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The 10th-anniversary edition of the New York Times business bestseller-now updated with “Answers to Ten Questions People Ask” - We attempt or avoid difficult conversations every day-whether dealing with an underperforming employee, disagreeing with a spouse, or negotiating with a client. From the Harvard Negotiation Project, the organization that brought you Getting to Yes, Difficult Conversations provides a step-by-step approach to having those tough conversations with less stress and more success. you’ll learn how to: - Decipher the underlying structure of every difficult conversation · Start a conversation without defensiveness · Listen for the meaning of what is not said · Stay balanced in the face of attacks and accusations · Move from emotion to productive problem solving

A shelter is one of the physiological needs according to Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, which lies at the bottom of the pyramid. People spend around 90% of their time in shelters, or in today's words: buildings. They sleep, eat, work, relax, exercise, play, are born, and die in these buildings. In fact, they “live” within walls. Therefore, an indoor environment is crucial for their health and safety. This book, therefore, addresses the issues related to the impact of a sustainable healthy and comfortable indoor environment on the quality of life, and perceives the required indoor conditions for productivity and effectiveness. This book is designed to include issues and extensive discussions on indoor air quality, visual comfort, acoustic comfort, productivity, and indoor health and safety. The concepts of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, external temperature, air pollution, sick building, indoor pollutants, illumination, glare, indoor lighting, daylight, noise, construction materials, sound intensity, and furniture on the indoor environment are described in detail in this book. Combining research with real-life classroom examples, this book demonstrates how high-level conversations centered on fiction and nonfiction can promote student understanding and help them meet and exceed a spectrum of standards. The authors demonstrate how to use literary conversations in small, heterogeneous groups to address multiple expectations within classrooms, such as close reading, vocabulary, background knowledge, literal and inferential comprehension, and responses to multimodal interpretation, nonfiction text features, and graphic organizers. The text includes the theoretical why, and the very practical how-to, to help teachers (grades 3-8) successfully implement serious, sustained student-group conversations about their reading. The recommendations for heterogeneous groups, rather than groups based on book selection or reading ability, will support all students—struggling readers and those reading at or above grade level.

The use of violence within relationships, families or communities is a major public health issue across the world. As such, it will continue to require global, strategic and preventative measures across educational, social care and criminal justice systems. This book draws on the author’s gritty practice experience, social work values, knowledge and research to provide detailed guidance on how to best respond directly to those who carry out this air pollution, visual comfort, acoustic comfort, productivity, and indoor health and safety. The concepts of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, external temperature, air pollution, sick building, indoor pollutants, illumination, glare, indoor lighting, daylight, noise, construction materials, sound intensity, and furniture on the indoor environment are described in detail in this book. Combining research with real-life classroom examples, this book demonstrates how high-level conversations centered on fiction and nonfiction can promote student understanding and help them meet and exceed a spectrum of standards. The authors demonstrate how to use literary conversations in small, heterogeneous groups to address multiple expectations within classrooms, such as close reading, vocabulary, background knowledge, literal and inferential comprehension, and responses to multimodal interpretation, nonfiction text features, and graphic organizers. The text includes the theoretical why, and the very practical how-to, to help teachers (grades 3-8) successfully implement serious, sustained student-group conversations about their reading. The recommendations for heterogeneous groups, rather than groups based on book selection or reading ability, will support all students—struggling readers and those reading at or above grade level.

Not Sure How to Talk to Your Employee or Boss About a Sensitive Issue? Not for Long! Learn Tactical, Considerate Ways to Respond to 120 Difficult Situations - Keep Reading! No matter what your situation is, dealing with some type of conflict always gives way to anxiety and fear - prompting us to ask questions like “What if I offend them?” , “What if they take it the wrong way?” , or “What if they get mad at me?” All these WHAT Ifs are very valid questions to ask. Difficult conversations have always been a challenge, no matter how confident, tactful, or courageous a person may be. However, addressing difficult issues properly is always the key that opens the door to a resolution - especially in the workplace! It's a necessity that goes with the territory of being a person who interacts with others daily. And if you want to be an effective leader or a great employee, the willingness to have difficult conversations is always the first piece of the puzzle. So, how do you properly address sticky issues without stepping on other people's toes? You can start by poring over the information-rich pages of Dave Young’s bestselling book “120 Difficult Conversations to Have With Employees”. In this helpful resource, managers will learn how to discuss performance, inappropriate conduct, and other common work situations. Employees will able be able to learn from the insights on how to approach difficult situations with their colleagues or their bosses. With 120 situations covered using a concise, well-defined question-and-answer format, you can easily find and follow what is relevant to you!

