

What Customers Want Using Outcome Driven Innovation To Create Breakthrough Products And Services

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 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 bestselling author and star of ABC’s Shark Tank reveals how to master the three prongs of influence: reputation, negotiation, and relationships. Have you ever wanted to make a big change in your life but weren’t sure where to start? In Powershift, Daymond John shares the answer. To take control of your destiny and drive the change you want to see, you need to lay the groundwork so you’re prepared to seize every opportunity that comes your way. And that means mastering

- Influence—make an impression: Develop a reputation that highlights what you stand for.
- Negotiation—make a deal: Hone a win-win negotiating style.
- Relationships—make a connection last: Nurture

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those connections you make along the way. Through never-before-told stories from his life and career, Daymond shares the lessons that got him to where he is today: from how he remade his public image as he transitioned from clothing mogul to television personality, to how he mastered the negotiation strategies that determine whether deals are won or lost “in the tank,” to his secrets for building long-lasting—and profitable—relationships with founders and brands. Throughout the book, some of the world’s most successful personalities reveal how they shifted their power in meaningful ways: Kris Jenner on determining your value: “You don’t have to go ask somebody else for permission. You have the power to be able to stick to your guns and demand your worth.” Mark Cuban on finding and understanding your why: “Time is the one asset we don’t own, we can’t buy, and we can never get back.” Pitbull on tapping into your inner power: “A lot of people feel that to be powerful is to exude strength. I think it’s the total opposite. To be powerful is to be powerless. It’s when you give everybody what you got.” Whether you’re an innovator working to turn your big idea into a reality, a professional looking to land a major promotion, or a busy parent trying to find more time to focus on what’s really important to you, Daymond shows you how to shift your power and energy towards positive change.

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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tasks or activities they are trying to get done. Using these customer desired outcomes as inputs into the innovation process eliminates much of the chaos and variability that typically derails innovation initiatives. With the same profound insight, simplicity, and uncommon sense that propelled *The Innovator's Solution* to worldwide acclaim, this paradigm-changing book details an eight-step approach that uses outcome-driven thinking to dramatically improve every aspect of the innovation process—from segmenting markets and identifying opportunities to creating, evaluating, and positioning breakthrough concepts.

A world-renowned innovation guru explains practices that result in breakthrough innovations. Twenty years into the customer-driven innovation movement, breakthroughs are rare and these failures cost Fortune 1000 companies between \$50 million and \$800 million each year. Growing out of Anthony Ulwick's revolutionary Harvard Business Review article and featured in Clayton Christensen's new bestseller, *The Innovator's Solution*, *What Customers Want* describes a groundbreaking approach that improves on the conventional methods for product and service innovation.

New York Times bestselling author Donald Miller uses the seven universal elements of powerful stories to teach readers how to dramatically improve how they connect with customers and grow their businesses. Donald Miller's StoryBrand process is a proven solution to the struggle business leaders face when talking about their businesses. This revolutionary method for connecting with customers provides readers with the ultimate competitive advantage, revealing the secret for helping their customers understand the compelling benefits of using their products, ideas, or services. Building a StoryBrand does this by teaching readers the seven universal story points all humans respond to; the real reason customers make purchases; how to simplify a brand message so people understand it; and how to create the most effective messaging for websites, brochures, and social media. Whether you are the marketing director of a multibillion dollar company, the owner of a small business, a politician running for office, or the lead singer of a rock band, Building a StoryBrand will forever transform the way you talk about who you are, what you do, and the unique value you bring to your customers.

The Web has changed the game for your customers—and, therefore, for you. Now, CustomerCentric Selling, already recognized as one of the premier methodologies for managing the buyer-seller relationship, helps you level the playing field so you can reach clients when they are ready to buy and create a superior customer experience. Your business and its people need to be "CustomerCentric"—willing and able to identify and serve customers' needs in a world where competition waits just a mouse-click away. Traditional wisdom has long held that selling means convincing and persuading buyers. But today's buyers no longer want or need to be sold in traditional ways. CustomerCentric Selling gives you mastery of the crucial eight aspects of communicating with today's clients to achieve optimal results: Having conversations instead of making presentations Asking relevant questions instead of offering opinions Focusing on solutions and not only relationships Targeting businesspeople instead of gravitating toward users Relating product usage instead of relying on features Competing to win—not just to stay busy Closing on the buyer's timeline (instead of yours) Empowering buyers instead of trying to "sell" them What's more, CustomerCentric Selling teaches and reinforces key tactics that will make the most of your organization's resources. Perhaps you feel you don't have the smartest internal

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systems in place to ensure an ideal workflow. (Perhaps, as is all too common, you lack identifiable systems almost entirely.) From the basics—and beyond—of strategic budgeting and negotiation to assessing and developing the skills of your sales force, you'll learn how to make sure that each step your business takes is the right one. Why do some innovation projects succeed where others fail? The book reveals the business implications of Jobs Theory and explains how to put Jobs Theory into practice using Outcome-Driven Innovation.

