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"The ultimate guide to anyone who is serious about passing the selection interview for becoming a Paramedic. It contains lots of sample interview questions and answers to assist you during your preparation and provides advice on how to gain higher scores. Created in conjunction with serving Paramedics, this comprehensive guide includes: How to prepare for the interview to ensure success. Gaining higher scores in order to improve career opportunities. Sample interview questions. Answers to the interview questions. Insider tips and advice. Advice from serving Paramedics."--back cover.

Category Creation

A USA Today bestseller! Companies like Netflix, Spotify, and Salesforce are just the tip of the iceberg for the subscription model. The real transformation--and the real opportunity--is just beginning. Subscription companies are growing nine times faster than the S&P 500. Why? Because unlike product companies, subscription companies know their customers. A happy subscriber base is the ultimate economic moat. Today's consumers prefer the advantages of access over the hassles of maintenance, from transportation (Uber, Surf Air), to clothing (Stitch Fix, Eleven James), to razor blades and makeup (Dollar Shave Club, Birchbox). Companies are similarly demanding easier, long-term solutions, trading their server rooms for cloud storage solutions like Box. Simply put, the world is shifting from products to services. But how do you turn customers into subscribers? As the CEO of the world's largest subscription management platform, Tien Tzuo has helped hundreds of companies transition from relying on individual sales to building customer-centric, recurring-revenue businesses. His core message in *Subscribed* is simple: Ready or not, excited or terrified, you need to adapt to the Subscription Economy -- or risk being left behind. Tzuo shows how to use subscriptions to build lucrative, ongoing one-on-one relationships with your customers. This may require reinventing substantial parts of your company, from your accounting practices to your entire IT architecture, but the payoff can be enormous. Just look at the case studies: * Adobe transitions from selling enterprise software licenses to offering cloud-based solutions for a flat monthly

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fee, and quadruples its valuation. * Fender evolves from selling guitars one at a time to creating lifelong musicians by teaching beginners to play, and keeping them inspired for life. * Caterpillar uses subscriptions to help solve problems -- it's not about how many tractors you can rent, but how much dirt you need to move. In *Subscribed*, you'll learn how these companies made the shift, and how you can transform your own product into a valuable service with a practical, step-by-step framework. Find out how you can prepare and prosper now, rather than trying to catch up later.

Customer Success

"Customer Success will become the authoritative book of the emerging Customer Success industry and target any business that is trying to focus, or re-focus, on customers and will be applicable to all customer management roles such as Account Manager, Customer Advocacy, Client Relationship Manager, and Customer Success Manager along with the leadership of those organizations. Customer Success will address the pains of how to start creating a customer-centric company and how to think strategically about Customer Success - how to organize, compensate, find a leader, measure, etc. Customer Success has exploded as one of the hottest B2B movements since the advent of the subscription business model"--

The SaaS Sales Method for Customer Success and Account Managers

"This book contains so much common sense that my neck was getting tired from nodding my head in agreement so often." Peter Armaly, Senior Director Customer Success, Oracle "a comprehensive review of the Customer Success role and responsibilities" Anne Marie Ponder, Senior Manager, IT Infrastructure, Astellas Pharma US "a must read playbook for all business leaders and customer success-focused professionals." Jason Noble, Global Customer Success and SaaS Leader "I wish a book like this existed when I started in Customer Success!" Cyn Taylor, Enterprise Customer Success Manager, LogicMonitor "provides all the ingredients to create the right customer success strategy." Baptiste Debever, Head of Growth & Co Founder, Alkalab "an invaluable resource for anyone with an interest in Customer Success." Adam Joseph, CEO, CSM insight "A structured and logical approach that will help new and experienced CSMs to bridge the gap between Customer Success theory and practical application." James Scott, General Partner, Success Hacker Customer success management is "the practice of helping customers to generate value from using our products" and it is a relatively new and fast-growing profession with many new CSMs coming into it from other customer-facing professions. Due to the speed with which the profession is undergoing change as it matures and expands, both new and existing CSMs need to keep abreast of customer success best practice. However there are relatively few books that provide much in the way of practical guidance for customer success practitioners and even less options for resources such as tools, templates and checklists that enable a consistently high quality approach whilst increasing the CSM's productivity. *Practical Customer Success Management* is a practical guide book and comprehensive training manual for CSMs that provides a simple to follow, best practice framework that lays out the core steps at every stage of the customer journey to business outcome success. It describes and explains which situations each step applies to and provides recommendations for activities or tasks that the CSM can perform to complete each step, together with detailed guidance for successfully completing those activities. The book also includes a suite of tools and templates that enable rapid completion of tasks whilst ensuring consistency of approach both across multiple customer engagements and by multiple CSMs within a team.

Customer Experience 3.0

Lessons from HubSpot, Salesforce, Gainsight and Other Iconic Brands "The Uber of this" "The Salesforce of that" "It's like Instagram, but for" There is no such thing as an original idea anymore – right? Actually, it turns out that the world's most innovative companies have created so much more than just brand new products and technology. They've created entirely new market categories. The challenge is that successfully building new categories requires a perfect storm of luck and timing. Or does it? Category Creation is the first and only book on the topic written by executives and marketers actively building new categories. It explains how category creation has become the Holy Grail of marketing, and more importantly, how it can be planned and orchestrated. It's not about luck. You can use the same tactics that other category-defining companies have used to delight customers, employees, and investors. There's no better strategy that results in faster growth and higher valuations for the company on top. Author Anthony Kennada, former Chief Marketing Officer at Gainsight, explains how he led Gainsight in creating the "customer success" category, and shares success stories from fellow category-creators like Salesforce, HubSpot and others. It requires much more than just having the best product. You have to start and grow a conversation that doesn't yet exist, positioning a newly discovered problem in addition to your company and product offerings. The book explains the 7 key principles of category creation, including the importance of creating a community of early adopters who will rally around the problem they all share—especially if someone will lead them.

