AFR BOSS GUIDE TO THE BEST BOOKS OF 2005 BOOKLIST

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(Collection of books held at Manly Library and included in the AFR Boss Magazine list of 101 top books of 2005)

The following list is a selection of the best 101 management books of 2005, as judged by AFR Boss. Their annual pick of business and related books reveals some of their (and their readers’) favourites are not strictly management tomes. Even that category is no longer what we’ve come to expect – photos and references to pop culture litter theoretical texts. Guides to spiritual and emotional intelligence, communication techniques and the latest in neuro-science sit on shelves next to the strategy bestseller.

The trend to a hybrid business book category isn’t surprising given the extraordinary change in the way we view our work and lives in the 21st century. From the function of the brain to the need for spiritual nourishment, the meshing of our interests in the knowledge economy makes sense and boosts our chances of survival. Work is taking up much more of life and it’s only the blinkered who fail to see a much more nuanced approach to success in the office. There are some themes that have caught the eye in 2005: the interest in work and family issues, population trends and other economic indicators and, of course, the continuing fascination with language. At the Australian Institute of Management’s bookshop the big hits are books (and increasingly CDs) on HR and strategy but also communication and working with difficult personalities. This list is a selection of fiction, business fiction, and non-fiction to supplement the core management list. They all meet the criteria of useful, engaging and informative books that help us negotiate our way at work. No literary category has a monopoly on good ideas.

Personal Author: Johnson, Spencer.
Title: Who moved my cheese? : an amazing way to deal with change in your work and in your life.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 155.24/JOH

Personal Author: Collins, Jim.
Title: Good to great.
MANLY CALL NUMBER XX(635249.1)

Personal Author: Frankel, Lois P., 1953-
Title: Nice girls don't get the corner office : 101 unconscious mistakes women make that sabotage their careers.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 158.1082/FRA

Personal Author: McKnight, Steve.
Title: From 0 to 130 properties in 3.5 years.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 332.3264/MACK

Personal Author: Clarke, John, 1976-
Title: Working with monsters : how to identify and protect yourself from the workplace psychopath .
MANLY CALL NUMBER 658.3145/CLA

Personal Author: Kiyosaki, Robert T., 1947-
Title: Rich dad's retire young, retire rich : how to get rich quickly and stay rich forever!
MANLY CALL NUMBER 332.024/KIY

Personal Author: Kiyosaki, Robert T., 1947-
Title: Rich dad, poor dad : what the rich teach their kids about money that the poor and middle class do not.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 332.6/KIY
Personal Author: Friedman, Thomas L.
Title: The world is flat: a brief history of the globalised world in the twenty-first century
MANLY CALL NUMBER 303.48/FRI

Personal Author: Glickman, Rosalene.
Title: Optimal thinking: how to be your best self.
MANLY CALL NUMBER XX(629594.3)

Personal Author: Chee, Harold.
Title: Myths about doing business in China
MANLY CALL NUMBER 330.951/CHE

Personal Author: Buttrose, Ita, 1942-.
Title: Motherguilt: Australian women reveal their true feelings about motherhood.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 306.8743/BUT

Personal Author: Levitt, Steven D.
Title: Freakonomics: a rogue economist explores the hidden side of everything.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 330/LEV

Personal Author: Watson, Don, 1949-.
Title: Watson's dictionary of weasel words, contemporary cliches, cant & management jargon.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 427.994/WAT

Personal Author: Stanley, Fiona J., 1946-.
Title: Children of the lucky country?: how Australian society has turned its back on children and why children matter
MANLY CALL NUMBER 305.231/STA

Personal Author: Lees, Kirsten.
Title: Let go of my leg: a practical guide to returning to work after children.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 649.1/LEE

Personal Author: Parks, Tim.
Title: Medici money: banking, metaphysics, and art in fifteenth-century Florence.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 332.1/PAR

Personal Author: Cannold, Leslie.
Title: What, no baby?: why women are losing their freedom to mother, and how they can get it back.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 306.87/CAN
**Personal Author:** Levy, Ariel, 1974-
**Title:** Female chauvinist pigs : women and the rise of raunch culture.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 305.42/LEV