Improve collective efficacy in schools through meaningful professional conversations in a landscape where technology can undermine personal connections, even the most talented educator can feel like they're practicing their craft in isolation. Nine Professional Conversations to Change Our Schools is a framework for revitalizing the art of the professional conversation. It guides educators through structures for collaboration, grants access to vast storehouses of applied wisdom, and facilitates a consensual knowledge base for standards of excellence. 9 conversational strategies designed to promote collective efficacy in education Learning scenarios demonstrate the effectiveness of these conversations in action Accessible Conversational Dashboard assists in analyzing conditions for success Talk is powerful. And it isn’t just ‘difficult’ conversations that matter—the everyday dialogue we have with one another is critical to both personal and organizational success. Packed with sample dialogues and dozens of personal stories, and backed by solid research and the authors' firsthand observations, The Four Conversations describes how to get maximum results from conversations that every one of us must undertake. These conversations introduce new, understanding conversations to help people relate to ideas or processes, performance conversations requesting specific actions, and closure conversations that recognize achievements and signal completion of the work. As Jeffrey and Laurie Ford clearly demonstrate, engage in the right conversation at the right time—plan and start each one well, finish every one effectively—and extraordinary things can happen.

Conversations between administrators and teachers take place every day, for many reasons, but what can we do to elevate them so that they lead to better professional relationships, more effective school leaders and teachers, and improved learning for students? C.R.A.F.T. Conversations for Teacher Growth offers the answer, demonstrating how exchanges that are clear, realistic, appropriate, flexible, and timely can be transformational. The authors explain how C.R.A.F.T. conversations support leaders’ efforts in four “cornerstone” areas: Building Capacity, Invoking Change, Promoting Collaboration, and Prioritizing Celebration. With this foundation in place, they offer explicit guidance for developing the skills necessary to move through all components of a C.R.A.F.T. conversation: planning, opening, engaging, closing, reflecting, and following up. Extended vignettes featuring administrators and teachers bring each component to life, illustrating how focused efforts on improving how we communicate and build relationships can help schools achieve their goals and become places where adults—and students—thrive.

