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Second Nature Ric Flair. Charlotte Flair. Brian Shields, 2017-09-19 WOOOOOO! Are you ready for this, WWE Universe? For the first time ever, WWE's illustrious father-daughter duo Nature Boy Ric Flair and Charlotte come together to tell their legendary story. Ric Flair is a 16-time World Champion and twotime WWE Hall of Fame Inductee. His four-decades long career is recognized as one of the greatest of all time, but with success comes a price. Despite his effortless brilliance in front of the cameras, his life away from the cameras includes personal struggles, controversy and family tragedy. Through his bond with Charlotte, he's becoming the father he needs to be while rediscovering the legend he has always been. Charlotte grew up in the shadow of her famous father, the dirtiest player in the game, but now she is poised to take the Flair name to new heights. As the inaugural WWE Women's Champion, Charlotte has had an impressive career, and she's just getting started. With the (dare we say it) flair of the Nature Boy running through her blood, Charlotte is destined for greatness. Find out how she embraced her heritage and battled her own challenges through her rise to the top of WWE. For these two Champions, sports entertainment is simply SECOND NATURE.

Ric Flair: To Be the Man Ric Flair,2010-05-11 Throughout the years, there may have been equally charismatic performers, comparable athletes, and even better interviews, but none were blessed with the same combination of talents to manage to stay on top for over three decades. To wrestling fans, the Nature Boy is a platinum-blond deity, a sixteen-time world champion who accurately boasted that he could have a five-star match with a broom. No matter how limited the opponent, Flair had the skill and determination to bounce all over the mat, transforming his rival into a star. When the camera light went on, Slick Ric could convince viewers that, if they missed an upcoming match, a momentous life experience would pass them by. Flair's opponents

were challenged with this simple taunt: To be the man, you have to beat the man. Away from the arena, Richard Morgan Fliehr spent years struggling with his own concept of what it meant to be a man. He suffered periods of crushing self-doubt, marital strife and—in a profession where there was room for only one Ric Flair—broken friendships. Ric Flair: To Be the Man, cowritten with Keith Elliot Greenberg, chronicles the anguish and exhilaration of Flair's life and career—in painfully honest detail. In addition to his own words, Flair's story is enriched by anecdotes from ring greats like Superstar Billy Graham, Ricky The Dragon Steamboat, Harley Race, Sgt. Slaughter, David Crockett, Arn Anderson, Bobby The Brain Heenan, Mean Gene Okerlund, Shawn Michaels, Triple H, Undertaker and Brock Lesnar. To Be the Man traces the rise of one of wrestling's most enduring superstars to the pinnacle of the sports entertainment universe, and is a must-read for every wrestling fan.

Principles of Management Openstax, David S.

Bright, Anastasia H. Cortes, 2022-03-25 Principles of Management is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of the introductory course on management. This is a traditional approach to management using the leading, planning, organizing, and controlling approach. Management is a broad business discipline, and the Principles of Management course covers many management areas such as human resource management and strategic management, as well as behavioral areas such as motivation. No one individual can be an expert in all areas of management, so an additional benefit of this text is that specialists in a variety of areas have authored individual chapters. Contributing Authors David S. Bright, Wright State University Anastasia H. Cortes, Virginia Tech University Eva Hartmann, University of Richmond K. Praveen Parboteeah, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Jon L. Pierce, University of Minnesota-Duluth Monique Reece Amit Shah, Frostburg State University Siri Terjesen, American University Joseph Weiss, Bentley University

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comprehensive guide to scoring for film and television. Covering all styles and genres, the authors cover everything from timing, cuing, and recording through balancing the composer's vision with the needs of the film.

