

Call Center Management On Fast Forward Succeeding In The New Era Of Customer Relationships

Press 1 for technical support. Press 2 for broken hearts. Press 3 if your life has totally crashed. . . . Six friends work nights at a call center in India, providing technical support for a major U.S. appliance corporation. Skilled in patience—and accent management—they help American consumers keep their lives running. Yet behind the headsets, everybody's heart is on the line. Shyam (Sam to his callers) has lost his self-confidence after being dumped by the girl who just so happens to be sitting next to him. Priyanka's domineering mother has arranged for her daughter's upscale marriage to an Indian man in Seattle. Esha longs to be a model but discovers it's a horizontal romp to the runway. Lost, dissatisfied Vroom has high ideals, but compromises them by talking on the phone to idiots each night. Traditional Radhika has just found out that her husband is sleeping with his secretary. And Military Uncle (nobody knows his real name) sits alone working the online chat. They all try to make it through their shifts—and maintain their sanity—under the eagle eye of a boss whose ego rivals his incompetence. But tonight is no ordinary night. Tonight is Thanksgiving in America: Appliances are going haywire, and the phones are ringing off their hooks. Then one call, from one very special caller, changes everything. Chetan Bhagat's delicious romantic comedy takes us inside the world of the international call center, where cultural cross-wires come together with perfect pathos, hilarity, and spice.

The notion that call centers are stressful environments is nothing new. The never-ending influx of irate customers combined with a break-neck pace is enough to wear down the strongest among us. In his book, *Mastering the Irate Caller*, Joshua Martin presents a proven formula for how to turn the angriest customer around, and most importantly, how to stay sane on the job. After unexpectedly landing a job at a call center, Joshua quickly discovered that he had something that almost every one of his colleagues lacked: the natural ability to de-escalate conflict. But being good at a job doesn't mean a job is good for you. In Joshua's case, all the angry insults that customers berated him with started to impact his mental health. First, he would replay difficult conversations in his head, long after he had clocked out of work. Then, he became so emotionally exhausted that he began having meltdowns in his car. His colleagues were no different. He saw coworkers having anxiety attacks, quitting on the spot after a call went bad, and even drinking on the job. Joshua knew he would either need a new career or a new perspective. After months of research, he developed a formula to calm down the angriest caller while staying calm and centered. At first, Joshua applied his formula to his own calls only. As he moved into management positions, he began training his staff to de-escalate conflict using the same tools. The results were transformative. This book is the product of his research—a culmination of tips, strategies, and almost two decades of experience in the call center field. It requires a paradigm shift—from being the victim of angry, threatening callers, to gaining the necessary tools and insights to stay calm and centered amidst chaos without taking others' actions personally. Joshua includes valuable information about the way our bodies respond to stress, how we communicate with one another, and what we need to do to be the best versions of ourselves. His step-by-step instructions and practical exercises help readers learn how to shift their mindsets, connect with customers, and leave work at work. *Mastering the Irate Caller* is a treasure chest of strategies that will help improve employee morale, customer retention, and mental health in the call center field. It is a must-read for agents and leaders alike. Instead of bringing the stress of work home to their families, his readers just might bring home some of his tools instead.

A customer service expert offers practical strategies for call center managers who want to inspire their employees to be their best. Gwendolyn Oglesby has built her entire career

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working in customer service, creating environments and experiences that are as positive for employees as they are for customers. Now Oglesby shares the tools and strategies she has developed for improving customer service skills, managing employees, and building a successful team culture. In *Call Center Management on Fast Forward Succeeding in Today's Dynamic Inbound Environment*, Oglesby teaches managers how to train, motivate, and encourage employees to reach their full potential. Each chapter features insightful personality profiles and thought-provoking questions about call center dynamics. At the end of the day, customer service is not just about serving the customer; it's about serving your team as well.

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Bad things happen when a temp is hired at a call center to fill a vacancy. Working in a dead-end job with nothing else to lose, leads to trouble for customers. Author: Andy has worked in 7 call centers from Utah to California, and has seen it all. Reps copying customer information to sell for more money than a call center rep earns in a month. Opening fraudulent accounts. Moving money to fake accounts. This doesn't include the abuse.

