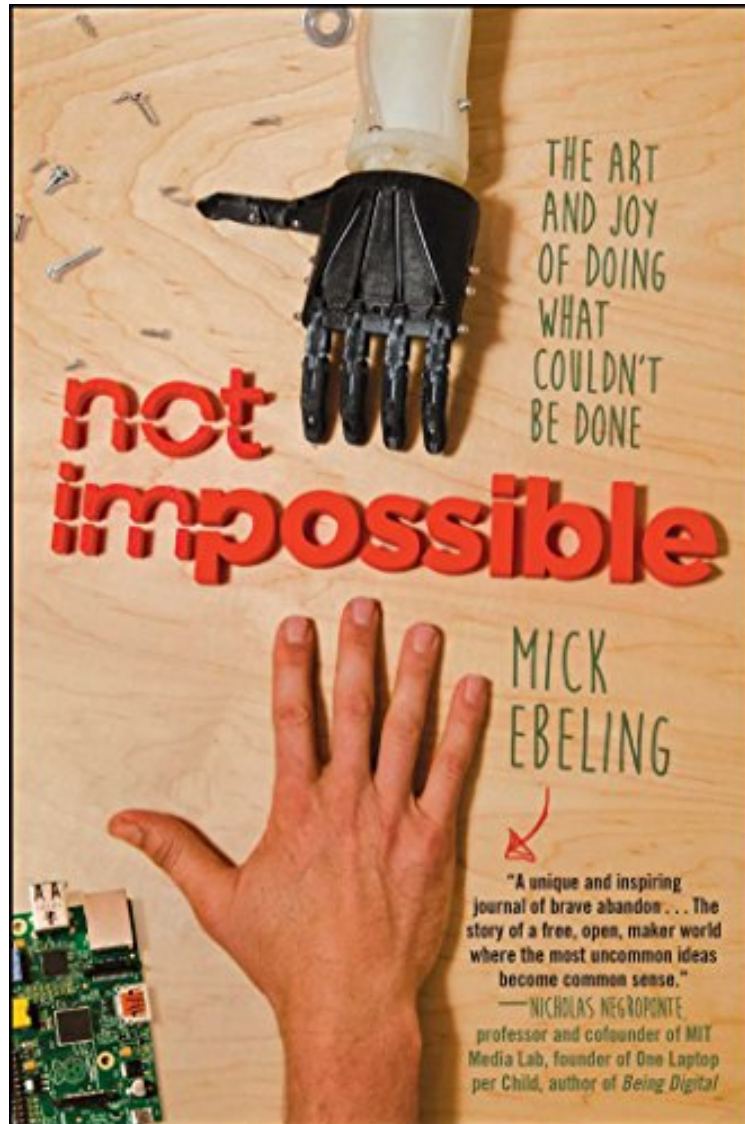


Not Impossible: The Art and Joy of Doing What Couldn't Be Done

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Mick Ebeling : Not Impossible: The Art and Joy of Doing What Couldn't Be Done before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Not Impossible: The Art and Joy of Doing What Couldn't Be Done:

8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Inspiring, Funny, and Interesting By Lynne Spreen There're a lot of good life lessons in this nonfiction work. The author, Mick Ebeling, is a fireball, a good guy who seems never to slow down. In watching him bring about the almost-impossible, you feel empowered. I enjoyed his narrative voice, which reminded me of Tim Ferriss. There's good and not-so-good in his story. For one thing, I thought I was going to read about a trip to Sudan to give a boy a 3D arm and hand, but for the first 100 pages of the book, it was another story

entirely. Very inspirational, but still. And after a while, I jokingly wrote in my notes (at page 104), "Yeah, Mick, we get it, you're bitchen', but what's in it for me?" It was tongue-in-cheek, but I was getting a little tired of his awesomeness. But then at the 36% mark (on my Kindle), I wrote, "the reason I bought this book." Because Ebeling talked about how we "create meanings around what can and can't be done. These are not facts - they are conversations that we have in our heads..." and about changing your brain to anticipate the positive. There's more but you get the idea. It's great. I didn't care for the part where he talks about selfishness as being a good thing, because it's not predictably so. For every person whose selfish actions (e.g. a desire to feel good about himself) leads to a positive outcome (e.g. new 3D arms for crippled children), there's another guy whose selfishness is about helping himself to your wallet. That analogy (about the pancakes, Mick) made me squeamish; it undermined his other proclamations. But all in all, it's a pretty cool read, a lot of nice things happened, and you can take some of his life lessons to the bank. I especially liked the strategy of looking at an upcoming challenge in the past tense, as if it already happened. Plus his narrative voice is funny and personable. So I recommend the book.