Sprint (Republish) Jake Knapp,2018-07-19 Anda mungkin beruntung memiliki pekerjaan atau proyek mendatang dengan visi yang cemerlang. Namun, upaya mewujudkan visi ini sering kali tak mudah. Setiap hari Anda gampang sekali terjebak dalam berbagai hal: surel yang seolah tiada habisnya, tenggat yang molor, rapatrapat seharian yang menyita waktu, dan proyek jangka panjang yang hanya berdasarkan asumsi. Sudah waktunya Anda mencoba Sprint, sebuah metode untuk memecahkan masalah dan menguji ide-ide baru, menyelesaikan lebih banyak hal dengan efisien. Buku ini ditulis Jake Knapp, mantan Design Partner Google Ventures, untuk menuntun Anda merasakan pengalaman menerapkan metode yang telah mendunia ini. Sprint mewujudkan pengeksekusian ide besar hanya dalam lima hari. Menuntun tim Anda dengan checklist lengkap, mulai dari Senin hingga Jumat. Menjawab segala pertanyaan penting yang sering kali hanya disimpan di benak mereka yang sedang menguji ide/konsep/produk. Sprint juga membantu Anda lebih menikmati setiap proses. Anda bisa mengamati dan bergabung dengan ratusan dari pelaku Sprint di seluruh dunia melalui tagar #sprintweek di Twitter. Sebuah proyek besar terjadi pada 2009. Seorang insinyur Gmail bernama Peter Balsiger mencetuskan ide mengenai surel yang bisa teratur secara otomatis. Saya sangat tertarik dengan idenya—yang disebut "Kotak Masuk Prioritas"—dan merekrut insinyur lain, Annie Chen, untuk bergabung bersama kami. Annie setuju, tetapi dia hanya punya waktu sebulan untuk mengerjakannya. Kalau kami tidak bisa membuktikan bahwa ide itu bisa diterapkan dalam jangka waktu tersebut, Annie akan beralih ke proyek lainnya. Saya yakin waktunya tidak akan cukup, tetapi Annie adalah insinyur yang luar biasa. Jadi, saya memutuskan untuk menjalaninya saja. Kami

membagi waktu sebulan itu ke dalam empat bagian yang masingmasing lamanya seminggu. Setiap pekan, kami menggarap desain baru. Annie dan Peter membuat purwarupa, lalu pada akhir minggu, kami menguji desain ini bersama beberapa ratus orang lainnya. Pada akhir bulan, kami menemukan solusi yang bisa dipahami dan diinginkan orang- orang. Annie tetap menjadi pemimpin untuk tim Kotak Masuk Prioritas. Dan entah bagaimana caranya, kami berhasil menyelesaikan tugas desainnya dalam waktu yang lebih singkat dari biasanya. Beberapa bulan kemudian, saya mengunjungi Serge Lachapelle dan Mikael Drugge, dua orang karyawan Google di Stockholm. Kami bertiga ingin menguji ide perangkat lunak untuk konferensi video yang bisa dijalankan lewat peramban. Karena saya berada di kota tersebut hanya selama beberapa hari, kami bekerja secepat mungkin. Pada penghujung kunjungan saya, kami berhasil menyelesaikan purwarupanya. Kami mengirimkannya ke rekan kerja kami lewat surel dan mulai menggunakannya dalam rapat. Dalam beberapa bulan, seluruh perusahaan sudah bisa menggunakannya. (Selanjutnya, versi yang sudah dipoles dan disempurnakan dari aplikasi berbasis web tersebut dikenal sebagai Google Hangouts.) Dalam kedua kasus tersebut, saya menyadari bahwa saya bekerja jauh lebih efektif ketimbang rutinitas kerja harian saya atau ketika mengikuti lokakarya diskusi sumbang saran. Apa yang membedakannya? Saya menimbang kembali lokakarya tim yang saya gagas sebelumnya. Bagaimana kalau saya memasukkan elemen ajaib lainnya—fokus pada kerja individu, waktu untuk membuat purwarupa, dan tenggat yang tak bisa ditawar? Saya lalu menyebutkan, "sprint" desain. Saya membuat jadwal kasar untuk sprint pertama saya: satu hari untuk berbagi informasi dan mereka ide, diikuti dengan empat hari pembuatan purwarupa. Sekali lagi, tim Google menyambut baik eksperimen ini. Saya memimpin sprint untuk mendesain Chrome, Google Search, Gmail, dan proyek-proyek lainnya. Ini sangat menarik. Sprint ini berhasil. Ide-ide diuji, dibangun, diluncurkan, dan yang terbaik, kebanyakan

