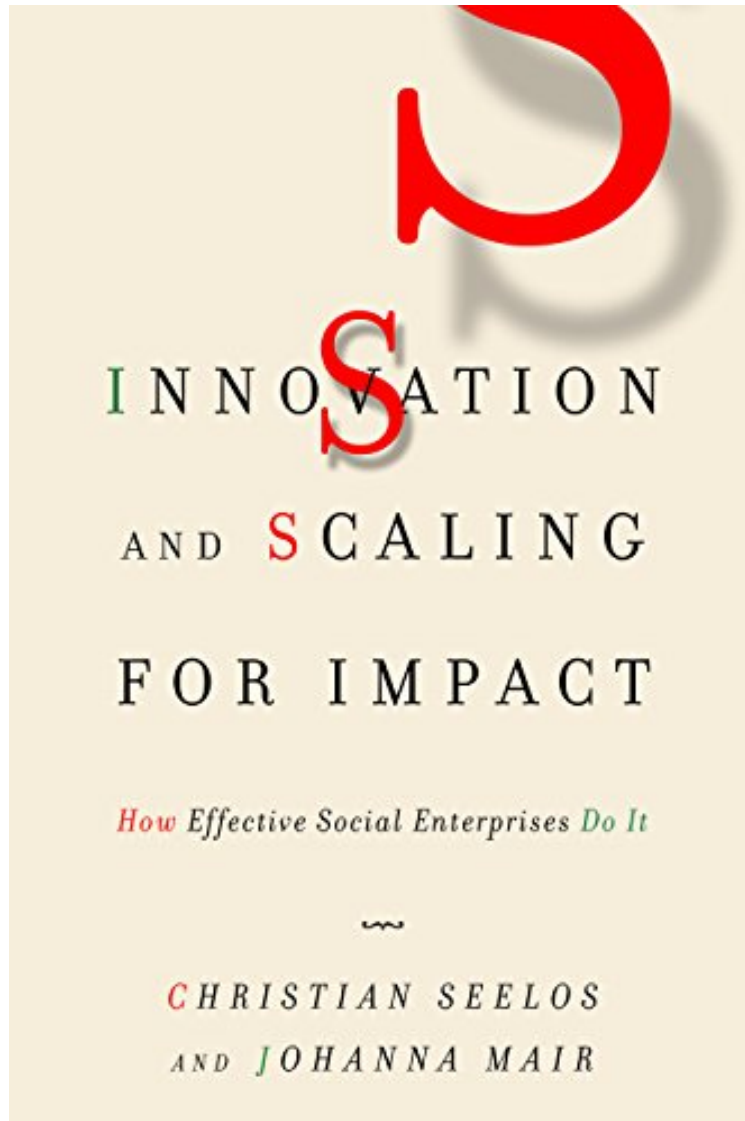


# Innovation and Scaling for Impact: How Effective Social Enterprises Do It

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