



# The Death of Data

AI, Obsolescence, and Your Digital Afterlife

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**“There are 2 kinds of  
computer users in the  
world—**

**Those who have lost data...**

**And those who will.”**



Your device ran into a problem and needs to restart.  
We're just collecting some error info, and then we'll  
restart for you.

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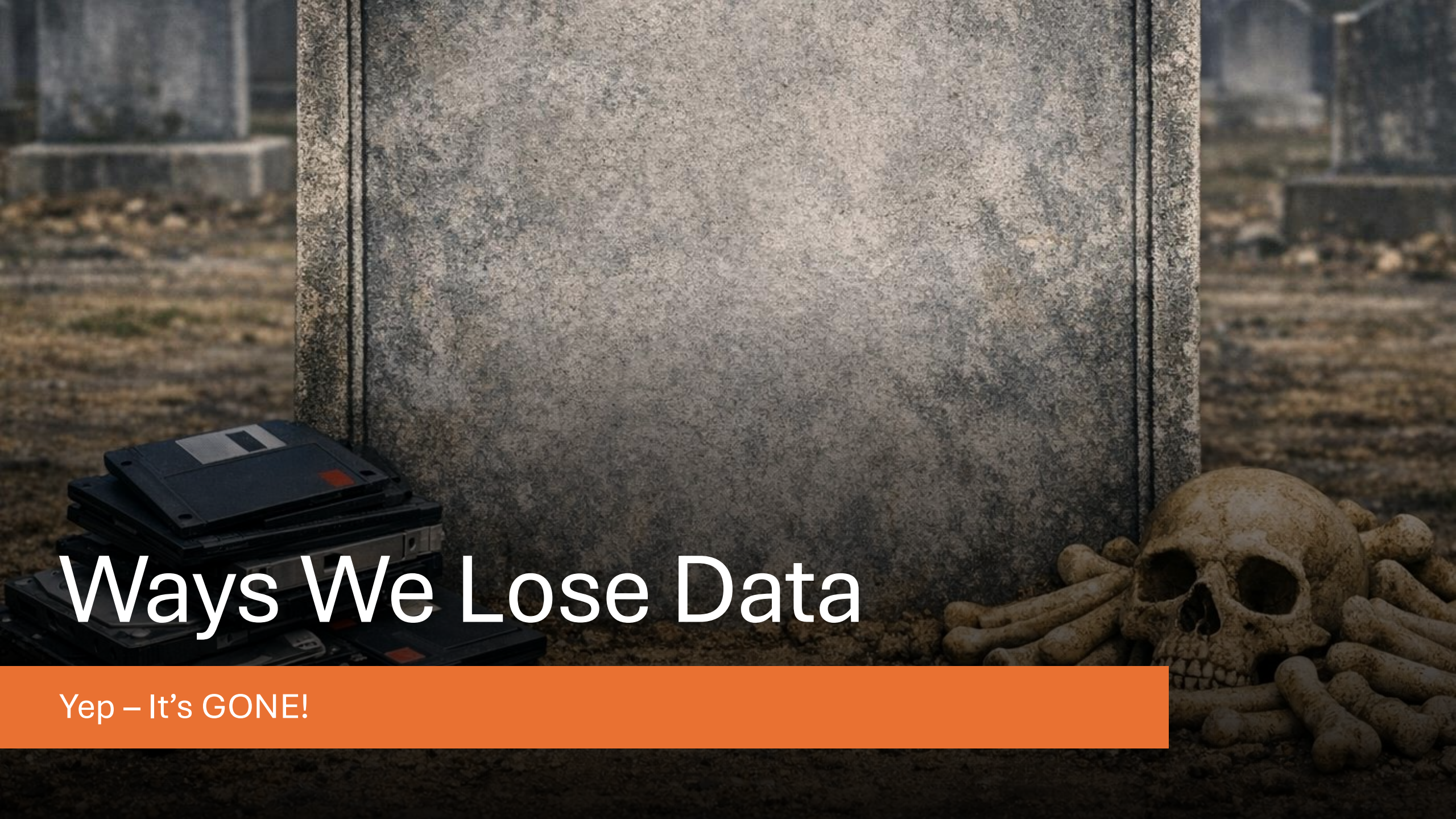


For more information about this issue and possible fixes, visit

<https://www.windows.com/stopcode>

If you call a support person, give them this info:

Stop code: `MULTIPLE_IRP_COMPLETE_REQUESTS`



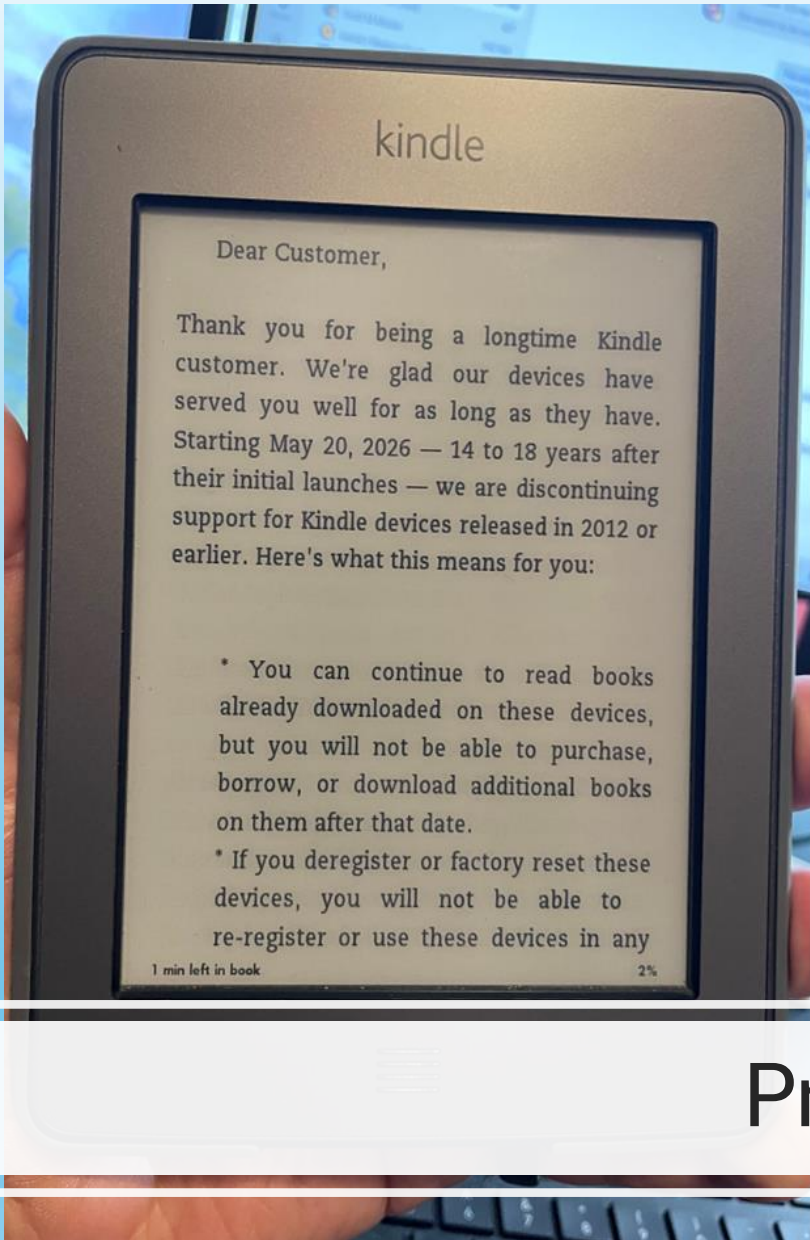
# Ways We Lose Data

Yep – It's GONE!

