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.


*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]*


(Ayn Rand's favorite novel.)


Owen, David. *Copies in Seconds: How a Lone Inventor and an Unknown Company Created the Biggest Communication Breakthrough Since Gutenberg--Chester Carlson and the*


Perkins, Edwin J. Wall Street to Main Street: Charles Merrill and Middle-Class Investors. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.


Renehan, Edward J., Jr. *The Dark Genius of Wall Street: The Misunderstood Life of Jay Gould, King of the Robber Barons*. New York: Basic Books, 2005. [author was convicted of document theft; one of my friends thinks that completely discredits him as an historian; certainly it suggests caution, but can scholars compartmentalize?; do we believe in scholarly redemption?]


