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Ten years ago, I created a live experience called "The

Quest" for people age 35+. It is a secret rite of passage to the second half of life. The first adventure convened in Angel Fire, New Mexico, with six participants. They included the CEO of a financial management company, the Vice President of an Austin tech company, a Senior Partner of a private equity investment and development group, a real estate broker and former mega-church minister, and a professional artist. Since then, I have guided nine Quest experiences in New Mexico and Tennessee with forty-seven alumni from all walks of life. The experience has evolved and is open to persons of any gender age thirty-five and up. My goal is to lead two per year with six participants each. This expands those experiences. While there is nothing like attending The Quest in person, I hope this book will become a well-worn guide map for your journey into second life. The Quest teaches that the path to finding your treasure, your holy grail, lies within you. Each of us has the truth we need deep inside ourselves. The way of The Quest gives you a language for your hero's journey inward: to heed your call to adventure, survive the trials, accept the rewards, and enjoy the elixir of wholeness. We must each find the words and symbols to describe our being. The path of The Quest is a unique journey, and no two ways are alike. The many options can be disorienting. But fortunately, we have universal waypoints (intermediate points) that guide us to find the wisdom needed to make this journey of personal freedom. Therefore I say each story is different, yet every story is the same. Ten topics repeatedly appeared in the rituals, books, and resources I studied and in the

conversations I've had with others going through the transition to second life. Jung calls such recurrences synchronicity or "meaningful coincidences." The ten waypoints (chapters) explore each recurring theme. Irreverent, provocative, and engaging, *Desperately Seeking Certainty* attacks the current legal vogue for grand unified theories of constitutional interpretation. On both the Right and the Left, prominent legal scholars are attempting to build all of constitutional law from a single foundational idea. Dan Farber and Suzanna Sherry find that in the end no single, all-encompassing theory can successfully guide judges or provide definitive or even sensible answers to every constitutional question. Their book brilliantly reveals how problematic foundationalism is and shows how the pragmatic, multifaceted common law methods already used by the Court provide a far better means of reaching sound decisions and controlling judicial discretion than do any of the grand theories. *The Quest to Save ABC Manufacturing: Volume 1* is a business novel that tells the story of William (Buddy), a dedicated Senior International Project Manager, from a German parent company. Buddy is on a quest to help save his company's struggling US subsidiary. As he navigates his way through a labyrinth filled with hidden enemies and unexpected challenges, he encounters cultural differences that he didn't even know existed, different ways of talking and thinking about business, different perceptions of time, and to his total surprise, a vastly different set of rules and expectations about how business should be done. To succeed in his quest, Buddy

builds a brain trust made up of like-minded managers and he soon masters AMERICAN CORPORATE SPEAK. As he quickly learns how Americans really think about business, how they work, how they lead and expect to be led, how they talk about business, including how they use 870 AMERICAN BUSINESS EXPRESSIONS AND WORDS, many of which are virtually unknown outside of North America, he also learns how to implement uniquely American strategies to get things done quickly, conveniently, and successfully. A Lifelong Quest for Peace: A Dialogue will provided readers the opportunity to get to know Dr. Pauling and Mr. Ikeda, as they seek to provide pointers to help the young people of today solve the problems of the twenty-first century. This book surveys the people, events, and conditions that shaped Mexican American identity in the Southwestern United States after 1913. The Quest for Tejano Identity was written as a study of Mexican American consciousness, and a history of the assumptions and intellectual responses of Mexican Americans in south Texas. The work uses history to inquire why different ethnic groups think, act and speak as they do as they encounter American society. Looks at towns that flourished well into the 20th century in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and British Columbia. This vibrant history gives the details of daily life in communities that were often remote and subject to severe weather, housing workers who faced sawmill accidents, mine cave-ins, and avalanches. Stop summer slide, stay summer smart! From the creators of America ' s #1 educational bestseller Brain Quest comes

Summer Brain Quest: Between Grades K & 1—a workbook, a game, and an outdoor adventure! It ' s an interactive and personalized quest to keep kids excited about learning all summer long between Kindergarten and 1st grade.

