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# **The Content Machine: Towards A Theory Of Publishing From The Printing Press To The Digital Network (Anthem Publishing Studies)**



## Synopsis

This ground-breaking study, the first of its kind, outlines a theory of publishing that allows publishing houses to focus on their core competencies in times of crisis. Tracing the history of publishing from the press works of fifteenth-century Germany to twenty-first-century Silicon Valley, via Venice, Beijing, Paris and London, and fusing media theory and business experience, *The Content Machine* offers a new understanding of content, publishing and technology, and defiantly answers those who contend that publishing has no future in a digital age.

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Bhaskar shows you not just where publishing's going but where publishing went while we were all sleepwalking. The definitive guide to the bleak yet fascinating future of books. *New York Times* bestselling author Michael Levin, CEO,

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–œ In his bold and innovative book Michael Bhaskar tackles some of the big questions that surround publishing. He takes the reader on a quest for a unified theory of publishing, arriving at the Content Machine, which takes account of both its history and the challenges it faces from digital media.

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–â ç Angus Phillips, Director, Oxford International Centre for Publishing Studies

–œ Scholarly yet utterly lucid, the dazzling generosity of Bhaskar’s historical reference is matched by his incisive understanding of contemporary challenges.

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–œ Michael Bhaskar brings his considerable experience as a digital publishing professional to inform a fascinating theory of publishing with broad historical scope.

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–â ç Dan Franklin, Digital Publisher, Random House Group

Bhaskar takes us on a fascinating journey that ultimately leads us to question in whose hands the future of publishing will lie.

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