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A behind-the-scenes, revelatory history of the controversial consulting firm traces its decades-long influence in both business and political arenas, citing its role in the establishment of mainstream practices and modern understandings about capitalism while evaluating the failures that have compromised its reputation. 60,000 first printing.

"Do you need to produce clear reports, papers, analyses, presentations and memos? If so, you need The Pyramid Principle. Communicating your ideas concisely and articulately to clients, colleagues or to the management board is a key factor in determining your personal business success. To gain the maximum effect you need to make maximum impact with your ideas upfront." "Applying the Pyramid Principle means you will save valuable time in writing and waste no time in getting your message across to your audience, making sure they grasp your meaning at once."--BOOK JACKET.

Imagine, if you can, the world of business - without corporate strategy. Remarkably, fifty years ago that's the way it was. Businesses made plans, certainly, but without understanding the underlying dynamics of competition, costs, and customers. It was like trying to design a large-scale engineering project without knowing the laws of physics. But in the 1960s, four mavericks and their posses instigated a profound shift in thinking that turbocharged business as never before, with implications far beyond what even they imagined. In *The Lords of Strategy*, renowned business journalist and editor Walter Kiechel tells, for the first time, the story of the four men who invented corporate strategy as we know it and set in motion the modern, multibillion-dollar consulting industry: Bruce Henderson, founder of Boston Consulting Group Bill Bain, creator of Bain & Company Fred Gluck, longtime Managing Director of McKinsey & Company Michael Porter, Harvard Business School professor Providing a window into how to think about strategy today, Kiechel tells their story with novelistic flair. At times inspiring, at times nearly terrifying, this book is a revealing account of how these iconoclasts and the organizations they led revolutionized the way we think about business, changed the very soul of the corporation, and transformed the way we work.

"This book shares how to instrument a company and most importantly, build an internal culture that values and uses data to maximum effect"--

"Strategic Storytelling" is a complete guide to creating persuasive business presentations. Based on intensive study of presentations developed by leading management consulting firms, this step-by-step playbook shows you how to craft stories using proven narrative frameworks, design data-driven slides, and master your verbal and non-verbal delivery.

The third volume in the internationally bestselling McKinsey Trilogy, *The*

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McKinsey Engagement is an action guide to realizing the consistently high level of business solutions achieved by the experts at the world's most respected consulting firms. Former consultant Dr. Paul Friga distills the guiding principles first presented in the bestselling *The McKinsey Way* and the tested-in-the-trenches methodologies outlined in *The McKinsey Mind*, and combines them with many of the principles and procedures implemented by the military and other organizations. The result is nothing less than the business equivalent of a Special Forces Field Manual. True to its stated goal of arming consultants and corporate problem solvers with a blueprint for achieving consistently phenomenal results, *The McKinsey Engagement* is short on theory and long on action. Each chapter focuses on one element in the celebrated TEAM FOCUS problem-solving model and features a concise discussion of a key concept or principle, followed by:

- Clear rules of engagement
- A set of operating tactics
- Sophisticated problem solving tools
- Easy-to-follow action steps
- Exercises, checklists, and training tips
- War stories and best practices case studies
- A toolkit for bringing clarity, discipline, and purpose to all your problem-solving and change management initiatives.

The McKinsey Engagement is an indispensable guide for consultants, as well as for executives, managers, students, and corporate trainers.

How to deal with brutal questions in front of an audience.

