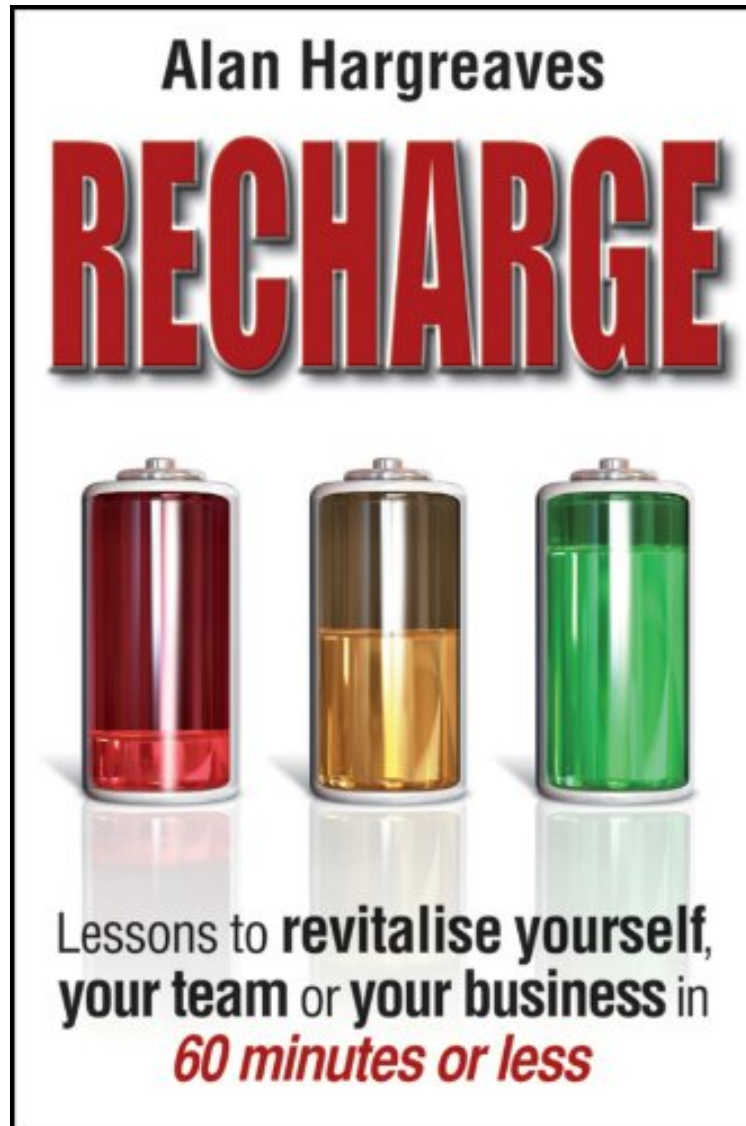


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By G. Perera
There are many good books about business growth, but this is one of the best I've read, because it's organized as 52 self-contained ideas. So it's easy to pick up the book, grab one idea, and put it into practice in your business. I've seen other books try this "bite-sized chunks" format, but most fail, because they just end up being a random collection of disparate thoughts. This book is different, because the ideas have been carefully grouped and sequenced, so they follow on from each other, while still being independent. And it's not that these ideas lack depth just because they are succinct. On the contrary, they seem very well-considered and can have significant impact if applied correctly. Even the sections of the book that didn't seem directly relevant to me had some gems I could use. For example, the idea about delegation isn't directly relevant, because I have a very small, geographically dispersed, team with clear roles, so I don't have much to delegate on a day-to-day basis. But the key concept of that chapter is to ask the question, "Who is the best person to handle this?", and that DOES apply to me when I'm considering the dozens of e-mail messages I receive every day. With most business books, I'm happy if I get one practical, actionable idea. "Recharge" has given me many more than one, and I've already decided I'm going to try one each week!

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By J Garland McLellan
Some people are just uncrushable. Some businesses have that same resilience. Some people just appear to effortlessly get things done or to rapidly decide what to do and then refuse to do anything else. They have great clarity and also the freedom to take action. This book explains where it comes from and how to get it. The ideas are simple and their implementation, although also simple, will prove demanding. But; they do work. The author is no slouch and has an impressive business track record with a level of success that many other authors can only dream of. The book is correct in identifying the basic elements of business and includes useful text on the roles and duties of management, founders, directors, shareholders, financiers, management and employees. It is written by someone with direct personal experience of large and small businesses. It covers all the basics; including one of the most straightforward discussions of business cash flow that I have ever seen (I shall use it a lot). Unlike many business books (and I would class this as a business book) it approaches the problems from the proviso that the reader has all the necessary decision-making authority. The first section is all about working out your own priorities and focusing on the things that really matter to you. It is also about applying your strengths and delegating effectively. It does not duck the hard issues but provides simple advice for addressing tough situations, taking action and getting on. From this point on the book lurches from personal to business issues in a manner that makes sense but is slightly unsettling to a reader who is accustomed to dealing with personal and business issues in separate realms. For a reader with no business, most of the issues will be translatable to personal finances and aspirations or to social situations. For a reader working in a large business the sudden change of scenario from personal to corporate will be more difficult as the book assumes a level of autonomy that, whilst aspired to, is not possessed by most employees. For a business owner, entrepreneur, company chairman or sole trader this mixture probably feels quite realistic as the pressures of small businesses tend to escape into daily life. The book covers finances, team management, stakeholder management/strategy, and marketing. It ends with some useful ideas on how to stay 'recharged'. Some of the chapters are available as free downloads from the author's website. This enhances the practical application of the concepts. There are 52 chapters with the aim that the reader should address one chapter per week and fully recharge their business within one year. I found some of the chapters less relevant than others but did pick out a few to implement and discovered that the concepts translated to action. You can take your pick as to whether you start at the beginning and go to the end and then stop or just pick and choose to suit the priorities that you establish for yourself at the beginning of the exercise. Either way, if you put them into action, the tools in this book will definitely recharge and revitalise. Highly recommended and available in both kindle and hard copy editions. * Julie Garland McLellan is a professional non-executive director, board and governance consultant and mentor. She is the author of "Dilemmas, Dilemmas: practical case studies for company directors", "The Director's Dilemma", "All Above Board: Great Governance for the Government Sector" and numerous articles on corporate strategy and governance. Dilemmas, Dilemmas: Practical Case Studies for Company Directors
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