Addresses key problems in contemporary life, and raises important questions about our growing awareness of the limits of contemporary ways of living with modern economies and modern religion. This book explores possible alternatives to
such capitalism.
Organizations are about conversations. For any organization to achieve its goals, people need to interact and those interactions require dialogue and conversation. Yet, thanks to technology, we seem to be having fewer genuine conversations. This book seeks to change this, through “how to skills” and wider cultural change advice.
Written by a social worker for social workers! This innovative book equips readers with the knowledge and skills they need to be effective case management practitioners in a variety of health and human service organizations. A must-read for students and professionals in social work, this important work introduces a unique Task-Centered Case Management Model built around the unifying principles of the profession—person-in-environment, strengths-based work, and ecological perspective. Over twenty case studies by case managers and professionals offer innovative practice insights, illustrating the practice roles and responsibilities of today’s case managers and the realities of conducting case management in today’s growing, exciting, and challenging field.
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In an information landscape where change is the status quo, difficult conversations come with the territory. Being a library leader means knowing how to confidently steer these conversations so that they lead to productive results instead of hurt feelings, resentment, or worse. Employees in a library will also encounter conflict, especially during times of change. Using a step-by-step process, this book walks readers through learning the skills to have effective difficult conversations that hold themselves and others accountable. Practice activities throughout the book will help readers feel prepared beforehand. After reading this book, library directors, managers, administrators, and team leaders will feel empowered to proactively identify situations that require an intervention in order to avoid unnecessary complications or confrontations down the line; prepare for and initiate a difficult conversation, balancing a clear message with compassion to successfully manage change or handle personnel issues; diffuse volatile emotions by maintaining a calm, measured approach; and follow up a difficult conversation in writing, keeping the lines of communication open to ensure a way forward. Illustrated with real-world examples of both successful and unsuccessful difficult conversations, this book will serve as an important leadership tool for handling change and conflicts in the library workplace.
"That's not my job." If you don't want your employees to say that, why do you start your relationship by giving them a narrow task and competency focused description of their job? We need people to fulfill many different roles at work yes the need to do their job, but they also need to contribute positive energy, collaborate, and take personal responsibility for innovation and personal development. How do they fit into a traditional job description? It is futile persevering with the job description borne out of the scientific management movement one hundred years ago. The world of work is vastly different to the assembly lines of the Ford Motor Company of the early twentieth-century. Building on the phenomenal success of The End of the Performance Review, Baker examines four essential 'Non-Job' roles that all employees must fulfill and shows how to create meaningful role descriptions that can help you recruit better people and enable them to deliver better results.
Eve Shapiro has been writing about patient-centered care, physician–patient communication, and relationships between doctors and their patients since 2007. In Joy in Medicine? What 100 Healthcare Professionals Have to Say about Job Satisfaction, Dissatisfaction, Burnout, and Joy, Eve turns her attention to those on the healthcare delivery side of this "sacred interaction." These healthcare professionals share their enthusiasm, joys, frustrations, disappointments, insights, advice, stories, fears, and pain, explaining how it looks and feels to work in healthcare today no matter who you are, where you work, or what your position is in the organizational hierarchy. The healthcare professionals who provide patient care deserve our collective interest in their humanity. Without some insight into who they are and the forces with which they struggle every day, we cannot fully appreciate the obstacles to providing the care we all want for ourselves and our families during the best of times, let alone in the uncertain times that lie ahead.
Consumption studies has grown tremendously in the past decade. Researchers in sociology, geography, anthropology, history, marketing, management, organization and even art history have embraced consumption as a key institution of our era, and are eager for ideas and insights. Conversations on Consumption makes an important contribution to the growing field of consumption studies by offering readers a lively introduction to debates and dialogues that have shaped the field, in the form of engaging interviews and personal reflections from leading theorists and researchers. The interviews in this collection were first published in the interdisciplinary journal Consumption Markets and Culture and together form an accessible summary of the leading ideas and key developments in consumption studies and social theory over the past two decades. With innovative contributions from marketing academics, historians, consumer researchers, sociologists, anthropologists and artists, the pieces highlight the interdisciplinary nature of consumption, as well as the wide-ranging interest in consumption studies. They are united in their approach to understand consumption, far removed from economic or managerial analysis, by focusing more on the role it plays in culture. Conversations on Consumption will be of interest to scholars and students of sociology, anthropology, consumer research, management studies, and history.
Employee development involves more than annual reviews. Real growth that benefits both the staff and the organization requires regular conversation. In this issue of TD at Work, Julie Haddock-Millar and David Clutterbuck describe five types of conversations that can help employees, managers, and talent development professionals align their goals and future plans and make better decisions. Good conversations do not necessarily come naturally, and the guidance provided in “5 Critical Conversations to Talent Development” will help all stakeholders have more fruitful conversations about their work. In this issue, you will find: seven levels of conversation that lead to deeper dialogue case studies of conversations in practice sample questions to promote dialogue strategies for supporting critical conversation guidance for preparing for and assessing developmental conversations.
Actionable communication and management strategies for tackling difficult workplace discussions Delivering the uncomfortable news that an employee is not stacking up can be stressful, and managers often have difficulties finding the right words to get their message across.
Painless Performance Conversations presents actionable and practical communication and management strategies for any manager looking to effectively influence employee performance. Learn how to focus these conversations for maximum impact on performance, crystallize expectations for what success looks like, and engage employees in solution-finding. Presenting four key mindsets and an easy to use conversation model, this book offers the tangible solutions managers need to tackle critical workplace discussions with poise and professionalism, as well as the tools needed to stay focused in otherwise difficult conversations. Eliminates the pain and fear that leads to procrastination of tough workplace conversations. Reduces the harmful impacts of judgment in performance conversation Helps managers create a culture of ownership and accountability Author Marnie E. Green is a featured blogger for Jobing.com and shares her popular and practical management perspectives in keynotes, webinars, and workshops with thousands of leaders in organizations worldwide Painless Performance Conversations will help you to lead performance-related conversations with confidence and create a culture of workplace accountability.

