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### *How to Make the Impossible Happen*

The difference between what's possible and what's not is a construct of the human mind, a matter of perspective, and it's one that can be changed. *Working Wonders* explains the fundamentals that shape the mind: how it builds walls to protect itself and how a person can tear those walls down to tackle challenges that would have previously been discounted as unrealistic. This volume shares case studies featuring people making the impossible a reality and, in doing so, changing the world for the better. On a deeper level and yet still using nontechnical language, the book identifies possible neurological and psychosocial mechanisms that limit the brain, and techniques that may open it up to exploring the seemingly unachievable. Praszkiel also introduces the concept of "possibility," a personality trait that reflects the propensity to perceive insurmountable challenges as doable, and concludes by presenting a portfolio of "Do-It-Yourself" techniques.

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In this book we will present multiple case studies and examples of individuals who, in spite of the prevailing conviction that their vision was impossible to realize, remained confident that it was doable and successfully implemented their ideas. These remarkable people come from different countries and continents around the world, and vary in social strata, education, experience, age, and gender. They include:

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