dari ide-ide ini berhasil diterapkan dalam dunia nyata. Proses sprint menyebar di seisi Google dari satu tim ke tim lain, dari satu kantor ke kantor lain. Seorang desainer dari Google X tertarik dengan metode ini, jadi dia menjalankan sprint untuk sebuah tim di Google Ads. Anggota tim dalam sprint di Ads kemudian menyampaikannya kepada kolega mereka, dan begitu seterusnya. Dalam waktu singkat saya mendengar penerapan sprint dari orang-orang yang tidak saya kenal. Dalam perjalanannya, saya membuat beberapa kesalahan. Sprint pertama saya melibatkan empat puluh orang—jumlah yang sangat besar dan justru hampir menghambat sprint tersebut, bahkan sebelum dimulai. Saya menyesuaikan waktu yang diperlukan untuk mengembangkan ide dan pembuatan purwarupa. Saya jadi memahami mana yang terlalu cepat, terlalu lambat, hingga akhirnya menemukan yang waktu paling sesuai. Beberapa tahun kemudian, saya bertemu Bill Maris untuk membicarakan sprint. Bill adalah CEO Google Ventures, perusahaan modal ventura yang didirikan Google untuk berinvestasi pada startup-startup potensial. Dia adalah salah satu orang berpengaruh di Silicon Valley. Namun, Anda tidak akan menyangkanya dari pembawaannya yang santai. Pada sore itu, dia mengenakan pakaian khasnya, yaitu topi bisbol dan kaus dengan tulisan tentang Vermont. Bill tertarik untuk menjalankan sprint dengan startup dalam portofolio GV. Startup biasanya hanya memiliki satu kesempatan emas untuk mendesain sebuah produk yang sukses, sebelum akhirnya kehabisan dana. Sprint bisa membantu mencari tahu apakah startup-startup ini berada di jalur yang tepat sebelum akhirnya mereka bisa berkecimpung dalam tahapan yang lebih berisiko untuk membangun dan meluncurkan produk mereka. Dengan menjalankan sprint, mereka bisa mendapatkan sekaligus menghemat uang. Namun agar berhasil, saya harus menyesuaikan proses sprint ini. Saya sudah berpikir mengenai produktivitas individu dan tim selama beberapa tahun. Namun, saya hampir tidak tahu apa-apa mengenai startup dan kebutuhan bisnis mereka. Tetap saja, antusiasme Bill meyakinkan

saya bahwa Google Ventures adalah tempat yang tepat untuk menerapkan sprint—sekaligus tempat yang tepat bagi saya. "Ini misi kita," ujarnya, "untuk bisa menemukan entrepreneur terbaik di muka bumi dan membantu mereka membuat dunia ini menjadi tempat yang lebih baik." Saya tentu tak bisa menolaknya. Di GV, saya bergabung dengan tiga rekan lain: Braden Kowitz, John Zeratsky, dan Michael Margolis. Bersama, kami mulai menjalankan sprint dengan startup-startup, bereksperimen dengan prosesnya, dan menguji hasilnya agar bisa menemukan cara untuk memperbaikinya. Ide-ide dalam buku ini lahir dari semua anggota tim kami. Braden Kowitz memasukkan desain berbasis cerita dalam proses sprint, sebuah pendekatan tak biasa yang berfokus pada pengalaman konsumen alih-alih komponen individu atau teknologi. John Zeratsky membantu kami memulai dari akhir sehingga tiap sprint bisa membantu menjawab berbagai pertanyaan bisnis paling penting. Braden dan John memiliki pengalaman dalam bisnis dan startup, hal yang tidak saya miliki, dan mereka menyesuaikan prosesnya untuk menciptakan fokus yang lebih baik dan keputusan yang lebih cerdas di tiap sprint. Michael Margolis mendorong kami untuk mengakhiri tiap sprint dengan pengujian di dunia nyata. Dia menjalankan riset konsumen, yang perencanaan dan pelaksanaannya bisa menghabiskan waktu berminggu-minggu, dan menemukan cara untuk mendapatkan hasil yang jelas hanya dalam sehari. Ini benar-benar sebuah keajaiban. Kami tidak perlu lagi menebaknebak apakah solusi kami bagus atau tidak karena di akhir tiap sprint, kami mendapatkan jawabannya. Kemudian ada Daniel Burka, seorang entrepreneur yang mendirikan dua startup sebelum menjual salah satunya ke Google dan bergabung dengan GV. Saat kali pertama menjelaskan proses sprint kepadanya, dia skeptis. Baginya, sprint terdengar seperti serangkaian proses manajemen yang rumit. Namun, dia sepakat untuk mencoba salah satunya. "Dalam sprint pertama itu, kami memangkas prosesnya dan menciptakan sesuatu yang ambisius hanya dalam sepekan.

