

The Culting Of Brands Turn Your Customers Into True Believers

Marketing and consumer research has traditionally conceptualized consumers as individuals- who exercise choice in the marketplace as individuals not as a class or a group. However an important new perspective is now emerging that rejects the individualistic view and focuses on the reality that human life is essentially social, and that who we are is an inherently social phenomenon. It is the tribus, the many little groups we belong to, that are fundamental to our experience of life. Tribal Marketing shows that it is not individual consumption of products that defines our lives but rather that this activity actually facilitates meaningful social relationships. The social 'links' (social relationships) are more important than the things (brands etc.) The aim of this book is therefore to offer a systematic overview of the area that has been defined as "cultures of consumption"- consumption microcultures, brand cultures, brand tribes, and brand communities. It is though these that students of marketing and marketing practitioners can begin to genuinely understand the real drivers of consumer behaviour. It will be

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essential to everyone who needs to understand the new paradigm in consumer research, brand management and communications management.

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Mental toughness is about how effectively individuals deal with stress, pressure and challenge. It is rooted in the notion of resilience but moves beyond this by adding ideas from the world of positive psychology. The result is a complete process which is highly applicable and measurable. Tracing its development from sports psychology into business, health and education sectors, *Developing Mental Toughness* was the first book to look at applications at the organizational level and to provide a reliable psychometric measure. The new edition of *Developing Mental Toughness* includes greater coverage of how mental toughness relates to other behaviours and can be applied to leadership, creativity, emotional intelligence, and motivation. It also looks at its applications in employability and entrepreneurship, and has expanded coverage of coaching for mental toughness. Written for anyone coaching individuals and teams for improved performance, the book

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contains practical guidance and techniques, exercises and case studies, all reflecting the exciting developments in this field over the last five years.

Everyone has needs! But how many of us actually know what those needs are? Sure, we can point out the basic ones, eating, breathing and sleeping, but what other types of needs are there? Well, with the help of our good friend Abraham Maslow, we're going to be talking all about needs! Meet Maslow is all about learning what he referred to as the Hierarchy of Needs, a pyramid designed to teach us what every human really needs in order to excel! The entire purpose of man isn't just to live, but rather it is to live well, but we can't live well without having our needs met! It's problematic, however, when we barely have a grasp of what those needs actually entail! With Meet Maslow, you are going to be getting a no-nonsense guidebook to each step of the pyramid, learning about each need so that you can get closer to becoming a self-actualized member of society! It's time to put away the pop psychology books and the fad self-help trends and turn to the wisdom of a man who more or less invented the way we perceive all needs. With his guidance, this book's information

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and a little bit of hard work, you will find that you can begin to live life as a higher functioning individual in no time!

Consumption and Spirituality

Consumer Tribes

A New Competitive Strategy for Creating Sustainable Wealth

The Data-Driven Way to Win Customers' Hearts

Cultivating Hope, Resilience, and Purpose in Hard Times

Handbook on Brand and Experience Management

Eight Principles for Achieving Brand

Leadership in the Twenty-First Century

How to See What Others Miss and Predict the Future

This important Handbook explores new and emerging directions in both brand management research and practice. It encompasses a diverse set of approaches including the latest academic research offering new frameworks for understanding brand management, the researcher's perspective on current tools in practice by brand managers, new research and conceptual frameworks for understanding and managing customer experiences and recent empirical research and scale development in both brand and experience management. the book focuses on practical, managerial, and organizational best practices.

For thousands of years, mystics, masters, and sages from various world traditions have read the Akashic Records-a dynamic repository that holds information about every soul and its journey. Once reserved for a "spiritually gifted" few, this infinite source of