These days, consumers have real power: they can research companies, compare ratings, and find alternatives with a simple tap. Focusing on customer needs isn't a nice-to-have, it's a strategic imperative. The Jobs To Be Done Playbook (JTBD) helps organizations turn market insight into action. This book shows you techniques to make offerings people want, as well as make people want your offering.

Whether we're buying a pair of jeans, ordering a cup of coffee, selecting a long-distance carrier, applying to college, choosing a doctor, or setting up a 401(k), everyday decisions—both big and small—have become increasingly complex due to the overwhelming abundance of choice with which we are presented. As Americans, we assume that more choice means better options and greater satisfaction. But beware of excessive choice: choice overload can make you question the decisions you make before you even make them, it can set you up for unrealistically high expectations, and it can make you blame yourself for any and all failures. In the long run, this can lead to decision-making paralysis, anxiety, and perpetual stress. And, in a culture that tells us that there is no excuse for falling short of perfection when your options are limitless, too much choice can lead to clinical depression. In *The Paradox of Choice*, Barry Schwartz explains at what point choice—the hallmark of individual freedom and self-determination that we so cherish—becomes detrimental to our psychological and emotional well-being. In accessible, engaging, and anecdotal prose, Schwartz shows how the dramatic explosion in choice—from the mundane to the profound challenges of balancing career, family, and individual needs—has paradoxically become a problem instead of a solution. Schwartz also shows how our obsession with choice encourages us to seek that which makes us feel worse. By synthesizing current research in the social sciences, Schwartz makes the counter intuitive case that eliminating choices can greatly reduce the stress, anxiety, and busyness of our lives. He offers eleven practical steps on how to limit choices to a manageable number, have the discipline to focus on those that are important and ignore the rest, and ultimately derive greater satisfaction from the choices you have to make.

Use the Science of Behavioral Economics to Understand Why People Buy “The most important business book to come out in years.” –Michael F. Schein, author and columnist for *Forbes*, Inc, and *Psychology Today* #1 New Release in Business Encyclopedias, Marketing Research, and Customer Relations *What Your Customer Wants (And Can't Tell You)* explains the neuroscience of consumer behavior. Learn exactly why people buy?and how to use that knowledge to improve pricing, increase sales, create better “brain-friendly” brand messaging, and be a more effective leader. Behavioral economics is the marketing research future of brands and business. *What Your Customer Wants (And Can't Tell You)* goes beyond an academic understanding of behavioral economics and into practical applications. Learn how real businesses and business professionals can use science to make their companies better. In this book, business owner, consultant, and behavioral economics expert Melina Palmer helps leaders like you use the psychology of the consumer, innovation, and truly impactful branding to achieve real, bottom-line benefits. Discover information and tools you can actually use to influence consumers. Go beyond data science for business and apply behavioral economics. Learn how the consumer brain works. Become a better leader and creatively and effectively market your brand by understanding the true needs of your customers. Dramatically

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improve your effectiveness as a leader and marketer with the practical tools in this book, including:

- Real-world examples that bring a concept to life and make it stick
- Ideas to help you with problem solving for your business
- Ways to hack your brain into coming up with innovative programs, products, and initiatives

If you liked marketing and business books like *Nudge* by Richard Thaler and Cass Sunstein, *Predictably Irrational* by Dan Ariely, or *This is Marketing* by Seth Godin, you'll love *What Your Customer Wants (And Can't Tell You)*.

"A project has to have a goal, otherwise, how do you know you're done? In the old days of engineering, setting project goals wasn't that hard. But when you're making software products, done is less obvious. When is Microsoft Word done? When is Google done? Or Facebook? In reality, software systems are never done. So then how do we give teams a goal that they can work on? Mostly, we simply ask teams to build features-but features are the wrong way to go. We often build features that create no value. Instead, we need to give teams an outcome to achieve. Setting goals as outcomes sounds simple, but it can be hard to do in practice. This book is a practical guide to using outcomes to guide the work of your team"--Publisher's website.