Summer Brain Quest: Between Grades K & 1 begins with a map that guides kids through a workbook filled with activities based on phonics, reading, writing, counting, shapes, seasons, habitats, map skills, and more! As you complete activities, you earn stickers to track your progress on the map. Jam-packed with curriculum-based exercises, bonus challenges, outside activities, over 150 stickers, a summer reading list, and a Brain Quest mini deck, Summer Brain Quest: Between Grades K & 1 covers the core concepts in English language arts, math, science, and social studies so kids keep essential skills sharp all summer. Paul David Tripp expertly traverses the deepest recesses of the human heart and compassionately invites fellow Christian travelers to journey with him into God's bigger kingdom. Readers will be encouraged, excited, and motivated by hope as they learn how to set aside their "little kingdom" attachments—which can expertly masquerade within the church as Christian activism, legalism, emotionalism, formalism, creedalism, and externalism—in favor of God's expansive and soul-freeing eternal quest. Tripp demonstrates through sound, biblical principles how humanity is made by God to transcend far beyond the mere physical realm, and humans are likewise created to be "glory junkies;" those whose visionary lives are governed by God's grand purposes rather than existing only within their

narrow, self-interested confines. Tripp shows Christians how to "transcend" through daily, moment-by-moment practical methodology that transforms individuals into the image of Christ. Within this purpose-driven framework, Paul David Tripp compels believers to see beyond the worldly deception of personal achievement, success, materialism to break free from this ungodly fulfillment that is too easily satisfied with a mediocre walk with Christ. Instead the author invites committed sojourners to a life characterized by an unyielding passion that pursues God simply for the pleasure of his glorious company and, in the process, affect eternal change in a hurting, hopeless world. Where can you see stalactites and stalagmites? In the Civil War, what army was commanded by Robert E. Lee? What 's a quicker way to say " the hat belonging to Pedro " ? Plus contractions, ratios, prepositions, time zones, the solar system, similes and metaphors, Grab Bag, and: If Dan and Fran split 30 marbles at a ratio of 1 to 2, how many will each have? Brain Quest Grade 5 quizzes kids on the stuff they need to know when they need to know it, with 1,500 curriculum-based questions and answers reflecting the latest school standards. Vetted by a panel of America 's highest award-winning teachers, and embraced by kids and parents because it flat-out works, Brain Quest opens a world of information and education with its fast-paced question-and-answer format, bright full-color illustrations, and lively attitude. Which has the most gravity: a supernova, a white dwarf, or a black hole? What prefix turns the word " town " into a word meaning " center of town " ? If grapes cost \$1.70

a pound, what will one and a half pounds of grapes cost? Plus onomatopoeia, fusion, equations, the planets, Roman numerals, abstract nouns, capital cities, the periodic table, Grab Bag, and: Which U.S. state is a group of islands? Brain Quest Grade 7 quizzes kids on the stuff they need to know when they need to know it, with 1,500 curriculum-based questions and answers reflecting the latest school standards. Vetted by a panel of America's highest award-winning teachers, and embraced by kids and parents because it flat-out works, Brain Quest opens a world of information and education with its fast-paced question-and-answer format, bright full-color illustrations, and lively attitude. A collection of 45 columns and essays by the three eminent writers, originally written for the bulletin of the Readers' Subscription Book Club. " AOL had found itself at the edge of disaster so frequently that one of its first executives, a brassy Vietnam veteran and restaurateur named Jim Kimsey, had taken the punch line of an old joke popularized by Ronald Reagan and made it into an unlikely mantra for the company. It concerned a very optimistic young boy who happened upon a huge pile of horse manure and began digging excitedly. When someone asked him what he was doing covered in muck, the foolish boy answered brightly, ' There must be a pony in here somewhere! ' " —From the Prologue If you're wondering what happened after " a company without assets acquired a company without a clue, " as Kara Swisher wryly writes, it's time to crack open this trenchant book about the doomed merger of America Online and Time Warner. On a quest to

