



7 Things I Wish Somebody Told Me

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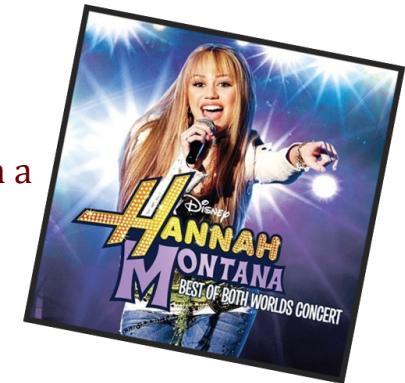
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#7thingsdev

7 THINGS I WISH SOMEBODY TOLD ME

- Technical, Mental
- Mentor or Mentee
- Tweet #7thingsdev

Don't forget "dev"
otherwise you'll be in a
Miley Cyrus trend...

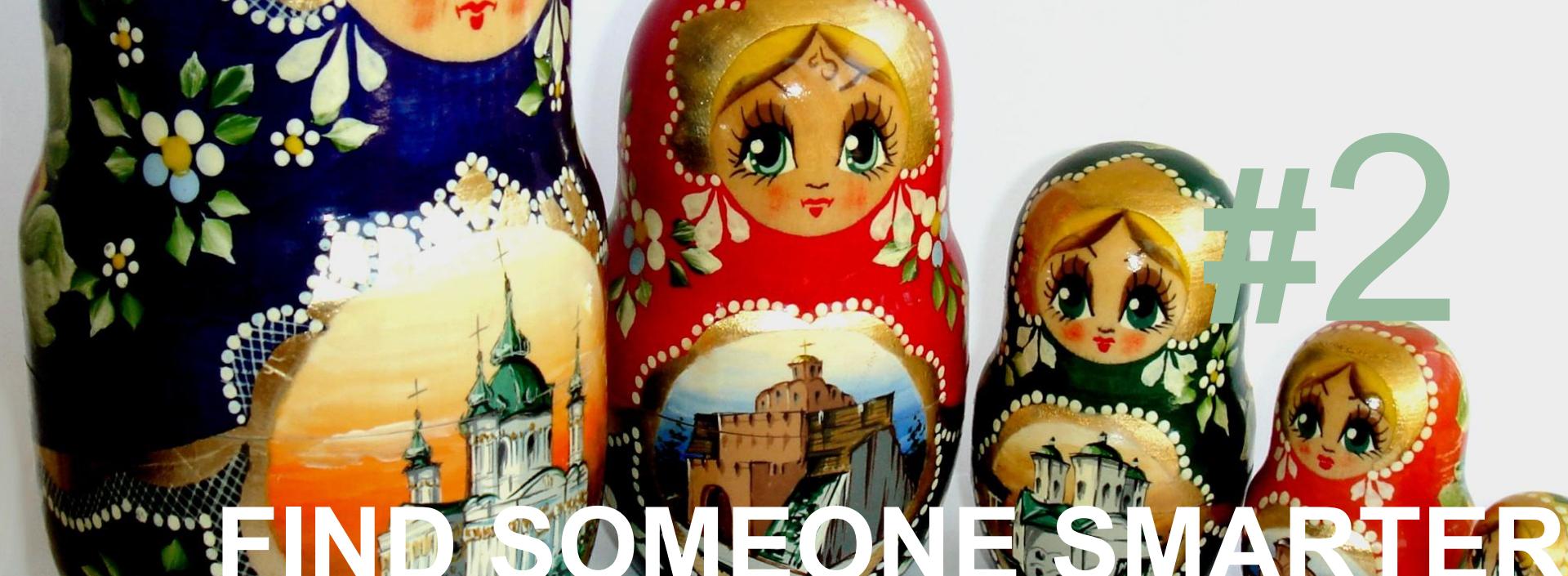


A photograph of a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark plaid shirt, looking down at a bookshelf. He is positioned on the left side of the frame, facing right. The bookshelf behind him is filled with books of various sizes and colors, including several thick volumes. A large white number '#1' is overlaid in the upper right corner.

#1

LEARN FROM EVERYTHING

- Parents and siblings
- What can we learn from hate?
- Find someone's passion



#2

FIND SOMEONE SMARTER

- There always is...
- jQuery ⇒ Javascript
- Python Apps ⇒ Linux kernel

#2

Find a Mentor

How many of you
have a **mentor**?

When is the last time
you **thanked** them?

#2

What's happening? X

Hi @jamesrodenkirch I just wanted to thank you for all the help you've given me over the years - you're a great mentor. #7thingsdev

9 Tweet

@jamesrodenkirch == your mentor's handle

#2

Be a Mentor

Sometimes
there is no label
You learn from teaching
Giving is getting ahead (1)



- Users will lie to you
- They aren't doing it on purpose
- Your car mechanic loves you?