**Personal Author:** Sachs, Jeffrey.
**Title:** The end of poverty : how we can make it happen in our lifetime.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 339.46/SAC

**Personal Author:** Mayle, Peter.
**Title:** A good year.
MANLY CALL NUMBER XX(575883.8)

**Personal Author:** Houellebecq, Michel, 1958-
**Title:** The possibility of an island.
MANLY CALL NUMBER F /HOUE

**Personal Author:** Krauss, Nicole.
**Title:** The history of love.
MANLY CALL NUMBER F /KRAU

**Personal Author:** Perlman, Elliot, 1964-
**Title:** Seven types of ambiguity.
MANLY CALL NUMBER F /PERL FPB /P

**Personal Author:** Roth, Philip.
**Title:** The plot against America.
MANLY CALL NUMBER F /ROTH

**Personal Author:** McEwan, Ian, 1948-
**Title:** Saturday.
MANLY CALL NUMBER F /MACE

**Personal Author:** Hosseini, Khaled.
**Title:** The kite runner.
MANLY CALL NUMBER F /HOSS FPB /WORLD/H

**Personal Author:** Hollinghurst, Alan.
**Title:** The line of beauty.
MANLY CALL NUMBER FPB /H
Personal Author: Robinson, Marilynne.
Title: Gilead.
MANLY CALL NUMBER F /ROBI

Personal Author: Cunningham, Michael.
Title: Specimen days.
MANLY CALL NUMBER F /CUNN

Personal Author: Truss, Lynne.
Title: Talk to the hand : the utter bloody rudeness of everyday life (or six good reasons to stay home and bolt the door).
MANLY CALL NUMBER 395.0941/TRU

Personal Author: Gladwell, Malcolm, 1963-
Title: Blink : the power of thinking without thinking /
MANLY CALL NUMBER 153.44/GLA

Personal Author: Macken, Deirdre.
Title: Oh no, we forgot to have children : how declining birth rates are reshaping our society.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 304.632/MACK

Personal Author: Ginsborg, Paul.
Title: The politics of everyday life : making choices, changing lives.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 300/GIN

Title: The mind gym.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 153.93/MIN

Title: 'Men and women of Australia!' : our greatest modern speeches / edited by Michael Fullilove ; foreword Graham Freudenberg.
MANLY CALL NUMBER XX(638540.5)

Personal Author: Gershenfeld, Neil A.
Title: Fab : the coming revolution on your desktop--from personal computers to personal fabrication
Review: "According to Neil Gershenfeld, the next big thing is personal fabrication - the ability to design and produce your own products, in your own home, with a machine that combines consumer electronics and industrial tools. Personal fabricators (PF’s) are about to revolutionize the world just as personal computers did a generation ago. PF’s will bring the programmability of the digital world to the rest of the world, by being able to make almost anything - including new personal fabricators."
MANLY CALL NUMBER 600/GER
Personal Author: Kellaway, Lucy.
Title: Who moved my blackberry?
MANLY CALL NUMBER F /KELL

Personal Author: Bushnell, Candace.
Title: Lipstick jungle.
MANLY CALL NUMBER F /BUSH

Personal Author: Widerberg, W.R.
Title: The big end of town.
MANLY CALL NUMBER F /WIDE

Personal Author: Viner, Brian.
Title: Tales of the country.
MANLY CALL NUMBER XX(635245.1)

Personal Author: Didion, Joan.
Title: The year of magical thinking.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 920/DID

Personal Author: Dowrick, Stephanie, 1947-
Title: Choosing happiness : life & soul essentials /
MANLY CALL NUMBER 158.1/DOW

Personal Author: Kirby, James.
Title: Janine Allis : business secrets of Australia's the woman behind Boost Juice.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 338.76/ALL

Personal Author: Mau, Bruce.
Title: Massive change / Bruce Mau with Jennifer Leonard and the Institute without Boundaries.
MANLY CALL NUMBER 745.2/MAU

Personal Author: Kiyosaki, Robert T., 1947-
Title: Rich dad's before you quit your job : ten real-life lessons every entrepreneur should know about building a multimillion-dollar business
MANLY CALL NUMBER 658.11/KIY