discover how the deal of the century became the messiest merger in history, Swisher delivers a rollicking narrative and a keen analysis of this debacle that is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand what it all means for the digital future. Packed with new revelations and on-the-record interviews with key players, it is the first detailed examination of the merger ' s aftermath and also looks forward to what is coming next. It certainly has not been a pretty picture so far—with \$100 billion in losses, a sinking stock price, employees in revolt, and lawsuits galore. As Swisher writes, “ It is hard not to feel a bit queasy about the whole sorry mess. . . . It felt a bit like I was watching someone fall down a flight of stairs in slow motion, and every bump and thump made me wince. It made me reassess old ideas and wonder what I had gotten wrong. And it left me deeply confused as to what had happened and, more important, what was coming next. ” For Swisher, finding the answers to what went awry is important because she remains a staunch believer in the digital future—maybe not in the AOL Time Warner merger, but in the essential idea at the heart of it that someday the distinction of old and new media will no longer exist. Borrowing from Winston Churchill, Swisher calls it “ the end of the beginning ” of the digital revolution. “ By that, I mean that it is from the ashes of this bust that the really important companies of the next era will emerge. And that evolution will, I believe, be shaped by what happened—and what is happening now—at AOL Time Warner. ” To figure it all out, Swisher takes her reader on a journey that begins with a portrait of two wildly different



corporate cultures and businesses that somehow came to believe, in the crucible of the red-hot Internet era, that they could successfully join forces and achieve unprecedented growth and success. When the merger was announced in early 2000, the irresistible combination was hailed as the new paradigm and its executives—Steve Case, Jerry Levin, Bob Pittman—as popular icons of the future. But after the boom so spectacularly turned to bust and the visions of New Media Supremacy lay in ruins, Swisher searches for clues about where the merger went wrong and who is to blame. More important, she looks to the future of both AOL Time Warner and the Internet as she seeks to answer the key question that the noise of the disaster has all but drowned out. Will the demise of the AOL Time Warner merger be the final and inevitable chapter of the dot-com debacle or will it herald a new paradigm altogether? This book, then, is a primer for the time to come, using the story of the AOL Time Warner merger as the vehicle to show the troubled journey into the future.

### BUILDING YOUR CULTURE

Why Bad Decisions Are As Critical As Good Ones Business is hard. Arnie Malham, founder and president of cj Advertising, understands this thoroughly. But the challenges that make business hard are more than just obstacles they are the foundation to building and strengthening a culture that attracts the best people to do the best work. To invest in your people is a return on investment in your business, and in *Worth Doing Wrong*, Malham covers strategies for investing in your employees by banding together to smash business goals, creating win-

win relationships, generating buzz, and building a rockin workplace." 'The master. Puts all other modern tree-writers in the shade' John Lewis-Stempel, author of Meadowland Thomas Pakenham is an indefatigable champion of trees. In *The Company of Trees* he recounts his personal quest to establish a large arboretum on the family estate, Tullynally in Ireland; his forays to other tree-filled parks and plantations; his often hazardous seed-hunting expeditions; and his efforts to preserve magnificent old trees and historic woodlands. Whether writing about the terrible storms breaking the backs of hundred-year-old trees or a fire in the peat bog on Tullynally which threatens to spread to the main commercial spruce-woods, his fear of climate change and disease, or the sturdy young saplings giving him hope for the future, his book is never less than enthralling. The co-founder of a brand studio describes how businesses can change their marketing strategies to describe and promote their brand's story in an effort to appeal to modern consumers who have become increasingly interested in what a business embodies and represents. 20,000 first printing. Brain Quest is beloved by kids, trusted by parents, used and recommended by teachers. It ' s the curriculum-based, fast-paced, question-and-answer game that challenges kids on the stuff they need to know, when they need to know it. It ' s the brand that says " It ' s fun to be smart! " And it delivers. For the fourth edition every deck is thoroughly revised and includes 20 percent new material. The content aligns with national and state standards and is overseen by the Brain Quest Advisory Board, a panel of

award-winning educators, each a recent state teacher-of-the-year award winner or a recipient of the prestigious Milken Educator Award. The covers and cards have a refreshed design, giving Brain Quest a cooler, updated look. 'The master. Puts all other modern tree-writers in the shade' John Lewis-Stempel, author of Meadowland Thomas Pakenham is an indefatigable champion of trees. In The Company of Trees he recounts his personal quest to establish a large arboretum on the family estate, Tullynally in Ireland; his forays to other tree-filled parks and plantations; his often hazardous seed-hunting expeditions; and his efforts to preserve magnificent old trees and historic woodlands. Whether writing about the terrible storms breaking the backs of hundred-year-old trees or a fire in the peat bog on Tullynally which threatens to spread to the main commercial spruce-woods, his fear of climate change and disease, or the sturdy young saplings giving him hope for the future, his book is never less than enthralling. “ At the core, Hit Refresh, is about us humans and the unique quality we call empathy, which will become ever more valuable in a world where the torrent of technology will disrupt the status quo like never before. ” – Satya Nadella from Hit Refresh “ Satya has charted a course for making the most of the opportunities created by technology while also facing up to the hard questions. ” – Bill Gates from the Foreword of Hit Refresh The New York Times bestseller Hit Refresh is about individual change, about the transformation happening inside of Microsoft and the technology that will soon impact all of our lives—the arrival