Whatever your job you need to communicate with others, as even when your intentions are sound, the impact of a bad conversation can be highly destructive. If people in your work community form a negative opinion of you, they stop properly listening. Rob explains how and why your career success can depend so much on good communication at work. Each chapter is short and self-contained, focusing on a specific topic with clear steps for action and a key lesson. As in Blamestorming, there is a cast of characters placed in a variety of situations in which they experience conversations go wrong. Using five simple 'warning signs' to watch out for Rob explains how the characters could change the way they speak and listen in order to achieve a positive outcome.

In Kellogg on Advertising and Media, members of the world's leading marketing faculty explain the revolutionized world of advertising. The star faculty of the Kellogg School of Management reveal the biggest challenges facing marketers today- including the loss of mass audiences, the decline of broadcast television advertising, and the role of online advertising- and show you how to advertise successfully in this new reality. Based on the latest research and case studies, this book shows you how to find and engage audiences in a chaotic media climate. Around the world, countries are searching for ways of making their schools more effective for all children and young people. This book offers a new way of thinking about how to address this challenge. It sees improvement as requiring a collective effort that involves contributions from all members of a school community. Crucial to this is the idea of ethical leadership. Promoting Equity in Schools is written by a team of academic researchers who had a most unusual opportunity to work with a network of schools over three years, experimenting to find more effective ways of including hard to reach learners. Bringing together practitioner knowledge and ideas from research carried out from a variety of perspectives, the authors provide rich accounts of what happened when the schools attempted to become more inclusive and fairer. In so doing, they throw light on the challenges this presents for school leaders. The accounts presented in the book are located in Queensland, Australia, where the school system faces significant difficulties in relation to equity that resonate with similar difficulties around the world. These difficulties relate to policies that emphasize high-stakes testing and school choice, which tend to promote increased segregation, to the particular disadvantage of young people from low income and minority backgrounds. The arguments presented suggest that even where worrying policies are in place, with leadership driven by a commitment to equity, schools can still find space to develop more equitable ways of working.

Baker takes on eight dysfunctional people management practices originating from the scientific management and offers practical solutions for changing these practices and increasing organizational agility. Agile is the new black. Every business now has to be adaptive, nimble and ready to pivot – managers have to be comfortable with ambiguity and constantly ready for change. And yet... While agility is regarded as essential for competitive advantage, most organizations are still unthinkingly applying people management practices, rooted in Frederick Taylor’s scientific management philosophy of the early 20th century, designed to ensure consistency and efficiency on production lines but which actively prevent the sort of creativity and flexibility needed in the modern workplace. 100 years of scientific management has led to the creation of eight performance myths. Myths that impede the agility necessary to compete in the age of the knowledge worker but which are so instinctively embedded in management psyche that they go unchallenged despite the fact that the changing world of work has rendered them dysfunctional and counterproductive. Through case studies and examples Baker demonstrates how the right workplace culture for promoting and applying agile decision-making consists of eight values shared by employer and employee – values that are polar opposite of the values and assumptions of traditional management styles. A new psychological contract that enables the collaborative working relationship necessary for agility to flourish.

Is Silence Killing Your Strategy? In his thirty years of working in corporations, Harvard Business School professor Michael Beer has witnessed firsthand how organizational silence derails strategic objectives. When employees can't speak truth to power, senior leaders don't hear what they need to hear about their company's fitness to compete, and employees lose trust in those leaders and become less committed to change. In Fit to Compete, Beer presents an antidote to silence—principles and a time-tested innovative process for holding honest conversations with everyone in your organization. Used by over eight hundred organizations across the globe, the strategic fitness process has helped leaders in a diverse range of industries—including medical technology, information technology, banking, restaurant chains, and pharmaceuticals—hear the raw but necessary truth about the sources of misalignment between their strategies and their organizations. In addition to step-by-step instructions, Beer offers detailed and illustrative case studies of companies that have conducted honest conversations to great effect. He also shows how to apply the process more broadly to a variety of strategic challenges and at multiple levels throughout the organization. Practical, enlightening, and comprehensive, Fit to Compete is the book you should turn to if you want to create winning strategies that your entire company will rally behind.

