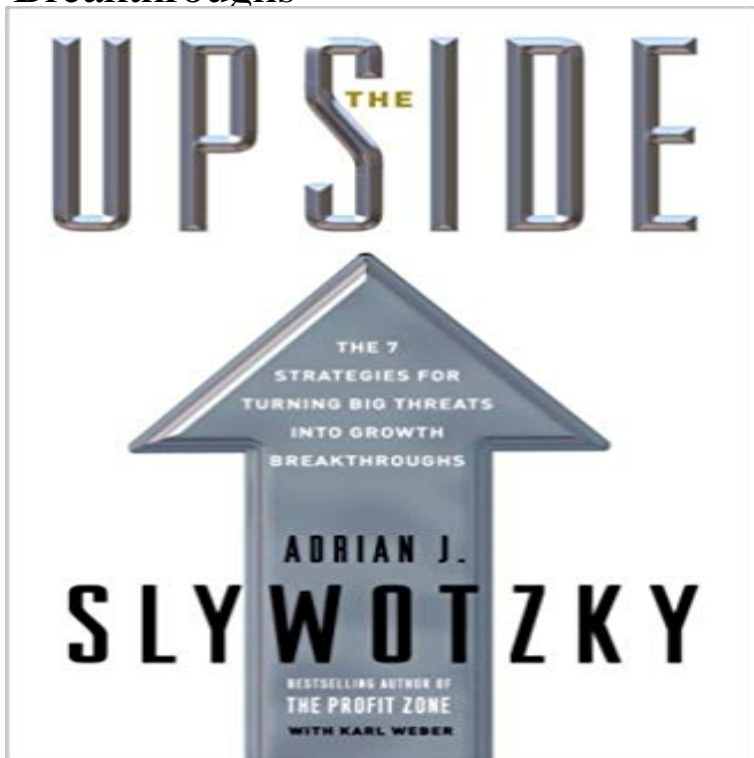


The Upside: The 7 Strategies for Turning Big Threats into Growth Breakthroughs



Today, when your fortunes can literally change overnight, the new strategic imperative is making your moment of maximum risk your moment of maximum opportunity. In *The Upside*, Adrian Slywotzky provides bold and original ideas for growth breakthroughs as well as the practical tools to use Monday morning, such as How to change the odds for your next major initiative and create potential industry breakthroughs, as Toyota did with its expanding universe of Prius vehicles. Shape and exploit risk, don't be shaped by it. Become a knowledge-intensive business and continually increase the knowledge gap between yourself and rivals, as Coach and Tsutaya of Japan have convincingly done. A category killer can't kill what's not in its category. When basketball legend Bill Russell faced a taller, stronger Wilt Chamberlain, he led the Celtics to victory by inventing a different game. The same thinking lets Target prosper in a Wal-Mart world and can help you outcompete the unbeatable rival in your own industry. When you come to a fork in the road take it! Only a fraction of companies survive when industries experience technological or strategic transitions. To be a survivor, learn the secret that enabled Microsoft to weather the advent of the Internet the art of the double bet. Stuck in a business box? Find the bigger box and then the biggest. When growth stagnates, capture more of your customers' dollars through demand innovation and big-box thinking, as companies from Continental AG and Ikea to Procter & Gamble have done. Your competitors can also be your greatest enablers of profit. Stop competing yourself to death! The key is knowing when to compete and when to collaborate, as Apple has shown with its revolutionary approach to the music business. In the 1980s conventional wisdom was that you could have high quality or low cost, but not both until Japanese makers of cars and

