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[Cooperative Strategy](#) Jun 30 2020 Providing a comprehensive survey of strategic alliances, this book presents different disciplinary perspectives (economics, strategy, organization theory), and many examples from the corporate world. It is useful for business students and managers wishing to understand the challenges of managing alliances.

[The Oxford Handbook of the Corporation](#) Nov 16 2021 The Oxford Handbook of the Corporation assesses the contemporary relevance, purpose, and performance of the corporation. The corporation is one of the most significant, if contested, innovations in human history, and the direction and effectiveness of corporate law, corporate governance, and corporate performance are being challenged as never before. Continuously evolving, the corporation as the primary instrument for wealth generation in contemporary economies demands frequent assessment and reinterpretation. The focus of this work is the transformative impact of innovation and change upon corporate structure, purpose, and operation. Corporate innovation is at the heart of the value-creation process in increasingly internationalized and competitive market economies, and corporations today are embedded in a world of complex global supply chains and rising state and state-directed capitalism. In questioning the fundamental purpose and performance of the corporation, this Handbook continues a tradition commenced by Berle and Means, and contributed to by generations of business scholars. What is the corporation and what is it becoming? How do we define its form and purpose and how are these changing? To whom is the corporation responsible, and who should judge the ultimate performance of corporations? By investigating the origins, development, strategies, and theories of corporations, this volume addresses such questions to provide a richer theoretical account of the corporation and its contested future.

[The Bloodline Feud](#) Dec 17 2021 The Bloodline Feud: an omnibus edition of the first two novels in Charles Stross's The Merchant Princes series The six families of the Clan rule the kingdom of Gruinmarkt from behind the scenes. They are a mixture of nobility and criminal conspirators whose power to walk between their world and ours makes them rich in both. Miriam, a hip tech journalist from Boston, discovers her alternate-world relatives with explosive results that shake three worlds. Now, as the prodigal Countess Helge Thorold-Hjorth, she finds herself ensnared in schemes and plots centuries in the making. She is surrounded by unlikely allies, lethal contraband, and-most dangerous of all-her family. To avoid a slippery slope down to an unmarked grave, Miriam must build a power base of her own-with unexpected consequences for three different time lines, including the quasi-Victorian one exploited by the hidden family. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

[The Clan Corporate](#) Oct 27 2022 The third book (after The Family Trade and The Hidden Family) in the saga of the Merchant Princes by Charles Stross, in which Miriam gets into deadly trouble. Miriam Beckstein has gotten in touch with her roots and they have nearly strangled her. A young, hip, business journalist in Boston, she discovered (in The Family Trade) that her family comes from an alternate reality, that she is very well-connected, and that her family is a lot too much like the mafia for comfort. In addition, starting with the fact that women are family property and required to breed more family members with the unique talent to walk between worlds, she has tried to remain an outsider and her own woman. And start a profitable business in a third world she has discovered, outside the family reach (recounted in The Hidden Family). She fell in love with a distant relative but he's dead, killed saving her life. There have been murders, betrayals. Now, however, in The Clan Corporate, she may be overreaching. And if she gets caught, death or a fate worse is around the bend. There is for instance the brain-damaged son of the local king who needs a wife. But they'd never make her do that, would they? At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

[The Merchants' War](#) Aug 25 2022 Miriam Beckstein is a young, hip, business journalist in Boston. She discovered in The Family Trade and The Hidden Family that her family came from an alternate reality, that she was very well-connected, and that her family was too much like the mafia for comfort. She found herself caught in a family trap in The Clan Corporate and betrothed to a brain-damaged prince, and then all hell broke loose. Now, in The Merchants' War, Miriam has escaped to yet another world and remains in hiding from both the Clan and their opponents. There is a nasty shooting war going on in the Gruinmarkt world of the Clan, and we know something that Miriam does not; something that she's really going to hate--if she lives long enough to find out. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

[Corporate Spirit](#) Aug 21 2019 In this groundbreaking work, Amanda Porterfield explores the long intertwining of religion and commerce in the history of incorporation in the United States. Beginning with the antecedents of that history in western Europe, she focuses on organizations to show how corporate strategies in religion and commerce developed symbiotically, and how religion has influenced the corporate structuring and commercial orientation of American society.