# Here Lies DATA:

- 5.25" Floppy
- 3.5" Floppy
- ZIP Drive
- IDE / SATA
- SD, SSD

Obsolete & Corrupt Media



## Product Discontinuation

kindle

Kindle Notice - Devices no longer supported



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Thank you for being a longtime Kindle customer. We're glad our devices have served you well for as long as they have. Starting May 20, 2026 — 14 to 18 years after their initial launches — we are discontinuing support for Kindle devices released in 2012 or earlier. Here's what this means for you:

\* You can continue to read books already downloaded on these devices, but you will not be able to purchase, borrow, or download additional books on them after that date.

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**Account Closure!**

A man with a mustache and glasses, wearing a white t-shirt and a yellow safety harness, is smiling while using a red power drill on a grey fence. He is standing on a grassy area with a white picket fence in the background. The text "Disaster Strikes!" is overlaid on the image.

**Disaster Strikes!**

# The Impact of Lost Data

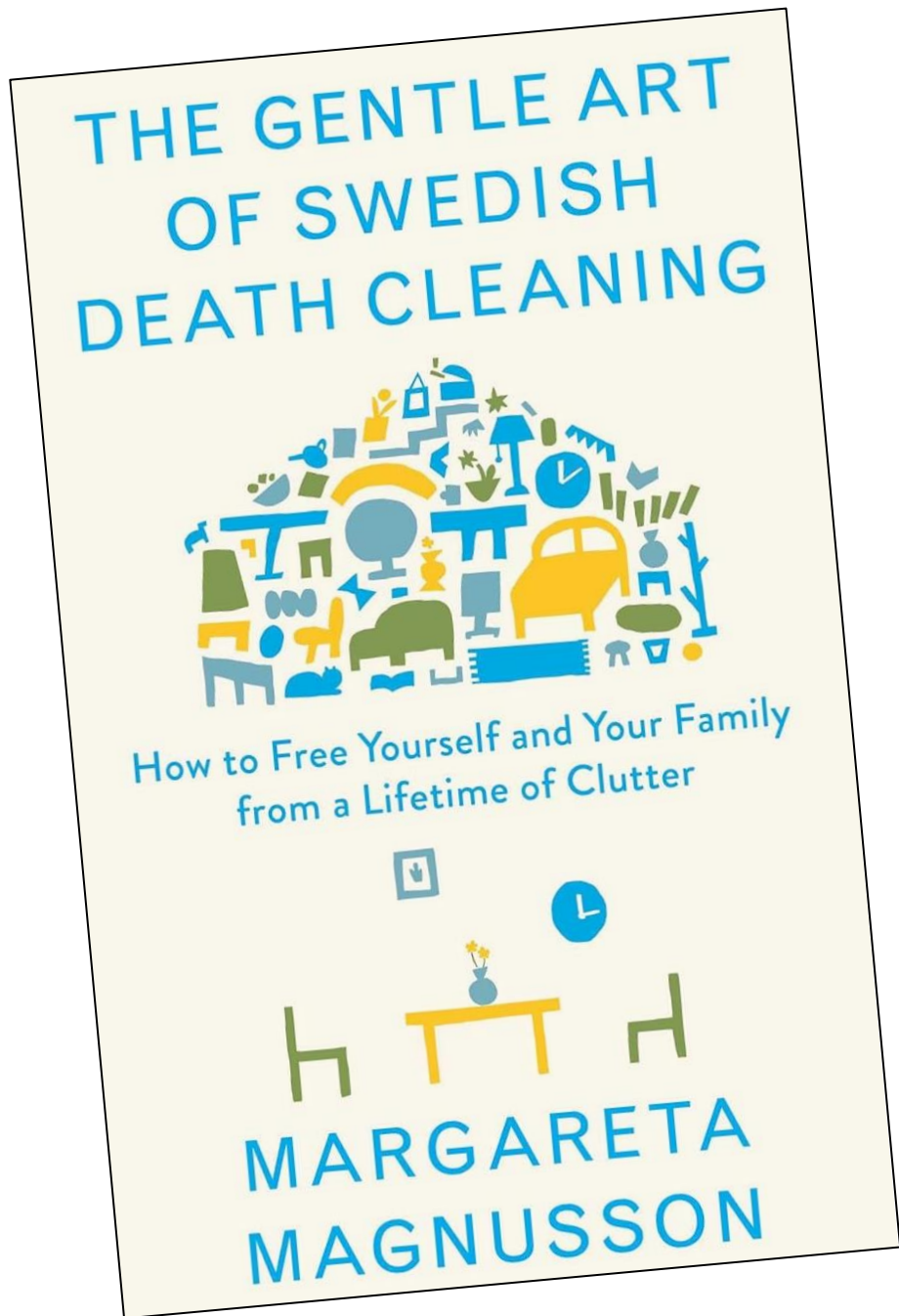
# What Dies With You?

- Automated bill payments
- App integrations
- Domain name ownership
- Biometric authentication!