Shows how to make the most of conversations by communicating clearly and forcefully, offering advice on how to overcome barriers to meaningful conversation, confront tough issues, and leverage new skills for frictionless debate. Organizational appraisals systems are often ineffective and result in unnecessary spending on the part of a company and unnecessary anxiety on the part of employees. Written for practitioners and advanced students, this book presents an alternative approach to the performance appraisal process that focuses on communication rather than evaluation. In this communication-centered approach to performance, the appraisal process is designed to facilitate meaningful and open interaction between employees and their supervisors.

In a new account of the relationship between Margaret Fuller and Ralph Waldo Emerson, Christina Zwarg recreates a feminist conversation that has gone unheard. In Zwarg's view, the intimate, yet restrained, letters between the two writers are most significant in confronting the challenges posed by gender and desire. Focusing on their exploration of Charles Fourier's utopianism and particularly his concept of "passionate attraction," Zwarg offers the only detailed reading of Emerson's letters to Fuller. "This practical, politically neutral book offers concrete skills for holding meaningful conversations that cut across today's intense political divide, showing readers how to connect to the people in their lives. Political polarization is at an all-time high, and the consequences for our personal relationships are significant. Many people have friends and family members with whom they feel they can no longer communicate because of their extreme political views. In this book, psychologist Tania Israel presents her program for helping people have meaningful, constructive conversations with those they disagree with politically. Chapters show readers how to develop and use the scientifically-proven skills that are the foundation of constructive conversation, including
strategies for effective listening, managing emotions, and understanding someone else’s perspective, as well as finding common ground, avoiding self-righteousness, and telling your own story. Throughout, conversation prompts, practical exercises, case examples, and self-quizzes help readers visualize and practice starting, sustaining, and ending challenging conversations’—

This highly anticipated, fully revised second edition revisits and augments the award-winning Creating & Sustaining Civility in Nursing Education. In this comprehensive new edition, author Cynthia Clark explores the problem of incivility within nursing academe and provides practical solutions that range from ready-to-use teaching tools to principles for broad-based institutional change. She further explores the costs and consequences of incivility, its link to stress, ways to identify the problem, and how to craft a vision for change — including bridging the gap between nursing education and practice. Rather than dwell on the negative, this book focuses on solutions, including role-modeling and mentoring, stress management, and positive learning environments. Nurse educators at all levels will appreciate the variety of evidence-based strategies that faculty — and students — can implement to promote and maintain civility and respect in the education setting, including online learning.

What does coach leadership look like in action? Effective leaders help others learn to resolve issues. This companion and follow-up book to Coaching Conversations brings the coaching style of leadership to life with stories of real people, facing real problems, who use coaching skills to empower their staff. Each chapter deals with a challenging leadership area and includes space for personal reflection, questions, and next steps. Topics covered include: Core values Building trust and community High expectations School turnaround Garnering genuine buy-in Difficult conversations Accountability Balancing personal and professional commitments

Conversations make or break everything in sales. Every conversation you have is an opportunity to find new prospects, win new customers, and increase sales. Rainmaking Conversations provides a proven system for leading masterful conversations that fill the pipeline, secure new deals, and maximize the potential of your account. Rainmaking Conversations offers a research-based, field-tested, and practical selling approach that will help you master the art of the sales conversation. This proven system revolves around the acronym RAIN, which stands for Rapport, Aspirations and Afflictions, Impact, and New Reality. You’ll learn how to ask your prospects and clients the right questions, and help them set the agenda for success. Armed with the knowledge of the markets you serve, the common needs of prospects, and how your products and services can help, you can become a trusted advisor to your clients during and after the sale. With the RAIN system, you’ll be able to: Build rapport and trust from the first contact Create conversations with prospects, referral sources, and clients using the telephone, email, and mail Uncover the real need behind client challenges Make the case for improved business impact and return on investment (ROI) for your prospects Understand and communicate your value proposition Apply the 16 principles of influence in sales Overcome and prevent all types of objections, including money Craft profitable solutions and close the deal The world-class RAIN SellingSM methodology has helped tens of thousands of people lead powerful sales conversations and achieve breakthrough sales performance. Start bridging the gap between “hello” and profitable relationships today.