Need to know how to buy a phone switch for your call center? How to measure the productivity of agents? How to choose from two cities that both want your center? No problem. *The Call Center Handbook* is a complete guide to starting, running, and im

Every customer-facing corporation has at least one call center. In the United States, call centers handle a billion calls per year. *Call Center Operation* gives you complete coverage of the critical issues involved in the design, implementation, organization, and management of a customer call center. Sharp provides information on advanced technology tools for workforce management, workshop examples for training call center staff, and an analysis of the significance of the call center to overall corporate customer relationship strategies. A special feature of the book is its focus on call center case studies, describing a number of successful call center strategies and best practices, selected from various business sectors - financial, retail, healthcare, travel, technology, and others. These case studies provide useful guidelines based on successful corporate call centers that will guide you in establishing and maintaining the most effective call center operation for your enterprise.

- Presents key concepts and techniques, including a formal development process, in a real-world context
- Provides extensive management guidelines
- Stresses the importance of staff selection and training

Can blockchain solve your biggest business problem? While the world is transfixed by bitcoin mania, your competitors are tuning out the noise and making strategic bets on blockchain. Your rivals are effortlessly tracking every last link in their supply chains. They're making bureaucratic paper trails obsolete while keeping their customers' data safer and discovering new ways to use this next foundational technology to sustain their competitive advantage. What should you be doing with blockchain now to ensure that your business is poised for success? "Blockchain: The Insights You Need from Harvard Business Review" brings you today's most essential thinking on blockchain, explains how to get the right initiatives started at your company, and prepares you to seize the opportunity of the coming blockchain wave. Business is changing. Will you adapt or be left behind? Get up to speed and deepen your understanding of the topics that are shaping your company's future with the *Insights You Need from Harvard Business Review* series. Featuring HBR's smartest thinking on fast-moving issues--blockchain, cybersecurity, AI, and more--each book provides the foundational introduction and practical case studies your organization needs to compete today and collects the best research, interviews, and analysis to get it ready for tomorrow. You can't afford to ignore how these issues will transform the landscape of business and society. The

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Insights You Need series will help you grasp these critical ideas--and prepare you and your company for the future.

ATTENTION TRAINERS: It's Not About YOU - It's About the LEARNER! What is the biggest mistake a trainer can make? Quite simply, it is focusing all of their efforts on themselves and not their students! Many inexperienced trainers fall into this trap, but it doesn't have to happen to you! This book provides easy-to-execute examples that, when utilized, will make any rookie trainer look like a seasoned pro in just one day! You will learn how to structure the classroom experience in such a positive way that I guarantee it will make a difference in your professional life and in the lives of your participants. The techniques outlined in this book will help you to become the Great Trainer you have always wanted to be - because although good trainers may know these methods, Great Trainers make it happen! Inside, you will discover how to:

- Create an inviting physical and emotional learning environment for your students. An inviting learning environment leads to higher levels of participation, retention, and on-the-job application!
- Be less of an instructor and more of a "Tour Guide." Utilizing tour guide techniques will make your class anything-but-ordinary, causing people to look forward to your next event!
- Utilize Great Trainer techniques whether you're facilitating a 5-day course, a 60-minute training session, or a 15-minute presentation!
- Apply the techniques that will help you go WACCO for your participants - without spending a dime!

Get on the road to continuous training improvement and start reading!

Every so called, Black man, woman, child wants to believe that slavery is over. The reason being for this belief is because times have changed. But that's not true, times may have change, and the institution of slavery has changed with it, in how its introduced. Slavery has taken on a new form, and its through words, words that would imprison our minds

This is the only book available today that provides a very readable, step-by-step guide for managing an incoming call center. The book combines theory with practical advice and is filled with over 100 charts and graphs, several case studies and an extensive glossary and index. Readers will learn how to: achieve service level with quality in an era of more transactions, growing complexity and heightened caller expectations; understand the "how" behind best practices; boost caller satisfaction; win top management's support; and discover what separates a good call center from a great one.

Based on the author's TeleSmart 10 System for Power Selling, this award-winning business book pinpoints the ten skills essential to high-efficiency, high-success sales performance in an age of telesales and digital selling. Smart Selling on the Phone and Online equips salespeople with the powerful tools they need to open stronger, build trust faster, handle objections better, and close more sales when dealing with customers they can't see face-to-face. You'll learn how to: overcome ten different forms of "paralysis" and reestablish momentum; sell in sound bites, not long-winded speeches; ask the right questions to reveal customer needs; navigate around obstacles to get to the power buyer; and prioritize and manage your time so that more of it is spent actually selling. The world of selling keeps changing, and sales professionals are on the front line of innovation to keep profits flowing. Combining an accessible text with clear graphics and step-by-step processes, Smart Selling on the Phone and Online will help any rep master the world of sales 2.0 and become a true sales warrior.