Porterfield begins her story in ancient Rome. She traces the development of corporate organization through medieval Europe and Elizabethan England and then to colonial North America, where organizational practices derived from religion infiltrated commerce, and commerce led to political independence. Left more to their own devices than under British law, religious groups in the United States experienced unprecedented autonomy that facilitated new forms of communal governance and new means of broadcasting their messages. As commercial enterprise expanded, religious organizations grew apace, helping many Americans absorb the shocks of economic turbulence, and promoting new conceptions of faith, spirit, and will power that contributed to business. Porterfield highlights the role that American religious institutions played a society increasingly dominated by commercial incorporation and free market ideologies. She also shows how charitable impulses long nurtured by religion continued to stimulate reform and demand for accountability.

Local Clan Communities in Rural China Mar 20 2022 Using data collected in fieldwork and surveys, this book examines China's clan system and local clan communities in rural Anhui, covering events in two periods: the imperial pattern as seen in the first half of the twentieth century and changes since 1949. Revealed by this research, during the late Qing and the Republic Era, a local clan in the investigated areas was run as a highly autonomous community with a strong religious focus, which challenges the corporate model raised by Maurice Freedman. Through examining single-surname villages, citang constructions, and updating of genealogies, local clans in Huadong, Huizhou and the lower Yangtze River plains in particular, developed earlier than those in the Pearl River Delta Region. Taking a cross-disciplinary viewpoint, this book analyses changes in local clan communities and clan culture as brought by the Chinese Revolution, Mao's political campaigns, and Deng's reforms. Starting with the late 1990s, a large migration from villages to cities has rapidly altered rural China. This geographic mobility would undermine the common residence that serves as part of a clan's foundation. Under such situation, what transformations have taken place or will affect China's clan system? Will the system continue to revitalise or die out? *Local Clan Communities in Rural China* reports these events/transformations and attempts to answer these questions. Placing a special emphasis on issues that have been overlooked by prior studies, this book brings to light many new facts and interpretations and provides a valuable reference to scholars in fields of sociology, anthropology, history, economics, cultural studies, urban studies, and population studies.

The Traders' War Sep 26 2022 *The Traders' War* -- an omnibus edition of the third and fourth novels in Charles Stross's Merchant Princes series. Miriam was an ambitious business journalist in Boston. Until she was fired--then discovered, to her shock, that her lost family comes from an alternate reality. And although some of them are trying to kill her, she won't stop digging up secrets. Now that she knows she's inherited the family ability to walk between worlds, there's a new culture to explore. Her alternate home seems located around the Middle Ages, making her world-hopping relatives top dogs when it comes to "importing" guns and other gadgets from modern-day America. Payment flows from their services to U.S. drug rings--after all, world-skipping drug runners make great traffickers. In a land where women are property, she struggles to remain independent. Yet her outsider ways won't be tolerated, and a highly political arranged marriage is being brokered behind her back. If she can stay alive for long enough to protest. "These books are immense fun."--Locus At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

The Navel of the Demoness Sep 21 2019 This groundbreaking study focuses on a village called Te in a "Tibetanized" region of northern Nepal. While Te's people are nominally Buddhist, and engage the services of resident Tibetan Tantric priests for a range of rituals, they are also exponents of a local religion that involves blood sacrifices to wild, unconverted territorial gods and goddesses. The village is unusual in the extent to which it has maintained its local autonomy and also in the degree to which both Buddhism and the cults of local gods have been subordinated to the pragmatic demands of the village community. Charles Ramble draws on extensive fieldwork, as well as 300 years' worth of local historical archives (in Tibetan and Nepali), to re-examine the subject of confrontation between Buddhism and indigenous popular traditions in the Tibetan cultural sphere. He argues that Buddhist ritual and sacrificial cults are just two elements in a complex system of self-government that has evolved over the centuries and has developed the character of a civil religion. This civil religion, he shows, is remarkably well adapted to the preservation of the community against the constant threats posed by external attack and the self-interest of its own members. The beliefs and practices of the local popular religion, a highly developed legal tradition, and a form of government that is both democratic and accountable to its people all these are shown to have developed to promote survival in the face of past and present dangers. Ramble's account of how both secular and religious institutions serve as the building blocks of civil society opens up vistas with important implications for Tibetan culture as a whole.

