

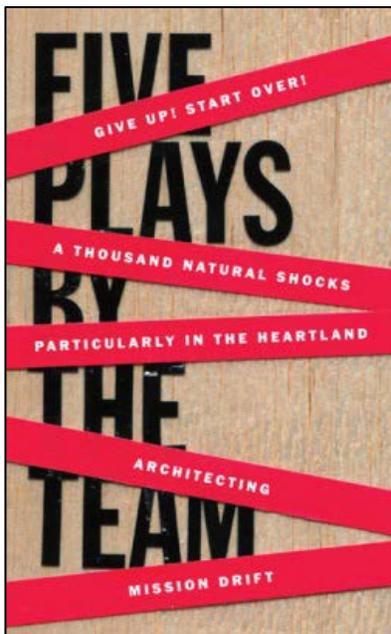


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**Available from TCG Books: *Five Plays by the TEAM***

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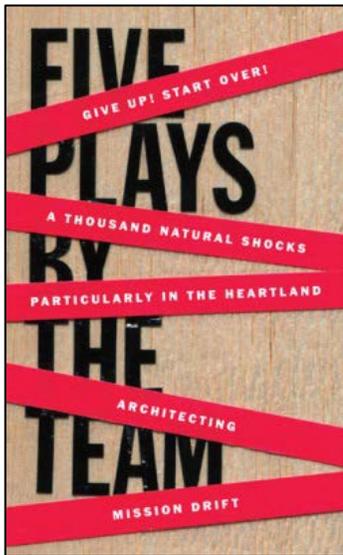
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