#4

TEST EVERYTHING

- **Bugs are bad**, they erode trust
- No one is perfect ⁽²⁾
- Release the quality you'd expect



How many
programmers
does it take
to change a
lightbulb?

None. That's a hardware problem.

A photograph of an older woman with grey hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, looking surprised or confused. Two young boys are visible; one on the left holding a tablet, and another on the right. A large green "#5" is overlaid in the top right corner.

#5

WE ARE CUSTOMER SERVICE

- If they didn't want it, you wouldn't do it
- **We are serving them**
- Learn from restaurant servers

A large, multi-tiered sandcastle with many spires and levels, built on a beach. In the background, there are several tall palm trees and a clear blue sky.

#6

2 DEVELOPMENT PATHS

- Innovation
- Stabilization
- Sandcastle builders know (3)



#7

DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT

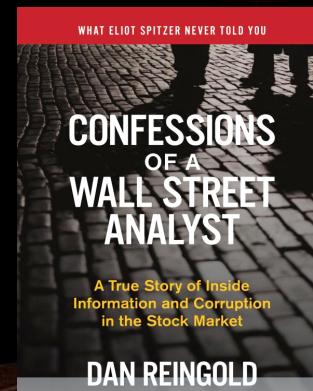
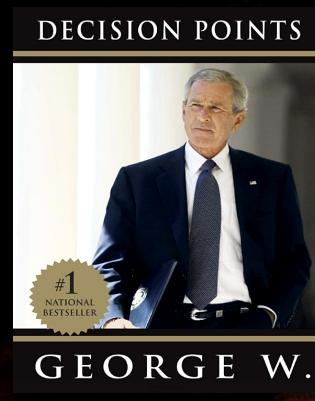
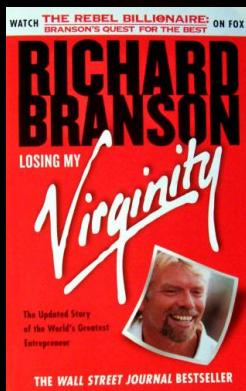
- Play an instrument
- Go for a walk
- Read something else

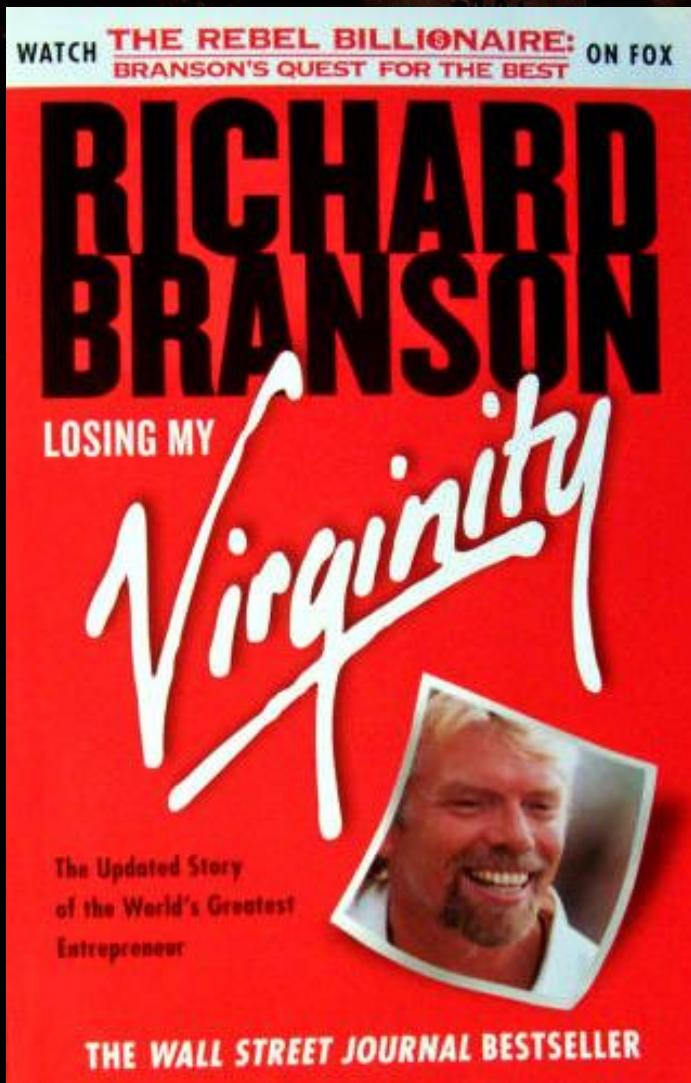
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From my Mentor