The Dynamics of Clanship Among the Tallensi Oct 23 2019 Originally published in 1945, this book analyses Tale social structure at the level of corporate group organization. Tale culture is discussed primarily as the content of social relations and not in its own right. Customs, beliefs, conventional usages, religious values are examined as indices of social relations. Although not a comparative study, it is clear that many features of Tale social organization are typical of patrilineal societies in West Africa and some Tale institutions have parallels in South, East, and Central Africa. Field work showed that every significant social activity among the Tallensi is tied up with the lineage system and the book therefore investigates the function of lineage in Tale social organization.

The Hidden Family Jun 23 2022 *The Merchant Princes* is a sweeping new series from the hottest new writer in science fiction! The six families of the Clan rule the kingdom of Gruinmarkt from behind the scenes, a mixture of nobility and criminal conspirators whose power to walk between their world and ours make them rich in both. Braids of family loyalty and intermarriage provide a fragile guarantee of peace, but a recently ended civil war has left the families shaken and suspicious. Miriam, a hip tech journalist from Boston, discovered her alternate-world relatives with explosive results that shook three worlds. Now, as the prodigal Countess Helge Thorold-Hyorth, she finds herself ensnared in schemes and plots centuries in the making. She is surrounded by unlikely allies, lethal contraband, and, most dangerous of all, her family. With her modern American attitudes, she's not sure she can fit in, or if she even wants to, but to stay alive, she really has no choice. To avoid a slippery slope down to an unmarked grave, Miriam must build a power-base of her own. She started applying modern business practices and scientific knowledge to a trade heretofore dominated by medieval mercantilists--with unexpected consequences for three different timelines, including the quasi-Victorian one exploited by the hidden family. Blending the creativity and humor, and the rigor and scope of science-fiction on the grandest scale, Charles Stross has set a new standard for fantasy epics. Charles Stross is one of the big new SF writers of the 21st century, and the saga of *The Merchant Princes* is his most ambitious work yet. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Inside Corporate Innovation Jun 11 2021

Corporate Social Responsibility in Asia May 30 2020 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is an important issue in contemporary business, management and politics, especially since the launch of the United Nations Global Compact in 2000 as an initiative to encourage businesses worldwide to adopt sustainable and socially responsible policies, and to report on them. This book examines the theory and practice of CSR in Asia. The philosophical and ideological underpinnings of CSR are rooted in Anglo-American and European principles of liberal democratic rights, justice and societal structures. This book not only considers the impact of Western CSR practices in Asia, but also provides much needed Asian perspectives on this issue. It investigates the operation of CSR in different countries across Asia, including China,

Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and Bangladesh - comparing the different meanings given to CSR, and the varying degrees of success experienced in different national contexts. This book argues if CSR is ever to revolutionize the manner in which we trade then it needs to open itself up to the full variety of social responsibility as it occurs around the world. The book re-maps and refines debates about CSR as a global phenomenon, and will be of great value to professionals making strategic decisions in the global business environment.

Comparative Institutional Analysis Sep 02 2020 This volume collects 22 articles by Masahiko Aoki, selected from writings published over the course of his 45-year academic career. These fascinating essays cover a range of issues, including mechanism design, comparative governance, corporate governance

The Revolution Business Apr 28 2020 A latest installment in the series that includes *The Merchants' War* and *The Clan*. Corporate finds the army of the Clan locked in a fortress under siege that coexists in two parallel universes--a situation that is further complicated by Miriam's prospects for succeeding the fallen Duke Angbard.