"Product-Led Growth is about helping your customers experience the ongoing value your product provides. It is a critical step in successful product design and this book shows you how it's done." - Nir Eyal, Wall Street Journal Bestselling Author of "Hooked"

Introduction to Business covers the scope and sequence of most introductory business courses. The book provides detailed explanations in the context of core themes such as customer satisfaction, ethics, entrepreneurship, global business, and managing change. *Introduction to Business* includes hundreds of current business examples from a range of industries and geographic locations, which feature a variety of individuals. The outcome is a balanced approach to the theory and application of business concepts, with attention to the knowledge and skills necessary for student success in this course and beyond.

"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"--

What business is your company really in? That's a question all executives should all ask before demand for their firm's products or services dwindles. In *Marketing Myopia*, Theodore Levitt offers examples of companies that became obsolete because they misunderstood what business they were in and thus what their customers wanted. He identifies the four widespread myths that put companies at risk of obsolescence and explains how business leaders can shift their attention to customers' real needs instead.

Grab the top spot in your industry by seizing the power of IoT Smart products are everywhere. They're in our companies, in our homes, in our pockets. People love these products. But what they love more is what these products do—and for anyone running a business today, outcomes are the key. The Internet of Things (IoT) is the point of connection between products and the results they deliver—it's where products become software. IoT Inc. explains everything you need to know to position your company within this powerful new network. And once you do, you'll leave the competition in the dust. Founder and president of today's leading IoT business consulting firm, Bruce Sinclair has been helping companies develop IoT strategies for a decade—far longer than the term has even existed. This essential guide provides an in-

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depth look into IoT—how it works and how it is transforming business; methods for seeing your own business, customers, and competitors through the lens of IoT, and a deep dive into how to develop and implement a powerful IoT strategy. IoT isn't a new business trend. It's the new way of business. Period. The IoT wave is heading for your industry. You can either meet it head-on, and ride it to success, or you can turn your back and let it swamp you. This is your playbook for transforming your company into a major player in the IoT Outcome economy.

"For 20 years Garrett Hardin has been our most hardnosed thinker about ecological problems...Filters Against Folly makes provocative reading." -- Michael Crichton The ecological problems facing our world present a forum for experts to offer slogans and solutions on all sides of the issue, but leave most of us confused and unsure of the future. In this bracing book, Garrett Hardin offers a plan for clear thinking about these dangers. He shows how the filters of literacy, understanding what words really mean; numeracy, being able to quantify and interpret information; and ecolacy, assessment of complex interactions over time, can allow anyone to make sensible judgments about ecological issues--even in the face of a barrage of confusing expertise. "Filters Against Folly offers an antidote to some of the more perverse and dangerous irrationalities of our time: wishful self-delusion, educated incapacity, and foolhardy optimism...If ever this book were needed, it is needed today." -- Lynton K. Caldwell, School of Public Environmental Affairs, Indiana University

A world-renowned innovation guru explains practices that result in breakthrough innovations "Ulwick's outcome-driven programs bring discipline and predictability to the often random process of innovation." -Clayton Christensen For years, companies have accepted the underlying principles that define the customer-driven paradigm--that is, using customer "requirements" to guide growth and innovation. But twenty years into this movement, breakthrough innovations are still rare, and most companies find that 50 to 90 percent of their innovation initiatives flop. The cost of these failures to U.S. companies alone is estimated to be well over \$100 billion annually. In a book that challenges everything you have learned about being customer driven, internationally acclaimed innovation leader Anthony Ulwick reveals the secret weapon behind some of the most successful companies of recent years. Known as "outcome-driven" innovation, this revolutionary approach to new product and service creation transforms innovation from a nebulous art into a rigorous science from which randomness and uncertainty are eliminated. Based on more than 200 studies spanning more than seventy companies and twenty-five industries, Ulwick contends that, when it comes to innovation, the traditional methods companies use to communicate with customers are the root cause of chronic waste and missed opportunity. In *What Customers Want*, Ulwick demonstrates that all popular qualitative research methods yield well-intentioned but unfitting and dreadfully misleading information that serves to derail the innovation process. Rather than accepting customer inputs such as "needs," "benefits," "specifications," and "solutions," Ulwick argues that researchers should silence the literal "voice of the customer" and focus on the "metrics that customers use to measure success when executing the jobs, tasks or activities they are trying to get done." Using these customer desired outcomes as inputs into the innovation process eliminates much of the chaos and variability that typically derails innovation initiatives. With the same profound insight, simplicity, and uncommon sense that propelled *The Innovator's*