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wisdom and healing energy is now available for readers everywhere to answer questions big and small. How can I find freedom from my past? What are my life purposes? With How to Read the Akashic Records, healer and teacher Linda Howe offers the first book of its kind to help navigate these timeless "Records of the Soul." Drawing from more than 15 years' experience with the Akashic Records, Howe teaches us: The Pathway Prayer Process—a "password" for admittance into the Records How to work with your "MTLOs"—your Masters, Teachers, and Loved Ones—for assistance within the Records Insightful tips to glean the most critical information, whether you're reading for yourself, other individuals, or even your pet "The time has come for us to be our own spiritual authorities and access this illuminating, rich source directly," explains Howe. With How to Read the Akashic Records, anyone who desires to read the Records now has immediate access to this valuable life resource. "The Akashic Records contain everything that every soul has ever thought, said, and done over the course of its existence—as well as all its future possibilities. This valuable information can help you with any aspect of your life journey. And because the Records are also a dimension of consciousness, they are available anytime and everywhere."? —Linda Howe The universe is alive—and it has a memory just like you. Known as the Akashic Records, this energetic archive of soul information stands ready to lovingly guide you. Once accessible to rare spiritual masters, now the Records are available to anyone—anytime, anywhere. After a lifelong search for truth, master teacher and healer Linda Howe has developed an infallible method for accessing this reservoir of information: the Pathway Prayer Process. By lifting you to a divine level of consciousness, this sacred prayer opens the doors of the Records, where your "soul blueprint"—everything you need to know about your soul's destiny—awaits you. There you will work with your Masters, Teachers, and Loved Ones to cultivate a rich relationship with the Records and ultimately learn to unleash your

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highest potential. Grounded with the success stories of dozens whose lives have been touched by the Records, this comprehensive guidebook will help you confidently read the Records for yourself—or another—and find inspiration for your own spiritual path. “Accessing the Akashic Records provides an opportunity to align with your soul and develop your own spiritual authority,” teaches Linda Howe. Now with How to Read the Akashic Records you can learn to connect with this divine source for infinite joy, inner peace, and fulfillment. Linda Howe is the founder and director of The Center for Akashic Studies, an organization dedicated to promoting the study of Akashic Records and other applicable spiritual wisdom. Active in healing arts for more than 20 years, Linda was moved and inspired by the power of the Records within herself and her clients. She began teaching this practice to students in 1996 and, today, she has successfully taught thousands of students to accurately read the Akashic Records.

Building Better Brands is the essential guide to creating and evolving brands. Leveraging three decades of brand consulting for legendary companies like Caterpillar, Harley-Davidson, 3M, Owens-Illinois, National Australia Bank, and American Express, as well as middle-market and new-media startups, Scott Lerman shares the processes and frameworks needed to build great brands. This book is for you if you're a CEO seeking to enhance your knowledge of the branding process, a marketing/communications specialist who wants to take a leadership role in advancing an organizations brand, a brand consultant who is striving to sharpen and extend your skills, or a student who wants to jump-start a career in branding. Whatever its starting point--market leader or struggling competitor--any organization that follows this step-by-step guide will end up with a better brand.

For anyone who wants to learn the fundamentals of branding in an approachable way without poring over dense text or hiring an

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expensive consultant, Star Brands presents a unique model that offers structured guidance and professional tips for building, managing, and marketing any brand. Created by savvy brand manager Carolina Rogoll, the star brand model is a perfect intersection of solid marketing and management theory with an approachable, visually oriented design. The author teaches step-by-step how to assess a brand's unique challenge, how to define the brand's equity and target, how to craft a solid brand growth strategy, and how to measure success once the brand is in the marketplace. The book includes case studies from famous star brands as well as interviews with top business school professors, advertising agency leaders, and former CEOs. Topics covered include the star brand model; leaders behind star brands; brand assessment and goal setting; defining brand equity; selecting a brand target; insights, benefits, ideas; theory from the best marketing and managing resources; marketing strategy; how to build a marketing plan; and much more, including exercise worksheets to practice on! The author combines her experience building brands at the front lines of a big multinational company with top-notch marketing and management theory. What results is an ideal primer for anyone seeking structured guidance on building a brand for a client, managing a brand, or even starting a brand for oneself. Allworth Press, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, publishes a broad range of books on the visual and performing arts, with emphasis on the business of art. Our titles cover subjects such as graphic design, theater, branding, fine art, photography, interior design, writing, acting, film, how to start careers, business and legal forms, business practices, and more. While we don't aspire to publish a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are deeply committed to quality books that help creative professionals succeed and thrive. We often publish in areas overlooked by other publishers and welcome the author whose expertise can help our audience of readers.