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Call Centers for Dummies is the ideal resource for call center managers. Using Call Centers for Dummies, the manager is equipped with a guide that, working under the principals of revenue generation, efficiency, and customer satisfaction, will improve results measurably. Instead of viewing the call center only as a cost center, managers, equipped with new tools, will be able to affect the bottom line through continuous. Part I: From the Ground Up: An Overview of the Call Center. Part II: The Master Plan: Finance, Analysis, and Resource Management. Part III: Making Life Better With Technology. Part IV: Ensuring Continuous Improvement'. Part V: Handling the Calls: Where It All Comes Together. Part VI: The Part of Tens

"I once heard it said that running a call center is not rocket science. While you may not need the skills and education of an aerospace engineer, successful call center management does require certain skills and insight." -RANDY RUBINGH Call Center Rocket Science gives practical, hands on advice for today's customer service professionals. Here you will find real world advice on a wide variety of topics essential to effective call center management including: Recruiting and Hiring: How to find great agents, what to look for in a candidate, how to weed out applicants that may not be a good fit, closing the best candidates. Training: How to develop an effective new hire training course that prepares reps to take successfully take calls starting their first day on the floor. Effective Role playing strategies to increase effectiveness of training. Management: Creating a world class culture to motivate and retain your staff. How to look at and understand call center statistics. Call Center Operations: How to handle the day to day activity of a call center, and manage the business without constantly fighting fires. Outsourcing: For outsourcers- tips on how to make your client satisfied and give you more business. For those who outsource there are tips on how to get below the surface to truly understanding the level of service being provided by your service provider. Overall 110 tips that most centers can implement right away and receive immediate benefit of improved operations, and higher levels of employee and customer satisfaction.

The management and design of call centres is increasing in complexity due to advancing technology and rising customer expectations. This guide provides managers with an understanding of the role, value and practical deployment of simulation in the planning, management and analysis of call centres. This handbook is part two of ICMI's comprehensive, four-part series on call center management, which includes people management, operations management, customer relationship management, and leadership and business management. The Call Center Operations Management Handbook and Study Guide provides this solid foundation through an examination of key performance indicators, call center planning and management processes, call center technology and facilities management. The guide begins with an explanation of service level and response time -- key objectives that measure the accessibility of the center. A detailed examination of other key performance indicators follows. The third section of the guide provides an in-depth discussion of the planning and management processes upon which call center operations depend, including forecasting, staffing and scheduling. The guide then transitions from processes to technology with an integrated look at the technologies present in the best of

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today's centers. The guide closes with site selection, call center design, health and safety issues, and disaster recovery principles.

Are you just hanging in there? Have life's curveballs thrown you off balance? Do you feel as if your life is going sideways? Bestselling author, leadership coach, and former Yahoo! executive Tim Sanders knows how you feel. His father's unexpected death put him in a downward spiral for fifteen years—what he calls his “sideways years.” In 1996, a photo of a dusty water tower in Texas finally got his attention. That's when he realized he needed to go home to his rock—his grandmother Billye, who had taken him in when he was four and raised him as her own. Rediscovering the lessons she had taught him as a child turned Tim's life around and, in less than four years, catapulted him to financial security and an officer-level role at an S&P 500 company at the center of the Internet revolution. Today, his promise to himself is “I will never forget those lessons. The price is too high.” Join Tim as he rediscovers the classic principles of confident living that some of the most successful and joyful people you know live by.

Revised and Updated with New Material! Finding and retaining qualified agents is an endless challenge for call centers. An effective recruiting strategy, combined with a motivating, supportive training program that keeps new-hires charged about their potential with the company, will pay off in lower hiring costs and higher staff retention. Call Center Recruiting and New-Hire Training offers call center managers valuable insights and ideas on: ? Developing retention-oriented recruiting strategies ? How to select the most qualified candidates ? Developing new-hires into successful agents ? Recruiting and training call center supervisors ? Alternative labor pools Each chapter is filled with innovative practices, strategies and best practices from call centers that have successfully put a stop to the revolving door of agent attrition.

