Books for Critical Reviews
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Note: the phrase “critical review” does not mean you have to criticize the book (although you certainly can); it means that you go beyond a summary of the book, in order to evaluate it.

Books indicated with an asterisk (*) should not be chosen because they have been done in the last couple of years, and usually are currently posted on Amazon. (Exceptions to this policy might be made if you are willing and able to post your review to Amazon on your own, i.e., without Diamond doing it for you, as is usually done.)

If you want, you can consult the reviews previously posted to Amazon, as examples of critical reviews that have been done in the past.


Aghion, Philippe, and Rachel Griffith. Competition and Growth: Reconciling Theory and


Gilder, George. *The Silicon Eye: Microchip Swashbucklers and the Future of High-Tech Innovation*. New York: W. W. Norton, 2006. [includes an extended example that he believes will be a Christensen disruptive innovation]


Mann, Thomas. *Buddenbrooks: The Decline of a Family*. Translated by new translation by John E. Woods. New York: Vintage, 1994. (McCraw in his biography of Schumpeter, mentions Thomas Mann’s *Buddenbrooks* as “one of the best novels about business ever written.” The book has sometimes been mentioned illustrating some aspects of the
process of Creative Destruction---not sure to what extent entrepreneurship itself is involved.)