- Identify the "go" and "no go" signals for category creation in your business
- Activate customers and influencers as brand ambassadors
- Grow a community by investing in live events and experiences
- Prove the impact of category creation investments on growth, customer success, and company culture

Written for entrepreneurs, marketers, and executives from startups to large enterprises, Category Creation is the exclusive playbook for building a category defining brand in the modern economy.

Farm Don't Hunt

Can your software sell itself? Convention and the trillion-dollar sales industry claim that it's impossible for your product to sell itself. Yet successful software businesses like Slack, Dropbox, Atlassian, and HubSpot make millions selling to customers who never once reached out to a sales rep. In Product-Led Growth: How to Build a Product That Sells Itself, growth consultant Wes Bush challenges the traditional SaaS marketing and sales playbook and introduces a completely new way to sell products. Bush reveals how your product--not expensive sales teams--can be the main vehicle to acquire, convert, and retain customers. In this step-by-step guide to Product-Led Growth, Bush explains: Why you should flip the traditional sales process on its head and turn your product into a sales machine; How to decide whether your business should use a free trial, freemium, or hybrid model; How to turn free users into happy, paying customers. History tells us that "how" you sell is just as important as "what" you sell. Blockbuster couldn't compete with Netflix by selling the same digital content, and you need to decide "when" not "if" you'll innovate on the way you sell. Are you going to be product-led? Or will you be disrupted, too?

Subscription Marketing

Your business success is now forever linked to the success of your customers Customer Success is the groundbreaking guide to the exciting new model of customer management. Business relationships are fundamentally changing. In the world B.C. (Before Cloud),

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companies could focus totally on sales and marketing because customers were often 'stuck' after purchasing. Therefore, all of the 'post-sale' experience was a cost center in most companies. In the world A.B. (After Benioff), with granular per-year, per-month or per-use pricing models, cloud deployments and many competitive options, customers now have the power. As such, B2B vendors must deliver success for their clients to achieve success for their own businesses. Customer success teams are being created in companies to quarterback the customer lifecycle and drive adoption, renewals, up-sell and advocacy. The Customer Success philosophy is invading the boardroom and impacting the way CEOs think about their business. Today, Customer Success is the hottest B2B movement since the advent of the subscription business model, and this book is the one-of-a-kind guide that shows you how to make it work in your company. From the initial planning stages through execution, you'll have expert guidance to help you: Understand the context that led to the start of the Customer Success movement Build a Customer Success strategy proven by the most competitive companies in the world Implement an action plan for structuring the Customer Success organization, tiering your customers, and developing the right cross-functional playbooks Customers want products that help them achieve their own business outcomes. By enabling your customers to realize value in your products, you're protecting recurring revenue and creating a customer for life. Customer Success shows you how to kick start your customer-centric revolution, and make it stick for the long term.

The Customer Success Economy

Love is the surprising emotion that company builders cannot afford to ignore. Genuine, heartfelt devotion and loyalty from customers — yes, love — is what propels a select few companies ahead. Think about the products and companies that you really care about and how they make you feel. You do not merely like those products, you adore them. Consider your own emotions and a key insight is revealed: Love is central to business. Nobody talks about it, but it is obvious in hindsight. Lovability: How to Build a Business That People Love and Be Happy Doing It shares what Silicon Valley-based author and Aha! CEO Brian de Haaff knows from a career of founding successful technology companies and creating award-winning products. He reveals the secret to the phenomenal growth of Aha! and the engine that powers lasting customer devotion — a set of principles that he pioneered and named The Responsive Method. Lovability provides valuable lessons and actionable steps for product and company builders everywhere, including:

- Why you should rethink everything you know about building a business
- What a product really is
- The magic of finding what your customers truly desire
- How to turn business strategy and product roadmaps into customer love
- Why you should chase company value, not valuation
- Surveys to measure your company's lovability

Brian de Haaff has spent the last 20 years focused on business strategy, product management, and bringing disruptive technologies to market. And in preparation for writing this book, he interviewed well-known startup founders, product managers, executives, and CEOs at hundreds of name brand and agile organizations. Their experiences, along with headline-grabbing case studies (both inspiring successes and cautionary tales), will help readers discover how to build something that matters. Much has been written about how entrepreneurs build innovative products and successful businesses, but the author's message is original and refreshing. He convincingly explains that there is a better path forward — a people-first way grounded in love. In a business world that has increasingly emphasized hype over substance and get-big-at-any-cost thinking over profitable and sustainable growth, it's time for a new recipe for company success. Insightful, thought-provoking, and sometimes controversial, Lovability is the book that you turn to when you know there has to be a better way.

