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"Scaling Up addresses the second half of the venture ball game, something often lost in all the hoopla about incubating disruptive innovation during the first half. Half-time scores don't matter - it's all about how you finish the game. So get yourself into Verne's locker room for a great half-time pep talk, and then get yourself out on the field to play a great second half." -- **Geoffrey Moore, Author of Crossing the Chasm**

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"Verne Harnish is more committed to helping companies grow than any other person on the planet. Really. He's also radically practical in his approach and that is reflected throughout this terrific book." -- **Patrick Lencioni, president, The Table Group; best-selling author of The Five Dysfunctions of a Team and The Advantage**

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"Verne's tools and techniques have been key to scaling up Benetton to become the #1 international fashion brand in India. They work!" -- **Sanjeev Mohanty, CEO, Benetton India**

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“Verne Harnish’s *Scaling Up* is one of the finest business books you'll ever read. We are all searching for new ways to build more effective teams, startups, and organizations that will stand the test of time. Through compelling research, business parables, vivid examples, deep research, Verne shares practical advice on the toughest challenge organizations confront: how to spread success from a few small pockets of an organization to its entire fabric. Whether you're an entrepreneur who wants to scale up, a CEO who wants to take his business to the next level, or a non-profit executive who wants to leave a legacy, this book will be life-changing.” -- **Tan Yinglan, Author of *Way of the VC – Top Venture Capitalists on Your Board, Chinnovation – How Chinese Innovators are Changing the World and New Venture Creation - Entrepreneurship For The 21st Century - An Asian Perspective***

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About the Author

Verne Harnish is founder of the world-renowned Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) and chaired for fifteen years EO's premiere CEO program, the "Birthing of Giants" and WEO's "Advanced Business" executive program both held at MIT. Founder and CEO of Gazelles, a global executive education and coaching company with over 150 coaching partners on six continents, Verne has spent the past three decades helping companies scale-up.

The "Growth Guy" syndicated columnist, he's also the Venture columnist for FORTUNE magazine. He's the author of *Scaling Up* (Rockefeller Habits 2.0); *Mastering the Rockefeller Habits*; and along with the editors of Fortune, authored "The Greatest Business Decisions of All Times", for which Jim Collins wrote the foreword. Verne also chairs FORTUNE Magazine's annual Leadership and Growth Summits and serves on several boards including chairman of The Riordan Clinic and the newly launched Geoversity.

An investor in several scale-ups, Verne resides in Barcelona, Spain, with his wife and four children and enjoys piano, tennis, and magic as a card-carrying member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

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