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Solution to worldwide acclaim, this paradigm-changing book details an eight-step approach that uses outcome-driven thinking to dramatically improve every aspect of the innovation process--from segmenting markets and identifying opportunities to creating, evaluating, and positioning breakthrough concepts. Using case studies from Microsoft, Johnson & Johnson, AIG, Pfizer, and other leading companies, What Customers Want shows companies how to: Obtain unique customer inputs that make predictable innovation possible Recognize opportunities for disruption, new market creation, and core market growth--well before competitors do Identify which ideas, technologies, and acquisitions have the greatest potential for creating customer value Systematically define breakthrough products and services concepts Innovation is fundamental to success and business growth. Offering a proven alternative to failed customer-driven thinking, this landmark book arms you with the tools to unleash innovation, lower costs, and reduce failure rates--and create the products and services customers really want. Future economic growth lies in the value of experiences and transformations--good and services are no longer enough. We are on the threshold, say authors Pine and Gilmore, of the Experience Economy, a new economic era in which all businesses must orchestrate memorable events for their customers. The Experience Economy offers a creative, highly original, and yet eminently practical strategy for companies to script and stage the experiences that will transform the value of what they produce. From America Online to Walt Disney, the authors draw from a rich and varied mix of examples that showcase businesses in the midst of creating personal experiences for both consumers and businesses. The authors urge managers to look beyond traditional pricing factors like time and cost, and consider charging for the value of the transformation that an experience offers. Goods and services, say Pine and Gilmore, are no longer enough. Experiences and transformations are the basis for future economic growth, and The Experience Economy is the script from which managers can begin to direct their own transformations.

The go-to guide for small-business owners and entrepreneurs to discover exactly what consumers want to buy and how to get it to them. As a small-business owner, entrepreneur, or marketer, are you absolutely certain that you know what your customer wants? And even if you know what your customer wants, are you sure that you are able to clearly communicate that you offer the exact thing that they are seeking? In this best-selling book, Ryan Levesque lays out his proven, repeatable, yet slightly counterintuitive, methodology for understanding the core wants and motivations of your customer. Levesque's Ask Method provides a way to discover what customers want to buy by guiding them through a series of questions and customizing a solution from them so they are more likely to purchase from you. And all through a completely automated process that does not require one-on-one conversations with every single customer. The Ask method has generated over \$100 million in online sales across 23 different industries and counting. Now it is your turn to use it to create a funnel, skyrocket your online income, and create a mass of dedicated fans for you and your company in the process.

52 Things We Wish Someone Had Told Us About Customer Analytics is for anyone who uses customer information to make business decisions: CMOs, CEOs, product owners and the people who provide that information, e.g. data scientists, market researchers, business analysts. By tying impact to tools and techniques, through real-

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life stories, we hope to help decision makers better understand how to use customer data while helping data analysis providers understand how to create output that end users will value. This book provides 52 real-life anecdotes that illustrate important learnings about customer analytics. It draws from the worlds of big data and customer insights. It is our contribution to help managers do a better job using customer analytics (what to do and what not to do) so that the analytics actually makes a difference. Books on customer analytics (data science, business analysis, market research, whatever you like to call it) primarily exist in two categories: as academic texts, which discuss theoretical approaches to data analysis problems; or as technical texts, which teach the statistics or computer programming required to conduct an analysis. As the focus of these books is on analysis tools and techniques, fictitious examples are often used to explain main topics. Our book fills in the missing gap between these approaches by providing real-life, practical stories, tying analysis directly to business value.---"Essential reading for those who want to cut through all the hype of big data. This book has practical advice on how to have real financial and business impact, from the experienced authors who have done this in real life." John Forsyth Former Principal (Partner), McKinsey, former Head, McKinsey's Global Customer Insights Practice---"Mike and Alex have delivered an entertaining and highly readable romp through many aspects of customer analysis-from qualitative focus groups through to terrabytes of big data; and utilizing many real-world examples to reinforce their points. They employ a relentless focus on the use of analysis to deliver meaningful and impactful business value ... and that should matter to you, too, whether you're the CEO, the product owner or a junior analyst delivering the work." George Haylett Former Asia Analytics Head for Amex, Citibank and HSBC---"Significance. Reliability. Confidence. These and other such terms can be a mantra for both suppliers and buyers of data and analytics. Whether it be big data, qualitative research or something in between; sampling, statistics and "findings" are often the drivers of customer or business analytic exercises. But what about relevance? If the results cannot direct business decisions, what does it matter how "accurate" they are? Used correctly, such analytics are an enormously powerful driver of business performance and profitability. But only if the findings have business salience or business significance. Otherwise, aren't they just another type of BS? In this book, Mike and Alex Sherman lay out some wonderful examples of how the time and money spent on business analytics can transform decision-making or be a complete waste of time. It contains great lessons for buyers and users of such services. But I would also commend it to consultants and suppliers. We shouldn't need to sell what a computer can do with data. We should be promoting what humans and businesses can do by asking the right questions of the results." Adrian Chedore Former CEO of Synovate---"This book thoughtfully and practically reminds us that, as we continue to further automate consumer insight analytics efforts with the newest analytics and AI technology, human thinking and human understanding of the fundamental purpose of the analysis, and of the questions that are essential to understanding that purpose, becomes even more important." Professor Steven Miller Vice Provost (Research), Singapore Management University