This handbook is part four of ICM's comprehensive, four-part series on call center management, which includes people management, operations management, customer relationship management, and leadership and business management. The Call Center Leadership and Business Management Handbook and Study Guide applies proven leadership and business practices to the call center environment. The study guide opens with guidance on developing an effective vision, mission, strategy and valuation model. Next, it explores leadership and communication best practices and highlights those skills and aptitudes that are most important in the call center. The unique environment of the call center is discussed next, with a focus on navigating future trends and requirements. The fourth section of the guide provides professionals with solid principles on developing business plans, improving operations and managing contracts. The study guide comes to a close with an overview of financial principles that call center professionals should understand.

How to evaluate the efficiency of your contact center operation, including key benchmarks and metrics relevant to process improvement, customer relationship management, knowledge management, human resources, workforce

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management, information technology and quality assurance. "Discovery" explains the Areas of Focus (Efficiency, Effectiveness, Capability and Differentiation), Functions (Customer-facing, Support, and Analytics), and Classifications that constitute the basis of a contact centre assessment.

"Efficiency" considers aspects of Operations, Workforce Management and Process Management. "Effectiveness" deals with Customer Relationship Management, Knowledge Management, and Quality Assurance. "Capability" delves into Human Resources and Information Technology. "Differentiation" looks at the elements that separate the contact centre from competitors.

"Assessment Outputs" explains how to analyse and present the data gathered during the assessment.

How to Survive (& Thrive) in a Call Centre teaches call centre agents to: - Contribute to the call centre's success - Provide outstanding customer service - Increase sales results - Improve their overall performance - Enjoy sustained energy and motivation - Reduce their stress levels - Manage and advance their careers "Alison Mathiebe has written a book that is clear, concise and comes from evident practical experience. It is certain to boost the confidence and success of those just entering (or considering) the profession, and is a great go-to resource for established call centre agents." Brad Cleveland

bradcleveland.com/blog Author, Call Center Management on Fast Forward (ICMI Press) "How To Survive (& Thrive) in a Call Centre by Alison Mathiebe is a very welcome contribution which will help call centres to guide, support and inform new and existing call centre staff. In particular, it would prove a useful text to give to all new staff helping them understand and adjust to working in stimulating and sometimes challenging environments. The 24 chapters address the main topics and are short enough to provide bite-size learning for agents and operators. "

John P. Wilson author of The Call Centre Training Handbook

Our intuition on how the world works could well be wrong. We are surprised when new competitors burst on the scene, or businesses protected by large and deep moats find their defenses easily breached, or vast new markets are conjured from nothing. Trend lines resemble saw-tooth mountain ridges. The world not only feels different. The data tell us it is different. Based on years of research by the directors of the McKinsey Global Institute, No Ordinary Disruption: The Four Forces Breaking all the Trends is a timely and important analysis of how we need to reset our intuition as a result of four forces colliding and transforming the global economy: the rise of emerging markets, the accelerating impact of technology on the natural forces of market competition, an aging world population, and accelerating flows of trade, capital and people. Our intuitions formed during a uniquely benign period for the world economy—often termed the Great Moderation. Asset prices were rising, cost of capital was falling, labour and resources were abundant, and generation after generation was growing up more prosperous than their parents. But the Great Moderation has gone. The cost of capital may rise. The price of everything from grain to steel may become more volatile. The world's labor force could shrink. Individuals, particularly those with low job skills, are at risk of growing up poorer than their parents. What sets No Ordinary Disruption apart is depth

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of analysis combined with lively writing informed by surprising, memorable insights that enable us to quickly grasp the disruptive forces at work. For evidence of the shift to emerging markets, consider the startling fact that, by 2025, a single regional city in China—Tianjin—will have a GDP equal to that of the Sweden, of that, in the decades ahead, half of the world's economic growth will come from 440 cities including Kumasi in Ghana or Santa Carina in Brazil that most executives today would be hard-pressed to locate on a map. What we are now seeing is no ordinary disruption but the new facts of business life—facts that require executives and leaders at all levels to reset their operating assumptions and management intuition.

Annotation Fourth edition includes the Training Imperative, Self Service, Updated Statistics, and Expanded References.

Executives are starting to recognize the potential of the call centre as a significant revenue generator, perhaps one of the surest investments they can make in enhancing and creating customer value and bottom-line profits. This guide describes in practical terms the ins and outs of benchmarking.