The Outcome Generation

The marketing playbook for the Subscription Economy, now in its 3rd edition Subscriptions are upending industries and reshaping customer expectations. Have you changed your marketing practices to thrive in this new reality? A successful subscription business is built on lasting relationships, not one-time sales. Stop chasing sales and start creating value. The third edition of this ground-breaking book offers updated advice for solopreneurs, small businesses, fast-growing start-ups, and large enterprises alike. You'll find creative practices that will help you build and sustain the customer relationships that lead to long-term success. The revised third edition includes: – Updated research and case studies reflecting the rapid growth of subscription-based businesses – New chapters focusing on the needs of solopreneurs or small businesses and entrepreneurs/start-ups. – An expanded look at the risks and rewards of values-based marketing Whether you already have subscription revenues or you want to build an ongoing relationship with existing customers, you can adopt the practices and mindsets of the most successful subscription businesses. Find out why Book Authority considers Subscription Marketing to be one of the top marketing strategy books of all time.

The Ultimate Question 2.0 (Revised and Expanded Edition)

Strategic Industry-University Partnerships: Success-Factors from Innovative Companies unveils insights of experts from leading companies on managing partnerships with universities. Industry-university partnerships have proved vital to innovation, and although these partnerships can be challenging, careful choices and wise management around five success-factors leads to a systematic approach that unlocks value for both parties. University assessments of these partnerships have been widely described, but industry perspectives are less well understood. This volume captures observations of leading international corporations without omitting university views. It can serve all partners in alliances as a guide to strengthening their organizations. Unveils insights of experts from BMW, DuPont, Ferrovia, IBM, Novo Nordisk, Rolls-Royce, Schlumberger, and Siemens Presents the key challenges of university-industry collaboration and how world-leading companies tackle them Describes the success-factors for working with universities, such as selecting focus areas, university partners and collaboration formats in a systematic way and having the right organizational support and evaluation criteria

The Hidden Wound

Are you looking to start or grow a customer success team? Customer success is no longer just for companies with large teams and resources. It's a company mindset that can unlock the biggest opportunities in business. Customer success can help streamline experiences, grow product engagement and loyalty, and more importantly - retain business. In The Startup's Guide to Customer Success, Jennifer Chiang presents a guide on how to plan, execute, and grow your own customer success team and the actionable steps that you can take to champion the customer at your company. Learn insights such as: * The four attributes Shreesha Ramdas, CEO and Co-Founder of Strikedeck, says are must-haves when hiring your first customer success team* How Jamey Jeff, Managing Director of Customer Success Solutions at Coastal Cloud, reevaluated QBRs to derive more value for his customers with less work* How Maranda Dziekonski, VP of Customer Success at Pared, manages her time wisely to not only get everything done, but fight fires and plan ahead This book is for everyone from new customer success leaders, CEOs and VPs who want their company to be more customer-centric, to start-

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ups who are starting their own customer success teams

Creative Construction

The long-awaited follow-up to the international bestsellers, *Business Model Generation* and *Value Proposition Design* Alex Osterwalder and Yves Pigneur's *Business Model Canvas* changed the way the world creates and plans new business models. It has been used by corporations and startups and consultants around the world and is taught in hundreds of universities. After years of researching how the world's best companies develop, test, and scale new business models, the authors have produced their definitive work. *The Invincible Company* explains what every organization can learn from the business models of the world's most exciting companies. The book explains how companies such as Amazon, IKEA, Airbnb, Microsoft, and Logitech, have been able to create immensely successful businesses and disrupt entire industries. At the core of these successes are not just great products and services, but profitable, innovative business models--and the ability to improve existing business models while consistently launching new ones. *The Invincible Company* presents practical new tools for measuring, managing, and accelerating innovation, and strategies for reducing risk when launching new business models. Serving as a blueprint for your growth strategy, *The Invincible Company* explains how to constantly stay ahead of your competition. In-depth chapters explain how to create new growth engines, change how products and services are created and delivered, extract maximum profit from each type of business model, and much more. New tools—such as the Business Model Portfolio Map, Innovation Metrics, Innovation Strategy Framework, and the Culture Map—enable readers to understand how to design invincible companies. *The Invincible Company:* Helps large and small companies build their growth strategy and manage their core simultaneously Explains the world's best modern and historic business models Provides tools to assess your business model, innovation readiness, and all of your innovation projects Presented in striking 4-color, and packed with practical visuals and tools, *The Invincible Company* is a must-have book for business leaders, entrepreneurs, and innovation professionals.

Chief Customer Officer 2.0

In today's marketplace, if you don't focus on helping your customers realize the value of WHY they bought your product, then why would they ever stick around and become loyal customers? After reading this book, you'll be able to create a world-class customer winning strategy! Additionally, you will learn: - Actionable ideas that can transform your organizational culture to the kind of company that customers obsess over! - An essential blueprint for winning, retaining, and delighting your customers- Strategic advice to help you understand where you are now, what to do, and how to improve your existing Customer Success strategy.- New metrics and measurable outcomes to achieve consistent growth- How to create a world-class voice of the customer program- New approaches for developing an ongoing Sales and Customer Success conversation. Price reflected is available for a limited time only. Grab your copy today

Lovability

Killing your current marketing structure may be the only way to save it! Two of the world's top marketing experts reveal the next level of breakthrough success—transforming your marketing strategy into a standalone profit center. What if everything we currently know about marketing

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is what is holding us back? Over the last two decades, we've watched the entire world change the way it buys and stays loyal to brands. But, marketing departments are still operating in the same, campaign-centric, product-led operation that they have been following for 75 years. The most innovative companies around the world have achieved remarkable marketing results by fundamentally changing their approach. By creating value for customers through the use of owned media and the savvy use of content, these businesses have dramatically increased customer loyalty and revenue. Some of them have even taken it to the next step and developed a marketing function that actually pays for itself. Killing Marketing explores how these companies are ending the marketing as we know it—in favor of this new, exciting model. Killing Marketing provides the insight, approaches, and examples you need to understand these disruptive forces in ways that turn your marketing from cost center to revenue creator. This book builds the case for, literally, transforming the purpose of marketing within your organization. Joe Pulizzi and Robert Rose of the Content Marketing Institute show how leading companies are able to sell the very content that propels their marketing strategy. You'll learn how to:

