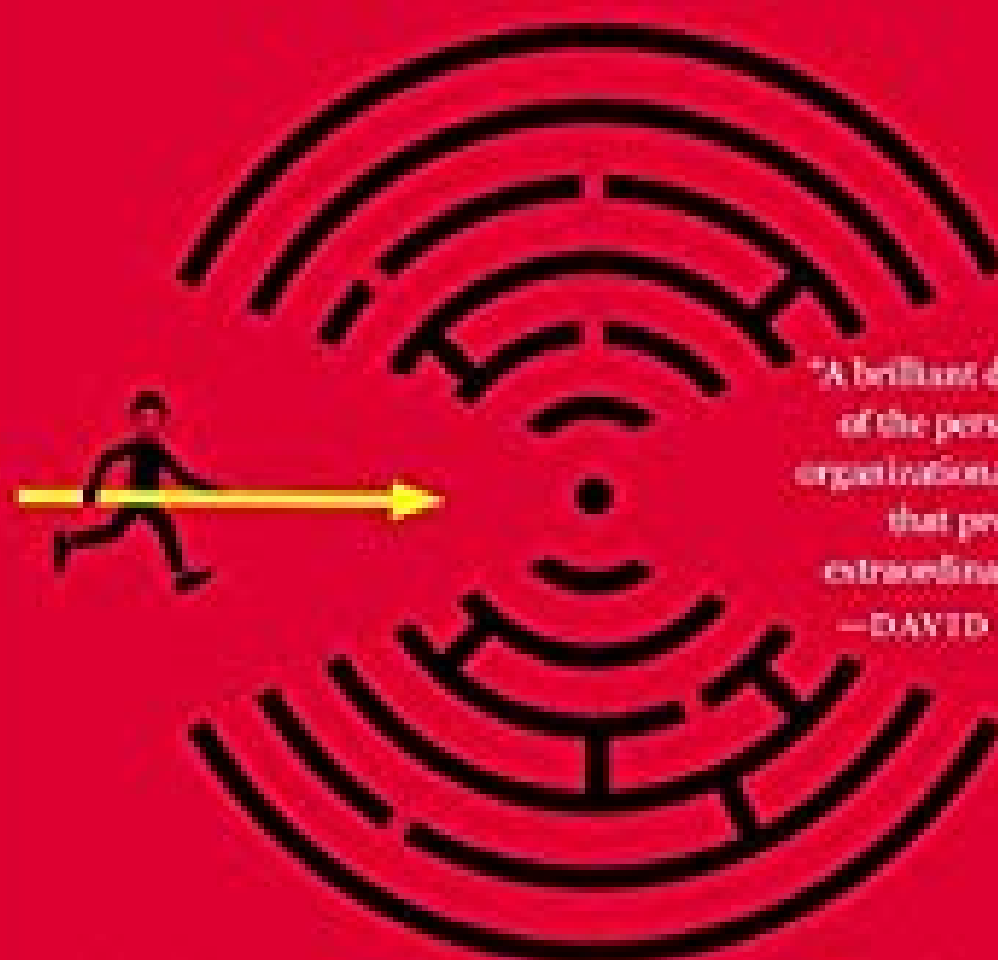


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## **Smarter Faster Better: The Transformative Power of Real Productivity**