of the most exciting and disruptive wave of technology humankind has experienced: artificial intelligence, mixed reality, and quantum computing. It ' s about how people, organizations, and societies can and must transform and “ hit refresh ” in their persistent quest for new energy, new ideas, and continued relevance and renewal. Microsoft ' s CEO tells the inside story of the company ' s continuing transformation, tracing his own personal journey from a childhood in India to leading some of the most significant technological changes in the digital era. Satya Nadella explores a fascinating childhood before immigrating to the U.S. and how he learned to lead along the way. He then shares his meditations as a sitting CEO—one who is mostly unknown following the brainy Bill Gates and energetic Steve Ballmer. He tells the inside story of how a company rediscovered its soul—transforming everything from culture to their fiercely competitive landscape and industry partnerships. As much a humanist as engineer and executive, Nadella concludes with his vision for the coming wave of technology and by exploring the potential impact to society and delivering call to action for world leaders. “ Ideas excite me, ” Nadella explains. “ Empathy grounds and centers me. ” Hit Refresh is a set of reflections, meditations, and recommendations presented as algorithms from a principled, deliberative leader searching for improvement—for himself, for a storied company, and for society. During the final months of his life, Walt Disney was consumed with the world-wide problems of cities. His development concept at the time of his death on December

15th, 1966 would be his team ' s conceptual response to the ills of the inner cities and the sprawl of the megalopolis: the " Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow " or, as it became known, EPCOT. This beautifully written, instantly engrossing volume focuses on the original concept of EPCOT, which was conceived by Disney as an experimental community of about 20,000 people on the Disney World property in central Florida. With its radial plan, 50-acre town center enclosed by a dome, themed international shopping area, greenbelt, high-density apartments, satellite communities, monorail and underground roads, the original EPCOT plan is reminiscent of post-war Stockholm and the British New Towns, as well as today's transit-oriented development theory. Unfortunately, Disney himself did not live long enough to witness the realization of his " model city. " However, EPCOT's evolution into projects such as the EPCOT Center and the town of Celebration displays a remarkable commitment by the Disney organization to the original EPCOT philosophy, one which continues to have relevance in the fields of planning and development. In *An Unlikely Intervention*, venture capitalist Thomas Washing chronicles the story of how a group of dedicated entrepreneurs achieved the first breakthrough in the treatment of infectious diarrhea in forty years, creating an inexpensive remedy to improve the lives of millions. *A diary of a birder's ideal year* follows the author and his wife on their birding trips to the Arctic, the Everglades, the Northeast, the Southwest, and Canada. It's the 21st century and what

have we got to show for it? Does humanity really want to continue its downward spiral or are we ready to create a different reality? The purpose of this book is many-fold. 1. It shows you ways in which our civilization can progress. 2. It challenges all the old methods of doing things. 3. It offers workable methods, which have been tried and proven by individuals and communities all over the globe, with the sole purpose of making life better. 4. It is interactive. It offers its readers an invitation to join the AlterQuest Organization and be part of a practical Global Network for the advancement of our world. AlterQuest is the most exciting, inspirational book you will ever read. Its topics will give you unlimited hope for the present and the future. You'll find yourself grasping at every wonderful idea with a renewed sense of enthusiasm. Here at last we have the answers we've all been searching for. Join journalist Barry Werth as he pulls back the curtain on Vertex, a start-up pharmaceutical company, and witness firsthand the intense drama being played out in the pioneering and hugely profitable field of drug research. Founded by Joshua Boger, a dynamic Harvard- and Merck-trained scientific whiz kid, Vertex is dedicated to designing -- atom by atom -- both a new life-saving immunosuppressant drug, and a drug to combat the virus that causes AIDS. You will be hooked from start to finish, as you go from the labs, where obsessive, fiercely competitive scientists struggle for a breakthrough, to Wall Street, where the wheeling and dealing takes on a life of its own, as Boger courts investors and finally decides to take Vertex public. Here is a fascinating no-holds-barred account

