## **Drew Houston reading list:**

- Founders at Work (Livingston) -- entertaining look at a bunch of startups' early lives

- The Score Takes Care of Itself (Walsh) -- one of my favorite books on leadership & culture; how Bill Walsh turned the 49ers around

- The Hard Thing About Hard Things (Horowitz) -- excellent book on the messy realities & psychological toll of leadership/management

- Innovator's Dilemma (Christensen) -- classic theory of disruption & why big companies miss critical transitions

- Crossing the Chasm (Moore) -- another classic on technology adoption & how to move from early adopters to mainstream

- Peopleware (DeMarco & Lister) -- great intro to the fundamentals of building/managing software teams (or any teams doing knowledge work)

- High Output Management (Grove) -- Andreessen calls it the "best book on management ever written"

- Only the Paranoid Survive (Grove) -- story of disruption and Intel; how to identify & survive strategic inflection points

- The Effective Executive (Drucker) -- another classic book on management & personal effectiveness

- Poor Charlie's Almanack (Munger) -- awesome book about attaining wisdom & making sense of the world by Warren Buffett's long-time partner

- Blue Ocean Strategy (Kim and Mauborgne) -- good strategy book on positioning vs competitors

- First, Break All the Rules (Buckingham) -- presents themes of what the best managers do based on a bunch of research

## **Company profiles:**

- Apple: Steve Jobs (Isaacson) -- incredible story
- Microsoft: Hard Drive (Wallace/Erickson)
- Amazon: The Everything Store (Amazon)
- Google: The Search, In the Plex
- Facebook: The Facebook Effect (Kirkpatrick)