Packed with insights and brainstorming exercises for establishing the McKinsey mindset, this book is an in-depth guidebook for applying McKinsey methods in any industry and organizational environment. Taking a step-by-step approach, *The McKinsey Mind* looks at the McKinsey mystique from every angle. Owners, executives, consultants, and team leaders can look to this comprehensive treatment for ways to:

- Follow McKinsey's MECE (mutually exclusive, collectively exhaustive) line of attack
- Frame business problems to make them susceptible to rigorous fact-based analysis
- Use the same fact-based analysis in conjunction with gut instinct to make strategic decisions
- Conduct meaningful interviews and effectively summarize the content of those interviews
- Analyze the data to find out the so what
- Clearly communicate fact-based solutions to all pertinent decision makers
- Capture and manage the knowledge in any organization to maximize its value

Solving complex problems and selling their solutions is critical for personal and organizational success. For most of us, however, it doesn't come naturally and we haven't been taught how to do it well. Research shows a host of pitfalls trips us up when we try: We're quick to believe we understand a situation and jump to a flawed solution. We seek to confirm our hypotheses and ignore conflicting evidence. We view challenges incompletely through the frameworks we know instead of with a fresh pair of eyes. And when we communicate our recommendations, we forget our reasoning isn't obvious to our audience. How can we do it better? In *Cracked It!*, seasoned strategy professors and consultants Bernard Garrette, Corey Phelps and Olivier Sibony present a rigorous and practical four-step approach to overcome these pitfalls. Building on tried-and-tested (but rarely revealed) methods of top strategy consultants, research in cognitive psychology, and the latest advances in design thinking, they provide a step-by-step process and toolkit that will help readers tackle any challenging business problem. Using compelling stories and detailed case examples, the authors guide readers

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through each step in the process: from how to state, structure and then solve problems to how to sell the solutions. Written in an engaging style by a trio of experts with decades of experience researching, teaching and consulting on complex business problems, this book will be an indispensable manual for anyone interested in creating value by helping their organizations crack the problems that matter most.

Praise for *The Qualified Sales Leader*: John McMahon has just about single-handedly changed the way enterprise software companies sell. As an executive, board member, advisor, and investor, John has not only coached a generation of companies on selling, but he has also influenced a generation of executives and leaders in technology, Mike Speiser-Managing Director-Sutter Hill Ventures

The learnings in *The Qualified Sales Leader* will help you and your sales team sell more, make more money and grow your career in enterprise sales. Luca Lazzaroni-CRO Sprinklr

Most sales books are boring, clinical "textbooks" that "cookie-cutter" a few generic ideas into a monotonous, dull read, that puts you to sleep. *The Qualified Sales Leader* is an easy read, dripping with the fundamentals of enterprise sales. Real world advice that you'll put to use the next day. Chris Degnan-CRO-Snowflake

The Qualified Sales Leader is an easy to read book that will absolutely resonate through any enterprise software sales team. Realistic, usable advice for any sales leader or sales rep. If you're in enterprise sales, you'd be crazy not to read this book

Cedric Pech-CRO-MongoDB

Monthly someone asks: "When are you going to write a book". When I ask, "Why?", I'm told, "Because no one has written a sales leadership book with practical, solutions to real life issues in enterprise SaaS sales forces",

Why: 6 of 10 sales reps fail, not because they couldn't sell but because they were assigned the wrong accounts. Sales leaders don't align skillsets to account complexity.

Rep attrition at most SaaS companies is over 20%

Sales leaders can't recruit A players

Sales Leaders don't coach their reps on deal advancement issues

Most sales leaders are "glorified scorekeepers"

Most sales leader don't motivate their sales team

They're focused on deals, not rep competency

Sales forecasts are inaccurate because most reps game the CRM system.

Sales team leaders lack qualification of sales stage exit criteria

Many salesforces only win 50% of their proof of concepts

They're unable to frame a winning POC

Criteria because they skip steps 8 of 10

executive buyers say the sales meetings they take are a waste of time.

Sales reps lack the ability to sell business value aligned to specific personas and use cases.

4 of 10 reps in enterprise sales say one of the top 3 biggest challenges is to establish urgency.

Reps don't quantify critical business pain to create a buying influence.

Reps can't find high-level business champions, only low-level coaches

Leaders don't teach them to find pain above the noise.

Reps find pain but can't attract a champion

Managers have them selfishly focused on closing a sale instead of earning trust.

40% of reps say they feel out of control during the sales process.

Leaders don't teach them how to control the process.

Reps can't get high in the tree to drive large deals.