- * Transform all or part of your marketing operation into a media company
- * Integrate this new operation into traditional marketing efforts
- * Develop best practices for attracting and retaining audiences
- * Build a strategy for competing against traditional media companies
- * Create a paid/earned media strategy fueled by an owned media strategy

Red Bull, Johnson & Johnson, Disney and Arrow Electronics have succeeded in what ten years ago would have been deemed impossible. They continue to market their products as they always have, and, through their content-driven and audience-building initiatives, they drive value outside the day-to-day products they sell—and monetize it directly. Killing Marketing rewrites the rules of marketing—enabling you to make the kind of transition that turns average companies into industry legends.

The Trusted Advisor

If leaders aren't integrating their digital offerings into a philosophy of Customer Success, they will be defeated in the next decade, because technical excellence and other traditional competitive advantages are becoming too easy to imitate. The Customer Success Economy offers examples and specifics of how companies can transform. It addresses the pains of transforming organizational charts, leadership roles, responsibilities, and strategies so the whole company works together in total service to the customer. Shows leaders how their digital implementations will make them more Amazon-like Helps you deliver recurring revenue Shows you how to embrace customer retention Demonstrates the importance of "churning" less Get that competitive advantage in the most relevant and important arena today—making and cultivating happy customers.

Killing Marketing: How Innovative Businesses Are Turning Marketing Cost Into Profit

Are you a Customer Success Executive or making your way up the Customer Success ladder? Do you want to transform churn into maximum recurring revenue and growth? Are you looking for a clear route to an established framework? Are you determined to be proactive, rather than constantly firefighting, with your customers? Is your company invested in or implementing a customer-focused philosophy? If you answered yes to any of these questions, this book is for you! Customer Success is an emerging discipline for professionals pioneering revenue growth through customer relationships, outcomes, trust, loyalty, retention and referrals. The Customer Success Pioneer is a practical handbook for creating a best-in-practice Customer Success

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function from the ground up. It will help you ensure that your existing portfolio of customers become successful partners - delighted, committed and renewing - by putting in place processes that will work across your portfolio and into the future. This book will help you find the essential frameworks to maximise customer retention, recurring revenue and growth, build a productive and balanced team and excel as a Customer Success professional.

The Innovator's DNA

Describes how many companies erroneously believe that customer loyalty is won by dazzling them, but that research and surveys show that loyalty is based on delivering on basic promises and offers insights for companies to use to improve brand loyalty.

Practical Customer Success Management

Across entire verticals of the economy the new normal is the recurring revenue business. Charging customers on a monthly basis, firms with this model have to play by an entirely new set of rules, rules which generally favor the customer over the seller. But this new model also opens up fantastic opportunities to provide and extract more value from the relationship as well. To create that value business needs to move away from a hunting mindset to a farming mindset. That change is the new paradigm of Customer Success. Many business leaders have heard of Customer Success but few understand what it really means to run their business from the Customer Success standpoint. Even fewer have the experience to build the Customer Success function and optimize its performance. As a pioneer in the field of Customer Success, Guy Nirpaz is acknowledged as one of the earliest proponents of this business realignment. In

Customer Success for a Whole New World

In The Sales Enablement Playbook, sales veterans Cory Bray and Hilmon Sorey provide insights into creating a culture of sales enablement throughout your organization. This book provides a series of stand-alone chapters with frameworks and tactics that you can immediately implement, regardless of company size or industry. Whether you are a sales executive, sales practitioner, or a non-sales executive looking for ways to impact growth, The Sales Enablement Playbook will help you identify your role in a thriving enablement ecosystem.

The Wide Lens

Customer Success Managers and Account Managers are the newest addition to the sales team, whether they and their organizations know it or not. Building on the ideas in The SaaS Sales Method, which discusses how fundamental sales skills must be applied by every customer-facing employee, The SaaS Sales Method for Customer Success & Account Managers: How to Grow Customers goes deep on the fundamental skills of CSMs and Account Managers. It also goes beyond, to discussing in detail how CSMs and AMs must interact with other sales teams in order to truly maintain an consistent customer experience and maximize revenues from existing customers.

The Sales Enablement Playbook

How can great companies do everything right - identify real customer needs, deliver excellent

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innovations, beat their competitors to market - and still fail? The sad truth is that many companies fail because they focus too intensely on their own innovations, and then neglect the innovation ecosystems on which their success depends. In our increasingly interdependent world, winning requires more than just delivering on your own promises. It means ensuring that a host of partners -some visible, some hidden- deliver on their promises, too. In *The Wide Lens*, innovation expert Ron Adner draws on over a decade of research and field testing to take you on far ranging journeys from Kenya to California, from transport to telecommunications, to reveal the hidden structure of success in a world of interdependence. A riveting study that offers a new perspective on triumphs like Amazon's e-book strategy and Apple's path to market dominance; monumental failures like Michelin with run-flat tires and Pfizer with inhalable insulin; and still unresolved issues like electric cars and electronic health records, *The Wide Lens* offers a powerful new set of frameworks and tools that will multiply your odds of innovation success. *The Wide Lens* will change the way you see, the way you think - and the way you win.