Leveraging Emotions for Business Success

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Ethics in the Real World

Dawn of the Akashic Age

The Culting of Brands

When Customers Become True Believers

Pattern Recognition

How Political Innovation Can Break Partisan Gridlock and Save Our Democracy

The Referral Engine

2015 Susanne K. Langer Award for Outstanding Scholarship, Media Ecology Association 2013 Book of the Year, Visual Communication Division, National Communication Association Amidst the profound upheavals in technology, economics, and culture that mark the contemporary moment, marketing strategies have multiplied, as brand messages creep ever deeper into our private lives. In *Your Ad Here*, an engaging and timely new book, Michael Serazio investigates the rise of “guerrilla marketing” as a way of understanding increasingly covert and interactive flows of commercial persuasion. Digging through a decade of trade press coverage and interviewing dozens of agency CEOs, brand managers, and creative directors, Serazio illuminates a diverse and fascinating set of campaign examples: from the

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America's Army video game to Pabst Blue Ribbon's "hipster hijack," from buzz agent bloggers and tweeters to The Dark Knight's "Why So Serious?" social labyrinth. Blending rigorous analysis with eye-opening reporting and lively prose, Your Ad Here reveals the changing ways that commercial culture is produced today. Serazio goes behind-the-scenes with symbolic creators to appreciate the professional logic informing their work, while giving readers a glimpse into this new breed of "hidden persuaders" optimized for 21st-century media content, social patterns, and digital platforms. Ultimately, this new form of marketing adds up to a subtle, sophisticated orchestration of consumer conduct and heralds a world of advertising that pretends to have nothing to sell. Dieses Buch vermittelt ein tiefes Verständnis der Analogie zwischen Marketing und Religion. Konsument*innen werden mit nahezu perfekter Werbung dazu angeregt, bezüglich des beworbenen Produkts ein Weltbild mit dazu passendem Ethos zu konstruieren. Extreme Kundenloyalität und hohe

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Gewinnmargen sind die Folgen. Untersucht wird die Werbekampagne "Nespresso. What else?". Die Studie basiert auf einer audio-visuellen Analyse ausgewählter Werbespots und auf einer Analyse von Primärdaten von Nespresso-Kund*innen sowie, als Kontrollgruppe, von Konsument*innen anderer Kaffee-Marken. Die statistisch hoch signifikanten Ergebnisse sind eindrücklich und machen betroffen. Sie vermitteln ein Verständnis dafür, wie der Tauschwert eines an sich profanen Konsumguts auf ein Vielfaches seines Gebrauchswerts gesteigert werden kann, und wie, ganz im Sinne Walter Benjamins, losgelöst von nüchternen Produktattributen, ein Produkt eine äußerst starke symbolische Aufladung erfährt.

For those involved in marketing and sales, this book offers essential analysis of how to identify who has influence, how they apply it, and how marketers can turn it to their advantage. This work is one of the first books to give an overview of one of the fastest growing marketing techniques to have emerged in the last

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ten years.

"A tactical primer for any business embarking on the critical work of actively building community."—Seth Godin, Author, *This is Marketing* "This book perfectly marries the psychology of communities, with the hard-earned secrets of someone who's done the real work over many years. David Spinks is the master of this craft."—Nir Eyal, bestselling author of *Hooked* and *Indistractable* The rise of the internet has brought with it an inexorable, almost shockingly persistent drive toward community. From the first social networks to the GameStop trading revolution, engaged communities have shown the ability to transform industries. Businesses need to harness that power. As business community expert David Spinks shows in *The Business of Belonging: How to Make Community your Competitive Advantage*, the successful brands of tomorrow will be those that create authentic connection, giving customers a sense of real belonging and unlocking unprecedented scale as a result. In his career of over 10 years in the business

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of building community, Spinks has learned what a winning community strategy looks like. From the fundamental concepts—including how community drives measurable business value and what the appropriate metrics are—to high-level community design and practical engagement techniques, *The Business of Belonging* is an epic journey into the world of community building. This book is for decision makers who want to better understand the value and opportunity of community, and for community professionals who want to level up their strategy. Featuring a foreword by Startup Grind and Bevy cofounder Derek Andersen, it will give you a step-by-step model for strategically planning, creating, facilitating, and measuring communities that drive business growth. Attracting and retaining community members who are also loyal customers, brand evangelists, and leaders—that's the goal for today's connected businesses, and this book is the map to getting there.