Reading increases vocab
History is not what, but why
Geeks make the best lovers (4)

What I learned from these books helped me to become a better programmer





Don't be afraid
to take a gamble

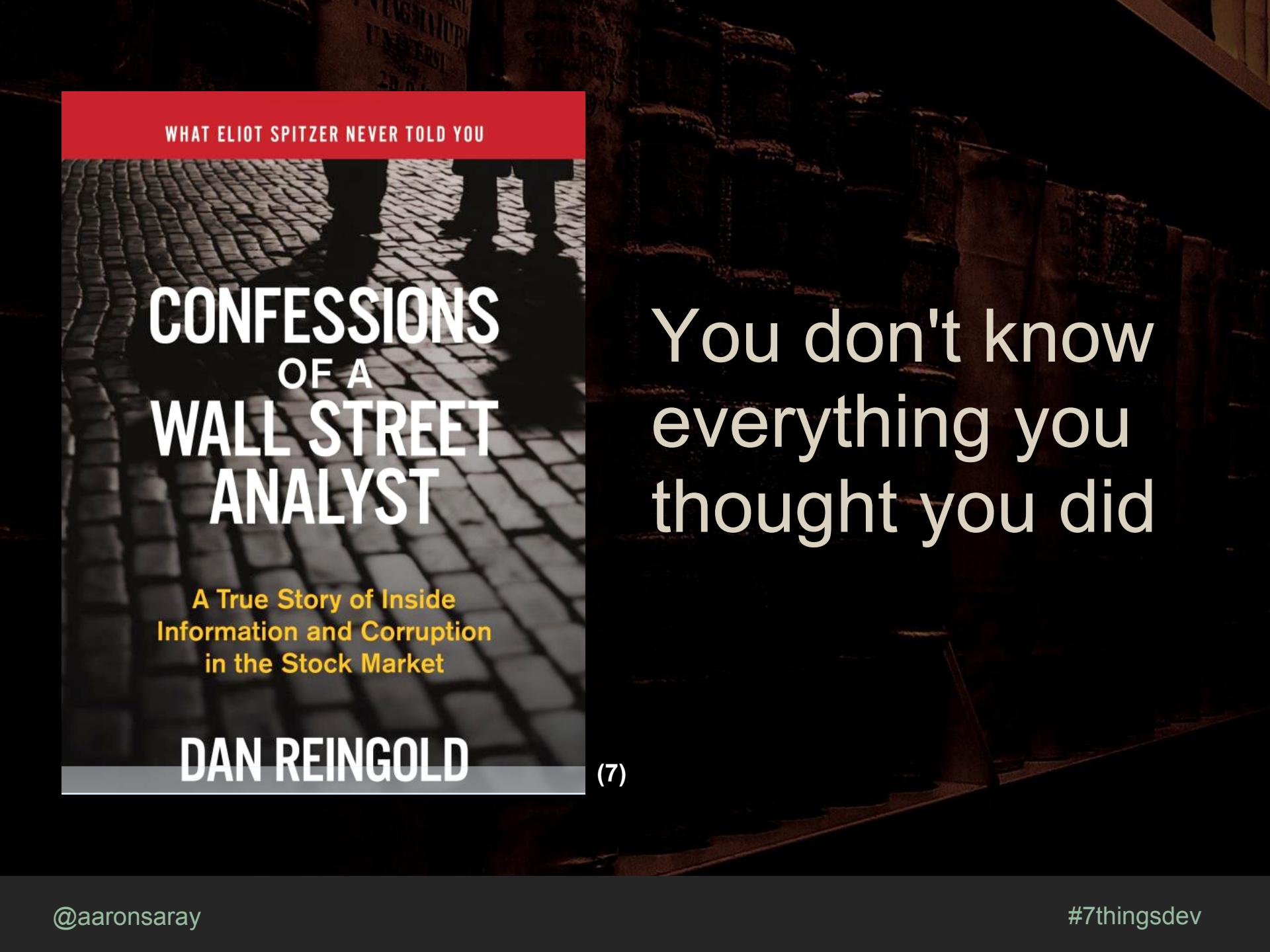
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DECISION POINTS



There are always
more conditions
than you might
be aware of

(6)



WHAT ELIOT SPITZER NEVER TOLD YOU

CONFESSTIONS OF A WALL STREET ANALYST

A True Story of Inside
Information and Corruption
in the Stock Market

DAN REINGOLD

You don't know
everything you
thought you did

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R E V I E W

- Learn from everything
- Find someone smarter
- Log everything
- Test everything
- We are customer service
- Two development paths
- Do something different



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