Product-Led Growth

Conventional wisdom today says that to survive, companies must move beyond incremental, sustaining innovation and invest in some form of radical innovation. "Disrupt yourself or be disrupted!" is the relentless message company leaders hear. *The Power of Little Ideas* argues there's a "third way" that is neither sustaining nor disruptive. This low-risk, high-reward strategy is an approach to innovation that all company leaders should understand so that they recognize it when their competitors practice it, and apply it when it will give them a competitive advantage. This distinctive approach has three key elements: It consists of creating a family of complementary innovations around a product or service, all of which work together to make that product more appealing and competitive. The complementary innovations work together as a system to carry out a single strategy or purpose. Crucially, unlike disruptive or radical innovation, innovating around a key product does not change the central product in any fundamental way. In this powerful, practical book, Wharton professor David Robertson illustrates how many well-known companies, including CarMax, GoPro, LEGO, Gatorade, Disney, USAA, Novo Nordisk, and many others, used this approach to stave off competitive threats and achieve great success. He outlines the organizational practices that unintentionally torpedo this approach to innovation in many companies and shows how organizations can overcome those challenges. Aimed at leaders seeking strategies for sustained innovation, and at the quickly growing numbers of managers involved with creating new products, *The Power of Little Ideas* provides a logical, organic, and enduring third way to innovate.

The Effortless Experience

Are you a customer success or support executive curious about adapting industry best practices to your organization? Are you a newly-promoted customer success or support manager with plenty of ideas, but not much management experience? Or are you an executive with no hands-on experience with customer success, but wanting to learn more about how to decrease churn and improve revenue expansion from existing customers? *The Art of Support* is a practical guide for managers and executives that answers your questions. In it, you will find: - Best practices for customer success and support, from designing customer lifecycle journeys, to managing day-to-day activities, to measuring results. - Nuanced recommendations to build or improve your organization. - Dozens of practical tools you can use right away such as customer scorecards, sample support portfolios, hiring checklists, decision trees for selecting support models, job ladders, and budget templates.

Subscribed

Tomorrow's customers need to be targeted today! With emerging technology transforming customer expectations, it's more important than ever to keep a laser focus on the experience companies provide their customers. In *The Customer of the Future*, customer experience futurist Blake Morgan outlines ten easy-to-follow customer experience guidelines that integrate emerging technologies with effective strategies to combat disconnected processes, silo mentalities, and a lack of buyer perspective. Tomorrow's customers will insist on experiences that make their lives significantly easier and better. Companies will win their business not by just proclaiming that customer experience is a priority but by embedding a customer focus into every aspect of their operations. They'll understand how emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), automation, and analytics are changing the game and craft a strategy to integrate them into their products and processes. *The Customer of the Future* explains how today's customers are already demanding frictionless, personalized, on-demand experiences from their products and services, and companies that don't adapt to these new expectations won't last. This book prepares your organization for these increasing demands by helping you do the following: Learn the ten defining strategies for a customer experience – focused company. Implement new techniques to shift the entire company from being product-focused to being customer-focused. Gain insights through case studies and examples on how the world's most innovative companies are offering new and compelling customer experiences. Craft a leadership development and culture plan to create lasting change at your organization.

The Invincible Company

A new classic, cited by leaders and media around the globe as a highly recommended read for anyone interested in innovation. In *The Innovator's DNA*, authors Jeffrey Dyer, Hal Gregersen, and bestselling author Clayton Christensen (*The Innovator's Dilemma*, *The Innovator's Solution*, *How Will You Measure Your Life?*) build on what we know about disruptive innovation to show how individuals can develop the skills necessary to move progressively from idea to impact. By identifying behaviors of the world's best innovators—from leaders at Amazon and Apple to those at Google, Skype, and Virgin Group—the authors outline five discovery skills that distinguish innovative entrepreneurs and executives from ordinary managers: Associating, Questioning, Observing, Networking, and Experimenting. Once you master these competencies (the authors provide a self-assessment for rating your own innovator's DNA), the authors explain how to generate ideas, collaborate to implement them, and build innovation skills throughout the organization to result in a competitive edge. This innovation advantage will translate into a premium in your company's stock price—an innovation premium—which is possible only by building the code for innovation right into your organization's people, processes, and guiding philosophies. Practical and provocative, *The Innovator's DNA* is an essential resource for individuals and teams who want to strengthen their innovative prowess.

Who Do You Want Your Customers to Become?

How organisations can drive growth in the Customer Economy The Digital Revolution has changed the business landscape in remarkable ways and will continue to do so. Organisations across industries and around the world are being disrupted and digitised at increasing pace – putting far more power in the hands of both customers and end-consumers. The traditional inside-out, functionally-siloed business model, typical of the product and sales-led growth era is over. *The Customer Catalyst* shows how organisations can put customers truly at the heart

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of their business and catalyse genuine, sustainable growth. Future business models are no longer about functions – they are beginning to revolve around customers. Customer-led companies will, over time, unpack their static functional activities and transform their structure. Customer advocates already wield massive influence in a customer's buying process, and this is only set to increase. This is already changing the role and nature of business functions and Sales is no longer seen as the only source of growth. The Customer Economy is placing greater demands on businesses and offers greater rewards to the businesses that meet and exceed customer expectations. This invaluable book will enable readers to: Lead their organisations to more profitable and sustainable growth Transform their organisations to become truly customer-centric with the C-change growth engine Explore in-depth stories from leaders of companies such as Zoom, Signify, Starling Bank, Ritz Carlton, Microsoft and Finastra with frank advice and practical steps to achieve success Help their companies adapt to, and profit from, the new realities of the Customer Economy Gain important insights from business leaders on best practice in key customer-centric growth areas The Customer Catalyst shows businesses how to survive the transition to the Customer Economy, transform to align around today's dynamic customer needs, and ultimately, drive sustainable business growth.