Principles of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Dec 05 2020 *Principles of Corporate Social Responsibility: A guide for students and practicing managers in developing and emerging countries* is designed to meet the urgent need for a comprehensive and definitive introduction and teaching text for Corporate Social Responsibility [CSR]. With the aim to become the standard textbook to teach a complete course unit at undergraduate or postgraduate levels, this is a book that can be used by practicing managers to understand the practice of CSR, equipping them with knowledge and skills of how to integrate CSR into business strategy and operations. Edited by a multidisciplinary team of four experts, David Katamba, Dr. Christoph Zipfel, David Haag and Dr. Charles Tushabomwe-Kazooba, along with other contributors, the book stresses the linkage of CSR and modern business management. It starts by defining CSR, then shows how to get involved in CSR, how to identify CSR opportunities, communicating CSR activities to stakeholders and tracking CSR performance. *Principles of Corporate Social Responsibility: A guide for students and practicing managers in developing and emerging countries* concludes by giving the reader the practical skills in designing CSR strategies in order to use them for competitiveness as well as tracking performance of CSR programs. This is a book that will become essential reading on the topic of CSR for many years to come.

Legal Orientalism Feb 19 2022 After the Cold War, how did China become a global symbol of disregard for human rights, while the U.S. positioned itself as the chief exporter of the rule of law? Teemu Ruskola investigates globally circulating narratives about what law is and who has it, and shows how "legal Orientalism" developed into a distinctly American ideology of empire.

White Collar and Corporate Crime Aug 01 2020 This timely and engaging text introduces the key topics in White Collar Crime, while providing an overview of both organizational and criminological theory. Throughout the text, Law in the Real World examples and in-depth Case Studies offer the opportunity to apply the theoretical to actual situations. Throughout the text, experienced author Laura Pinto Hansen discusses the cultural and structural reasons for why white collar crime happens, even in the most regulated of industries, including financial markets and medicine. *White Collar and Corporate Crime: A Case Study Approach* provides the perfect introduction to the world of white collar crime. Professors and students will benefit from: Law in the Real World feature explores both well-known and lesser known examples of white collar crime, providing exposure to a wide variety of crimes in an understandable context. Discussion questions encourage students to analyze these examples in more depth. Case Studies provide an opportunity to dive deeper into a single white collar crime case related to the specific chapter. Broad coverage of a wide range of topics in a readable and engaging style. Chapters include chapter objectives, a glossary of key terms, and chapter summaries to help students understand new concepts. An introductory chapter that familiarizes students with how organizations are supposed to work, in theory, if they plan on functioning within legal boundaries. Coverage of the role of social networks in white collar crime, including its theory and terminology and use in criminal investigations in Chapter 3 Examination of the intersection of cybercrime and white collar crime in Chapter 7 Timely coverage, including the recent impeachment proceedings and effects of COVID-19

The Revolution Business Aug 13 2021 Things are going badly for the Clan in this SF novel of the Merchant Princes, the immensely popular series by Charles Stross. Locked in a vicious civil war for control over the kingdom of Niejwein, their army is bottled up inside a fortress under siege in two parallel universes at once. Duke Angbard, the Clan's leader, has been laid low by a stroke: plotters are already conspiring in readiness for the deadly dance to come. Miriam, rescued from a tight spot in New Britain, finds the hopes of the young, progressive faction focused on her. But do they want her as a leader or a figurehead? She soon finds herself thrown into a desperate struggle for power. Meanwhile, unbeknownst to the Clan, researchers working for the US government have achieved a technological breakthrough. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Corporate Cultures and Global Brands Oct 15 2021 ' This interesting book covers the development of 19 prominent European, American and Asian companies from their humble origins to their current status as global operators. The case studies review the changes of their corporate structures and the successes and failures of their marketing and branding strategies. A wide range of business sectors is covered, including foodstuffs, drinks, retail, apparel, electronics, aviation, cars and entertainment. Of prime importance for corporate survival and growth in all sectors and countries is the crucial shift from owner-founder-run companies to consolidated management-led corporations. The wide range of sectors and countries of origin featured also permits valid conclusions on the persistence of distinctive national management styles and brand images. This clearly proves that there are corporate limits to globalization, which companies during thoughtless cross-national mergers ignore at their peril. Contents: Corporate Identities and Successful Branding Mars Inc.: More than Candies and Cat Food The Bitter Sweet Chocolates of Sprüngli-Lindt Kikkoman: Far Travelled Sauces Who Loves McDonald's? For God, America and the Real Thing: The Coke Story Zubrowka Bison Vodka: The High Is the Limit Ikea: The Småland Way Goes Global The Rise and Fall of the Seibu-Saison Empire United, the Benetton Way Nike Just Did It Nokia: Connecting People through a Disconnected Past Sony: Made by Morita Sir Richard Branson's Virgins Toyota: The Reluctant Multinational Fiat: The Festa Is Over Corporate Mergers, Merged Brands in Trouble: DaimlerChrysler and BMW-Rover The Lego Universe of Building Bricks The Magic of Disney Readership: Students, professionals and lay people interested in management and business issues. Keywords: Corporate Cultures; International Branding; Global Marketing; Corporate Succession; Case Studies; Limits to Globalisation; National Corporate Identities; Mars; Sprungli-Lindt; Kikkoman; McDonald's; Coke; Zubrovka; Ikea; Seibu-Saison; Benetton; Nike; Nokia; Sony; Virgin; Toyota; Fiat; DaimlerChrysler; BMW; Rover; Lego; Disney Key Features: The book shows three crucial factors at work to determine corporate success in the global market place: a) the initial push by a visionary and energetic owner founder; b) the consolidation by professional management in later stages; c) the preservation of distinct national management styles and brand images. The elusive conditions for global corporate and marketing success - and failure - are made clearer in 18 readable case studies, covering key sectors in Europe, Asia and the US. Reviews: "This book is required reading for practitioners and students of global branding. It gives informed and valuable insights into culture-specific elements in the international business arena. The editor brings these insights to bear admirably in this remarkable collection of essays on products and services that achieved a global reach." Dr Tom