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Mastering what separates “the simply busy from the genuinely productive” Mastering what separates “the simply busy from the genuinely productive” In Smarter Faster Better, Charles Duhigg pieces the table: Numerous advances in communications and technology are supposed to make the lives simpler. “Instead, they often seem to fill up our days with more work and stress. Normal Accidents: Living With High-Risk Technologies. We’ve been looking at the tools of efficiency — the devices and apps and complicated filing systems for keeping track of various to-do lists — as opposed to the lessons those technology want to teach us... This book is about how to recognize the options that fuel true productivity... This is a book about how to be smarter, faster, and better at all you do.” 4. In this publication, he explores “the eight tips that seem most important to expanding efficiency. But to attempt to derive secrets from them seems a step too much. He says that she shows the power of social practices. If empowered, you will speak and act more decisively and accelerate attaining the respect and trust of others.” 2. Teams: Manage the [start italics] how [end italics], not really the [start italics] who [end italics] of teams. Send communications that empower others. And I don't wish to force this example as well strongly.” 3. A GREAT READ Well crafted and well researched. Exactly what will happen 1st?. How to prevent, pre-empt, or overcome them?” He targets — and devotes a separate chapter to — “a handful of essential insights” shared by a huge selection of poker players, airline pilots, military generals, executives, and cognitive scientists who kept mentioning the same concepts over and over and again. When I examine an excellent biography, or a good history, the writer presents a life or a number of stories in a way that the reader can pull their own conclusions. Place it to a small test. Managing Others: Workers work smarter and better when they feel they have the power (see #1) to make the ideal decisions about what to be achieved and how better to do it. We are really impressed with Duhigg's book. 6. Decision Making: Envision multiple futures and also their potential implications and possible consequences. Duhigg says you must have both types. Anecdotes are like figures. 7. Incremental innovation makes disruptive innovation better still. Constantly problem assumptions and premises. Additionally, there is an appendix section that clarifies to the reader how exactly to use the ideas. Creativity: Combine new ideas in old methods and old concepts in new ways. 8. I particularly loved his chapter on SMART Goals and environment lofty goals. Charles Duhigg writes in a very clear voice that's easy to understand. Read it aloud. If you ask me, at least, it seemed too shallow, too wide, and too pushy. 5. Ask others “Do you understand that...?” Most new info is really unfamiliar information. But Susan Cain (a blurber because of this book) in her publication Quiet, tells the story of Rosa Parks to support her argument of the power of introverts. S. Marine Corps boot camp (22-31) o Teamwork at Google (41-46, 50-51, and 65-68) o Mental Models (88-93, 97-98, 101-102, and 277-279) o Qantas Airways trip 32 and mental versions (93-101 and 277-278) o Prelude to Yom Kippur War (103-106 and 109-112) o Stretch goals (125-128) o Frank Janssen (134-139 and 161-165) o Rick Madrid (139-144, 150-151, and 154-155) o James Baron (145-150) o Types of culture (146-148) o Productivity and control (153-155) o Bayesian psychology (192-193) o How Idea Brokers and Creative Desperation Saved Disney's Frozen (205-215) o West Side Tale (210-212, 216-220, and 223-224) o Information blindness (243-247) o Debt collection (247-252) o Stretch out goals paired with SMART goals (274-279) In addition to his lively in addition to eloquent narrative, I commend Duhigg on his provision of the very most interesting annotated notes that I have up to now encountered. I desire everyone who reads this short commentary to check them out (Pages 293-368). They enliven and enrich his narrative with techniques and got an level that must be experienced to become believed. The best journalists as well as the best leaders are terrific storytellers and that is certainly true of Duhigg. He anchors his reader in hundreds of real-world circumstances to illustrate key points. Dozens of poker players, airline pilots, military generals, executives, and cognitive scientists that he interviewed learned valuable lessons in regards to to the dos and don'ts of being productive in lifestyle and business, especially when under serious duress. Charles Duhigg uses the example of this year's 2009 Air France Trip 447 jetliner crash in the Atlantic as an example of "cognitive tunneling" and poor mental models. A disappointing and not very useful book That is a

disappointing rather than very useful book. He uses the example of the Japanese Bullet trains and how when they were first created the Japanese elite desired trains that could proceed 60 mph and change a six-hour trip right into a three-hour trip. The book is full of anecdotes and their regards to research. There's little to no summarizing with the techniques a person should try be smarter, quicker, and better. As a reference book, it's ineffective because you have to wade through a huge selection of pages of text message to find any nuggets. non-e were wrong, yet none were right. This is where he was likely to tell us how he place the lessons of the book into practice as he wrote the publication. That I don't think the book delivers...But it never happened. Instead of learning how Duhigg maintained the duties of work, family members, and personal needs, we found out how he arranged and were able to write the publication. Just like with the nuclear incident at Three Mile Island, people usually do not do well when their instruments lie to them about circumstances they can not see with their eyes. As far as I understand, his family life fell apart and his co-workers hate him for shirking his duties. In short, this book might have been much better in lots of ways. Don't waste your money or your time. Too much reliance about anecdote to prove its points Charles Duhigg is an excellent journalist (his talk about of a Pulitzer Prize proves that), and his publication Smarter Faster Better is a great browse. I thought his Power of Habit was fantastic when I first browse it but I'm convinced that this is certainly his masterpiece. (William Langewiesche's content in Vanity Good is fascinating reading. However the book guarantees to be more than simply entertainment. The plane was flying great, but its pitot tubes apparently froze up and gave the pilots the incorrect speed information. However when I browse a book by someone like David Halberstam or David McCullough, I feel as though I read a gem that delivers lessons for my life. It's where he was likely to tell us how we all can control the strain of commitments we have to be as productive as Gawande, a best-selling author, a well-known doctor, a Harvard faculty member, an advisor to the Globe Health Organization. Why not? The book is filled with stories. The Atmosphere France accident appears to me similar to what Charles Perrow defined in Case research. Whatever you want to contact them. Charles Duhigg researches a lot of disparate incidents including various people, and attempts to provide them together showing us how to draw on other people's experiences to be more effective. But he fails. That's because you may grab of anecdotes pretty much anything you want to. I could discover an anecdote to aid any argument I would like to make. Although this 360° procedure is effective, you must anticipate to make the given decision. Just like in the aged fable six blind males saw six different things in an elephant. Rather than books like this one, I favor my anecdotes by means of biographies. Consider Charles Duhigg's usage of the life of Rosa Parks in his publication THE ENERGY of Habit. Motivation: Make options that place you in control of a situation. He tells of how her hubby said she was so social she hardly ever ate dinner at home, instead eating at the house of close friends. Well, lo-and-behold, they now have trains that exceed 120 mph and they have seemingly made travel a lot more convenient turning that three-hour trip right into a 1. These are among the dozens of passages of very best interest and value to me, also listed to suggest the scope of Duhigg's coverage: o Inspiration (Webpages 13-21 and 33-47) o U. While extroverts tend to gain their energy in sociable circumstances, introverts typically recharge through solitude and experience drained from too much stimulation. I treasured Charles Duhigg's other book about habits. That isn't to say that Charles Duhigg or Susan Cain is certainly wrong. Keep in mind this passage from Lao-tse's Tao Te Ching: "Learn from the people Plan with the people Begin using what they have Build on what they know Of the best leaders When the task is definitely accomplished The people will remark We have done it ourselves. I don't see how. I have no problem using anecdotes to pump people up." Right here they are, accompanied by my own annotations: 1. Take another example, this one out of this book. I recommend Smarter Faster Better along with Charles Duhigg's previously published book, The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Existence and Business, also published by Random House. In that tragic incident, the Airbus A330 plane was flying from Rio de Janeiro to Paris and ran into bad weather. The title takes off the Olympic motto: Citius Altius Fortius (Faster Higher