# Swedish Death Cleaning

**“You may not have heard  
of Swedish Death  
Cleaning but trust me, it  
is a thing that exists.”**

**Chuck Huseman**

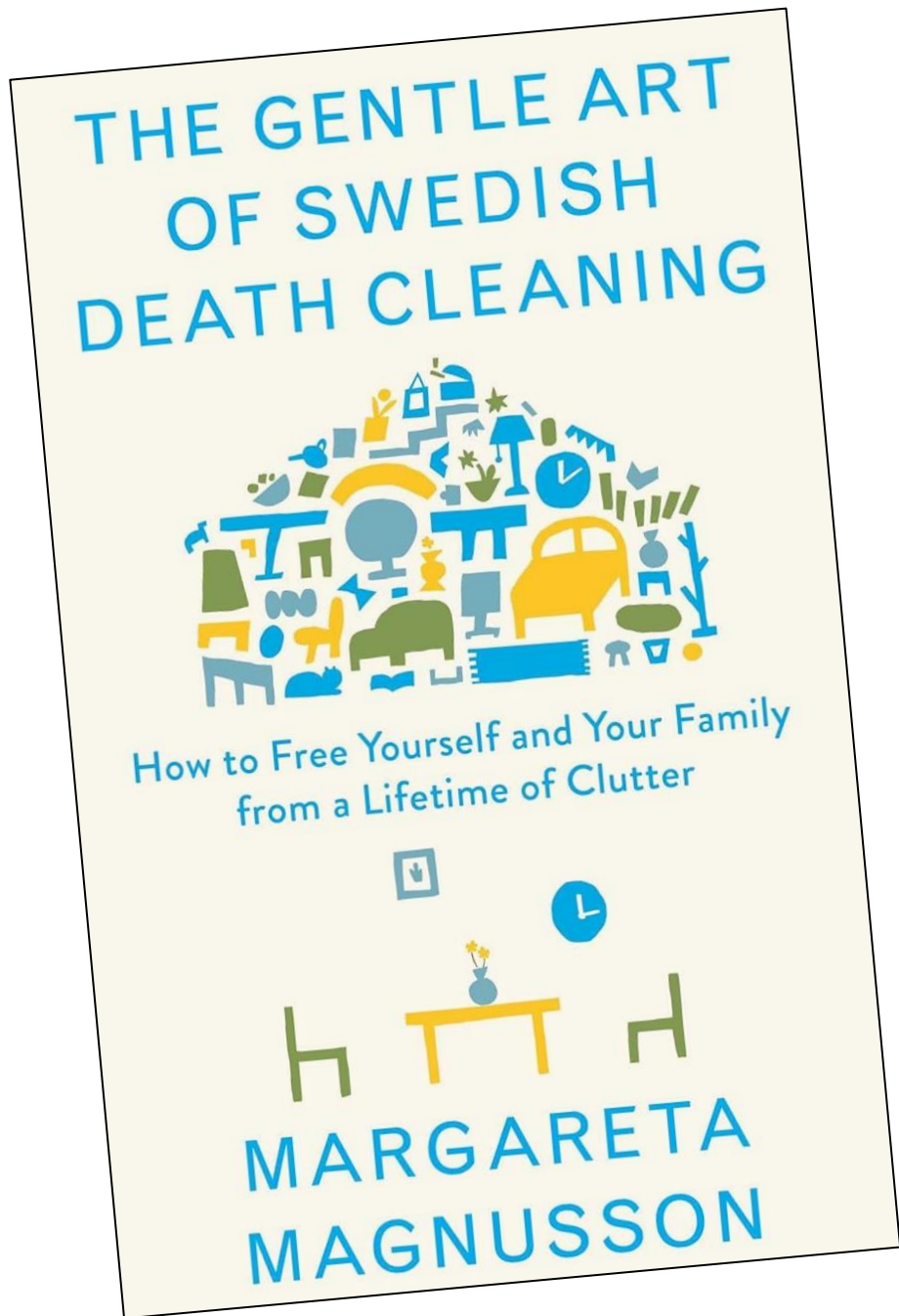


“döstädning”

dö = “death”

städning = “cleaning”





Bottom Line:

Don't burden your loved ones with decisions about "STUFF"

# THE GENTLE ART OF SWEDISH DEATH CLEANING



How to Free Yourself and Your Family  
from a Lifetime of Clutter

MARGARETA  
MAGNUSSON

**TIP:**

**Don't start with  
Photos and Memories**

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**TIP:**

Have a “Throw Away  
Upon Death” box

**What about Code?**

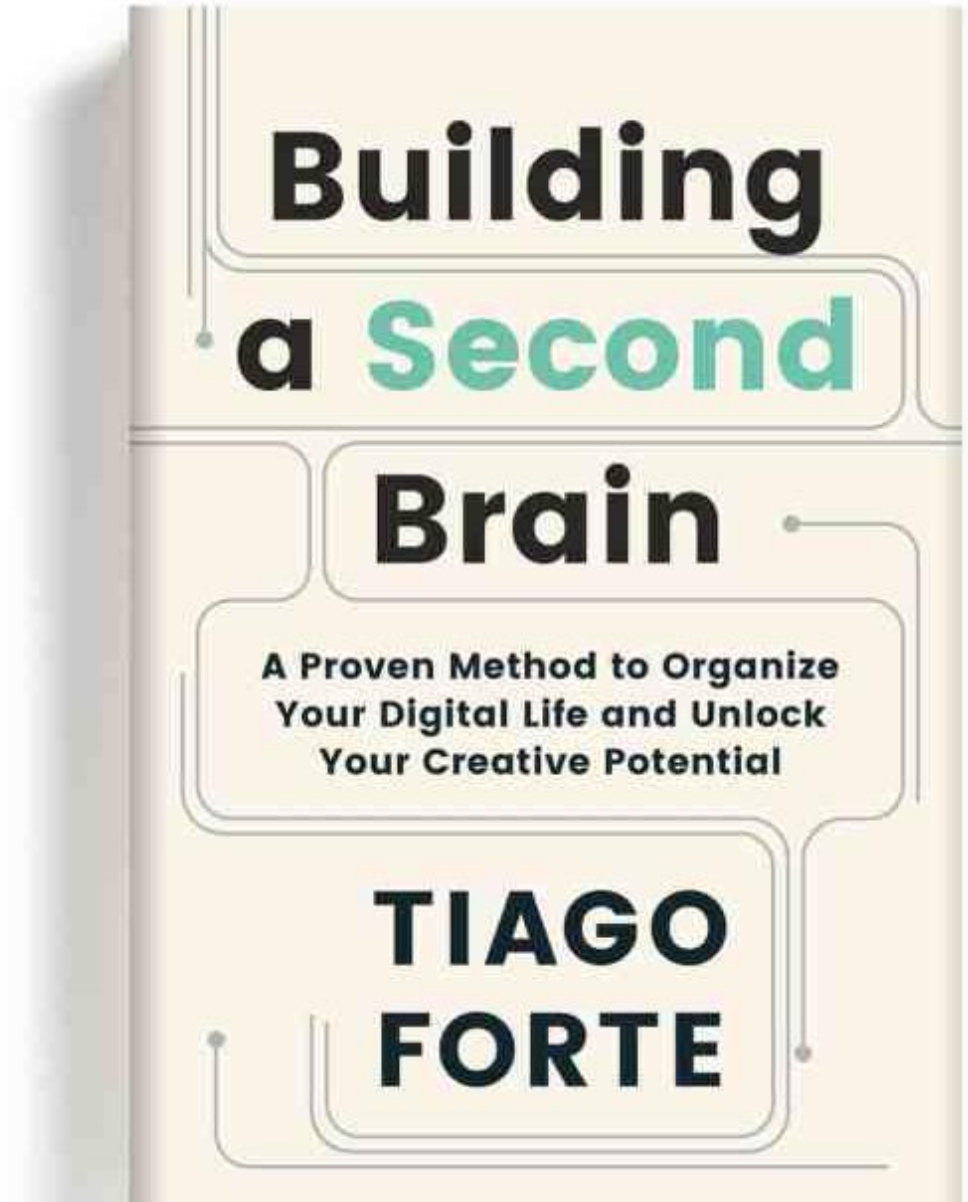
**Upon Death  
FORK MY  
REPOS**



**Here Lies CODY**  
**Final Push**  
**to Main**  
**May 1, 2026**



First Step: Get Organized??





**Overwhelmed? Too Much on Your Plate?**

...the only time we have available to maintain our systems is during the execution of our regular work. There's no time that's magically going to become available for you to stop everything and completely reorganize your digital world.