Hardiman Chairman, IBM International Treasury Services Company Fellow of the Irish Management Institute and of the Marketing Institute of Ireland "A remarkable study with valuable contributions which explore the decisive soft factors of international mergers. Economic cooperation between Europe and Asia urgently requires this expert input." Professor Helmut Haussmann Vice Chairman, Cap Gemini Ernst & Young GmbH Former Federal Minister of Economics, Germany "Corporate Cultures and Global Brands' offers a thoughtful glimpse into the very soul of every successful product - the brand." Michael Laczynski International Economics Editor Wirtschaftsblatt '

Caste & Kinship in Central India May 10 2021

The New Corporate Cultures Jan 06 2021 In the early '80s, Allan Kennedy and Terry Deal launched a new field of inquiry and practice, with the publication of *Corporate Cultures*, in which they argued that distinct types of cultures evolve within companies and have a direct impact on strategy and performance. Fifteen years later, the authors have teamed up to assess the effects of globalization, short-termism, technology, downsizing, outsourcing, mergers, and reengineering on corporate culture. They find that despite these tremendous pressures, organizations, by their very nature, will create self-reinforcing communities; the pattern today is for mini-cultures to form within the larger corporation. The challenge for managers and leaders at all levels is to find ways to knit these cultures together to unleash learning and encourage everyone to take ownership and pride in their work. Taking examples from innovative companies around the world, the authors offer new strategies for "exercising cultural leadership," -- rebuilding the cultural fabric of the organization, energizing the workforce, enhancing corporate performance, and preparing for new challenges in the 21st century.

Light on the Path Jan 26 2020 Social history of the native peoples of the American South, bridging prehistory and history The past 20 years have witnessed a change in the study of the prehistory and history of the native peoples of the American South. This paradigm shift is the bridging of prehistory and history to fashion a seamless social history that includes not only the 16th-century Late Mississippian period and the 18th-century colonial period but also the largely forgotten--and critically important--century in between. The shift is in part methodological, for it involves combining methods from anthropology, history, and archaeology. It is also conceptual and theoretical, employing historical and archaeological data to reconstruct broad patterns of history--not just political history with Native Americans as a backdrop, nor simply an archaeology with added historical specificity, but a true social history of the Southeastern Indians, spanning their entire existence in the American South. The scholarship underlying this shift comes from many directions, but much of the groundwork can be attributed to Charles Hudson. The papers in this volume were contributed by Hudson's colleagues and former students (many now leading scholars themselves) in his honor. The assumption links these papers is that of a historical transformation between Mississippian societies and the Indian societies of the historic era that requires explanation and critical analysis. In all of the chapters, the legacy of Hudson's work is evident. Anthropologists, archaeologists, and historians are storming the bridge that connects prehistory and history in a manner unimaginable 20 years ago. While there remains much work to do on the path toward understanding this transformation and constructing a complete social history of the Southeastern Indians, the work of Charles Hudson and his colleagues have shown the way.