Agricultural Technologies and Tropical Deforestation

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A Case Study of Coffee Branding and Consumer Loyalty

Accessing the Archive of the Soul and Its Journey

Meet Maslow

Religion in Consumer Society

The Rooted Life

Influencer Marketing

Strategies to Improve Performance, Resilience and Wellbeing in Individuals and Organizations

What does it really take to succeed in business today? In A New Brand World, Scott Bedbury, who helped make Nike and Starbucks two of the most successful brands of recent years, explains this often mysterious process by setting out the principles that helped these companies become leaders in their respective industries. With illuminating anecdotes from his own in-the-trenches experiences and dozens of case studies of other winning—and failed—branding efforts (including Harley-Davidson, Guinness, The Gap, and Disney), Bedbury offers practical, battle-tested advice for keeping any business at the top of its game.

New York Times–bestselling author, psychologist, and happiness expert Tal Ben-Shahar’s all-new, evidence-based toolbox for finding happiness in hard times

#1 Wall Street Journal Bestseller Instant New York Times Bestseller A game-changing approach to marketing, sales, and advertising. Seth Godin has taught and inspired millions of entrepreneurs, marketers, leaders, and fans from all walks of life, via his blog, online courses, lectures, and bestselling

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*books. He is the inventor of countless ideas that have made their way into mainstream business language, from Permission Marketing to Purple Cow to Tribes to The Dip. Now, for the first time, Godin offers the core of his marketing wisdom in one compact, accessible, timeless package. This is Marketing shows you how to do work you're proud of, whether you're a tech startup founder, a small business owner, or part of a large corporation. Great marketers don't use consumers to solve their company's problem; they use marketing to solve other people's problems. Their tactics rely on empathy, connection, and emotional labor instead of attention-stealing ads and spammy email funnels. No matter what your product or service, this book will help you reframe how it's presented to the world, in order to meaningfully connect with people who want it. Seth employs his signature blend of insight, observation, and memorable examples to teach you: * How to build trust and permission with your target market. * The art of positioning--deciding not only who it's for, but who it's not for. * Why the best way to achieve your goals is to help others become who they want to be. * Why the old approaches to advertising and branding no longer work. * The surprising role of tension in any decision to buy (or not). * How marketing is at its core about the stories we tell ourselves about our social status. You can do work that matters for people who care. This book shows you the way.*

New York Times Bestseller • Finalist for the 2018 National Book Critics Circle Award in Nonfiction • A New York Times Notable Book • Bloomberg Best Book of 2018 “Their distinctive contribution to the higher-education debate is to meet safetyism on its own, psychological turf . . . Lukianoff

and Haidt tell us that safetyism undermines the freedom of inquiry and speech that are indispensable to universities.”
—Jonathan Marks, Commentary “The remedies the book outlines should be considered on college campuses, among parents of current and future students, and by anyone longing for a more sane society.” —Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Something has been going wrong on many college campuses in the last few years. Speakers are shouted down. Students and professors say they are walking on eggshells and are afraid to speak honestly. Rates of anxiety, depression, and suicide are rising—on campus as well as nationally. How did this happen? First Amendment expert Greg Lukianoff and social psychologist Jonathan Haidt show how the new problems on campus have their origins in three terrible ideas that have become increasingly woven into American childhood and education: What doesn’t kill you makes you weaker; always trust your feelings; and life is a battle between good people and evil people. These three Great Untruths contradict basic psychological principles about well-being and ancient wisdom from many cultures. Embracing these untruths—and the resulting culture of safetyism—interferes with young people’s social, emotional, and intellectual development. It makes it harder for them to become autonomous adults who are able to navigate the bumpy road of life. Lukianoff and Haidt investigate the many social trends that have intersected to promote the spread of these untruths. They explore changes in childhood such as the rise of fearful parenting, the decline of unsupervised, child-directed play, and the new world of social media that has engulfed teenagers in the last decade. They examine changes on campus, including the corporatization of universities and

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the emergence of new ideas about identity and justice. They situate the conflicts on campus within the context of America's rapidly rising political polarization and dysfunction. This is a book for anyone who is confused by what is happening on college campuses today, or has children, or is concerned about the growing inability of Americans to live, work, and cooperate across party lines.

