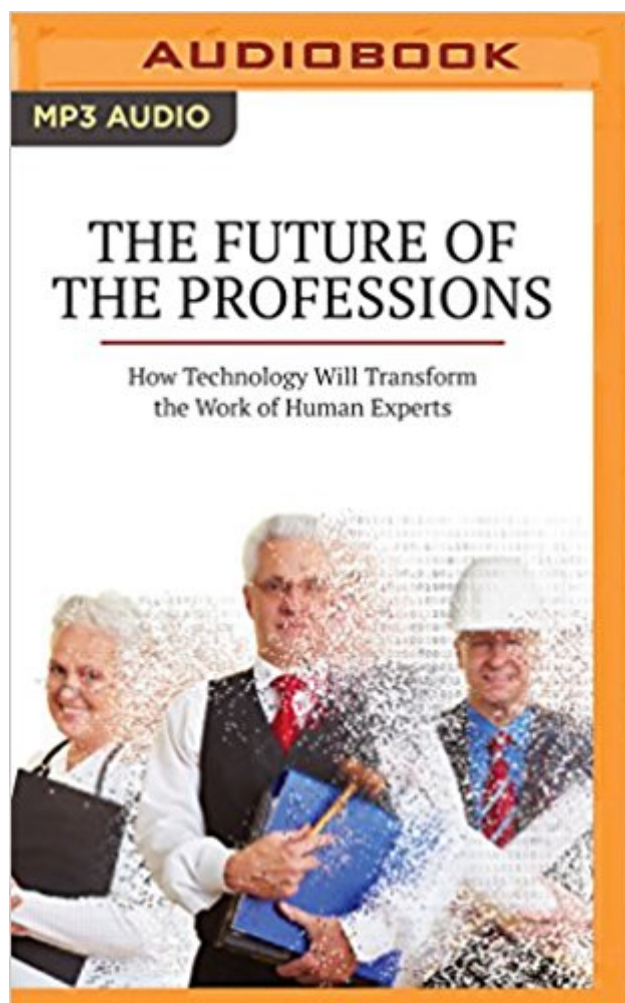The book was found

The Future Of The Professions: How Technology Will Transform The Work Of Human Experts

Synopsis

This book predicts the decline of today's professions and describes the people and systems that will replace them. In an Internet society, according to Richard Susskind and Daniel Susskind, we will neither need nor want doctors, teachers, accountants, architects, the clergy, consultants, lawyers, and many others, to work as they did in the 20th century.The Future of the Professions explains how "increasingly capable systems"â ”from telepresence to artificial intelligenceâ ”will bring fundamental change in the way that the "practical expertise" of specialists is made available in society.The authors challenge the "grand bargain"â ”the arrangement that grants various monopolies to today's professionals. They argue that our current professions are antiquated, opaque and no longer affordable, and that the expertise of their best is enjoyed only by a few. In their place, they propose six new models for producing and distributing expertise in society.The book raises important practical and moral questions. In an era when machines can out-perform human beings at most tasks, what are the prospects for employment, who should own and control online expertise, and what tasks should be reserved exclusively for people?Based on the authors' in-depth research of more than ten professions, and illustrated by numerous examples from each, this is the first book to assess and question the relevance of the professions in the 21st century.

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John Lee has spent 30 years guiding lives and relationships through addiction, recovery, emotional ruin, rage, grief, and desperation, and into new strength, hope, functionality and fulfillment. He wrote the bestseller The Flying Boy, as well as twenty other books, and he has been featured on Oprah, 20/20, Barbara Walter's The View, CNN, PBS, and NPR. He has been interviewed by Newsweek, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, and dozens of other national magazines and radio talk shows. John earned his master's degree at the University of Alabama, where he taught English and American Studies. At the University of Texas, he worked on his doctorate and taught Religious Studies and Humanities at Austin Community College. He is founder and former director of the Austin Men's Center where he ran men's groups and sessions for individuals and couples. Along with poet Robert Bly and others, John became a recognized leader in the Men's Movement and an early pioneer in the field of recovery and addictionsâ •he has keynoted hundreds of clinical conferences around the world. He lives in Austin, Texas.

No one would describe The Future of the Professions as a "light and frothy read." I am a great fan of author Richard Susskind's previous books and his evolving thoughts about the future of the legal profession - and, in this book, all professions. His son Daniel, who is a lecturer in economics at Oxford University, adds another illuminating perspective.It is best read (I think) in 30-45 minute segments with pauses to digest what you've read and to reflect upon your own thinking.The primary criticism of this book (and its predecessors) is that it represents "doom and gloom." In some respects, that is true. The authors do indeed believe that a radical shift is coming and that the unprepared may not fare well if they don't change how they think.The book suggests that we need to "race with the machines" rather than fight against them (surely a losing battle). As the book notes, machines are becoming increasingly capable. There is an extensive discussion (fascinating) of the second generation of artificial intelligence (AI) which examines the ongoing development of IBM's Watson and its deployment in a host of professions.Is it a certain amount of work to read this book, which tackles a complex subject in great depth? Assuredly. But well worth the effort. The authors take great pain to leaven their research with colorful quotes and statistics from others and to translate the complex subjects into more digestible and sometimes humorous tidbits.Any professional who is worried about the future would be well-advised to read this book thoughtfully.

This book should be read by every marketing person for professional organizations, the world is changing as technology takes us to new places in commerce. The technology will continue to improve and expand, it will be important for professional organizations to recognize the impact on their professions, or be left with empty offices waiting for clients that never arrive.

As an older professional I found this book thrilling and compelling. Perhaps a bit scary at times but overall very stimulating and thought provoking. I recommend it to all professionals and suggest they read with an open mind. Think more about the possibilities that innovation will bring and less being at the end of an age.My only beef with this book is the length. I think the overall argument could just as well been made with about 100 fewer pages.

This book will guide you through thought experiments about the very real possibilities for the professions in the future. No matter the inevitable outcome, the future of the professions will and must change. Most interesting to me is the very real possibility of a Star Trek-esque dismissal of money and pay for work with an eye to self-actualization and doing good deeds and works because

it is the right and noble path. The authors compel you to consider fascinating and thought-provoking potential futures.

Like Nick Bostrom's "Superintelligence" or Ray Kurzweil "The singularity is near", Richard and Daniel Susskind "The future of the professions" is a futuristic approach for mankind and probably the most important lawbook for lawyers on 2016.As a matter of fact, "The future of the professions" is not aggressive for saying the truth, because the truth will always be the truth (and furthermore, people will be dissapointed for know the truth). After reading the first 23 pages, I found a core thesis of the proposition "when does this future might happen", additionaly to the significant thesis statement of "artificial intelligence need". But to be honest with Richard and Daniel Susskind, and especially with people that may be interested in buy this book, THIS IS HAPPENING.I highly recommend you to buy this book, but most importantly I make an open invitation for debate some ideas through this Grand Bargain that I will call "Great Transformation".Tony Remes.Attorney at Law/ Mexico

Excellent book, helped me a lot to understand how technology is shaping the professions and the job market for experts. I especially liked the the healthcare examples. As a university professor, I see how my profession is changing, this book made me consider some potential development scenarios

Good as far as information, but repeats too much. It could have been written in half the pages.It felt like if he was stretching his article: Tomorrows Lawyers.Nevertheless I extracted some interesting concepts.

Educators should read this before designing any courses or programs for the trades. Susskind provides a sobering forecast of the future, based on a solid assessment of the present and past.

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