Building a Second Brain

Tiago Forte

**Build**

**a Second**

**Brain**

**A Proven Method  
Your Digital Life  
Your Creative**

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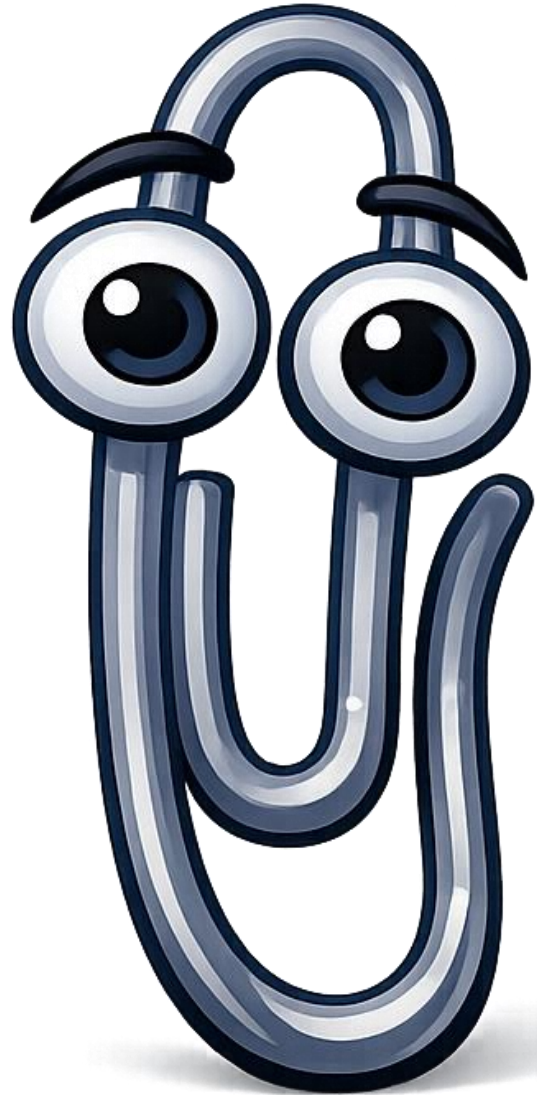
# The PARA Method

Simplify, Organize,  
and Master Your  
Digital Life

P -	PROJECTS
A -	AREAS
R -	RESOURCES
A -	ARCHIVES

# Lean In With AI

Using AI to Plan Ahead



IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE...  
**SWEDISH DEATH  
CLEANING**

The background of the top half of the image features two men's faces. On the left is a man with dark hair and light eyes, looking slightly to the right. On the right is a man with dark hair and a beard, looking directly at the camera. The background is a solid teal color.

# The Prompt That Changed Everything

Empower Labs – Master Prompt Method



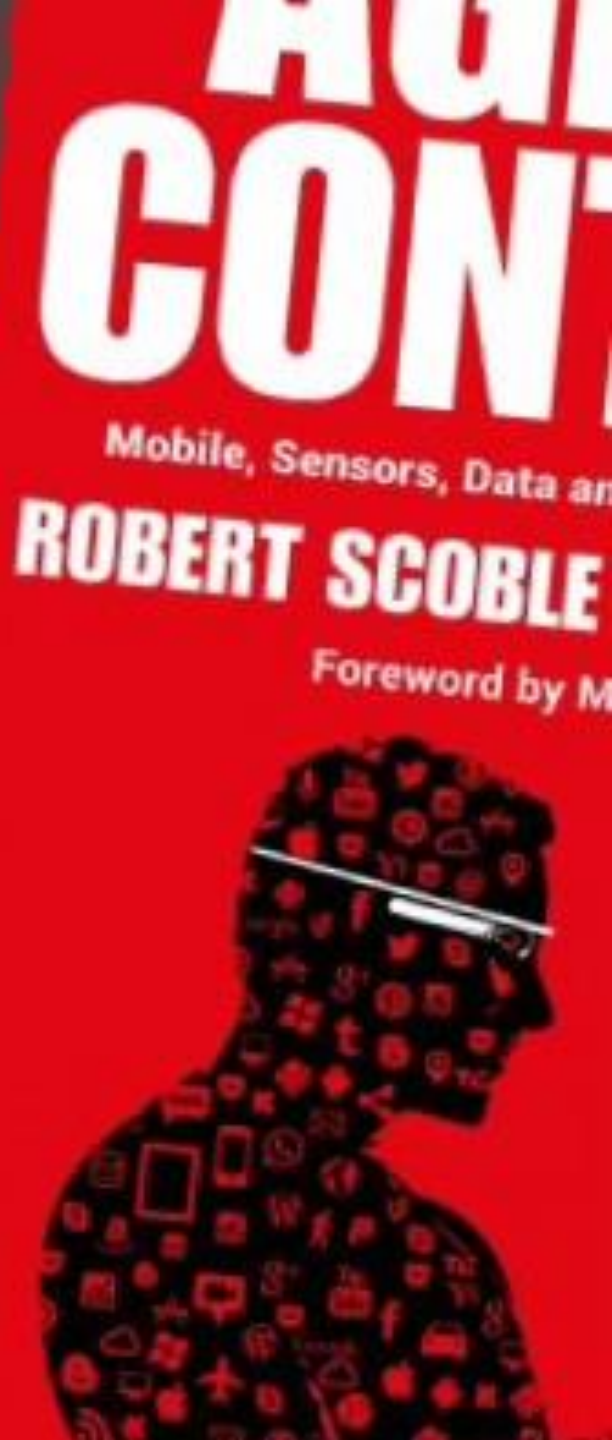
# What's in Your Master Prompt?

- Mission & Values
- Personality
- Strengths and Weaknesses
- Multiple documents – broken down into parts
- Varies by Context & Project

IBM estimates that 90 percent of the world's data was created in the last two years.

Age of Context

Robert Scoble and Shel Israel



# Shifts in Creativity

AI Changes What and How We Create



# Creativity Through Assembly



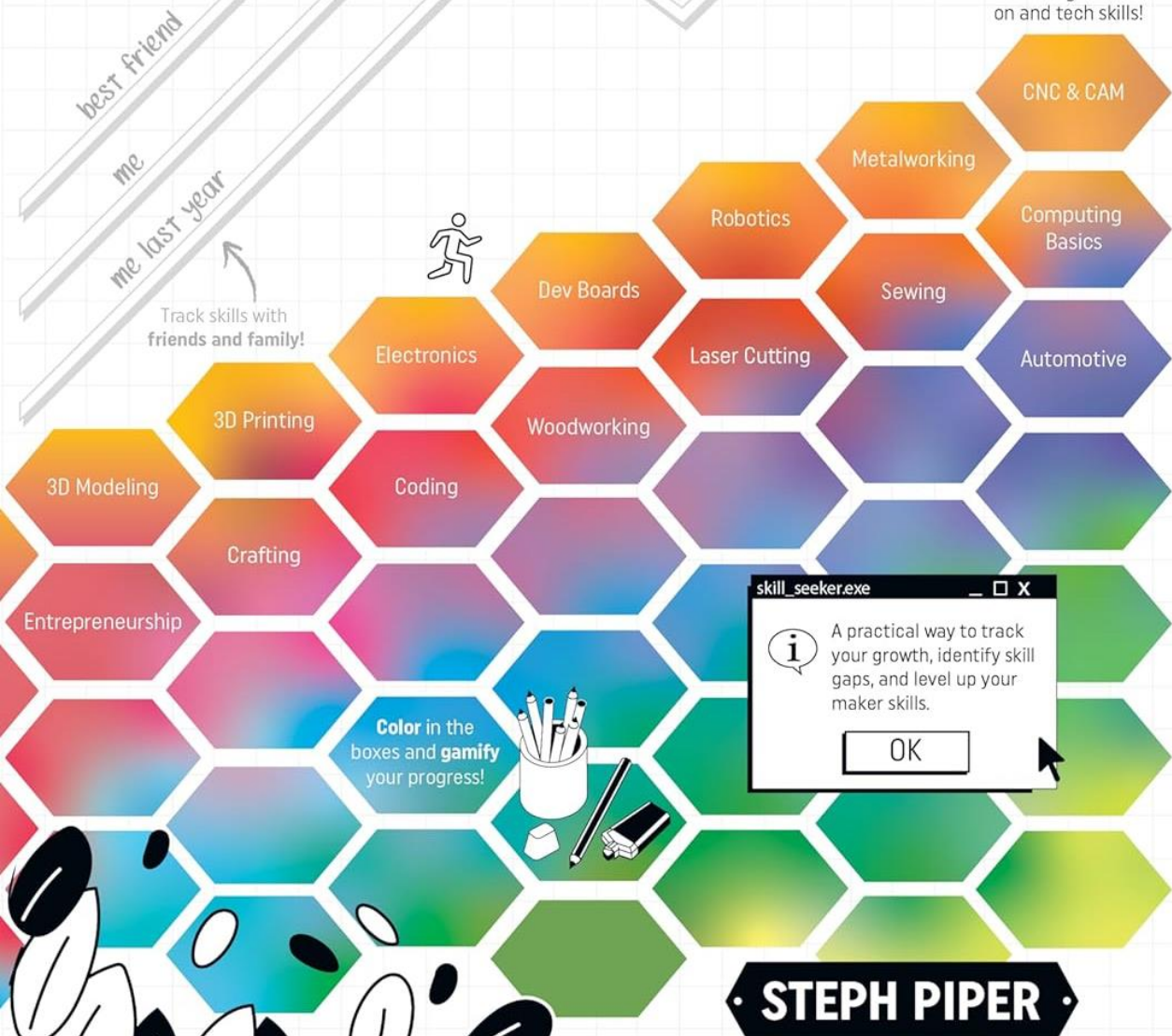
# **Creators and Ghost Writers (or Painters)**