Outlines a revisionist approach to management while arguing against common perceptions about the inevitability of startup failures, explaining the importance of

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providing genuinely needed products and services as well as organizing a business that can adapt to continuous customer feedback.

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.

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True or false? In selling high-value products or services: 'closing' increases your chance of success; it is essential to describe the benefits of your product or service to the customer; objection handling is an important skill; open questions are more effective than closed questions. All false, says this provocative book. Neil Rackham and his team studied more than 35,000 sales calls made by 10,000 sales people in 23 countries over 12 years. Their findings revealed that many of the methods developed for selling low-value goods just don't work for major sales. Rackham went on to introduce his SPIN-Selling method. SPIN describes the whole selling process: Situation questions Problem questions Implication questions Need-payoff questions SPIN-Selling provides you with a set of simple and practical techniques which have been tried in many of today's leading companies with dramatic improvements to their sales performance. Recent years have seen the widespread application of Natural Computing algorithms (broadly defined in this context as computer algorithms whose design draws inspiration from phenomena in the natural world) for the purposes of financial modelling and optimisation. A related stream of work has also seen the application of learning mechanisms drawn from Natural Computing algorithms for the purposes of agent-based modelling in finance and economics. In this book we have collected a series of chapters which illustrate these two faces of Natural Computing. The first part of the book illustrates how algorithms inspired by the natural world can be used as problem solvers to uncover and optimise financial models. The second part of the book examines a number agent-based simulations of financial systems. This book follows on from Natural Computing in Computational Finance (Volume 100 in Springer's Studies in Computational Intelligence series) which in turn arose from the success of EvoFIN 2007, the very first European Workshop on Evolutionary Computation in Finance & Economics held in Valencia, Spain in April 2007.

Customer Loyalty Isn't Enough—Grow Your Share of Wallet The Wallet Allocation Rule is a revolutionary, definitive guide for winning the battle for share of customers' hearts, minds, and wallets. Backed by rock-solid science published in the Harvard Business Review and MIT Sloan Management Review, this landmark book introduces a new and rigorously tested approach—the Wallet Allocation Rule—that is proven to link to the most important measure of customer loyalty: share of wallet. Companies currently spend billions of dollars each year

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measuring and managing metrics like customer satisfaction and Net Promoter Score (NPS) to improve customer loyalty. These metrics, however, have almost no correlation to share of wallet. As a result, the returns on investments designed to improve the customer experience are frequently near zero, even negative.

With The Wallet Allocation Rule, managers finally have the missing link to business growth within their grasp—the ability to link their existing metrics to the share of spending that customers allocate to their brands. Learn why improving satisfaction (or NPS) does not improve share. Apply the Wallet Allocation Rule to discover what really drives customer spending. Uncover new metrics that really matter to achieve growth. By applying the Wallet Allocation Rule, managers get real insight into the money they currently get from their customers, the money available to be earned by them, and what it takes to get it. The Wallet Allocation Rule provides managers with a blueprint for sustainable long-term growth.

The author of *The Great Game of Business* explains why employee ownership of a company is an essential part of a successful business strategy, offering advice on employee motivation, governing growth, and diversity. Reprint.

