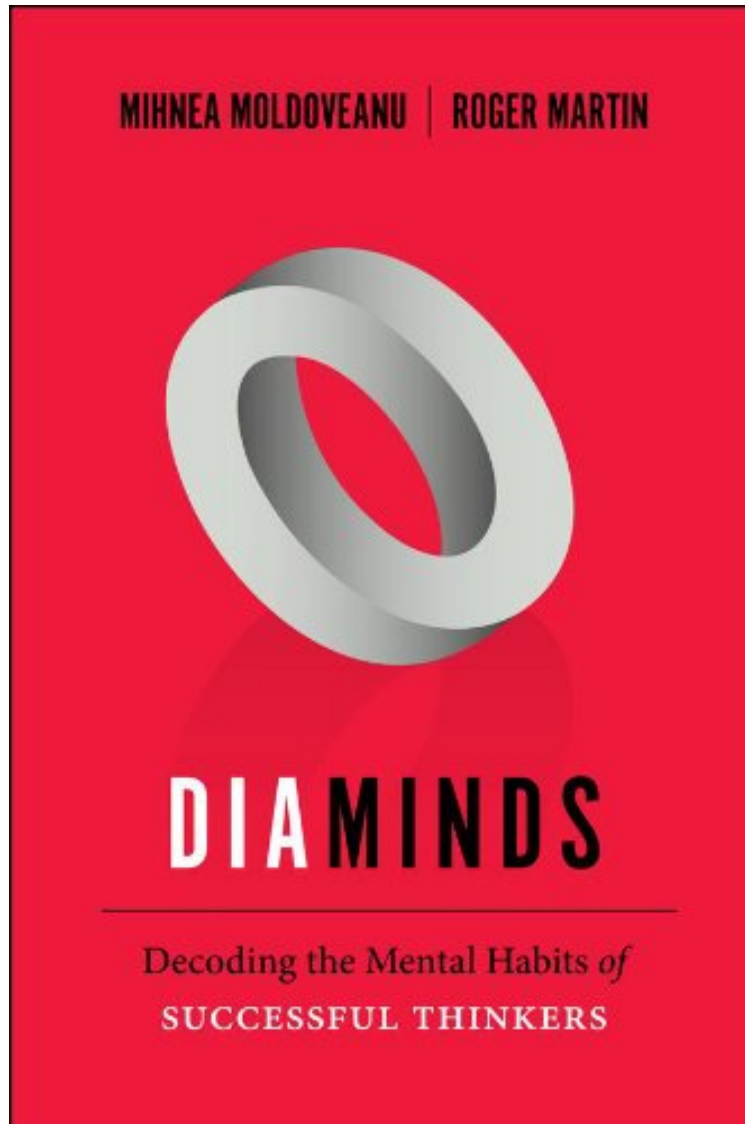


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I'm writing this review as a response to the previous review, which misses the point of the quality of the book while judging the moral premise. I was recommended this book by the sharpest and clearest thinker I know, MR. It was worth the read and few other books have affected my own personal thinking as profoundly as *Diaminds*. On many occasions I have recommended this book to others. The idea behind the book is how you can improve your own thinking ability by thinking about how you think. If I used forms of the word 'think' too many times in the previous sentence, you'll forgive me. What's really useful about this book is that Mr. Moldoveanu gives you 1) useful thinking tools to understand why your own thinking may be limited as well as 2) experiments and tools to put them to use. While I agree there could be moral issues with 'playing' with your friends as the author suggests, finding other ways to 'practice' your thinking and prediction abilities is difficult. Seeing the world dispassionately and as an experiment is the surest way to improve your own mental processes, as long as you keep in mind that it is a 'mode' or 'zone' of thought that should be entered only temporarily, lest you forget that the 'thinking/analysis' mode is one of only many useful and fulfilling ones your brain has. Finally, I still use the Usain Bolt example from the beginning of the book as a way to illustrate the value of solid thinking and many of the experiments the author suggests. In short, this book isn't always fun to read, nor is it particularly easy, but for those who want to improve their System II (as Kahneman would call it) thinking abilities, there is no other book I have encountered that will provide better results.

What constitutes successful thinking in business? What are some of the techniques used by top business minds in order to solve problems and create value? *Diaminds* breaks new ground in addressing these questions. Mihnea Moldoveanu and Roger Martin, creators of the Integrative Thinking curriculum at the Rotman School of Management, draw upon case studies and interviews - as well as theories and models from cognitive psychology, epistemology, analytic philosophy, and semiotics - to offer a new conception of successful intelligence that is immediately applicable to business situations. The 'diamind' (or dialogical mind) is characterized by bi-stability (simultaneously holding opposite plans, models, courses of action in mind while retaining the ability to act), meliorism (increasing the logical depth and informational breadth of one's thinking processes), choicefulness (retaining the ability to choose among various representations of the world, the self and others) and polyphony (thinking about the way one formulates and solves a problem while at the same time thinking about the problem itself). End-of-chapter exercises encourage readers to examine and re-engineer their own thought and perception patterns to develop these qualities and cultivate their own 'diaminds.'

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“*Diaminds* challenges readers to ask profound questions about thinking, personal meaning and purpose, and their relationship to successful leadership. Clearly written with astonishing intellectual range and reporting on insightful research on senior organizational leaders, this book offers not a recipe or checklist for success but something much more important: a way of improving each reader's effectiveness as a problem-solver.” (Jeffrey Pfeffer, Professor, Stanford Business School; author of *What Were They Thinking? Unconventional Wisdom About Management*)
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