A successful digital transformation must start with a conversational transformation. Today, software organizations are transforming the way work gets done through practices like Agile, Lean, and DevOps. But as commonly implemented as these methods are, many transformations still fail, largely because the organization misses a critical step: transforming their culture and the way people communicate. Agile Conversations brings a practical, step-by-step guide to using the human power of conversation to build effective, high-performing teams to achieve truly Agile results. Consultants Douglas Squirrel and Jeffrey Fredrick show readers how to utilize the Five Conversations to help teams build trust, alleviate fear, answer the “whys,” define commitments, and hold everyone accountable. These five conversations give teams everything they need to reach peak performance, and they are exactly what’s missing from too many teams today. Stop focusing on processes and practices that leave your organization stuck with culture-less rituals. Instead, unleash the unique human power of conversation.

In this companion to his best-selling book, Singleton presents first-person vignettes and a detailed case study showing educators how to usher in courageous conversations to ignite systemic transformation. In today’s increasingly globalized world, it is essential that people of diverse ethnicities and socio-economic backgrounds learn to work together and communicate effectively. This book offers a breakthrough approach to recognizing that differences among people are resources for organizations to tap as they strive to anticipate change and adapt rapidly in an unpredictable world. “Catalytic Conversations” provides a conceptual framework for understanding how complex communication patterns of social networks influence, and are influenced by, organizational structures. It discusses how to enhance the quality and viability of groups and organizational life by paying attention to how people talk - and do not talk - to each other. The book distinguishes between conversations that support organizational enhancement and others that inhibit innovation, and explores the complexity of organizational communication in detail.

Given the rapid growth of computer-mediated communication, there is an ever-broadening range of social interactions. With conversation as the bedrock on which social interactions are built, there is growing recognition of the important role of conversation has in instruction, particularly in the design and development of technologically advanced educational environments. The Handbook of Conversation Design for Instructional Applications presents key perspectives on the evolving area of conversation design, bringing together a multidisciplinary body of work focused on the study of conversation and conversation design practices to inform instructional applications. Offering multimodal instructional designers and developers authoritative content on the cutting-edge issues and challenges in conversation design, this book is a must-have for reference library collections worldwide.

Much of the learning, skills and perspective people of all ages need to succeed long-term in their careers is not found in data on the Internet, but rather in conversations and personal relationships with the people they work with. Tech tools have trained us to search the Internet for answers to everything, but we can’t find most of the non-technical or non-data-based answers we seek there. Learning about perspectives, relationships and experiences comes best from conversations. In most organizations there are three, four, or even five generations working together with differing expectations about how things are done and by whom. People of different generations are increasingly isolated physically, functionally, or emotionally from each other both by communication styles and media and lack of the perspective that would help them understand why people think and act as they do. You Can't Google It! facilitates action
to promote and foster cross-generational conversation in organizations on both the parts of management and the multi-
generational teams that are increasingly the key to productivity, profitability and sustainability. You Can't Google It! is a 
tool to help organizations and individuals remove the stress, frustration, and negative energy that often arises from 
working with people of different generations so they understand and are able to accomplish their common goals—faster 
and profitably. It is about the implications of different generations, and how to move towards closing that gap.

When we think of work, we often think of drudgery, frustration, and stress. For too many of us, work is the last place in 
our lives we expect to experience satisfaction, fulfillment, or spiritual growth. In this unique book, Michael Carroll—a 
meditation teacher, executive coach, and corporate director—shares Buddhist wisdom on how to transform the common 
hassles and anxieties of the workplace into valuable opportunities for heightened wisdom and enhanced effectiveness.

Carroll shows us how life on the job—no matter what kind of work we do—can become one of the most engaging and 
filling areas of our lives. At its heart, Awake at Work offers thirty-five principles that we can use throughout our day to 
revitalize our work as well as our understanding of ourselves and others. Carroll invites readers to contemplate these 
slogans and to use them on-the-spot, in the midst of work's chaos, to develop clarity, wisdom, and inspiration. Along the 
way, Carroll presents a variety of techniques and insights to help us acknowledge work, with all its complications, as "a 
valuable invitation to fully live our lives." In an engaging, accessible, and often humorous style, Awake at Work offers 
readers a path to rediscovering our natural sense of intelligence, confidence, and delight on the job.