Saya benar-benar jatuh hati." Setelah kami berhasil meyakinkannya, pengalaman langsung Daniel sebagai seorang pendiri startup dan sikapnya yang tidak menoleransi omong kosong membantu kami menyempurnakan prosesnya. Sejak sprint pertama di GV pada 2012, kami telah beradaptasi dan bereksperimen. Mulanya kami mengira pembuatan purwarupa dan riset yang cepat hanya akan berhasil untuk produk berskala besar. Mampukah kami bergerak sama cepatnya jika konsumen kami adalah para ahli di berbagai bidang seperti kesehatan dan keuangan? Tanpa disangka, proses lima hari ini bisa bertahan. Proses ini sesuai untuk semua jenis konsumen, mulai dari investor sampai petani, dari onkolog sampai pemilik bisnis skala kecil. Juga bagi situs web, aplikasi iPhone, laporan medis, hingga perangkat keras berteknologi tinggi. Tidak hanya untuk mengembangkan produk, kami juga menggunakan sprint untuk menentukan prioritas, strategi pemasaran, bahkan menamai perusahaan. Proses ini berulang-ulangmenyatukan tim dan menjadikan ide-ide menjadi nyata. Selama beberapa tahun belakangan, tim kami mendapatkan beragam kesempatan untuk bereksperimen dan memvalidasi ide kami mengenai proses kerja. Kami menjalankan lebih dari seratus sprint bersama dengan startup-startup dalam portofolio GV. Kami bekerja bersama, sekaligus belajar dari para entrepreneur brilian seperti Anne Wojcicki (pendiri 23andMe), Ev Williams (pendiri Twitter, Blogger, dan Medium), serta Chad Hurley dan Steve Chen (pendiri YouTube). Pada awalnya, saya hanya ingin membuat hari-hari kerja saya efisien dan berkualitas. Saya ingin berfokus pada apa yang benar-benar penting dan menjadikan waktu saya berharga—bagi saya, tim, dan konsumen kami. Kini, lebih dari satu dekade kemudian, proses sprint secara konsisten telah membantu saya meraih mimpi tesebut. Dan saya sangat senang berbagi mengenai hal tersebut dengan Anda dalam buku ini. Dengan keberuntungan, Anda bisa memilih pekerjaan Anda karena visi yang tajam. Anda ingin berbagi visi tersebut kepada dunia, baik yang berupa pesan, layanan, maupun

pengalaman, dengan perangkat lunak maupun keras, atau bahkan—sebagaimana dicontohkan dalam buku ini—sebuah cerita atau ide. Namun, mewujudkan visi ini tak mudah. Gampang sekali terjebak dalam berbagai hal: surel yang seolah tiada habisnya, tenggat yang molor, rapat-rapat seharian yang menyita waktu Anda, dan proyek jangka panjang yang hanya berdasarkan asumsi. Prosesnya tidak harus selalu seperti ini. Sprint menawarkan jalur untuk memecahkan masalah-masalah besar, menguji ide-ide baru, menyelesaikan lebih banyak hal, dan melakukan semuanya dengan lebih cepat. Sprint juga membantu Anda lebih menikmati prosesnya. Dengan kata lain, Anda benarbenar harus mencobanya sendiri. Ayo kita mulai. —Jake Knapp San Francisco, Februari 2016 [Mizan, Bentang Pustaka, Manajemen, Ide, Kreatif, Inovasi, Motivasi, Dewasa, Indonesia] spesial seri bentang bisnis & startup

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Liar's Poker Michael Lewis,2010-03-15 The time was the 1980s. The place was Wall Street. The game was called Liar's Poker. Michael Lewis was fresh out of Princeton and the London School of Economics when he landed a job at Salomon Brothers, one of Wall Street's premier investment firms. During the next three years, Lewis rose from callow trainee to bond salesman, raking in millions for the firm and cashing in on a modern-day gold rush. Liar's Poker is the culmination of those heady, frenzied years—a behind-the-scenes look at a unique and turbulent time in American business. From the frat-boy camaraderie of the forty-first-floor trading room to the killer instinct that made ambitious young men gamble everything on a high-stakes game of bluffing and deception, here is Michael Lewis's knowing and hilarious insider's account of an unprecedented era of greed, gluttony, and outrageous fortune.