The ultimate guide for anyone wondering how President Joe Biden will respond to the COVID-19 pandemic—all his plans, goals, and executive orders in response to the coronavirus crisis. Shortly after being inaugurated as the 46th President of the United States, Joe Biden and his administration released this 200 page guide detailing his plans to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. The National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness breaks down seven crucial goals of President Joe Biden's administration with regards to the coronavirus pandemic: 1. Restore trust with the American people. 2. Mount a safe, effective, and comprehensive vaccination campaign. 3. Mitigate spread through expanding masking, testing, data, treatments, health care workforce, and clear public health standards. 4. Immediately expand emergency relief and exercise the Defense Production Act. 5. Safely reopen schools, businesses, and travel while protecting workers. 6. Protect those most at risk and advance equity, including across racial, ethnic and rural/urban lines. 7. Restore U.S. leadership globally and build better preparedness for future threats. Each of these goals are explained and detailed in the book, with evidence about the current circumstances and how we got here, as well as plans and concrete steps to achieve each goal. Also included is the full text of the many Executive Orders that will be issued by President Biden to achieve each of these goals. The National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness is required reading for anyone interested in or concerned about the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on American society.

What's the secret to sales success? If you're like most business leaders, you'd say it's fundamentally about relationships—and you'd be wrong. The best salespeople don't just build relationships with customers. They challenge them. The need to understand what top-performing reps are doing that their average performing colleagues are not drove Matthew Dixon, Brent Adamson, and their

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colleagues at Corporate Executive Board to investigate the skills, behaviors, knowledge, and attitudes that matter most for high performance. And what they discovered may be the biggest shock to conventional sales wisdom in decades. Based on an exhaustive study of thousands of sales reps across multiple industries and geographies, *The Challenger Sale* argues that classic relationship building is a losing approach, especially when it comes to selling complex, large-scale business-to-business solutions. The authors' study found that every sales rep in the world falls into one of five distinct profiles, and while all of these types of reps can deliver average sales performance, only one—the Challenger—delivers consistently high performance. Instead of bludgeoning customers with endless facts and features about their company and products, Challengers approach customers with unique insights about how they can save or make money. They tailor their sales message to the customer's specific needs and objectives. Rather than acquiescing to the customer's every demand or objection, they are assertive, pushing back when necessary and taking control of the sale. The things that make Challengers unique are replicable and teachable to the average sales rep. Once you understand how to identify the Challengers in your organization, you can model their approach and embed it throughout your sales force. The authors explain how almost any average-performing rep, once equipped with the right tools, can successfully reframe customers' expectations and deliver a distinctive purchase experience that drives higher levels of customer loyalty and, ultimately, greater growth.

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.

Working Backwards is an insider's breakdown of Amazon's approach to culture, leadership, and best practices from two long-time Amazon executives. Colin started at Amazon in 1998; Bill joined in 1999. In *Working Backwards*, these two long-serving Amazon executives reveal and codify the principles and practices that drive the success of one of the most extraordinary companies the world has ever known. With twenty-seven years of Amazon experience between them, much of it in the early aughts—a period of unmatched innovation that brought products and services including Kindle, Amazon Prime, Amazon Studios, and Amazon Web Services to life—Bryar and Carr offer unprecedented access to the Amazon way as it was refined, articulated, and proven to be repeatable, scalable, and adaptable. With keen analysis and practical steps for applying it at your own company—no matter the size—the authors illuminate how Amazon's fourteen leadership principles inform decision-making at all levels and reveal how the company's culture has been defined by four characteristics: customer obsession, long-term thinking, eagerness to invent, and operational excellence. Bryar and Carr explain the set of ground-level practices that ensure these are translated into action and flow through all aspects of the business. *Working Backwards* is a practical guidebook and a corporate narrative, filled with the authors' in-the-room recollections of what "Being Amazonian" is like and how it has affected their personal and professional lives. They demonstrate that success on Amazon's scale is not achieved by the genius of any single leader, but rather through commitment to and execution of a set of well-defined, rigorously-executed principles and practices—shared here for the very first time.