**Don't Let AI Replace Your  
Voice**

# SKILL SEEKER

## MAKER EDITION

★ 15 SKILL AREAS, including hands-on and tech skills!



STEPH PIPER

# Don't Stop Making



Try different things

Learn from experts

Reflect and improve

Make new friends along the way

Track progress over time

# Level Up!

Find your skill gaps

Get something wrong and try again

Level up with friends



## CNC Woodworking

# Rethinking “Legacy Data”



Randy Pausch – The Last Lecture





Stories Across the Generations

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Corps®

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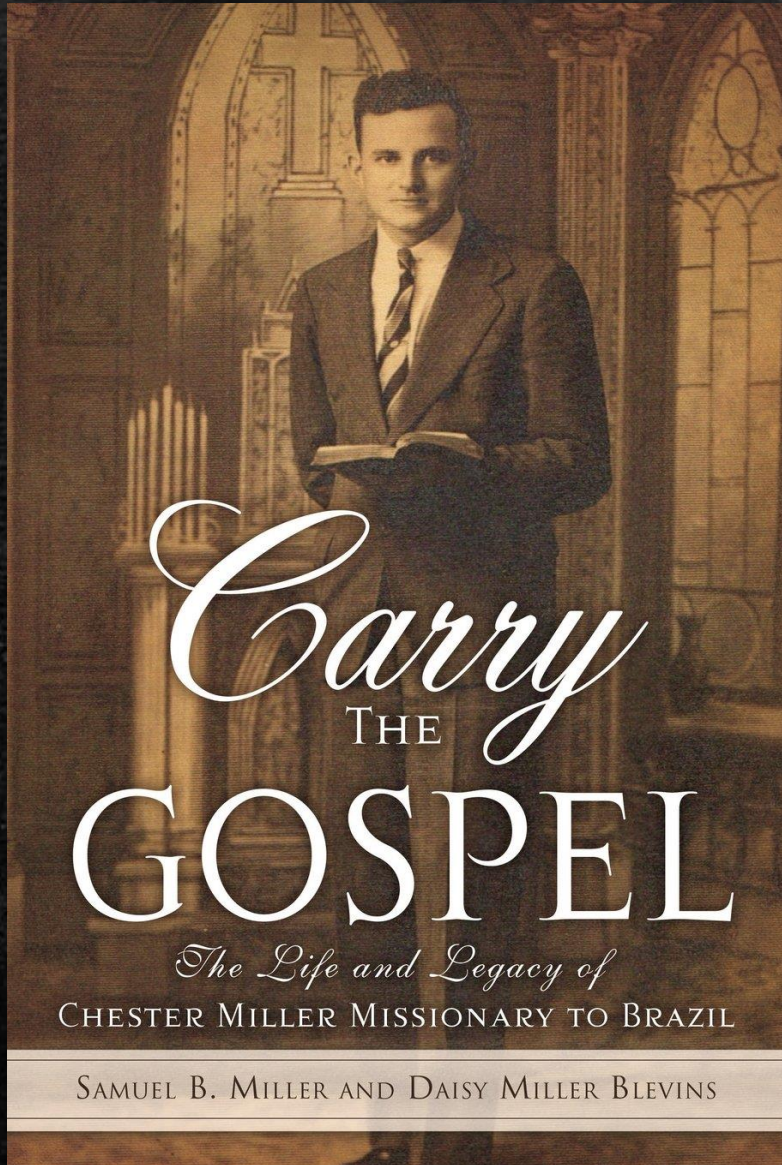
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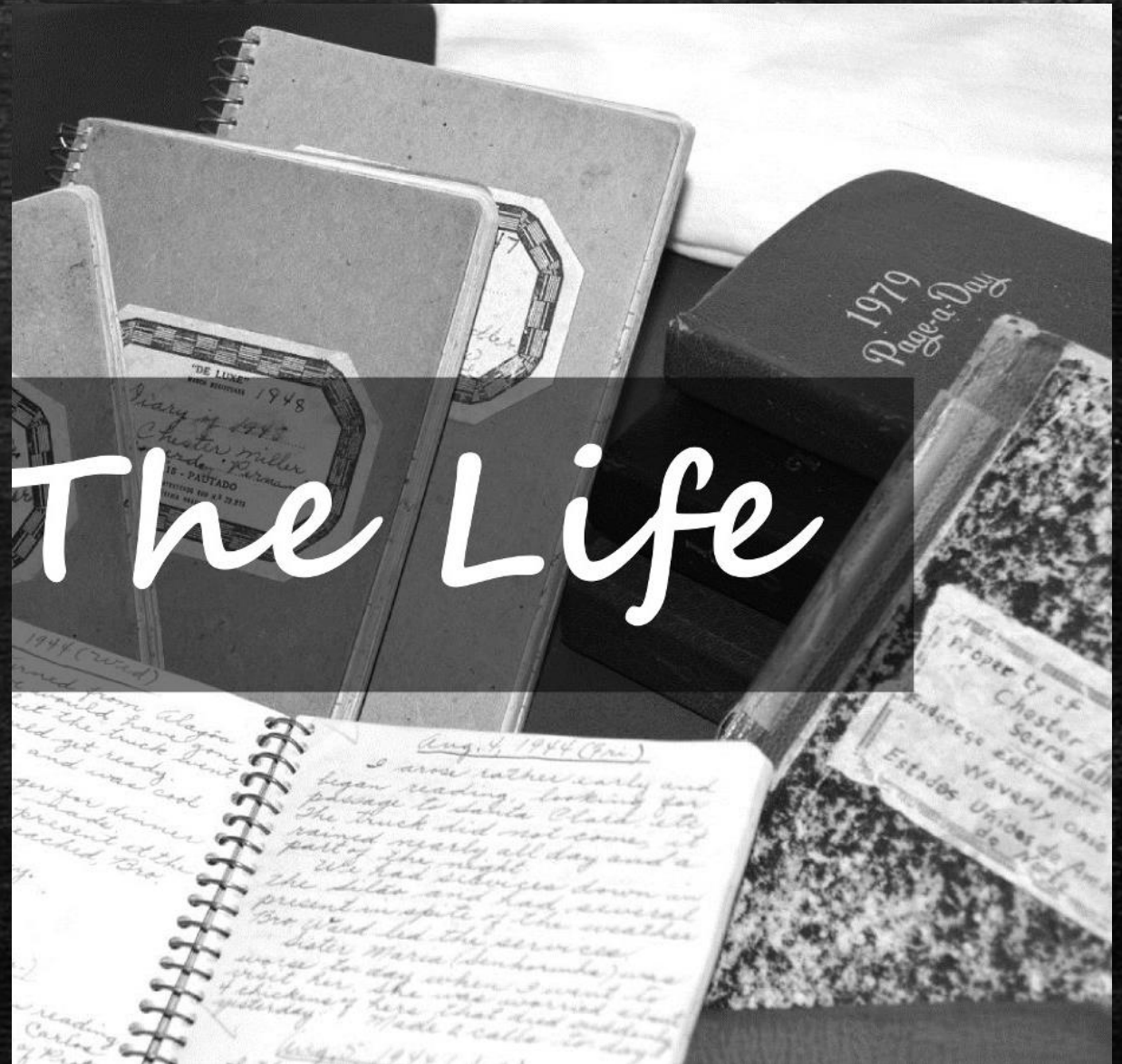