How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation for Failure

Religion - Marketing's Unwitting Godparent

Building Better Brands

The Coddling of the American Mind

12.5 Principles to Stand Out, Attract Customers, and Grow an Incredible Brand

The Collaborative Consumption of our Cities

Converted

This book has been developed from a workshop on Technological change in agriculture and tropical deforestation organised by the Center for International Forestry Research and held in Costa Rica in March, 1999. It explores how intensification of agriculture affects tropical deforestation using case studies from different geographical regions, using different agricultural products and technologies and in differing demographic situations and market conditions. Guidance is also given on future agricultural research and extension efforts.

How can individuals and organizations understand and measure mental toughness to deal with stress and challenge, and so improve

performance? This fully updated third edition of Developing Mental Toughness provides the answers to unlock this potential. Tracing its development from sports psychology into the business sector, Developing Mental Toughness provides a reliable psychometric measure to apply at the organizational level. With coverage on how mental toughness relates to other behaviours and can be applied to employability, leadership, performance, creativity, emotional intelligence and motivation, the practical guidance and exercises in this book make it essential reading for academics, managers and coaches alike. This third edition includes an expansion of the 4Cs model to include concepts on learning orientation and resilience and new chapters on evidence-based practice and using the Mental Toughness Questionnaire (MTQ48) to gain richer self-awareness. Featuring case studies from Deloitte and Ethiad, Developing Mental Toughness is the practical coaching guide for developing capabilities and resilience.

'I believe that 'emotion' is where it's at' Tom Peters For far too long, emotions have been ignored in favour of rationality and efficiency, but breakthroughs in brain science have revealed that people are primarily emotional decision-makers. Many companies have not yet accepted that fact, much less acted on it. In this fully revised edition, Emotionomics will help you to understand emotions in terms of business

opportunities - both in the marketplace and in the workplace. In today's highly competitive marketplace where many products look alike, it is the emotional benefit that can make the difference. At the same time, companies with engaged, productive work forces will undoubtedly achieve competitive advantage. Dan Hill's book draws on insights gathered through facial coding, the single best viable means of measuring and managing the emotional response of customers and employees, to help you to leverage emotions for business success in terms of branding, product design, advertising, sales, customer satisfaction, leadership and employee management. Emotions matter and Emotionomics will help you to step closer to customers and employees, but step ahead of your competitors.

All New 10th Edition of the WSJ bestseller! Featuring 10 Bold new Trend Predictions Winner of 9 International Book Awards Introducing the highly awaited tenth edition of The Wall Street Journal bestseller and trend report featuring ten bold new megatrend predictions that will shape our world in the coming decade. What if you could predict the trends that will change your business? For the past ten years, Rohit Bhargava's signature annual Non-Obvious Trend Report has helped over a million readers discover more than 100 trends changing our culture. Now for the first time, Rohit and his team of Non-

Obvious trend curators reveal ten revolutionary new Megatrends that are transforming how we work, play and live. -- How might the evolution of gender fluid toys change our culture? -- What can the popularity of handmade umbrellas and board games teach us about the future of business? -- Why do robot therapists and holographic celebrities actually demonstrate the importance of humanity? The answers to these questions may not be all that obvious, and that's exactly the point. This completely revised 10th Anniversary edition of Non-Obvious also offers an unprecedented look behind the scenes at the author's signature Haystack Method for identifying trends, and how you can learn to curate and predict trends for yourself. You don't need to be a futurist or innovator to learn to think like one. The key to growing your business or propelling your career into the next decade lies in better understanding the present. The future belongs to non-obvious thinkers and this book is your guide to becoming one. Winner: Eric Hoffer Business Book of the Year Winner: Axiom Award Silver Medal (Business Theory) Winner: INDIE Gold Medal (Business Business Book) Finalist: Leonard L. Berry Marketing Book Award Winner: IPPY Silver Medal (Best Business Book) Finalist: International Book Award (Best Business Book) Official Selection: Gary's Book Club at CES Winner: Non-Fiction Book Award (Gold Medal) Winner: Pinnacle Best Business

