

## Chapter 1 : The Designful Company – The Designer's Review of Books

*The Designful Company presents a concept, not a reality, that I have been postulating for all of my 30+ years in Graphic Design & Marketing, that Great Design is INTRICATE and ESSENTIAL to successful business.*

And sure enough, I did feel that way for the most part. And not to be self-aggrandizing either, but this was a case of preaching to the converted for me and not going nearly far enough. The premise here is that corporations must embrace design thinking or perish in our new economic and cultural conditions. I hate to say it but, no shit. The first half of the book interested me far more than the latter half. The prose is slightly clever and extremely concise, and peppered with quotes from expert thinkers that do well in broadening and glossing the ideas presented. I have no doubt that he is a smart, insightful and engaging man. I just want him to take it further! The second half – or should I say third third – of the book enumerates 16 "levers" to facilitate change in organizations towards cultures of innovation and design thinking. For a leader working in an environment like that, brilliant! They should read this book, they should underline tips on every page, internalize, embrace, implement. But again, for me, preaching to the converted. In the few places where Neumeier gets into "this is how we do it at my firm" I was extremely interested and anxious for more – but that may be the nature of my work and my quasi-voyeuristic curiosity about how other people do the same things I do – and what I can learn from them. He talks up collaboration as the proper means to "designful" ends – but then he limits it a bit with "take this in-house", "outsource that". Stuck in the structures of traditional companies and business models. What if you're a consortium, a collaborative consumption company, involved in the connected world – actually in touch with your customers? Neumeier writes from the position of somebody: The most important claim in this book for me was a clear confidence that design management is never to be outsourced. But at the same time many of the design skills should always be outsourced. For me, very useful point. The second important thing for me was that companies that are growing or if they want to grow, would need a Chief Design Officer or Chief Brand Off Mr. Now they have a company-trained designers that are helping to launch products per year. In Slovenia some academics have proposed that a former textile giant Mura should have around designer but I doubt that the managers were listening. In four stages it goes from seed money to develop concept to small bet to develop strategy to medium bet to model and test, and to large bet to launch in market. How do you get a bunch of independent minded professionals to play nice together? By establishing sensible rules of engagement. Easy to say, harder to put in real life in my opinion. If you want to be visionary leaders they need to become managers of stories. The scheme goes into six categories. And then there is another fascinating scheme. And three things for the end to remember: Thinking with logic and inspiration. Design thinkers tend to be: This is why future should be designed, not decided. Because difference and design bring together the delight. Yes, I toast to that. Is there something funny about this book? If we want to describe the creative process this is something deeper as wedding is describing sex. For his wedding, I preordered him the latest Neumeier tome and he was nice enough to lend it to me before he had the chance to read it. The focus of this particular book is how virtually everything in business can be designed, and designed more effectively. The main thesis is that design drives innovation which powers brands which then creates loyalty and raises profits. However in general I felt like the book was more tailored towards business owners, managers, and decision makers, rather than lowly creative folk like myself. Additionally, I got a bit tired of the Apple worship. It may not be quite as focused or hardhitting as his previous works, but Neumeier still manages to keep me interested in seeing what he comes out with next. A good, but not exceptional, book perfect for business managers and branding experts looking for to change the way they do things. Book 5 in

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