Strategic Industry-University Partnerships

This myth-busting book shows large companies can construct a strategy, system, and culture of innovation that creates sustained growth. Every company wants to grow, and the most proven way is through innovation. The conventional wisdom is that only disruptive, nimble startups can innovate; once a business gets bigger and more complex corporate arteriosclerosis sets in. Gary Pisano's remarkable research conducted over three decades, and his extraordinary on-the-ground experience with big companies and fast-growing ones that have moved beyond the start-up stage, provides new thinking about how the scale of bigger companies can be leveraged for advantage in innovation. He begins with the simple reality that bigger companies are, well, different. Demanding that they "be like Uber" is no more realistic than commanding your dog to speak French. Bigger companies are complex. They need to sustain revenue streams from existing businesses, and deal with Wall Street's demands. These organizations require a different set of management practices and approaches--a discipline focused on the strategies, systems and culture for taking their companies to the next level. Big can be beautiful, but it requires creative construction by leaders to avoid the creative destruction that is all-too-often the fate of too many.

The Art of Support

With developments like smart phones, social media, mobile connectivity, big data, and speech analytics, businesses have more opportunities to enhance the customer experience than ever before. Not only that customers expect more. Unfortunately, many companies fail to take advantage of and properly manage the tools that now exist, delivering a series of frustrating, disjointed transactions that drive people away. Customer Experience 3.0 provides firsthand guidance on what works, what doesn't--and the revenue and word-of-mouth payoff of getting it right. The book contains an innovative customer-experience framework and step-by-step roadmap, showing readers how to: Design and deliver flawless services and products while setting honest customer expectations Create and implement an effective customer access strategy Capture and leverage the voice of the customer to set priorities and improve products, services and marketing Use CRM systems, cutting-edge metrics, and other tools to deliver customer satisfaction. Great companies provide seamless experiences, seeming to know what customers want before they know it themselves while others set up fancy Facebook pages and

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then drop the ball. This groundbreaking guide reveals how to delight customers using the best tools available.

The Customer Catalyst

In the first edition of this landmark book, business loyalty guru Fred Reichheld revealed the question most critical to your company's future: "Would you recommend us to a friend?" By asking customers this question, you identify detractors, who sully your firm's reputation and readily switch to competitors, and promoters, who generate good profits and true, sustainable growth. You also generate a vital metric: your Net Promoter Score. Since the book was first published, Net Promoter has transformed companies, across industries and sectors, constituting a game-changing system and ethos that rivals Six Sigma in its power. In this thoroughly updated and expanded edition, Reichheld, with Bain colleague Rob Markey, explains how practitioners have built Net Promoter into a full-fledged management system that drives extraordinary financial and competitive results. With his trademark clarity, Reichheld:

- Defines the fundamental concept of Net Promoter, explaining its connection to your company's growth and sustained success
- Presents the closed-loop feedback process and demonstrates its power to energize employees and delight customers
- Shares new and compelling stories of companies that have transformed their performance by putting Net Promoter at the center of their business

Practical and insightful, *The Ultimate Question 2.0* provides a blueprint for long-term growth and success.

Costovation

Profitable innovation doesn't just happen. It must be managed, measured, and properly executed, and few companies know how to accomplish this effectively. *Making Innovation Work* presents a formal innovation process proven to work at HP, Microsoft and Toyota, to help ordinary managers drive top and bottom line growth from innovation. The authors have drawn on their unsurpassed innovation consulting experience -- as well as the most thorough review of innovation research ever performed. They'll show what works, what doesn't, and how to use management tools to dramatically increase the payoff from innovation investments. Learn how to define the right strategy for effective innovation; how to structure an organization to innovate best; how to implement management systems to assess ongoing innovation; how to incentivize teams to deliver, and much more. This book offers the first authoritative guide to using metrics at every step of the innovation process -- from idea creation and selection through prototyping and commercialization. This updated edition refreshes the examples used throughout the book and features a new introduction that gives currency to the principles covered throughout.

The Customer Success Pioneer

Subscription pricing has moved the power back to customers. If they don't have success, they can cancel, or just not grow their usage. Either way, the vendor's revenue suffers. A new generation of technology vendors has learned to cope by enabling true customer success. Buy the book now and learn how the new generation has achieved all this.

The Product-Led Organization

Beside talent and a sterling portfolio, what can world-class consultants like Deloitte & Touche, Societe General and Towers Perrin boast has helped them achieve success in our

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entrepreneurial economy? They all have the inside track on the indispensable "Trusted Advisor" model for client relationships, created by renowned experts Charles Green and Robert Galford. Now Green and Galford have teamed up with the acclaimed David Maister in order to help their latest high-profile, fast-forward client: you. In this straightforward guide, Maister, Green and Galford show readers that the key to professional success goes well beyond technical mastery or expertise. Today, it's all about the vital ability to earn the client's trust and thereby win the ability to influence them. In these high risk times, trust is more valuable than gold. With this critical, highly detailed and accessible resource, readers will learn the five crucial steps for developing, managing and improving client confidence. For both emerging and established entrepreneurs and consultants, THE TRUSTED ADVISOR is the first truly indispensable business book of the decade.