Book Award

How to Co-Create the Future

The Power of Cult Branding

A Theory of Human Motivation

How to Make Community your Competitive Advantage

The Politics Industry

How to Crack Test Of Reasoning- REVISED EDITION

New Consciousness, Quantum Resonance, and the Future of the World

A Comprehensive Guide to Brand Strategy and Identity Development

Reasoning enhances the logical thinking skills. It determines one's aptitude which is why many competitive examinations ask questions from it. Be it, banking, SSC, railway, IAS/PCS, or any other government recruitment exams, candidates have to score better in Reasoning Test which is a hard nut to crack for many. How to Crack Test of Reasoning is a perfect study resource to learn the problem solving skills of reasoning to make a proper preparation for the competitive examinations. It has been revised carefully according to the latest examination pattern and is divided into key chapters of Verbal Reasoning, Analytical Reasoning, and

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Non-Verbal Reasoning. It facilitates a complete coverage of the theory followed by exercises graded into base level and expert level for self-evaluation. Each chapter covers the latest exam questions. Also, it carries more than 2500 objective questions as a whole to boost the preparation level. Written in an easy to read manner and incorporated with complete study material, it is an amazing book to climb the ladder of success in your forthcoming competitive exams. TOC Verbal Reasoning, Analytical Reasoning, Non-Verbal Reasoning

A fresh and original look at the phenomenon of "cult branding" -- how companies cultivate fanatical customer loyalty. At first glance, companies like Apple and Nike have little in common with organizations like the Hell's Angels and the Unification Church. But in reality, they all fulfill the main definition of a cult: They attract people who see themselves as different from the masses in some fundamental way. Contrary to stereotypes, most cult members aren't emotionally unstable--they're just

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normal folks searching for a sense of belonging. Marketing expert Douglas Atkin has spent years researching both full-blown cults and companies that use cult-branding techniques. He interviewed countless cult members to find out what makes them tick. And he explains exactly how brands like Harley-Davidson, Saturn, JetBlue, and Ben & Jerry's make their customers feel unique, important, and part of an exclusive group—and how that leads to solid, long-term relationships between a company and its customers. In addition to describing a fascinating phenomenon, *The Culting of Brands* will be of enormous value to business leaders. It will teach marketers how to align themselves with a specific segment of the population, how to attract and keep new “members,” how to establish a mythology about the company, and how to manage a workforce filled with true believers. Once a brand achieves cult status, it becomes almost impossible for a competitor to dethrone it. *The Culting of Brands* will reveal the secrets of fierce customer identification and, most important,

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unbreakable loyalty.

This book deconstructs the ‘sharing’ marketing narratives surrounding Airbnb and similar platforms. It provides a conceptual analysis of the ‘sharing economy’ and accommodation sector and furthers the ongoing discussion surrounding Airbnb and the social sustainability of city tourism. The volume analyses the touristification of neighbourhoods in the context of broader economic and ideological shifts, thus bridging the gap between academic and social debate. It presents four different city scenarios of potential future developments and evaluates the effects of different regulatory responses, giving readers an understanding of the forces and factors at work and envisioning the ultimate consequences of current developments. The book will appeal to students and researchers in tourism and hospitality studies, futures studies and urban planning, as well as to policymakers and strategists in the hospitality and tourism sectors.

Our political system in America is broken, right? Wrong. The truth is, the

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*American political system is working exactly how it is designed to work, and it isn't designed or optimized today to work for us—for ordinary citizens. Most people believe that our political system is a public institution with high-minded principles and impartial rules derived from the Constitution. In reality, it has become a private industry dominated by a textbook duopoly—the Democrats and the Republicans—and plagued and perverted by unhealthy competition between the players. Tragically, it has therefore become incapable of delivering solutions to America's key economic and social challenges. In fact, there's virtually no connection between our political leaders solving problems and getting reelected. In *The Politics Industry*, business leader and path-breaking political innovator Katherine Gehl and world-renowned business strategist Michael Porter take a radical new approach. They ingeniously apply the tools of business analysis—and Porter's distinctive Five Forces framework—to show how the political system functions just as*

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every other competitive industry does, and how the duopoly has led to the devastating outcomes we see today. Using this competition lens, Gehl and Porter identify the most powerful lever for change—a strategy comprised of a clear set of choices in two key areas: how our elections work and how we make our laws. Their bracing assessment and practical recommendations cut through the endless debate about various proposed fixes, such as term limits and campaign finance reform. The result: true political innovation. The Politics Industry is an original and completely nonpartisan guide that will open your eyes to the true dynamics and profound challenges of the American political system and provide real solutions for reshaping the system for the benefit of all. THE INSTITUTE FOR POLITICAL INNOVATION The authors will donate all royalties from the sale of this book to the Institute for Political Innovation.

