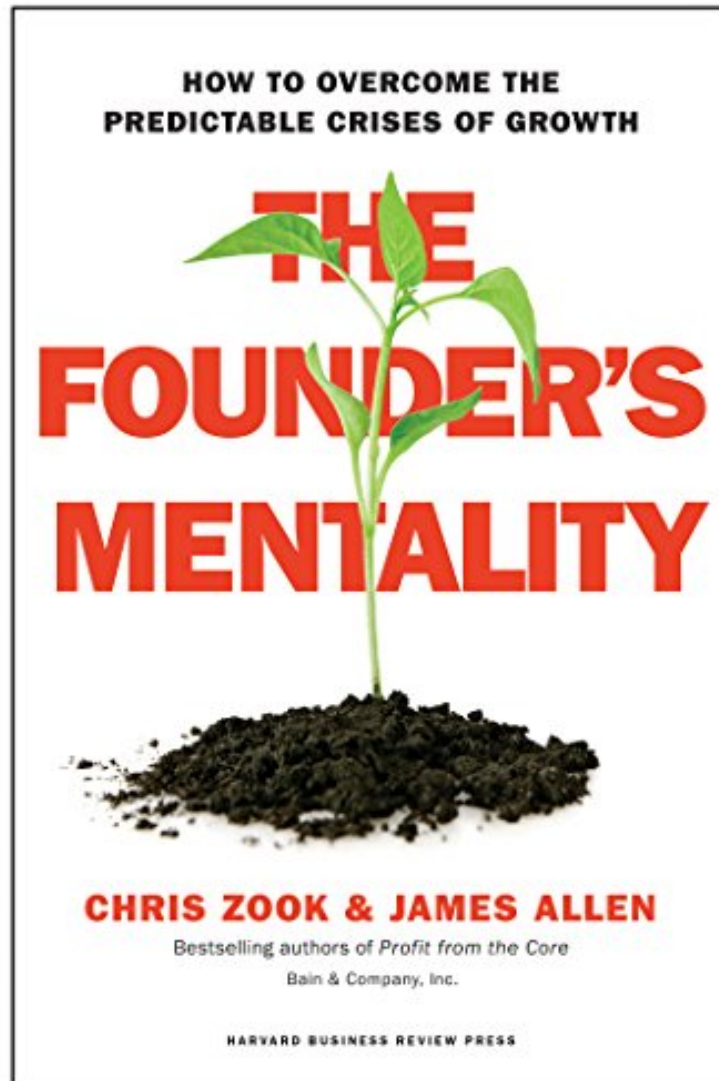


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These are some of the insights gleaned from The Founders's Mentality.rdquo; USA TodaySummer is here, and everyone needs a business book or two to read. Irsquo;m recommending The Founders's Mentality: How to Overcome the Predictable Crises of Growth by two very senior partners and strategy practice heads at Bain CompanyChris Zook and James Allen. Forbes.comExcellent Zook and Allens's book focuses on how to manage the following dilemma: How can we manage growth without destroying what made us great? The Founders's Mentality causes us to appreciate the brilliance of an IKEA and to take practical steps to keep the Founders's Mentality at the forefront of the way we define strategy, the way we hire front line people, and the way we design compensation systems.rdquo; Psychology TodayChris Zook and James Allen are known for their books on strategy Their new book [The Founders's Mentality] is a departure in the sense that they turn their attention, for the first time, from external strategy to internal, but it continues their now fifteen-year bent of focusing on companies's roots in the process of helping them in periods of growth. In that sense, Zook and Allen are staying true to their own coretheir core research on how companies grow, which is immense and impressive, and their core purpose of helping leaders through that process. 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Remembering how we became successful in the first place has helped us act boldly and quickly with an insurgent mindset. This book offers great insights for business owners and leaders.rdquo;Michael Dell, founder and CEO, Dell Inc.As a founder I resonate strongly with the themes

of *The Founders' Mentality*, especially with regard to the overwhelming importance of speed, singular focus, and the ability to invest for the long term. Adrian Gore, founder and CEO, Discovery Group and Zook and Allen share invaluable insight as to how to preserve a company's founding purpose, perspective, and energy, while preventing institutionalization from diluting it. Their work has been instrumental in the way my leadership team and I think about our culture, our structure, and our business model. Linda Rottenberg, cofounder and CEO, Endeavor Global. In this heavily researched and compelling book, Zook and Allen provide a road map for winning growth. Companies that build and maintain healthy cultures scale with speed and sidestep avoidable stall-out. Whether you are a start-up entrepreneur, an investor, or a Fortune 500 manager, you need *The Founders' Mentality*. Les Wexner, founder and CEO, L Brands. As companies grow, scale and complexity can become a real threat to momentum. Zook and Allen's *The Founders' Mentality* offers useful insights to help leaders maintain agility in order to sustain their success.