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The foremost authority on innovation and growth presents a path-breaking book every company needs to transform innovation from a game of chance to one in which they develop products and services customers not only want to buy, but are willing to pay premium prices for. How do companies know how to grow? How can they create products that they are sure customers want to buy? Can innovation be more than a game of hit and miss? Harvard Business School professor Clayton Christensen has the answer. A generation ago, Christensen revolutionized business with his groundbreaking theory of disruptive innovation. Now, he goes further, offering powerful new insights. After years of research, Christensen has come to one critical conclusion: our long held maxim—that understanding the customer is the crux of innovation—is wrong. Customers don't buy products or services; they "hire" them to do a job. Understanding customers does not drive innovation success, he argues. Understanding customer jobs does. The "Jobs to Be Done" approach can be seen in some of the world's most respected companies and fast-growing startups, including Amazon, Intuit, Uber, Airbnb, and Chobani yogurt, to name just a few. But this book is not about celebrating these successes—it's about predicting new ones. Christensen contends that by understanding what causes customers to "hire" a product or service, any business can improve its innovation track record, creating products that customers not only want to hire, but that they'll pay premium prices to bring into their lives. Jobs theory offers new hope for growth to companies frustrated by their hit and miss efforts. This book carefully lays down Christensen's provocative framework, providing a comprehensive explanation of the theory and why it is predictive, how to use it in the real world—and, most importantly, how not to squander the insights it provides. Experts from around the world present changes in the global marketplace and developments in research methodologies underpinning new product development (NPD) in this essential collection. The business and marketing aspects of NPD, sometimes neglected in books of this type, are addressed alongside methods for product testing. Trends, processes and perspectives in consumer-driven NPD in the food and personal care product industries are addressed in the opening chapters of the book. Specific topics include evolution in food retailing and advances in concept research. Hedonic testing is the focus of the next section. Different viewpoints on consumer research methods and statistics for NPD are reviewed in later chapters. The final part of the book looks towards the future of innovation, covering the implications for NPD of topics such as human genetic variation in taste perception and neuroimaging. Several chapters are not standard scientific articles. Rather they are written records of conversations between two people on a particular topic related to consumer-driven innovation in foods and personal care products. In them the interviewees speak freely about their views and experiences in NPD, providing unique insights. Consumer-driven innovation in food and personal care products will broaden readers' understanding of the many approaches available to NPD personnel and ways in which they can be used to support innovation activities. Provides expert insight into the changes in the global market place and developments in research methodologies underpinning NPD Examines the business and marketing aspects of NPD, sometimes neglected in books of this type, are addressed alongside methods for product testing Chapters review the different viewpoints on consumer research methods and statistics for NPD

For salespeople tired of feeling stressed out, burned out, and bummed out that their customers don't want to hear from them, *A Mind for Sales* is the guide they need to develop a success mindset and the habits required to breakthrough to a whole new level of sales performance. Everybody knows the world of sales can be tough, and it's easy to get discouraged when the rejections start piling up, and your customers stop picking up the phone. The wrong thought patterns can start to set in, and pretty soon you aren't making your quota and are looking through job listings on your lunch break, waiting for the axe to fall. Mark Hunter's own start in sales was inauspicious, to say the least. He was fired from his first two stints before he began

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to learn the lessons that he covers in *A Mind for Sales*. He discovered that sales can be incredibly rewarding, such as when your customers call you for advice, thanking you for improving their business, and letting you know they just referred you to colleagues. The difference is simply developing mindset and momentum habits. The good news is that you can learn how to grow a mind for sales like Hunter's: "Today, sales is my life. It has gone way past being a job. I do not even see sales as a profession anymore; it is a lifestyle, and one I am proud to be living. I cannot imagine doing anything else." Let *A Mind for Sales* inspire and prepare you to form the new thoughts and habits you need to succeed and to realize the incredible rewards that a successful life in sales makes possible. Feel reenergized by renewed purpose and success in your sales role by following the success cycle approach outlined in the book. Receive practical strategies on how to change your mindset and succeed in sales. Learn the daily habits needed to maximize productivity and make hitting the ground running strategy #1. Gain real-world insights from Hunter's vast experience as a highly successful sales professional and sales coach.