They don't speak the language of the Economic Buyer.

50% of reps say they can't overcome price objections while sales leaders struggle to increase the average deal size.

Managers are pushing their sales reps into vending, not selling.

Reps can't answer the simple "3 Whys" for forecasted deals

Why do they have to buy? Why do they have to buy from us? and Why do they have to buy now?

Top sales leaders will find the answers to these issues and more in *The Qualified Sales Leader*

From the Publisher

John is widely recognized as the only person having been the CRO (Chief Revenue Officer) at five

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public, enterprise software companies, PTC, Geo-Tel, Ariba, BladeLogic and BMC. John's expertise was formulated as a pre-IPO member of 4 of the 5 companies listed above. Today, John is a board member at public software companies Snowflake, MongoDB and private, pre-IPO companies Lacework, Sigma, Cybereason and Observe. In the past, John has been a board member or executive consultant to: Hubspot, Glass Door AppDynamics and Sprinklr.

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 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.

The acclaimed bestseller about visual problem solving—now bigger and better "There is no more powerful way to prove that we know something well than to draw a simple picture of it. And there is no more powerful way to see hidden solutions than to pick up a pen and draw out the pieces of our problem." So writes Dan Roam in *The Back of the Napkin*, the international bestseller that proves that a simple drawing on a humble napkin can be more powerful than the slickest PowerPoint presentation. Drawing on twenty years of experience and the latest discoveries in vision science, Roam teaches readers how to clarify any problem or sell any idea using a simple set of tools. He reveals that everyone is born with a talent for visual thinking, even those who swear they can't draw. And he shows how thinking with pictures can help you discover and develop new ideas, solve problems in unexpected ways, and dramatically improve your ability to share your insights. Take Herb Kelleher and Rollin King, who figured out how to beat the traditional hub-and-spoke airlines with a bar napkin and a pen. Three dots to represent Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio. Three arrows to show direct flights.

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Problem solved, and the picture made it easy to sell Southwest Airlines to investors and customers. Now with more color, bigger pictures, and additional content, this new edition does an even better job of helping you literally see the world in a new way. Join the teachers, project managers, doctors, engineers, assembly-line workers, pilots, football coaches, marine drill instructors, financial analysts, students, parents, and lawyers who have discovered the power of solving problems with pictures.

This work has been designed as an aid to the logical presentation of business communications. Topics covered range from the difference between deductive and inductive reasoning, to a discussion of how to highlight the structure of information. The Egyptologist acclaimed for re-dating the Great Sphinx at Giza sets his sights on one of the true mysteries of antiquity: the Great Pyramid of Giza. What is the Great Pyramid of Giza? Ask that basic question of a traditional Egyptologist, and you get the basic, traditional answer: a fancy tombstone for a self-important pharaoh of the Old Kingdom. This, Egyptologists argue, is the sole finding based on the data, and the only deduction supported by science. By implication, anyone who dissents from this point of view is unscientific and woolly-minded—a believer in magic and ghosts. Indeed, some of the unconventional ideas about the Great Pyramid do have a spectacularly fabulous ring to them. Yet from beneath the obvious terms of this controversy, a deeper, more significant question arises: how is it that the Great Pyramid exercises such a gripping hold on the human psyche—adding cryptic grace to the back of the one-dollar bill and framing myriad claims of New Age "pyramid power"? In *Pyramid Quest*, Robert M. Schoch and Robert Aquinas McNally use the rigorous intellectual analysis of scientific inquiry to investigate what we know about the Great Pyramid, and develop a stunning hypothesis: This ancient monument is the strongest proof yet that civilization began thousands of years earlier than is generally thought, extending far back into a little-known time. In tracing that story, we come to understand not only the Great Pyramid but also our own origins as civilized beings.