How Democracies Die Steven Levitsky, Daniel Ziblatt, 2019-01-08 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • "Comprehensive, enlightening, and terrifyingly timely."—The New York Times Book Review (Editors' Choice) WINNER OF THE GOLDSMITH BOOK PRIZE • SHORTLISTED FOR THE LIONEL GELBER PRIZE • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY The Washington Post • Time • Foreign Affairs • WBUR • Paste Donald Trump's presidency has raised a question that many of us never thought we'd be asking: Is our democracy in danger? Harvard professors Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt have spent more than twenty years studying the breakdown of democracies in Europe and Latin America, and they believe the answer is yes. Democracy no longer ends with a bang—in a revolution or military coup—but with a whimper: the slow, steady weakening of critical institutions, such as the judiciary and the press, and the gradual erosion of long-standing political norms. The good news is that there are several exit ramps on the road to authoritarianism. The bad news is that, by electing Trump, we have already passed the first one. Drawing on decades of research and a wide range of

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When Computers Were Human David Alan Grier,2013-11-01 Before Palm Pilots and iPods, PCs and laptops, the term computer referred to the people who did scientific calculations by hand. These workers were neither calculating geniuses nor idiot savants but knowledgeable people who, in other circumstances, might have become scientists in their own right. When Computers Were Human represents the first in-depth account of this little-known, 200-year epoch in the history of science and technology. Beginning with the story of his own grandmother, who was trained as a human computer, David Alan Grier provides a poignant introduction to the wider world of women and men who did the hard computational labor of science. His grandmother's casual

remark, I wish I'd used my calculus, hinted at a career deferred and an education forgotten, a secret life unappreciated; like many highly educated women of her generation, she studied to become a human computer because nothing else would offer her a place in the scientific world. The book begins with the return of Halley's comet in 1758 and the effort of three French astronomers to compute its orbit. It ends four cycles later, with a UNIVAC electronic computer projecting the 1986 orbit. In between, Grier tells us about the surveyors of the French Revolution, describes the calculating machines of Charles Babbage, and guides the reader through the Great Depression to marvel at the giant computing room of the Works Progress Administration. When Computers Were Human is the sad but lyrical story of workers who gladly did the hard labor of research calculation in the hope that they might be part of the scientific community. In the end, they were rewarded by a new electronic machine that took the place and the name of those who were, once, the computers.

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the catastrophe provides a great deal of insight into what went wrong. But for Krakauer himself, further interviews and investigations only lead him to the conclusion that his perceived failures were directly responsible for a fellow climber's death. Clearly, Krakauer remains haunted by the disaster, and although he relates a number of incidents in which he acted selflessly and even heroically, he seems unable to view those instances objectively. In the end, despite his evenhanded and even generous assessment of others' actions, he reserves a full measure of vitriol for himself. This updated trade paperback edition of Into Thin Air includes an extensive new postscript that sheds fascinating light on the acrimonious debate that flared between Krakauer and Everest guide Anatoli Boukreev in the wake of the tragedy. I have no doubt that Boukreev's intentions were good on summit day, writes Krakauer in the postscript, dated August 1999. What disturbs me, though, was Boukreev's refusal to acknowledge the possibility that he made even a single poor decision. Never did he indicate that perhaps it wasn't the best choice to climb without gas or go down ahead of his clients. As usual, Krakauer supports his points with dogged research and a good dose of humility. But rather than continue the heated discourse that has raged since Into Thin Air's denouncement of guide Boukreev, Krakauer's tone is conciliatory; he points most of his criticism at G. Weston De Walt, who coauthored The Climb, Boukreev's version of events. And in a touching conclusion, Krakauer recounts his last conversation with the late Boukreev, in which the two weathered climbers agreed to disagree about certain points. Krakauer had great hopes to patch things up with Boukreev, but the Russian later died in an avalanche on another Himalayan peak, Annapurna I. In 1999, Krakauer received an Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters--a prestigious prize intended to honor writers of exceptional accomplishment. According to the Academy's citation, Krakauer combines the tenacity and courage of the finest tradition of investigative

journalism with the stylish subtlety and profound insight of the born writer. His account of an ascent of Mount Everest has led to a general reevaluation of climbing and of the commercialization of what was once a romantic, solitary sport; while his account of the life and death of Christopher McCandless, who died of starvation after challenging the Alaskan wilderness, delves even more deeply and disturbingly into the fascination of nature and the devastating effects of its lure on a young and curious mind.

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