The End of Assembly Line Management We're in the midst of a revolution. Quantum leaps in technology are enabling organizations to observe and measure people's behavior in real time, communicate internally at extraordinary speed, and innovate continuously. These new, software-driven technologies are transforming the way companies interact with their customers, employees, and other stakeholders. This is no mere tech issue. The transformation requires a complete rethinking of the way we organize and manage work. And, as software becomes ever more integrated into every product and service, making this big shift is quickly becoming the key operational challenge for businesses of all kinds. We need a management model that doesn't merely account for, but actually embraces, continuous change. Yet the truth is, most organizations continue to rely on outmoded, industrial-era operational models. They structure their teams, manage their people, and evolve their organizational cultures the way they always have. Now, organizations are emerging, and thriving, based on their capacity to sense and respond instantly to customer and employee behaviors. In *Sense and Respond*, Jeff Gothelf and Josh Seiden, leading tech experts and founders of the global Lean UX movement, vividly show how these companies operate, highlighting the new mindset and skills needed to lead and manage them—and to continuously innovate within them. In illuminating and instructive business examples, you'll see organizations with distinctively new operating principles: shifting from managing outputs to what the authors call "outcome-focused management"; forming self-guided teams that can read and react to a fast-changing environment; creating a learning-all-the-time culture that can understand and respond to new customer behaviors and the data they generate; and finally, developing in everyone at the company the new universal skills of customer listening, assessment, and response. This engaging and practical book provides the crucial new operational and management model to help you and your organization win in a world of continuous change.

Matt Mochary coaches the CEOs of many of the fastest-scaling technology companies in Silicon Valley. With *The Great CEO Within*, he shares his highly effective leadership and business-operating tools with any CEO or manager in the world. Learn how to efficiently scale your business from startup to corporation by implementing a system of accountability, effective problem-solving, and transparent feedback. Becoming a great CEO requires training. For a founding CEO, there is precious little time to complete that training, especially at the helm of a rapidly growing company. Now you have the guidance you need in one book.

Market. Succeed. Repeat. Can you measure the progress of your online campaigns in finite numbers? What percentage of your website traffic is converted into sales? What is your cost-per-conversion rate? If you don't already know the answers to these questions, don't worry—you will. Internet strategist John D. Leavy challenges you to take a new approach to your online marketing—shifting from doing more, to doing more of what works. Using Leavy's

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outcome-based strategies, learn how to create dynamic marketing campaigns integrating metrics and milestones for continuous success. Leavy invites you to uncover the absolutes behind building massive online awareness, attracting your target audience, and capturing online sales. “John Leavy’s masterful Outcome-Based Marketing is the most complete and accurate guide I’ve ever read about succeeding on the Internet without making silly and common errors. I simply cannot imagine finding the pot of gold offered online without John’s superb information serving as your compass and guide.” —Jay Conrad Levinson, The Father of Guerrilla Marketing, Author, Guerrilla Marketing series “By the time you get down to chapters 20-ish through 25 or so, you’ll have to cancel your cable subscription. Leavy has you doing a ton of stuff that is going to blow your business up, whether you’re still working for The Man, or whether you’re going to do this for yourself.” —Chris Brogan, President of Human Business Works and co-author of New York Times bestseller Trust Agents “Outcome-Based Marketing is the breakthrough book on how to sell more, faster and easier, on the internet, against any competition.” —Brian Tracy, Author, The Psychology Of Selling “It’s not often you read a book that is focused on results. Too often, marketing, communication, and everything in between is seen as an expense. But John Leavy’s tools help you take your efforts from the expense line on your P&L to the investment line on your balance sheet. It’s a must-read for anyone using the web to grow their business.” —Gini Dietrich, Chief Executive Officer of Arment Dietrich, Inc., and author, Spin Sucks John D. Leavy is the founder of InPlainSite Marketing, www.inplainsitemarketing.com, a leading internet presence management firm, where he specializes in developing strategies related to strategic marketing, pay-per-click advertising, social media, web design, and search engine optimization. Learn more about John D. Leavy at www.johnleavy.com.

In an age of unlimited data and research, why do more than 50 percent of new products fail to meet expectations? It boils down to a lack of customer insight. The revolutionary theory behind Jobs to Be Done argues that people purchase products and services to solve a specific problem or fulfill a distinct need. For example, people don’t shovel down Rocky Road and Buttered Pecan ice cream because they want nuts, marshmallows, and gobs of frozen goodness, but because they feel the need to celebrate, indulge, or bond with friends and family. But how can this simple concept be best utilized for your company’s success? This groundbreaking book, with its Jobs Roadmap, is intended to remake how companies approach their market. Successful innovation doesn’t begin with a brainstorming session—it starts with the customer. Learn how to put that into practice by discovering how to:

- Gather valuable customer insights
- Turn those insights into new product ideas
- Test and iterate until you find success

Don’t miss out on what Foreword Reviews described as “highly organized and expertly crafted. . . . Company leaders looking for ways to institutionalize innovation are sure to find it here.” To maximize your company’s success, begin with the customer!

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