"In a time in which the ways we communicate and connect are constantly changing, and not always for the better, Sherry 
Turkle provides a much needed voice of caution and reason to help explain what the f*** is going on." —Aziz Ansari, 
author of Modern Romance Renowned media scholar Sherry Turkle investigates how a flight from conversation 
undermines our relationships, creativity, and productivity—and why reclaiming face-to-face conversation can help us 
regain lost ground. We live in a technological universe in which we are always communicating. And yet we have 
sacrificed conversation for mere connection. Preeminent author and researcher Sherry Turkle has been studying digital 
culture for over thirty years. Long an enthusiast for its possibilities, here she investigates a troubling consequence: at 
work, at home, in politics, and in love, we find ways around conversation, tempted by the possibilities of a text or an email 
in which we don't have to look, listen, or reveal ourselves. We develop a taste for what mere connection offers. The 
dinner table falls silent as children compete with phones for their parents' attention. Friends learn strategies to keep 
conversations going when only a few people are looking up from their phones. At work, we retreat to our screens 
although it is conversation at the water cooler that increases not only productivity but commitment to work. Online, we 
only want to share opinions that our followers will agree with—a politics that shies away from the real conflicts and 
solutions of the public square. The case for conversation begins with the necessary conversations of solitude and self-
reflection. They are endangered: these days, always connected, we see loneliness as a problem that technology should 
solve. Afraid of being alone, we rely on other people to give us a sense of ourselves, and our capacity for empathy and 
relationship suffers. We see the costs of the flight from conversation everywhere: conversation is the cornerstone for 
democracy and in business it is good for the bottom line. In the private sphere, it builds empathy, friendship, love, 
learning, and productivity. But there is good news: we are resilient. Conversation cures. Based on five years of research 
and interviews in homes, schools, and the workplace, Turkle argues that we have come to a better understanding of 
where our technology can and cannot take us and that the time is right to reclaim conversation. The most human—and 
humanizing—thing that we do. The virtues of person-to-person conversation are timeless, and our most basic technology, 
talk, responds to our modern challenges. We have everything we need to start, we have each other. Turkle's latest book, 
The Empathy Diaries (3/2/21) is available now.

Learn how to make data-driven research accessible to decision makers, policymakers, and the general public Many 
researchers, scholars, and analysts fail to develop communication strategies that work in today's crowded landscape of 
content, research, and data. To be successful, modern researchers need to share their insights with the wider audience 
that lies beyond academia. Elevate the Debate helps researchers of all types more effectively communicate their work in 
any number of areas, from traditional news outlets to the new media platforms of the digital age. After reading this book, 
you will be inspired and equipped to use traditional and digital media environments to your advantage. This real-world 
guide helps you present your data-driven research with greater clarity, coherence, and impact. An array of practical 
strategies and proven techniques enables you to make your research accessible to diverse audiences, form engaging 
narratives, and design and implement meaningful outreach plans. Each chapter examines a specific communications 
strategy, such as data visualization, presentation skills, social media, blog writing, and reporter interactions. Written by 
expert members of the Urban Institute's Communication department, and edited by Jonathan Schwabish, a Senior 
Fellow at Urban, Elevate the Debate guides you on how to use the media environment to your advantage and make a 
difference through policy insights and policy solutions. This valuable book teaches you how to: Develop and apply data-
driven and story-focused communication Use the “Pyramid Philosophy” of rooting accessible, engaging communications 
products in sophisticated research. Solve problems with your research by defining goals and recommending conclusions-
based actions Identify the researchers, organizations, funders, influencers, and policymakers who are most important to 
your goals and precisely target their information needs Employ communication styles and strategies to get your work in 
the hands of people who can use it and act upon it. Elevate the Debate: A Multi-layered Approach to Communicating 
Your Research is a must-have resource for academic researchers, policy researchers, and all analysts of data-driven research.

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