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Today's entrepreneurs are driving a new era of global transformation and growth. But before they can turn ideas into profitmaking ventures, they must craft a business plan that crystallizes and legitimizes those ideas to customers, key talent, and investors.

Business Plans That Work details a strategic, step-by-step approach to creating, adapting, and writing a solid but flexible business plan that will sell your idea and help you make it a reality. Whatever stage you are at in the growth of your business, this no-nonsense guidebook will show you how to:

- Determine what to include in each plan, why, and for whom
- Recognize and avoid common pitfalls in creating a business plan
- Use the proven "Timmons Model" to analyze potential opportunities

More than just a tool to raise seed capital, a well-written business plan provides an entrepreneur with strong insights into "the idea," and a powerful head start on turning that idea into an enterprise. *Business Plans That Work* shows how to write, adapt, focus, and revise a business plan that will secure capital and attract top-flight talent as it helps you assess the strength of your opportunity and provides invaluable insights into what you need to do to make it work.

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