

## Rick Smith

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Rick Smith is a successful serial entrepreneur, highly sought-after leadership strategist, and an inspirational TED speaker. He is the co-founder and CEO of Fast Radius, a revolutionary industrial 3D printing company partnered with UPS to fulfill the promise of global on demand production. He is also the founder of World 50, the world's premier senior executive networking organization, bringing thousands of the world's top executives together to collaborate on strategy, leadership, and the disruptions impacting global business. Rick is the best-selling author of the books, *The Great Disruption*, *The Leap*, and *The Five Patterns of Extraordinary Careers*, and the founder of three other successful companies. He consults with organizations around the world on innovation, growth, and disruptive technologies.

In his book, *The Great Disruption*, Smith lays out a compelling framework to explain the predictable patterns of technology disruption impacting every industry. He reveals what leaders can and should be doing right now to turn disruption and change into strategic advantage. In exploring this radical but predictable future with audiences, Smith answers two questions that strike at the heart of every leader in every organization: How might the future unfold in front of us? And how can we position ourselves and our organizations to successfully navigate change to our greatest benefit?

**World Renowned Entrepreneur.** Prior to Fast Radius, Smith founded World 50, the world's premier global senior executive networking organization, with more than 1,300 CEO/CXO members from over 600 companies with an average market capitalization of \$23 billion. World 50 contributors have included Robert Redford, Bono, Sir Richard Branson, President George W. Bush, and more than 100 other iconic leaders. Rick was the founder and CEO of Next Generation Leadership (NGL), the leading training and development organization for public company CEOs, with faculty that includes the world's most respected CEOs such as A.G. Lafley, Jim Kilts, Anne Mulcahy, Carlos Gutierrez, and Jack Welch. NGL program alumni include more than 60 current Fortune 1000 Chief Executives. Rick was the co-founder of Bionic Solutions, helping top global companies launch new growth businesses.

**Best-Selling Author & Inspirational Thought Leader.** In addition to *The Great Disruption*, Smith is the author of two *Wall Street Journal* nationally best-selling books, *The 5 Patterns of Extraordinary Careers* and *The Leap*—both of which reached No. 1 on the Amazon business best-seller list. He is a featured contributor for *Forbes*, and his work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Fortune*, *The Financial Times*, ABC, CNN, Bloomberg, and dozens of other media outlets. He is a singer songwriter whose band has opened for Lynyrd Skynyrd and The Zac Brown Band.