of the business of science, which includes an updated epilogue about the most recent developments in the quest for a drug to cure AIDS. The story of the author's coming-of-age journey from a California suburb to the Galapagos Islands in an attempt to solve the mystery of her father's fate. Discover all the secrets and mechanics of the famous Japanese video game Dragon Quest ! This book looks back at the entire Dragon Quest saga, tells the story of the series' birth, retraces its history and deciphers its mechanics. In this book, the author shares us all his expertise and his passion in Japanese gaming to decipher the creation and the story of this saga and his creator, Yuji Horii. EXTRAIT Even with only limited knowledge of Japanese and somewhat difficult technical conditions, the story was very well told. This was perhaps what surprised players most. Dragon Quest V is a large family cycle of emotions, as transparent as an epic tale by Alexandre Dumas, the author of famous works such as The Three Musketeers. In the end, I was lucky that my first taste of the series was this excellent episode, since VI was far more extravagant, with its tales of parallel universes and heroes traveling on flying beds. A slightly puzzling game, but not without levity nor offbeat humor. One of the most emotional moments of Dragon Quest V is when we end up going back in time to change the past, thus saving the future. The time travel theme has been so often used in science fiction, particularly during the 1980s, that it should have left me impassive. It was not even the first time I had experienced it in a video game. But this adventure, with its simple graphics

and persistent melodies, glanced lightly upon feelings that leave no one unmoved. “ What would I have done differently if I could have changed things ” is a very common concept used in fiction, from A Distant Neighborhood by Jirô Taniguchi to the Quantum Leap series. Well-told, it is so simple and so effective that it affects each and every one of us.

**CE QU'EN PENSE LA CRITIQUE** Un livre passionnant que j'ai dévoré au point de rogner sur mes heures de sommeil. Ici, l'auteur ne nous bassine pas avec des tartines de textes pour nous conter avec détails l'histoire de chaque épisode, les ventes incommensurables de la série ou encore un almanach des jeux estampillés DraQue. -

**Kaisermeister, Sens Critique** Un livre plein d ' anecdotes qui feront vibrer votre corde nostalgique et qui donne envie, une fois terminé, de replonger dans l'aventure. -

**neotsubasa, Sens Critique** C'est une biographie très détaillée, riche en anecdotes et bien romancée, Yuji Horii est un personnage fascinant au CV bien rempli et la genèse de la saga est tout aussi passionnante à tel point que j'ai parfois eu du mal à décrocher. -

**Nixotane, Sens Critique** **À PROPOS DE L'AUTEUR** Daniel Andreyev is an author and journalist of Russian origin. His career in video game journalism began twenty years ago, during the golden years of video gaming, with Player One, Consoles + and Animeland, with a particular interest in Japan. Having spent some time on translation, he is now part of the New Games Journalism movement, which places the player at the heart of the video game experience. He produces the After Hate and Super Ciné Battle podcasts. He also trades memories



with his friends in Gaijin Dash, the Gamekult show on Japanese video games. He is a fan of far too many things to list them all here. But when he is not writing, not watching a movie, not reading comics and graphic novels, not climbing mountains or exploring ruined buildings, he might be cooking, exercising or dreaming of one day owning a dog. An unflinching look at the aspiring city-builders of our smart, mobile, connected future. From Beijing to Boston, cities are deploying smart technology—sensors embedded in streets and subways, Wi-Fi broadcast airports and green spaces—to address the basic challenges faced by massive, interconnected metropolitan centers. In *Smart Cities*, Anthony M. Townsend documents this emerging futuristic landscape while considering the motivations, aspirations, and shortcomings of the key actors—entrepreneurs, mayors, philanthropists, and software developers—at work in shaping the new urban frontier. The founder and CEO of Askinosie Chocolate, an award-winning craft chocolate factory, shows readers how he discovered the secret to purposeful work and business - and how we can too, no matter what work we do. Askinosie Chocolate is a small-batch, award winning chocolate company widely considered to be a vanguard in the industry. Known for sourcing 100% of his cocoa beans directly from farmers across the globe, Shawn Askinosie has pioneered direct trade and profit sharing in the craft chocolate industry with farmers in Tanzania, Ecuador, and the Philippines. In addition to developing relationships with smallholder farmers, the company also partners with schools in their origin