As the cost of doing business increases, call centers and help desks are frequently moving overseas. How can your center remain competitive? Is pooling the best way to slash your wait times? James Abbott concisely answers these questions as he leads you through the world of process-centered customer service. Strategic and tactical terms, how to choose metrics to measure, and the miracle of Queuing Science are covered thoroughly, using easy-to-grasp anecdotes to explain the key technical topics.

What's so funny about call centers? Well, when you work in a fast-paced constantly changing industry, you need to be able to see the lighter side of things. Greg Levin is the self-proclaimed and self-medicated King of Call Center Satire. For years his Call Center Management Review humor column, In Your Ear, has raised eyebrows and induced belly laughs with outlandish articles on everything from call center personals to Nostradamus' own form of forecasting. Despite the irreverent and sometimes absurd nature of Greg's articles, they often contain surprising nuggets of truth and insight that cause readers to say, While the author was obviously never hugged as a child, the punk has a point. However, it should be noted that Greg's articles are intended for entertainment purposes only. Using them to guide the management of your call center can cause severe damage to your health and reputation as a competent professional. Recommended Usage: Read one or two articles per day for the temporary relief of call center discomfort. Paperback, 79 pages, 24 articles, 24 cartoons.

It's not just the technology, the people, or the customers. It's all three, and more: call centers are not just places where calls arrive. They are a strategic business asset, the core of your business's customer relationship strategy. Call Center Savvy is an exploration of how the call center works, and how it fits into the big picture. What the future holds. How new technologies will affect operations. How international expansion is changing things. What the role of the Internet will ultimately be. Call Center Savvy can help a smart call center manager position his or her center for long term success. It's about seeing beyond today's problems, to tomorrow's opportunities. It's not enough to know about call center technology; for your center to excel in the 21st Century, you need call center savvy. ;

Discover how to become an entrepreneur by starting your own small business Do you

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hate your job? Are you looking for a way to build the lifestyle you want? Do you want to work from home but have no business ideas? Would you like to explore new business opportunities? Becoming an entrepreneur and starting your own business is actually not as difficult as what most people would have you believe. You don't need a MBA or business degree, nor do you need years of experience. Entrepreneurs start small businesses, often highly successful, with a few simple business ideas and not much else. Take Action! and Start your own Business explores why entrepreneurs go out on their own and how they go about it. **** The myths surrounding starting your own business are stripped away. This book will show you: How to start your own business. Where to look for new business ideas. How entrepreneurs take business ideas and turn them into profit. How running a small business can free you from the rat race. How to build your life around your unique purpose in life. Taking Consistent Action is Key to Changing your Life Do you want your own profitable small business that will bring fame and success? Do you desire financial independence and personal freedom? Would you love to improve your relationships and make them more fulfilling by being able to spend more quality time with your loved ones?**** Becoming an entrepreneur and starting your own business becomes easy once you know how. You can achieve all of the above, but you must be willing to take action. If you apply the principles taught, you can become an entrepreneur and start a small business faster than what you ever imagined possible. Will this be one of those books that will change your life and start you on your entrepreneurial journey? There's only one way to find out ...Starting a business has never been made this easy!

The second edition of this popular ebook contains updated information, better format, and answer keys to the activities. It also presents new chapters focusing on non-voice accounts and problem solving techniques to various problems in managing workforce. _How to determine your agents per day and per hour?_ Is getting 100% service level a good idea? _How can you improve your sales or collections with workforce management?

Call Center Forecasting & Scheduling There is simply no way to establish and operate an effective call center environment without a solid understanding of the principles behind forecasting, staffing, scheduling, service level, queuing dynamics and real-time management. Originally published in the pages of Call Center Management Review, these articles were selected for their educational value, practicality, and most importantly, coverage of timeless call center management principles. - Amazon

Revised and Updated with New Material! High agent turnover can cripple an organization? draining the call center's budget, destroying staff morale and eroding customer satisfaction. Progressive call centers have taken a proactive approach to the battle against attrition with agent-centric processes designed to find, develop and keep top-performers. Call Center Agent Turnover and Retention offers tried-and-true practices and insights on: ? Understanding the costs associated with agent turnover ? Enhancing retention through agent empowerment and growth ? Developing retention-oriented recruiting processes ? Battling job stress and agent burnout ? Developing a positive culture ? Managing internal agent attrition High staff turnover doesn't have to be the ?nature of the beast.? Learn proven strategies from those who have won the war on attrition.

