rediscover the wisdom of an earlier age. Growing trends like observing an “ Internet Sabbath ” —turning off online connections from Friday night to Monday morning—highlight how increasingly desperate many of us are to unplug and bring stillness into our lives. The Art of Stillness paints a picture of why so many—from Marcel Proust to Mahatma Gandhi to Emily Dickinson—have found richness in stillness. Ultimately, Iyer shows that, in this age of constant movement and connectedness, perhaps staying in one place is a more exciting prospect, and a greater necessity than ever before. In 2013, Pico Iyer gave a blockbuster TED Talk. This lyrical and inspiring book expands on a new idea, offering a way forward for all those feeling affected by the frenetic pace of our modern world.

Just One Thing

We give up too easily. With a simple change of attitude, what seem like insurmountable obstacles become once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. Ryan Holiday, who dropped out of college at nineteen to serve as an apprentice to bestselling 'modern Machiavelli' Robert Greene and is now a media consultant for billion-dollar brands, draws on the philosophy of the Stoics to guide you in every situation, showing that what blocks our path actually opens one that is new and better. If the competition threatens you, it's time to be fearless, to display your courage. An impossible deadline becomes a chance to show how dedicated you are. And as Ryan discovered as Director of Marketing for American Apparel, if your brand is generating controversy - it's also potentially generating publicity. The Stoic philosophy - that what is in the way, is the way - can be applied to any problem: it's a formula invented more than 2,000 years ago,

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whose effectiveness has been proven in battles and board rooms ever since. From Barack Obama's ability to overcome obstacles in his election races, to the design of the iPhone, the stoic philosophy has helped its users become world-beaters.

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#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER #1 USA TODAY BESTSELLER #1 WALL STREET JOURNAL BESTSELLER #1 INDIE BESTSELLER "The Four Winds seems eerily prescient in 2021 . . . Its message is galvanizing and hopeful: We are a nation of scrappy survivors. We 've been in dire straits before; we will be again. Hold your people close. " —The New York Times "A spectacular tour de force that shines a spotlight on the indispensable but often overlooked role of Greatest Generation women."—People "Through one woman 's survival during the harsh and haunting Dust Bowl, master storyteller, Kristin Hannah, reminds us that the human heart and our Earth are as tough, yet as fragile, as a change in the wind." —Delia Owens, author of *Where the Crawdads Sing* From the number-one bestselling author of *The Nightingale* and *The Great Alone* comes a powerful American epic about love and heroism and hope, set during the Great Depression, a time when the country was in crisis and at war with itself, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them. " My land tells its story if you listen. The story of our family. " Texas, 1921. A time of abundance. The

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Great War is over, the bounty of the land is plentiful, and America is on the brink of a new and optimistic era. But for Elsa Wolcott, deemed too old to marry in a time when marriage is a woman's only option, the future seems bleak. Until the night she meets Rafe Martinelli and decides to change the direction of her life. With her reputation in ruin, there is only one respectable choice: marriage to a man she barely knows. By 1934, the world has changed; millions are out of work and drought has devastated the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as crops fail and water dries up and the earth cracks open. Dust storms roll relentlessly across the plains. Everything on the Martinelli farm is dying, including Elsa's tenuous marriage; each day is a desperate battle against nature and a fight to keep her children alive. In this uncertain and perilous time, Elsa—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go west, to California, in search of a better life for her family. *The Four Winds* is a rich, sweeping novel that stunningly brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through it—the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit to survive adversity, *The Four Winds* is an indelible portrait of America and the American dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

Cultivating Stillness

Why have history's greatest minds embraced the wisdom of the ancient Stoics? Because they realize that the most valuable wisdom is timeless and that philosophy is for living a better life, not a classroom exercise. Holiday and Hanselman offer 366 days of Stoic insights and exercises, to help you find the

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serenity, self-knowledge, and resilience you need to live well

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