Communicate with greater impact. Have you ever been caught at the end of a presentation when your audience, perhaps a leadership team or a Steering Committee, looks at you blankly and asks this most uncomfortable question: 'So what?' How does that help? If you have been in that position once, you don't want to be there again. You want to know how to answer that question in one single, powerful sentence. Or, even better, set yourself up so nobody asks it. In this book, communication strategists Davina Stanley and Gerard Castles reveal their proven approach. It's all about using storylines to get to the 'So what' fast, and being able to make a case to back it up. You can unlock the power of the 'So what' strategy by taking five steps, which are outlined in this book: 1: Understand why mastering storylining is worth the investment. 2: Learn how to use a storyline to identify and harness the 'So what'. 3: Master the seven classic storyline patterns. 4: Use storylines to shape the communication you share. 5: Introduce storylining in your business. Packed with examples, stories, insights and practical steps, Davina and Gerard show you how to apply these strategies to stop your audiences asking you, 'So what? How does that help us?'

Want to conquer your e-mail inbox once and for all? Need help getting organized and staying focused? Start reading! Millions of people already benefit from the innovative, time-saving tips that Stever Robbins dispenses each week in his #1 ranked *Get-It-Done Guy* podcast. Now he's come up with a 9-step plan to transform even the most overwhelmed into an overachiever. You will learn to: Beat procrastination by speed dating your tasks: You'll face anything if it's just for three minutes; schedule small, finite periods of time for those tasks that seem too overwhelming to get started on. Give your technology a performance review: Our smart

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phones, PDAs, and computers often make less work in one area while making much more work in others. Review your technology to make sure it's delivering on its promise. Cut out the small talk: Small talk builds superficial relationships, which is a grand waste of time. Ask better questions to make instant connections that'll benefit you for years to come. Written in the uniquely humorous style Stever is known for, Get-It-Done Guy's 9 Steps to Work Less and Do More will help you break the bad habits slowing you down and holding you back. Work less and do more—your free time is waiting!

"If more business books were as useful, concise, and just plain fun to read as THE MCKINSEY WAY, the business world would be a better place." --Julie Bick, best-selling author of ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW IN BUSINESS I LEARNED AT MICROSOFT. "Enlivened by witty anecdotes, THE MCKINSEY WAY contains valuable lessons on widely diverse topics such as marketing, interviewing, team-building, and brainstorming." --Paul H. Zipkin, Vice-Dean, The Fuqua School of Business It's been called "a breeding ground for gurus." McKinsey & Company is the gold-standard consulting firm whose alumni include titans such as "In Search of Excellence" author Tom Peters, Harvey Golub of American Express, and Japan's Kenichi Ohmae. When Fortune 100 corporations are stymied, it's the "McKinsey-ites" whom they call for help. In THE MCKINSEY WAY, former McKinsey associate Ethan Rasiel lifts the veil to show you how the secretive McKinsey works its magic, and helps you emulate the firm's well-honed practices in problem solving, communication, and management. He shows you how McKinsey-ites think about business problems and how they work at solving them, explaining the way McKinsey approaches every aspect of a task: How McKinsey recruits and molds its elite consultants; How to "sell without selling"; How to use facts, not fear them; Techniques to jump-start research and make brainstorming more productive; How to build and keep a team at the top its game; Powerful presentation methods, including the famous waterfall chart, rarely seen outside McKinsey; How to get ultimate "buy-in" to your findings; Survival tips for working in high-pressure organizations. Both a behind-the-scenes look at one of the most admired and secretive companies in the business world and a toolkit of problem-solving techniques without peer, THE MCKINSEY WAY is fascinating reading that empowers every business decision maker to become a better strategic player in any organization.

Thinking Skills, second edition, is the only endorsed book offering complete coverage of the Cambridge International AS and A Level syllabus.

47 strategies elite managers follow to reach the highest level of success The McKinsey Edge culls the personal best practices of an exclusive group of managers connected to McKinsey & Company, a firm that services eighty percent of the world's largest corporations. Through a wealth of 47 rigorously selected, battle-tested, immediately implementable, and practical tips, readers discover the secrets to building the self, growing with others, enhancing process management, and going the extra mile to reach the next leadership horizon. Everyone struggling to accelerate their career will keep this book at their fingertips for its rare, real-world advice for ascending through the levels of management—all of which require specific mindsets and capabilities that only a handful of people ever master.