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THE  
GOSPEL

*The Life and Legacy of*  
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The Life



Skeeters





Augustine said that asking yourself the question of your own legacy — What do I wish to be remembered for? — is the beginning of adulthood.

Halftime

Bob P. Buford

UPDATED AND  
HA  
*Moving from Success*  
TIM  
BOB BU

"AN INVOCATION"

Imagine you could attend your own funeral and listen in to those conversations. What would those closest to you remember about your life? What stories would they tell one another? Would those stories make them laugh, cry, sigh, or all three?

Living Forward

Michael Hyatt, Daniel Harkavy



LIVING  
FORWARD

A PROVEN PLAN  
TO STOP DRIFTING *and*  
START LIVING THE  
LIFE YOU WANT

# MILLER

*It Is Well With My Soul*



*Karla Ann*

*Beloved Wife and Daughter*

*Sept. 15, 1965*

*Feb. 22, 2012*



*Jeffrey Allen*

*Beloved Husband and Son*

*Apr. 6, 1976*

*Aug. 2, 1997*



# MILLER

## *It Is Well With My Soul*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,  
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;  
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!  
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Our legacy comprises the spiritual, intellectual, relational, vocational, and social capital we pass on. It's the sum total of the beliefs you embrace, the values you live by, the love you express, and the service you render to others. It's the you-shaped stamp you leave when you go.

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LIVE THE LIFE YOU WANT

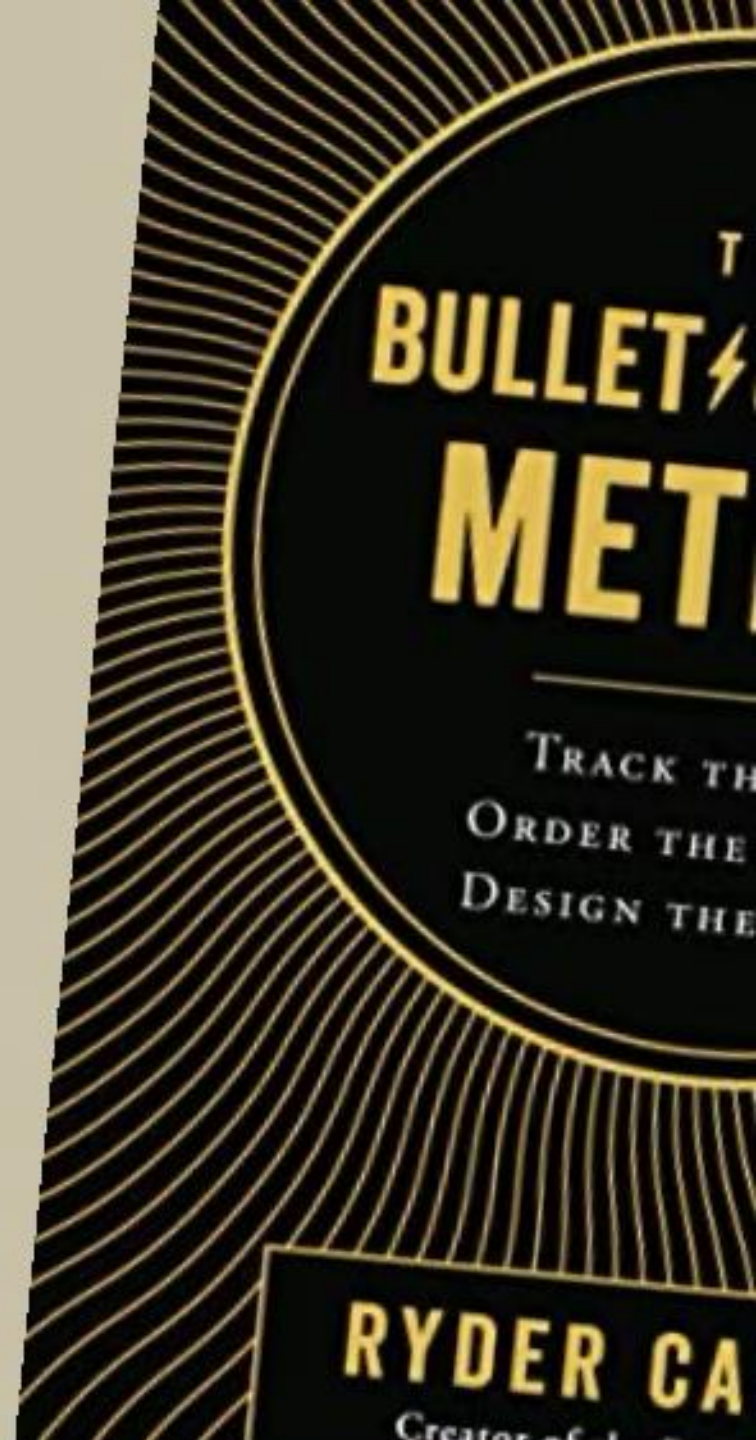
# The Value of Impermanence

Remembering – What's Important?

ask ourselves “what is vital” and “what matters” to help us filter out... .. Adding this lens of impermanence to your Reflection can provide clarity by reminding you of what’s at stake. We remember death so we don’t forget to make the most out of our time alive.

The Bullet Journal Method

Ryder Carroll



All external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure —these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important.