It used to take years or even decades for disruptive innovations to dethrone dominant products and services. But now any business can be devastated virtually overnight by something better and cheaper. How can executives protect themselves and harness the power of Big Bang Disruption? Just a few years ago, drivers happily spent more than \$200 for a GPS unit. But as smartphones exploded in popularity, free navigation apps exceeded the performance of stand-

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alone devices. Eighteen months after the debut of the navigation apps, leading GPS manufacturers had lost 85 percent of their market value. Consumer electronics and computer makers have long struggled in a world of exponential technology improvements and short product life spans. But until recently, hotels, taxi services, doctors, and energy companies had little to fear from the information revolution. Those days are gone forever. Software-based products are replacing physical goods. And every service provider must compete with cloud-based tools that offer customers a better way to interact. Today, start-ups with minimal experience and no capital can unravel your strategy before you even begin to grasp what's happening. Never mind the "innovator's dilemma"—this is the innovator's disaster. And it's happening in nearly every industry. Worse, Big Bang Disruptors may not even see you as competition. They don't share your approach to customer service, and they're not sizing up your product line to offer better prices. You may simply be collateral damage in their efforts to win completely different markets. The good news is that any business can master the strategy of the start-ups. Larry Downes and Paul Nunes analyze the origins, economics, and anatomy of Big Bang Disruption. They identify four key stages of the new innovation life cycle, helping you spot potential disruptors in time. And they offer twelve rules for defending your markets, launching disruptors of your own, and getting out while there's still time. Based on extensive research by the Accenture Institute for High Performance and in-depth interviews with entrepreneurs, investors, and executives from more than thirty industries, Big Bang Disruption will arm you with strategies and insights to thrive in this brave new world.

Would you like to clear a nice double-digit profit every month? A mature answering service company can do that for you. That's the good news. The bad? If you don't do it right, it could be one of the worst decisions of your life. You could lose your shirt. That's why you need this book. You'll discover:

- The precise steps to set yourself up for success
- Key shortcuts to minimize risk
- The secrets that will make you become profitable faster
- How to avoid the surprising mistakes most answering service startups make
- If your personality fits this high-risk, high-reward industry

You'll learn about equipment, cash flow, and managing a team. And you'll discover a sound growth strategy, how to make the startup phase as short as possible, and the specific methods of thriving answering service companies. If you're considering starting a telephone answering service, *How to Start a Telephone Answering Service* is a must read.

One of 2021's Most Highly Anticipated New Books—Newsweek
One of The 20 Leadership Books to Read in 2020—Adam Grant
One of The Best New Wellness Books Hitting Shelves in January 2021—Shape.com
A Top Business Book for January 2021—Financial Times
A Next Big Idea Club Nominee

Social Chemistry will utterly transform the way you think about "networking." Understanding the contours of your social network can dramatically enhance personal relationships, work life, and even your global impact. Are you an Expansionist, a Broker, or a Convener? The answer matters more than you think. . . . Yale professor Marissa King shows how anyone can build more meaningful and productive relationships based on insights from neuroscience, psychology, and network analytics. Conventional wisdom says it's the size of your network that matters, but social science research has proven there is more to it. King explains that the quality and structure of our relationships has the greatest impact on our personal and professional lives. As she shows, there are three basic types of networks, so readers can see the role they are already playing: Expansionist, Broker, or Convener. This network decoder enables readers to own their network style and modify it for better alignment with their life plans and values. High-quality connections in your social network strongly predict cognitive functioning, emotional resilience, and satisfaction at work. A well-structured network is likely to boost the quality of your ideas, as well as your pay. Beyond the office, social connections are the lifeblood of our health and happiness. The compiled results from dozens of previous studies found that our social relationships have an effect on our likelihood of dying prematurely—equivalent to obesity or smoking. Rich stories of Expansionists like Vernon

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Jordan, Brokers like Yo-Yo Ma, and Conveners like Anna Wintour, as well as personal experiences from King's own world of connections, inform this warm, engaging, revelatory investigation into some of the most consequential decisions we can make about the trajectory of our lives.

Lead your organization with a customer experience vision that captures the voice of the customer and empowers employees to improve how they develop, market and sell your products and services.

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