"This short book makes you smarter than 99% of the population. . . . The concepts within it will increase your company's 'organizational intelligence.' . . . It's more than just a must-read, it's a 'have-to-read-or-you're-fired' book"—Geoffrey James, INC.com From the author of the forthcoming An Illustrated Book of Loaded Language, here's the antidote to fuzzy thinking, with furry animals! Have you read (or stumbled into) one too many irrational online debates? Ali Almosawi certainly had, so he wrote An Illustrated Book of Bad Arguments! This handy guide is here to bring the internet age a much-needed dose of old-school logic (really old-school, a la Aristotle). Here are cogent explanations of the straw man fallacy, the slippery slope argument, the ad hominem attack, and other common attempts at reasoning that actually fall short—plus a beautifully drawn menagerie of animals who (adorably) commit every logical faux

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pas. Rabbit thinks a strange light in the sky must be a UFO because no one can prove otherwise (the appeal to ignorance). And Lion doesn't believe that gas emissions harm the planet because, if that were true, he wouldn't like the result (the argument from consequences). Once you learn to recognize these abuses of reason, they start to crop up everywhere from congressional debate to YouTube comments—which makes this geek-chic book a must for anyone in the habit of holding opinions.

Dr. Shingo explains the ethos of Toyota's production system, with examples of how other companies benefited and struggled with these principles. Kaizen and the Art of Creative Thinking is the genesis guide to the foundation of the Toyota Production System.

This book involves understanding the nature and function of language.

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During WWII there was an attempt to achieve invisibility called the Philadelphia Experiment. Afterward occurred the now famous time travel experiments named after the underground base at Montauk Point on Long Island. Now this third book in the Montauk series summarises the events of the first two books and then takes the reader on an even more spectacular journey. The discovery of ancient pyramids at Montauk leads to a connection with Ancient Egypt and its position as a gateway to other dimensions. Like a psychic detective story beyond the occult, venture into an unprecedented investigation of the mystery schools of the earth and their connection to Egypt, Atlantis, Mars and the star Sirius. Chapters on new psychotronic weapons, the history of Mars, the strange death of Ian Fleming in connection with the Philadelphia Experiment, underground at the Montauk Base.

In this third edition, Gene Zelazny provides a portfolio of over 80 complete charts, including pie, bar, column, line and dot charts, plus a new dictionary of 150 visual images that can be used to visualize non-quantitative ideas such as forces at work, interaction, leverage, and barriers. Other convey flow structure and process. Say It With Charts will help you choose the chart form that will work best and translate data and ideas into visual concepts. 4-color insert.

The McKinsey Way will reveal the problem-solving, communication, and management techniques of the world's most respected corporate doctor. Each rule will be coupled with anecdotes and lessons from actual McKinsey consulting projects. The McKinsey Way will open the door on this secretive company and let business people around the world learn the lessons that McKinsey teaches its own consultants to make them more effective and efficient. This book will allow people to take McKinsey's secrets and apply them in their own business life. Techniques include how to develop a toolkit of problem-solving techniques that can be used in diverse business situations; how to sell without selling; how to turn enemies into allies, and more. Anybody can take these lessons and use them in their own situations to be more successful, whether you want to be a guru, or just act like one!

FT BUSINESS BOOK OF THE MONTH 'A comprehensive, concise, and practical guide that will enable anyone, in any situation, to develop their strategic thinking' Tiffani Bova, Chief Growth Evangelist, Salesforce, WSJ bestselling author, Growth IQ 'A must read for everyone who ever deals with complex important challenges. There are many take-away gems here that will help you push through the knotty centre of hard-to-resolve problems. Highly recommended!', Richard Rumelt, author of Good Strategy, Bad Strategy Being strategic is a critical skill. It enables you to solve problems on a day-to-day basis while also keeping an eye on the long term, anticipating opportunities and mitigating threats along the way. Fred Pelard has been teaching strategic thinking to executives at all levels at leading companies around the world for almost 20 years. How to Be Strategic is his accessible and thorough guide to strategic thinking in any situation. It contains 12 smartly illustrated, workable methodologies from leading experts like Eric Ries, Chan Kim, and Barbara Minto, and will help you find your own path to the right solution every time. 'A wonderful and inspirational look into wide-ranging frameworks and theories to spark new thinking and strategy' Tom Goodwin, author of Digital

