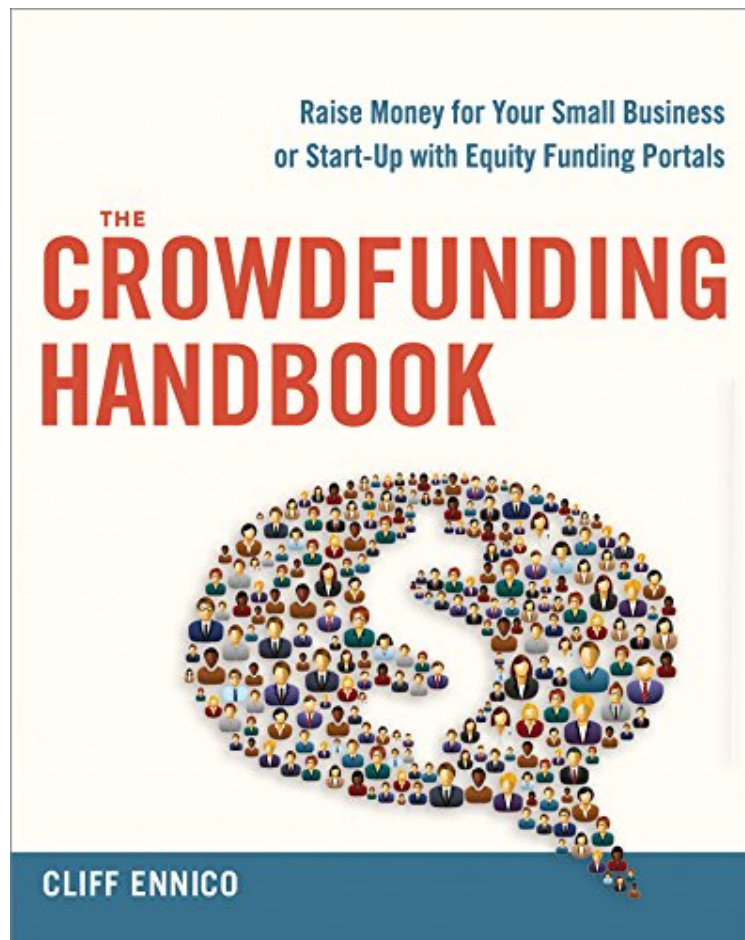


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"Much more than an overview, this is a solid, nuts-and-bolts handbook that will be valuable to serious small-business entrepreneurs." --Library Journal, starred review

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