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1. Research subject and objectives This study focuses on an economic institution, the large industrial holding company, which continues to hold a prominent if not a strategic position in

the resource allocation process in many industrialised market economies. Powerful multicompany combines like the famous Japanese zaibatsu and the less familiar but equally powerful European industrial groups rely on the institution of the holding company to tie their intermarket control network together. Two general questions arise from this situation: first, what factors account for the viability and growth within a market setting of those institutions which internalise allocation decisions and, second, what effect do such institutions have on resource allocation? These questions provide the framework in which the proper research subject can be most adequately introduced. Before doing so, it is crucial to point out that the holding company institution, as analyzed in subsequent chapters, should not be confounded with the legal constructs, bearing the same generic name and flourishing in fiscal paradises, whose sole function is to organise tax evasion across national boundaries. The institution, as studied here, is the large holding company through which industrial groups manage multicompany systems. Such multicompany systems, operating an intermarket network by means of holding companies, continue to be more typical for Europe and Japan than for the United States where, for legal reasons, but also because of managerial efficiency, the multicompany system built around the holding company institution was rather short-lived and the giant integrated multiunit enterprise rose to dominance instead. Ageless Questis a personal, sometimes controversial, account of the pursuit of a genetic 'cure' for aging by an expert in the

field. The author is the Novartis Professor of Biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Aging has always been regarded as a highly complex process with many degenerative changes leading to the cessation of life. But recent research has identified a relatively simple mechanism that governs the pace of aging. Lenny Guarente's *Ageless Quest* is a scientific detective story for the baby boom generation. It offers an insider's view of an area of potentially astonishing high reward and equally high risk. "Astonishing . . . Moving . . . One of the best books ever written about a sport." \*Walter Clemons Newsweek "A PENETRATING, FASCINATING AND REMARKABLY SUSPENSEFUL NARRATIVE." \*David Guy Chicago Tribune In *The Amateurs*, David Halberstam once again displays the unique brand of reportage, both penetrating and supple, that distinguished his bestselling *The Best and the Brightest* and *October 1964*. This time he has taken for his subject the dramatic and special world of amateur rowing. While other athletes are earning fortunes in salaries and-or endorsements, the oarsmen gain fame only with each other and strive without any hope of financial reward. What drives these men to endure a physical pain known to no other sport? Who are they? Where do they come from? How do they regard themselves and their competitors? What have they sacrificed, and what inner demons have they appeased? In answering these questions, David Halberstam takes as his focus the 1984 single sculls trials in Princeton. The man who wins will gain the right to represent the United States in the 84 Olympiad;

the losers will then have to struggle further to gain a place in the two- or four-man boats. And even if they succeed, they will have to live with the bitter knowledge that they were not the best, only close to it. Informative and compelling, *The Amateurs* combines the vividness of superb sportswriting with the narrative skills of a Pulitzer Prize-winning correspondent. "RIVETING." \*Christopher Lehmann-Haupt *The New York Times* "[A] MASTERFUL JOB . . . Maintains the suspense to the very last stroke . . . Halberstam makes us care about the four men, their disappointments and the brutal testing of their friendships." \*Dan Levin *Sports Illustrated* Twelve Step Programs are significant features in the American landscape. Their popularity compels us to take them seriously. This book studies one such program, Al-Anon, which was founded in 1951 by wives of alcoholics who were struggling with the effects of alcoholism on themselves and their families. In the 1990s its scope was broadened to include husbands, grown children, lovers, friends, and anyone else affected by another's drinking or chemical use. This study used an ethnographic approach: it reveals that Al-Anon and similar groups act as sites of spiritual renewal and moral reconstruction for primarily white, middle-class, middle-aged, Protestant Americans who report experiencing a crisis of identity. *Investigating Twelve Step Programs* lends further insight into the cultural crisis affecting many Americans as well as the strategies some have found to make sense of their lives.

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