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Darwinism and Head of Futures and Insight at Publicis Groupe 'Practical and comprehensive' Roeland Assenberg, Director, Strategy and Banking, Monitor Deloitte Netherlands

Complex problem solving is the core skill for 21st Century Teams Complex problem solving is at the very top of the list of essential skills for career progression in the modern world. But how problem solving is taught in our schools, universities, businesses and organizations comes up short. In *Bulletproof Problem Solving: The One Skill That Changes Everything* you'll learn the seven-step systematic approach to creative problem solving developed in top consulting firms that will work in any field or industry, turning you into a highly sought-after bulletproof problem solver who can tackle challenges that others balk at. The problem-solving technique outlined in this book is based on a highly visual, logic-tree method that can be applied to everything from everyday decisions to strategic issues in business to global social challenges. The authors, with decades of experience at McKinsey and Company, provide 30 detailed, real-world examples, so you can see exactly how the technique works in action. With this bulletproof approach to defining, unpacking, understanding, and ultimately solving problems, you'll have a personal superpower for developing compelling solutions in your workplace. Discover the time-tested 7-step technique to problem solving that top consulting professionals employ Learn how a simple visual system can help you break down and understand the component parts of even the most complex problems Build team brainstorming techniques that fight cognitive bias, streamline workplanning, and speed solutions Know when and how to employ modern analytic tools and techniques from machine learning to game theory Learn how to structure and communicate your findings to convince audiences and compel action The secrets revealed in *Bulletproof Problem Solving* will transform the way you approach problems and take you to the next level of business and personal success.

"Command and Control is failing us. There is a better way to design and manage work - a better way to make work work - but it remains unknown to the vast majority of managers." An adherent of the Toyota Production System, John Seddon explains how traditional top-down decision making within service organizations leads to managers

Thinking strategically is what separates managers and leaders. Learn the fundamentals about how to create winning strategy and lead your team to deliver it. From understanding what strategy can do for you, through to creating a strategy and engaging others with strategy, this book offers practical guidance and expert tips. It is peppered with punchy, memorable examples from real leaders winning (and losing) with real world strategies. It can be read as a whole or you can dip into the easy-to-read, bite-size sections as and when you need to deal with a particular issue. The structure has been specially designed to make sections quick and easy to use – you'll find yourself referring back to them again and again.

This book contains a discursive study on the act or faculty of employing reason in argument, ratiocination, disputation and discussion.

In this pragmatic and accessible business ethics guide, students, entrepreneurs, and professionals learn that business ethics is about so much more than right and wrong. Harvard-educated and McKinsey & Co.-trained business leader Robert Zafft shows that being ethical is not an obstacle to but an essential building block for success. --Steven Hellman, CEO (former), Credit Suisse Russia/CIS

The Pyramid Principle shows you how to structure and present your arguments with the clarity and precision that will gain immediate understanding from your audience.

So What? Where's this going? Why do I need to know this? These are some of the most unnerving questions in business. How do you make sure this doesn't happen to you? And how do you make sure business audiences actually hear what you have to say? Good communication is crucial for business success.

Organize a powerful, effective business presentation and deliver it with style! Say it with Presentations helps you define why you're giving the presentation and the audience you need

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to convince. This compelling, comprehensive presentation toolkit tells you when, why, and how to use humor, and, yes, silence to get your points across...how to make the most of visuals...set up facilities and equipment...and rehearse to communicate your confidence, conviction and enthusiasm, and much, much more.

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