Technology in the Modern Corporation Feb 07 2021 *Technology in the Modern Corporation: A Strategic Perspective* examines the role of technology in corporate planning and all that this relationship implies to corporate organization and strategy. Organized into 13 chapters, this book first discusses the management of corporate entrepreneurship; technological innovation and interdependence; and the rise and character of modern technology strategy. Subsequent chapters describe corporate research and development; corporate strategies for managing emerging technologies; approaches for the strategic management of technology; innovation and corporate strategy; and executive succession, strategic reorientations, and organization evolution.

State Building in Putin's Russia Jun 18 2019 This book argues that Putin's strategy for rebuilding the state was fundamentally flawed. Taylor demonstrates that a disregard for the way state officials behave toward citizens - state quality - had a negative impact on what the state could do - state capacity. Focusing on those organizations that control state coercion, what Russians call the 'power ministries', Taylor shows that many of the weaknesses of the Russian state that existed under Boris Yeltsin persisted under Putin. Drawing on extensive field research and interviews, as well as a wide range of comparative data, the book reveals the practices and norms that guide the behavior of Russian power ministry officials (the so-called siloviki), especially law enforcement personnel. By examining siloviki behavior from the Kremlin down to the street level, *State Building in Putin's Russia* uncovers the who, where and how of Russian state building after communism.

Merchants' War Jul 24 2022 Fantasy-roman.

Work Culture In The Banking Industry A Sociological Study Of Three Nationalised Banks In Kolkata Oct 03 2020

Managing Corporate Culture Mar 28 2020

Corporate Governance and Directors' Liabilities Sep 14 2021

The First Amendment and the Business Corporation Apr 09 2021 The role of the business corporation in modern society is a controversial one. Some fear and object to the use of corporate power and influence over governments, legislation, and culture. Others view the corporation as an opportunity to harness the private initiative of like-minded individuals to further important goals and objectives in common. A flashpoint in this controversy has been the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The Family Trade Apr 21 2022 Believing she has found a career-making story when she stumbles upon a money-laundering scheme, reporter Miriam Beckstein is shocked when she is fired and threatened with death, a situation that turns increasingly bizarre when she learns the fate of her murdered mother and is transported to a parallel earth where her family rules a powerful kingdom. Reprint.

The Social Anthropology of Radcliffe-Brown Jul 12 2021 This is the first collection of Radcliffe-Brown's work chosen to represent his books as well as his essays. It includes some classic pieces, and also one or two lesser-known items. Radcliffe-Brown was a pioneer who established structural, sociological anthropology, in the face of the entrenched traditions of ethnology and social evolutionism. First published in 1977.

Invisible Sun Jul 20 2019 In this chillingly resonant dystopian adventure, two versions of America are locked in conflict. *Invisible Sun* concludes Charles Stross's *Empire Games* trilogy. Two twinned worlds are facing attack The New American Commonwealth is caught in a deadly arms race with the USA, its parallel-world rival. And the USA's technology is decades ahead. Yet the Commonwealth might self-combust first - for its leader has just died, leaving a crippling power vacuum. Minister Miriam Burgeson must face allegations of treason without his support, in a power grab by her oldest adversary. However, all factions soon confront a far greater danger . . . In their drive to explore other timelines, high-tech USA awakened an alien threat. This force destroyed humanity on one version of Earth. And if the two superpowers don't take action, it will do the same to them. *Invisible Sun* follows *Empire Games* and *Dark State*. This trilogy is set in the same dangerous parallel world as Charles Stross's *Merchant Princes* sequence.

