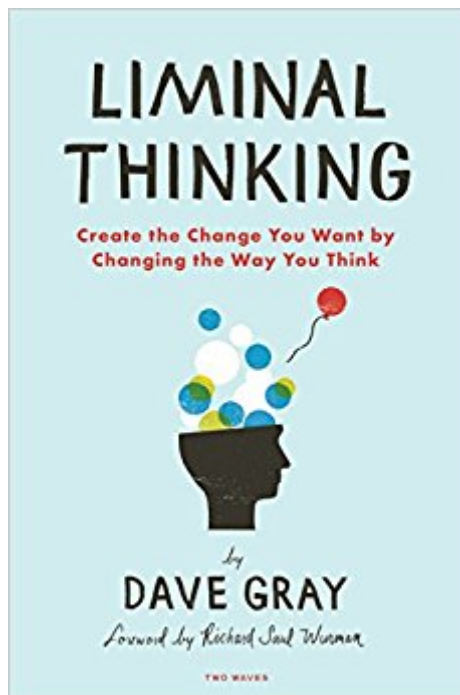




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# Liminal Thinking: Create The Change You Want By Changing The Way You Think



## Synopsis

Why do some people succeed at change while others fail? It's the way they think! Liminal thinking is a way to create change by understanding, shaping, and reframing beliefs. What beliefs are stopping you right now? You have a choice. You can create the world you want to live in, or live in a world created by others. If you are ready to start making changes, read this book.

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## Customer Reviews

In the best sense of the word, this is popularization of the obvious, of the space between things, of seeing things you've always seen but never seen and pulling them into your own personal library, for getting through the morass, the flotsam and jetsam of all the stuff that is around us. --Richard Saul Wurman, founder, TED conference, and author of *Information Anxiety*

Liminal Thinking is a book about how to be mentally healthy, how to be present, and how to be a positive force in the world. But more simply, and more importantly, it's a book about how to be. --Daniel H. Pink, author of *Drive* and *To Sell Is Human*

In a time of increasing complexity and change, Dave Gray's *Liminal Thinking* provides a much needed blueprint to help us clarify our own thinking, make connections with others, and communicate powerfully our ideas in a way that is both deeply human and profoundly impactful. --Lisa Kay Solomon, co-author, *Moments of Impact: How to Design Strategic Conversations That Accelerate Change*

Dave Gray is the founder of XPLANE, the visual thinking company, a consultancy focused on

increasing clarity, understanding and alignment in organizations. His first book, *Gamestorming*, has sold more than 100,000 copies and has been translated into 16 languages.

Dave Gray made the very complex topic of human belief approachable and understandable. It's a manual to change. To understand others not to support them, but because of a genuine belief that others can teach us and change us, especially when we disagree. I hope this book can bring change to the life of many people.

This book was suggested to me based on past book choices. I'm facing a particularly difficult time at work with little to no resources and none for the foreseeable future. How to make change where people feel successful? Rethink what success means in our environment. This book gave me a way to help articulate this idea through action at my workplace. Thanks David!

I blurb'd this book and I meant every word of it. "Life is complicated. There are no quick answers to your biggest problems. How are we to make any progress? Train your brain, and become a mental gymnast! Let Dave Gray and *Liminal Thinking* be your guide." There are so many great ideas in this book, so many exercises Gray will send you through, so much wisdom ... just turning on your TV and watching the news for even five minutes will prove how much we need liminal thinking in our lives. Gray has penned an easy read that will have you challenging all that you believe about yourself and others. If you're a results-based thinker and doer, *Liminal Thinking* will help you up your game. On the other hand, if you're caught in a rut, in your self-sealing bubble and unable to break out, you absolutely need this book. It's the mirror you haven't yet gazed into. p.s. Even my 12-yr-old is fascinated with *Liminal Thinking* (see photo)

Dave Gray's ability to visualize his thinking is brilliant. A quick read and deep knowledge. Gray takes the work of Chris Argyris and gives us a clearer picture and easier way to use the ladder of inference. Dave Gray's pictures and explanation are SO much clearer than Argyris. I have a new tool for showing others how it is possible that they are not seeing the whole picture.

Dave Gray is professionally curious. He has perfected the skill of nearly constant observation, directed at an internal quest to clarify and improve how people relate, and collaborate to mutual benefit. His ideas are his own, yet they spring from an open and honest collaboration practice with others. *Liminal Thinking* is both a book, and a 'rediscovered' thought process that carries enormous

potential for anyone who is honest enough to evaluate their own mind, and their own belief system. This book contains surprisingly simple tools to decode hidden structures, both within yourself, and with others in your life. It is directly applicable to personal relationships, and more amazingly, to corporate structures and cultures that need to confront new realities. This book puts rational legs to the notion that if you can imagine an improved world, it becomes possible. In order to get there, I recommend you grab this book and keep it with you for a few months... read it every chance you get.

Excellent discussion of ladder of abstraction in a new way. Only objection is the strict construction viewpoint with "workability" a major standard for truth instead of using other criteria such as right and wrong and consensual validation. An either-or point of view instead of both and more for morality. Yet, in my opinion rampant in the current in-sane cultural practices for thinking and reasoning devoid of a moral compass, especially in the politically-correct medium of politics, social policy, etc.

Flow across boundaries occurs in a narrow space between the forces of too little and too much structure. Systems thinking and complexity science insights help in evolving to that special, narrow space. Liminal thinking brings helpful simplification to a complicated, but very important topic.

Liminal thinking is a teleportation into their own future for those that want to change. Dave distills the complex to simple and makes the simple attainable in this journey through what breaks us and what makes us. He provides a core frame and practical journeys for anyone wanting to fast forward to better futures.... whether you are changing yourself, your team, your city, your community, your industry, or just the whole world!

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