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DRIFTING *and*  
LIVE THE  
LIFE YOU WANT



Traces

IT WAS  
HERE





I WAS  
HERE

I WAS  
HERE

# Dignity Memorial



Jerry Watkins



John Wootton



Steven Swing



**Practical & Tactical**

**Be Platform-Agnostic**

**Got Backups?**

**Prompt:**

**“Create a Data Longevity  
Plan”**

**Decide What Matters  
RIGHT NOW**

# What Matters to Me

- Self-Discovery and Reflection
  - Key events
  - Important people
  - God's hand (more than “coincidences”)
- Medical History
  - Chronic Disease Progression
  - Mental Health
  - Personal Recovery Journey

J Miller

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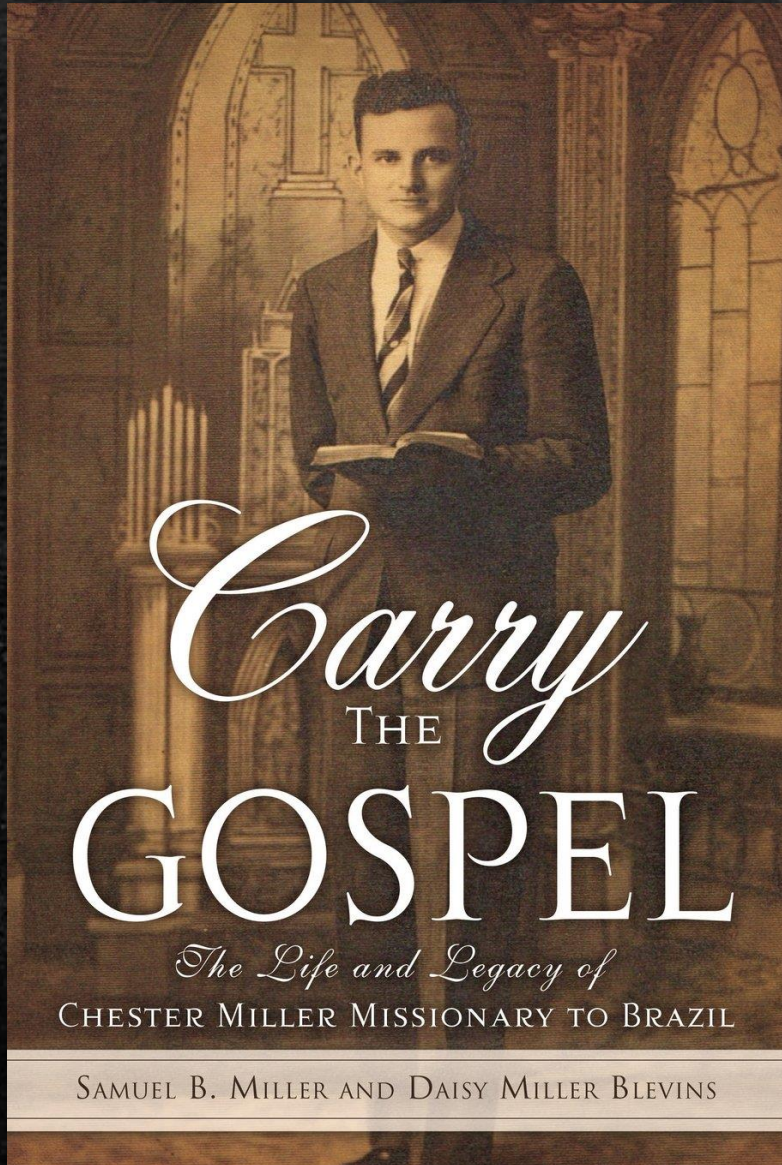
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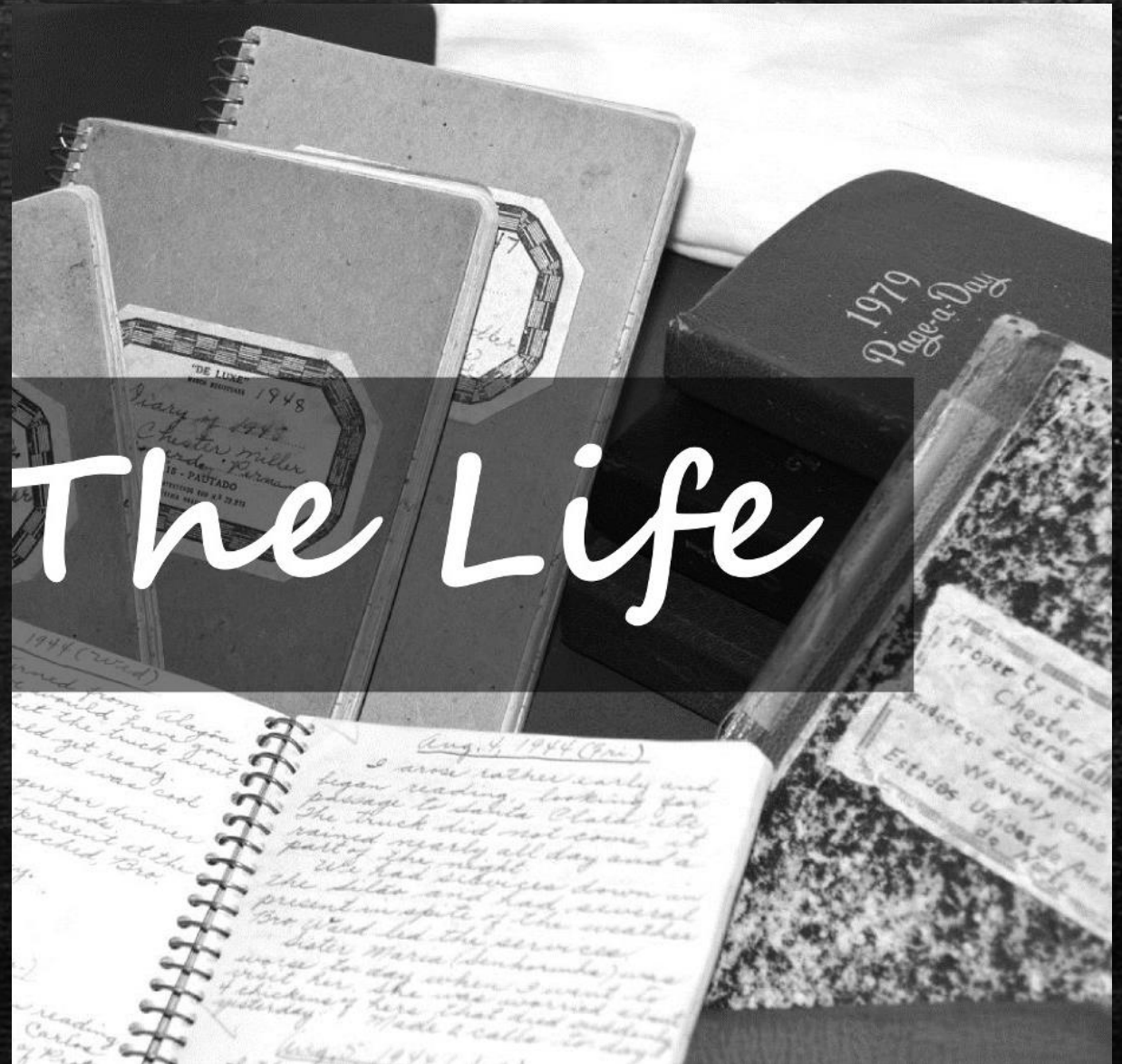
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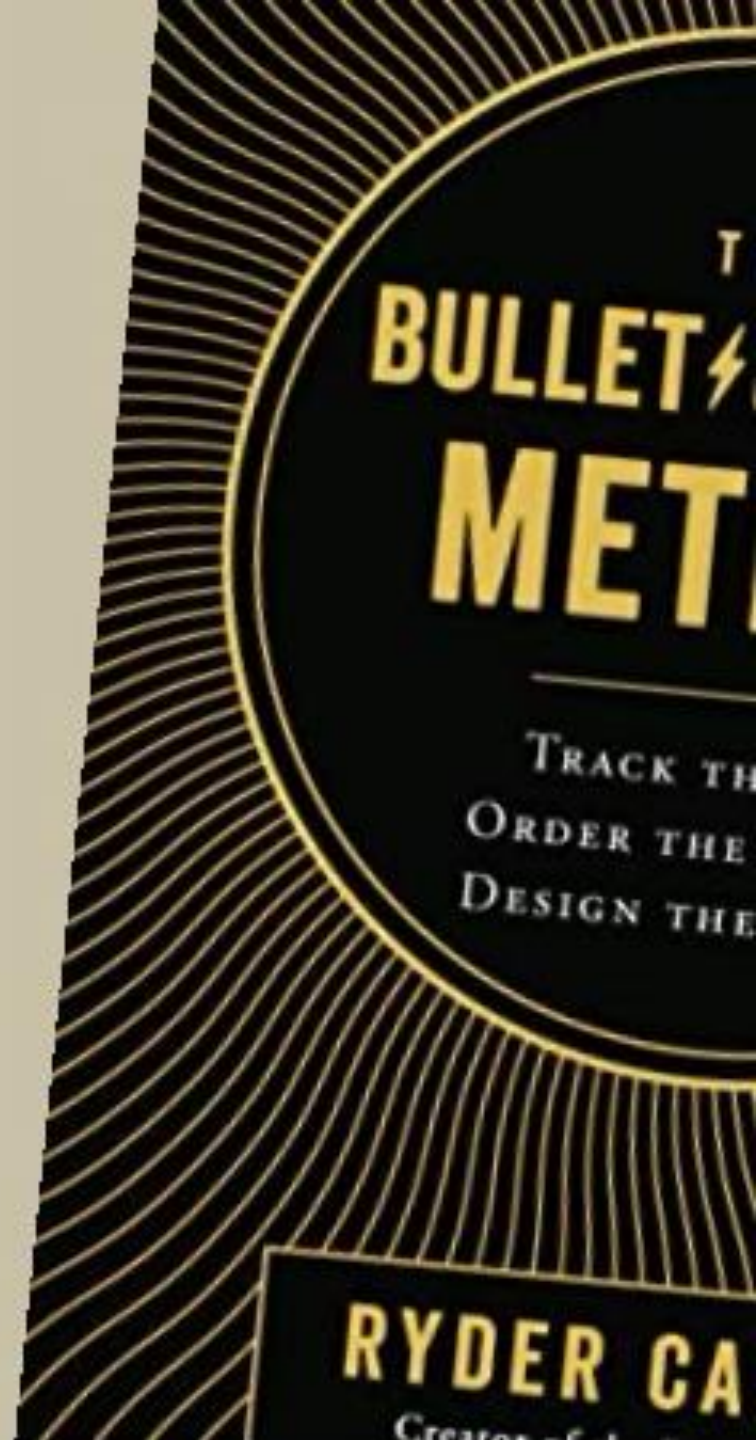
# The Life