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Teaching Your Business to Market Itself
Brands of Faith
The Cool Sell of Guerrilla Marketing
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A Brand Manager's Guide to Build, Manage & Market Brands

*82 Brief Essays on Things That Matter
The Business of Belonging*

Stand out, attract customers and grow your company into a sticky brand. Sticky Branding provides practical, tactical ideas of how mid-market companies – companies with a marketing budget, but not a vast one – are challenging the status quo and growing sticky brands.

Like religious cults that can attract thousands of devoted disciples, is it possible for company brands to build legions of loyal followers? In a marketer's dream come true, can certain products—with the right combination of positioning and branding—take on magnetic characteristics and galvanize die-hard customers who become walking, talking viral marketers? Can your company harness the power of cult branding without blowing a fortune on advertising? According to authors Matthew W. Ragas and Bolivar J. Bueno the answer is yes. In fact, you need not look much farther than a Harley-Davidson rally, a Star Trek convention, or a Jimmy Buffett concert to see the cult branding phenomenon at work: thousands of passionate, faithful fans spreading the good word and spending lots of money. Not all brands have the dash of edginess, the devoted fan base, or the niche positioning to be cult brands. But those that do tend to share similar characteristics that make them successful, what the authors call the Seven Golden Rules of Cult Branding.

Through meticulous research and scores of interviews Ragas and Bueno have uncovered the remarkable and oft-untold stories behind nine very successful cult brands:

- Star Trek
 - Harley-Davidson
 - Oprah Winfrey
 - World Wrestling Entertainment (formerly WWF)
 - Apple
 - Volkswagen Beetle
 - Jimmy Buffett
 - Vans Shoes
 - Linux
- These nine brands follow

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the Seven Golden Rules and have millions of fans and billions of dollars in revenue to show for it. Now you can learn first hand what these special brands did to set themselves apart and how to apply the Seven Golden Rules to your own marketing strategies. Written for advertisers, marketers, sales executives, and business owners who want to thrive in an increasingly competitive marketplace, *The Power of Cult Branding* is the ultimate guide to creating a loyal core of repeat customers and winning the positioning battle.

Provocative essays on real-world ethical questions from the world's most influential philosopher Peter Singer is often described as the world's most influential philosopher. He is also one of its most controversial. The author of important books such as *Animal Liberation*, *Practical Ethics*, *Rethinking Life and Death*, and *The Life You Can Save*, he helped launch the animal rights and effective altruism movements and contributed to the development of bioethics. Now, in *Ethics in the Real World*, Singer shows that he is also a master at dissecting important current events in a few hundred words. In this book of brief essays, he applies his controversial ways of thinking to issues like climate change, extreme poverty, animals, abortion, euthanasia, human genetic selection, sports doping, the sale of kidneys, the ethics of high-priced art, and ways of increasing happiness. Singer asks whether chimpanzees are people, smoking should be outlawed, or consensual sex between adult siblings should be decriminalized, and he reiterates his case against the idea that all human life is sacred, applying his arguments to some recent cases in the news. In addition, he explores, in an easily accessible form, some of the deepest philosophical questions, such as whether anything really matters and what is the value of the pale blue dot that is our planet. The collection also includes some more personal reflections, like Singer's thoughts on one of his favorite activities, surfing, and

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an unusual suggestion for starting a family conversation over a holiday feast. Now with a new afterword by the author, this provocative and original book will challenge—and possibly change—your beliefs about many real-world ethical questions.

Presents the comprehensive framework of analytical techniques to help a firm analyze its industry as a whole and predict the industry's future evolution, to understand its competitors and its own position ...

Marketing Religion in a Commercial Age

The Future of Airbnb and the Sharing Economy

How Understanding the Priorities of Those Around Us Can Lead to Harmony and Improvement

How 9 Magnetic Brands Turned Customers into Loyal Followers (and Yours Can, Too!)