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Award Winning Mick Ebeling and his group bring help to many around the world
By R. Hauf
Mick Ebeling and his group are selfless and wonderful people who think of others before themselves. Mick has won many awards for his work helping the less fortunate be able to get along in life much better. To be honest, Mick is the son of a dear friend. However, if you knew what he and his group did you would be amazed as well. Not Impossible makes DIY, accessible, tech-based solutions for people around the world, and then powerfully tells those stories to inspire others to do the same. [...] is where you can find additional information on this wonderful group.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Inspiring and Humbling Read!
By Gayle
Mick takes making, hacking, and DIY to a whole new level with real people and real problems. This is a book to inform and inspire. I recommend reading and discussing it with leadership teams across any organization, with young people, and with your own children, family members, and friends. This book is a reminder that it's all about mindset, it's all about what's possible, and that it all starts with us. Stop second guessing and start doing! Begin by buying this book for yourself and everyone you know and care about.

What if you discovered by accident that you could change the world? Mick Ebeling—a film producer by trade, optimist by nature—set out to perform a simple act of kindness that quickly turned into a lifelong mission. In the process he discovered that he could, indeed, change the world—and this fascinating new book shows how you can, too. On the cutting edge of the new "Maker Movement"—an outgrowth of the "hackers" of a decade ago—Mick Ebeling has found ways to create new, simple, do-it-yourself technologies to help people surmount seemingly impossible odds. With a bunch of nuts and bolts, a few jimmy-rigged web cameras and a coat hanger, he got a paralyzed artist drawing again; for less than a hundred bucks, he made prosthetic arms for a boy whose arms had been blown off in the war in Sudan. From the beginning, Ebeling has dreamed big, but that doesn't mean his accomplishments have come easy. He's had to deal with the little voice in his head we all recognize—the skeptical, disbelieving part that says, "Sorry, this ain't happening." Yet he found the courage to ignore that voice and move on. And believe. And get things done. The first result was the Eyewriter, which Time magazine called one of the "Top 50 Inventions of 2010," a device that tracks eye movements and translates them into a cursor on a screen, then into paint on a canvas or a sculpture design. Later he travelled to the Sudan with the homemade prosthetic hand his team created and taught the locals to use the 3D printers—now every week another armless boy gets new working limbs and hands. Fascinating, inspiring, and bursting with optimism and new ideas, Not Impossible is a true testament to the power of determination. It will motivate you to accept the idea that all problems can be solved—and that you have the ability to change the world and make miracles happen.

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A unique and inspiring journal of brave abandon. Mick's journey, along the thin border between naivete and genius, becomes a cautionary tale about caution itself—and how to learn to abandon it. It is the story of a free, open, maker world where the most uncommon ideas become common sense. (Nicholas Negroponte, Professor and Co-Founder of MIT Media Lab, Founder of One Laptop per Child, Author of Being Digital) "This is the template for a new science of consciousness. Mick Ebeling sees impossible just as a word for something not yet done. Read his book. Think like him. Then do the impossible." (Deepak Chopra) "Mick Ebeling's been a friend of mine for a long time but, after reading Not Impossible, he's become one of my heroes." (Matt Fraction) "This is a fantastic read if you want to change the world, change the system, or just change yourself. A perfect embodiment of the idea that 'the true revolutionary is guided by great feelings of love.'" (Shepard Fairey) "Not Impossible is a masterful achievement: A road map to changing your life by changing the lives of others. The inspirational tales in this book show how to toss of old ways of thinking and look at the world from a new perspective. Mick has found a way to do just that." (Jillian Michaels) "A unique and inspiring journal of brave abandon. Mick's journey, along the thin border between naivete and genius, becomes a cautionary tale about caution itself—and how to learn to abandon it. It is the story of a free, open, maker world where the most

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