**Alliance Not Allegiance**

All tools, whether digital or analog, are only as valuable as their ability to help you accomplish the task at hand.

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No matter how successful we are in life, when we die, none of us will be declared the winner of life. And there is certainly no such thing as winning business. All these things are journeys, not events.

The Infinite Game

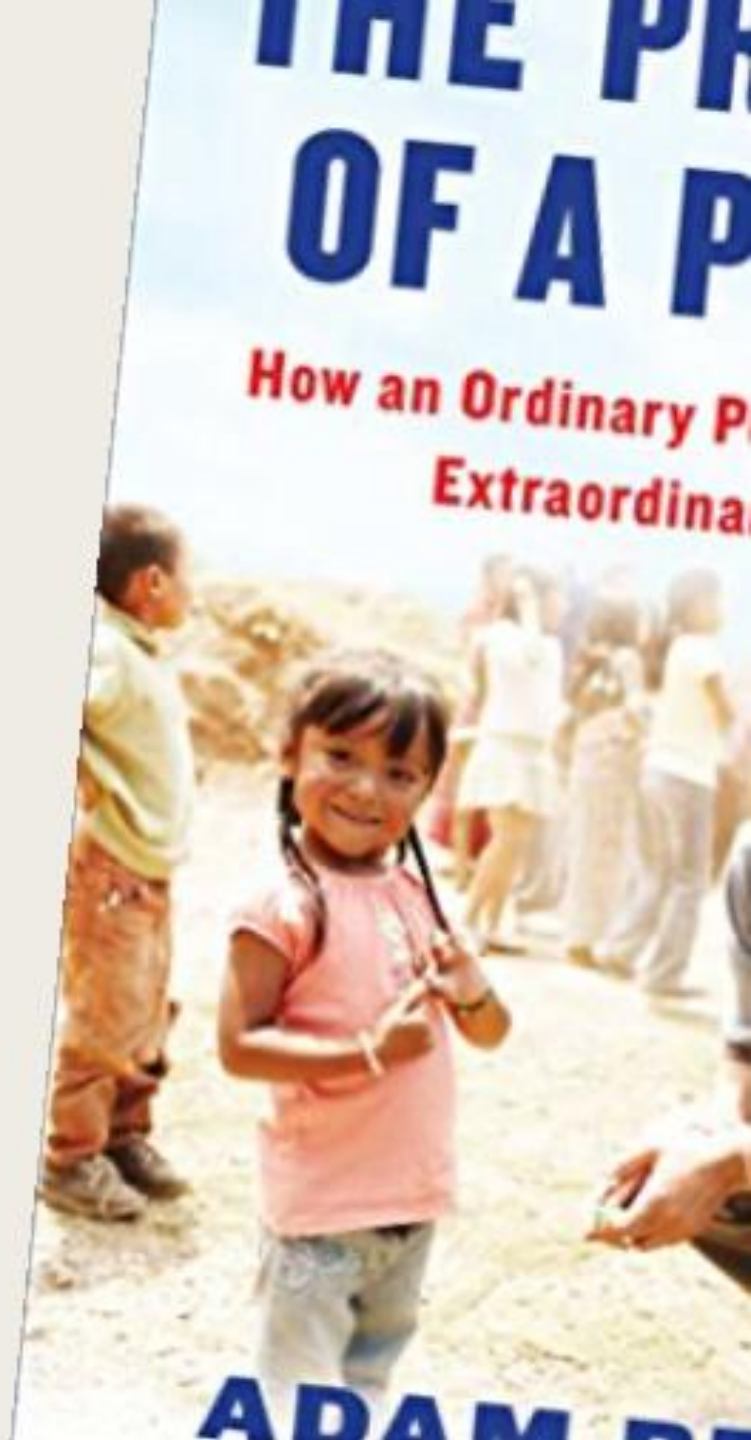
Simon Sinek

THE  
BESTSELLING  
AUTHOR OF  
**START  
WITH WHY**  
AND  
**LEADERS  
EAT LAST**

The biggest difference between the person who lives his or her dreams and the person who aspires is the decision to convert that first spark of motivation into immediate action.

The Promise of a Pencil

Adam Braun



# **Get Started Today!**

- 1. Think about your legacy**
- 2. Write a eulogy – AI can help**
- 3. Create a Master Prompt**
- 4. Organize your Data**
- 5. Set up PARA**
- 6. Use AI to build a Data Longevity Plan**
- 7. Share what you learn!**

**The REST is still  
UNWRITTEN**



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