The Startup's Guide to Customer Success

5 Leadership Competencies To Build Your Customer-Driven Growth Engine Chief Customer Officer 2.0 is a hands-on resource packed with tools for Chief Customer Officers and leadership to work together to earn customer-driven growth. A sequel to the 2006 classic Chief Customer Officer, this new update, with over 90 percent new material, is based on Jeanne Bliss's twenty-five years of extensive experience as a Chief Customer Officer, and her work coaching Chief Customer Officers and executive teams for the past ten years. Chief Customer Officer 2.0 is based on a five-competency framework that successfully launched multitudes of Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies through their customer experience transformations. The framework addresses the issues that remain prominent, including siloed organizations and the need for clear goals and metrics, as well as new factors, like social media, that have altered the customer relations dynamic forever. You'll learn the five key competencies embraced by world-class leaders and the role of the Chief Customer Officer in uniting the organization to build and embrace these new competencies. This book provides practical guidance on how to make those competencies part of the way your company develops products, goes to market, enables and rewards people, and conducts annual planning. The discussion includes an exploration of what goes wrong in companies that stumble, so you can sidestep their mistakes and avoid their fate. By embracing employees and customers, and delivering an experience they want to have again, you'll pave the way for lasting success and drive better business decisions. Over the past decade, consumers have gained unprecedented power to speak out directly, forever changing the way companies relate to their customers. The customer experience has become a major driving force behind business growth, and this book provides a framework for making it a part of every aspect of doing business. Treat your customers like the assets they are Craft a more comprehensive customer care strategy Avoid the common pitfalls that cause major damage Unify the company around the customer experience With concrete, practical advice updated for the changing consumer landscape, Chief Customer Officer 2.0 is an essential resource for every leader accountable for the customer experience.

The Customer Success Professional's Handbook

Wow your customers . . . with "less." Cut costs-it's a common corporate refrain. But if you constantly slash expenditures, what happens to innovation? How can you stay competitive and satisfy customers? Costovation solves the dilemma of how to spend less and innovate more. The book's revolutionary approach broadens the definition of innovation beyond products to the business model itself. With costovation, you let go of assumptions, take a fresh look at the market, and relentlessly focus on what customers really want. Consider Planet Fitness-it grew

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to 7.3 million members by concentrating on casual exercisers. Those folks don't care about frills. They want easy, low-cost access to good equipment. Although it's inexpensive to run, Planet Fitness ranks highest in gym satisfaction. Gourmet grocer, Picard, sells only frozen food. With less perishable inventory, they compress costs while delighting a discerning but busy clientele. Packed with examples and interactive exercises, the book explores cost innovation strategies that work for big and small companies alike. From open innovation and cost-sharing to simplifying products and turning waste into new offerings—readers learn how rivals are carving out niches, protecting positions, and dominating industries. Innovation and cost-cutting are not opposites. Combined, they expose untapped opportunities to outsmart and underspend competitors.

Customer Education

Who do you want your customers to become? According to MIT innovation expert and thought leader Michael Schrage, if you aren't asking this question, your strategic marketing and innovation efforts will fail. In this latest HBR Single, Schrage provides a powerful new lens for getting more value out of innovation investment. He argues that asking customers to do something different doesn't go far enough—serious marketers and innovators must ask them to become something different instead. Even more, you must invest in their capabilities and competencies to help them become better customers. Schrage's primary insight is that innovation is an investment in your client, not just a transaction with them. To truly innovate today, designing new products or features or services won't get you there. Only by designing new customers—thinking of their future state, being the conduit to their evolution—will you transform your business. Schrage explains how the above question (what he calls “The Ask”) will incite you and your team to imagine and design ideal customer outcomes as the way to drive your business's future. The Single is organized around six key insights and includes practical exercises to help you apply the question to your current situation. Schrage also includes examples from well-known companies—Google, Facebook, Disney, Starbucks, Apple, IKEA, Dyson, Ryanair, and others—to illustrate just what is possible when you apply “The Ask.” Marketing executives, brand managers, strategic innovators, and entrepreneurs alike should understand how successful innovation rebrands the client and not the product. A requisite question for its time, *Who Do You Want Your Customers To Become* will liberate you and your team from ‘innovation myopia’—and turn your innovation efforts on their head. HBR Singles provide brief yet potent business ideas, in digital form, for today's thinking professional.

Making Innovation Work

The definitive “Customer Success Manager How-To-Guide” for the CSM profession from Gainsight, who brought you the market-leading *Customer Success The Customer Success Manager* has become a critical asset to organizations across the business landscape. As the subscription model has spread from the cloud and SaaS to more sectors of the economy, that pivotal role will only grow in importance. That's because if you want to compete and thrive in this new environment, you need to put the customer at the center of your strategy. You need to recognize you're no longer selling just a product. You're selling an outcome. Customer Success Managers (CSM) are committed to capturing and delivering those outcomes by listening to their customers, understanding their needs, and adapting products and services to drive success. Although several existing resources address the customer success imperative, there is no authoritative instruction manual for the CSM profession—until now. *The Customer Success Professional's Handbook* is the definitive reference book for CSMs and similar roles in the field. This practical, first-of-its-kind manual fills a significant gap in professional customer