The Revolution Trade Mar 08 2021 *The Revolution Trade: an omnibus edition of the fifth and sixth novels--The Revolution Business and Trade of Queens--in Charles Stross's Merchant Princes series.* Miriam Beckstein has said good-bye to her

comfort zone. The transition from journalist to captive in an alternative timeline was challenging to say the least, she discovered that her long-lost family, the Clan, were world-skipping assassins. Now, while civil war rages in her adopted home, she's pregnant with the heir to their throne and a splinter group want her on their side of a desperate power struggle. But as a leader or figurehead? Meanwhile, unknown to the Clan, the US government is on to them and preparing to exploit this knowledge. But it hadn't foreseen a dissident Clan faction carrying nuclear devices between worlds--with the US president in their sights. The War on Terror is about to go transdimensional. But Mike Fleming, CIA agent, knows the most terrifying secret of all: His government's true intentions. "These books are immense fun."--Locus At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Corporate Culture and Performance Nov 04 2020 Going far beyond previous empirical work, John Kotter and James Heskett provide the first comprehensive critical analysis of how the "culture" of a corporation powerfully influences its economic performance, for better or for worse. Through painstaking research at such firms as Hewlett-Packard, Xerox, ICI, Nissan, and First Chicago, as well as a quantitative study of the relationship between culture and performance in more than 200 companies, the authors describe how shared values and unwritten rules can profoundly enhance economic success or, conversely, lead to failure to adapt to changing markets and environments. With penetrating insight, Kotter and Heskett trace the roots of both healthy and unhealthy cultures, demonstrating how easily the latter emerge, especially in firms which have experienced much past success. Challenging the widely held belief that "strong" corporate cultures create excellent business performance, Kotter and Heskett show that while many shared values and institutionalized practices can promote good performances in some instances, those cultures can also be characterized by arrogance, inward focus, and bureaucracy -- features that undermine an organization's ability to adapt to change. They also show that even "contextually or strategically appropriate" cultures -- ones that fit a firm's strategy and business context -- will not promote excellent performance over long periods of time unless they facilitate the adoption of strategies and practices that continuously respond to changing markets and new competitive environments. Fundamental to the process of reversing unhealthy cultures and making them more adaptive, the authors assert, is effective leadership. At the heart of this groundbreaking book, Kotter and Heskett describe how executives in ten corporations established new visions, aligned and motivated their managers to provide leadership to serve their customers, employees, and stockholders, and thus created more externally focused and responsive cultures.

Cracking the Corporate Code Nov 23 2019 Examines the lives and careers of thirty-two African Americans who have risen through the ranks of American businesses to positions of power, recounting their career trajectories, motivations, support systems, and strategies.

Corporate Guru Dhirubhai Ambani Feb 25 2020

Corporate Friction Dec 25 2019 This book criticizes prevailing corporate law in the United States and articulates reforms aimed at making corporations more socially responsible.

Dark State Jan 18 2022 Dark State is the second book in a thrilling series - set in the same world as Charles Stross' Merchant Princes series. This book follows Empire Games. The time for peace is ending . . . In the near future, one America is experiencing its first technological revolution - whilst in a parallel world, the United States is a hi-tech police state. But both timelines are poised for conflict. Miriam Burgeson's America is heading for civil war. However, a high profile defection might avert this crisis, if only Miriam and her agents can arrange it in time. And Rita Douglas, rival US spy, arrives during this turmoil. Rita's world is rocked when she realizes Miriam is her birth mother, changing her own mission irrevocably. Then her United States discovers yet another parallel earth, and the remains of an advanced society. Something destroyed that civilization, Rita's people are about to rouse it - and two worlds will face the consequences.

The Trade of Queens May 22 2022 A dissident faction of the Clan, the alternate universe group of families that has traded covertly with our world for a century or more, have carried nuclear devices between the worlds and exploded them in Washington, DC, killing the President of the United States. Now they will exterminate the rest of the Clan and keep Miriam alive only long enough to bear her child, the heir to the throne of their land in the Gruinmarkt world. The worst and deepest secret is now revealed: behind the horrifying plot is a faction of the US government itself, preparing for a political takeover in the aftermath of disaster. There is no safe place for Miriam and her Clan except, perhaps, in the third alternate world, New Britain--which has just had a revolution and a nuclear incident of its own. Charles Stross's Merchant Princes series reaches a spectacular climax in this sixth volume. Praised by Nobel laureate Paul Krugman as "great fun," this is state of the art, cutting edge SF grown out of a fantastic premise. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.