Stronger), and its cover shows a runner smartly working directly to the center of a maze. They acted on that incorrect information, put the plane into a stall, and fell into the ocean. But will that anecdote unequivocally display cognitive tunneling? I'm sure the author's slant comes through to some extent. But I do think that many authors, and most TED talk speakers, depend too much on anecdote and tale informing to persuade, while they might do better to just entertain. he's a grasp on paper fluidly and in reinforcing his points with compelling good examples. Anecdotes. Partly, that's because we've been watching the wrong innovations. Nope. Another account blames the Air flow France accident mainly on over-reliance on automated systems in the Airbus planes. It's inspiring and insightful.) My point is definitely that any anecdote may, by its nature, be interpreted in many various ways. As Simpson's paradox says, often the same statistics may be used to present something and its own exact opposing. The clincher for me was when I got to the finish and read his appendix. The same with anecdotes. Goal Setting: Choose a stretch goal (a BHAG), then break that into sub-goals and develop SMART objectives. And will one consider from that anecdote a lesson about how exactly not to cognitively tunnel? A self-help, self-improvement type of book, it guarantees "the secrets of being productive in lifestyle and business". Eight Solutions to Becoming Super Productive! Formulate Qs that it evokes. Not really deep, focused, and delicate. Less Impressive than IT WILL Have Been A disappointing read that serves up mainly watery notions. I would recommend this for anyone thinking about some broad concepts for self-improvement and elevated productivity and for those short promptly, just browse the appendix. Awesome read! Focuses on the right levers In a period when "fake news" and "post-truth" are top-trends, focusing in few, simple and classic levers to boost performance can constitute a substantial competitive advantage. I also appreciate Duhigg's style; I've read other accounts of this Air France accident, and none of them blamed it on cognitive tunneling (although one did mention tunnel vision as you of many factors). Eight Ideas to Make a More Productive You Easy read on how exactly to improve productivity concentrating on eight major suggestions: 1 - Inspiration: a matter of choice and control 2 - Groups: focus on psychological safety and good group norms 3 - Focus: constantly building mental models 4 - Goal Setting: having stretch and SMART goals 5 - Managing Others: Creating a culture of autonomy and commitment 6 - Decision Building: Thinking probabilistically 7 - Invention: Looking to your own experiences, being an innovation broker, rather than forgetting alternatives 8 - Absorbing Data: Doing something with the data, not just collecting it The chapters were full of relevant case studies and discussion factors. Write it down. If they are sound, they'll survive. Re-reading the appendix once in awhile as a refresher would be useful. The publication could have been conveniently shortened, but I experienced the illustrations and explanations drove home the points Duhigg wanted to make. Love it Love this book. Awesome read A very interesting examine, with a lot of examples from very different backgrounds of successful people or companies. Focus: Envision what will most likely happen. I didn't obtain that with this book. They will be even more motivated if convinced that others acknowledge and appreciated what they think, feel, and do. I enjoyed reading it. It was a quick examine. If you're thinking about understanding why some people have everything, and others just can't seem to get their acts together, then this book is crucial go through. Absorbing Data: When encountering new information, take action with it. The various other category of goals are your reach goals0--go ahead. Obtain a variety of different (and various) perspectives from those closest to the situation. Your SMART goals have to be shorter term goals that can be attained frequently. It isn't a matter of placing something on your own to-do list then examining it off. It's a matter of challenging you to ultimately do things that are difficult but possible. Oftentimes we either select goals that are one or the additional, however, not both. Obstacles?. wish a little. Initial, Duhigg sets us up along with his introduction about how exactly super-productive people like Atul Gawande are and guarantees that he'll deliver their secrets. That gave her the public strength to start out a movement. 5 hour trip. About as good as his first book. Excellent info offered in meaningful context. The same person, but one writer sees her as a public butterfly and another as an introvert who sought solitude. He includes a good tone with regards to telling stories and helps

it be simple to make sense of the study papers he's cited.



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