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success literature, providing the knowledge every CSM needs to succeed—from the practitioner level all the way to senior leadership. The authors—acknowledged experts in building, training, and managing Customer Success teams—offer real-world guidance and practical advice for aspiring and experienced CSMs alike. The handbook is written by practitioners for practitioners. An indispensable resource for front-line Customer Success Managers, this much-needed book: Demonstrates how to build, implement, and manage a Customer Success team Helps new CSMs develop their skills and proficiency to be more employable and grow in their careers Provides clear guidance for managers on how to hire a stellar CSM Presents practical tactics needed to drive revenue growth during renewal, expansion, and customer advocacy opportunities Explains proven methods and strategies for mentoring CSMs throughout their careers Offers valuable insights from Gainsight, the Customer Success Company, and the broader customer success community with more than a dozen of the industry's most respected leaders contributing their perspectives Currently, with over 70,000 open positions, Customer Success Manager is one of the fastest-growing jobs in the world. The Customer Success Professional's Handbook: How to Thrive in One of the World's Fastest Growing Careers—While Driving Growth For Your Company will prove to be your go-to manual throughout every stage of your CSM career.

The Customer of the Future

Think you know your customers? You better be more assured than just thinking you do, because your success depends on it! The best companies in the world first research exhaustively what their customers desire, and then they deliver it in memorable and deeply human experiences--resulting in success previously believed to be unachievable. So once again, how well do you know your customers? In a hyperconnected economy that is radically changing consumer expectations, this vital expectation for any successful business is not always easy. But in *What Customers Crave*, author and business strategist Nicholas Webb simplifies this critical task into being able to confidently answer two questions: What do your customers love? What do they hate? Jam-packed with tools and examples, this must-have resource helps businesses reinvent how they engage with customers (both physical and virtual). Learn how to:

- Gain invaluable insights into who your customers are and what they care about
- Use listening posts and Contact Point Innovation to refine customer types
- Engineer experiences for each micromarket that are not only exceptional, but insanely relevant
- Connect across the five most important touchpoints
- Co-create with your customers

And more! It's time to reinvent the ways you engage with your customers. Because when you learn to provide for them exactly what they want, they not only bring along their wallets but those belong to their friends as well!

What Customers Crave

An impassioned, thoughtful, and fearless essay on the effects of racism on the American identity by one of our country's most humane literary voices. Acclaimed as "one of the most humane, honest, liberating works of our time" (*The Village Voice*), *The Hidden Wound* is a book-length essay about racism and the damage it has done to the identity of our country. Through Berry's personal experience, he explains how remaining passive in the face of the struggle of racism further corrodes America's great potential. In a quiet and observant manner, Berry opens up about how his attempt to discuss racism is rooted in the hope that someday the historical wound will begin to heal. Pulitzer prize-winning author Larry McMurtry calls this "a profound, passionate, crucial piece of writing . . . Few readers, and I think, no writers will be able to read it without a small pulse of triumph at the temples: the strange, almost communal

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sense of triumph one feels when someone has written truly well . . . The statement it makes is intricate and beautiful, sad but strong." "Mr. Berry is a sophisticated, philosophical poet in the line descending from Emerson and Thoreau." The Baltimore Sun "[Berry's poems] shine with the gentle wisdom of a craftsman who has thought deeply about the paradoxical strangeness and wonder of life." The Christian Science Monitor "Wendell Berry is one of those rare individuals who speaks to us always of responsibility, of the individual cultivation of an active and aware participation in the arts of life." The Bloomsbury Review "[Berry's] poems, novels and essays . . . are probably the most sustained contemporary articulation of America's agrarian, Jeffersonian ideal." Publishers Weekly

Customer Success

Today's software companies can't afford to be passive with their customers. As software moves to the web and becomes more consumerized, software companies can only grow if their current customers renew and grow over time. Otherwise those customers will leave, creating a "leaky bucket" of revenue. So, what are smart, innovative companies doing before they end up with severe churn problems? Forward-thinking companies invest in Customer Education early as a way to drive customer growth and maximize lifetime value in a scalable way. Over time, this function has the potential to differentiate a company in the market. Consider this book a survival guide to investing in a Customer Education function, including: -How to drive a Customer Education strategy across your customer lifecycle-Tips for creating killer content that will actually lead to customer performance-What tools to implement as part of your technology stack-Measurement strategies for improving your content and showing ROI-And more

Paramedic Interview Questions and Answers

A playbook on product-led strategy for software product teams There's a common strategy used by the fastest growing and most successful businesses of our time. These companies are building their entire customer experience around their digital products, delivering software that is simple, intuitive and delightful, and that anticipates and exceeds the evolving needs of users. Product-led organizations make their products the vehicle for acquiring and retaining customers, driving growth, and influencing organizational priorities. They represent the future of business in a digital-first world. This book is meant to help you transform your company into a product-led organization, helping to drive growth for your business and advance your own career. It provides: A holistic view of the quantitative and qualitative insights teams need to make better decisions and shape better product experiences. A guide to setting goals for product success and measuring progress toward meeting them. A playbook for incorporating sales and marketing activities, service and support, as well as onboarding and education into the product Strategies for soliciting, organizing and prioritizing feedback from customers and other stakeholders; and how to use those inputs to create an effective product roadmap The Product-Led Organization: Drive Growth By Putting Product at the Center of Your Customer Experience was written by the co-founder and CEO of Pendo—a SaaS company and innovator in building software for digital product teams. The book reflects the author's passion and dedication for sharing what it takes to build great products.

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