Cultivating Health and Wholeness Through Growing Your Own Food

Profit Power Economics

Brands, Consumers and Markets

Empower

Presenting an overview of an emerging field in the study of contemporary religion, this book, together with a complementary volume Religion in the Neoliberal Age, explores issues of religion, neoliberalism and consumer society. Claiming that we have entered a new phase that implies more than the recasting of state-religion relations, the authors examine how religious changes are historically anchored in modernity but affected by the commoditization, mediatization, neoliberalization and globalization of society

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and social life. Religion in Consumer Society explores religion as both shaped by consumer culture and as shaping consumer culture. Following an introduction which critically analyses studies on consumer culture and integrates scholarship in the sociology of religion, this book explores the following topics: how consumerism and electronic media have shaped globalized culture, and how this is affecting religion; the dynamics and characteristics of often overlooked middle-class religion, and how these relate to globalization and differences between 'developed' and 'emerging' countries; emerging trends, and how we understand phenomena as different as mega churches and holistic spiritualistic journeys, and how the pressures of consumer culture act on religious traditions, indigenous and exogenous; the politics of religious phenomena in the Age of Neoliberalism; and the hybrid areas emerging from these reconfigurations of religion and the market. Outlining changes in both the political-institutional and cultural spheres, the contributors offer an international overview of developments in different countries and state of the art representation of religion in the new global political economy.

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In a society overrun by commercial clutter, religion has become yet another product sold in the consumer marketplace, and faiths of all kinds must compete with a myriad of more entertaining and more convenient leisure activities. Brands of Faith argues that in order to compete effectively faiths have had to become brands – easily recognizable symbols and spokespeople with whom religious prospects can make immediate connections. Mara Einstein shows how religious branding has expanded over the past twenty years to create a blended world of commerce and faith where the sacred becomes secular and the secular sacred. In a series of fascinating case studies of faith brands, she explores the significance of branded church courses, such as Alpha and The Purpose Driven Life, mega-churches, and the popularity of the televangelist Joel Olsteen and television presenter Oprah Winfrey, as well as the rise of Kaballah. She asks what the consequences of this religious marketing will be, and outlines the possible results of religious commercialism – good and bad. Repackaging religion – updating music, creating teen-targeted bibles – is justifiable and necessary. However, when the content becomes obscured, religion may lose its unique selling

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proposition – the very ability to raise us above the market.

*When the world's biggest brands want to sharpen their digital marketing strategy, they call Neil Hoyne – Google's Chief Measurement Strategist and Senior Fellow at the Wharton School. In his first book, he offers a simple, research-backed playbook that anyone can use to find their best customers and develop relationships that last. Under pressure for quick results and facing fierce marketplace competition, too many marketers are boxed into spaghetti-to-the-wall forms of digital marketing that limit the potential of their long hours, countless experiments, and warehouses of data. And in the end, they watch their competition sprint ahead. But what if you built a business around long-term relationships with customers, using data to understand who they are, what they need, and where to find more customers just like them? You can. And you'll leave your competitors, with all of their data and their short-term thinking, to poke around in the scraps. In *Converted*, you will learn how to:*

- Understand the full value of each relationship*
- Engage in an ongoing conversation with your best customers*
- Ask the right questions so you can anticipate your customers' needs*
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Find more great customers A real person is always on the other end of the transaction. Converted shows you how to win their hearts. Pattern Recognition - a pulsating techno-thriller by William Gibson, bestselling author of Neuromancer Cayce Pollard has been flown to London. She's a 'coolhunter' - her services for hire to global corporations desperate for certainty in a capricious and uncertain world. Now she's been offered a special project: track down the makers of the addictive online film that's lighting up the 'net. Hunting the source will take her to Tokyo and Moscow and put her in the sights of Japanese computer crazies and Russian Mafia men. She's up against those who want to control the film, to own it - who figure breaking the law is just another business strategy. The kind of people who relish turning the hunter into the hunted . . . William Gibson is a prophet and a satirist, a black comedian and an outstanding architect of cool. Readers of Neal Stephenson, Ray Bradbury and Iain M. Banks will love this book. Pattern Recognition is the first novel in the Blue Ant trilogy - read Spook Country and Zero History for more. 'A big novel, full of bold ideas . . . races along like an expert thriller' GQ 'Dangerously hip. Its dialogue and characterization will amaze you. A wonderfully

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detailed, reckless journey of espionage and lies' USA Today 'A compelling, humane story with a sympathetic heroine searching for meaning and consolation in a post-everything world' Daily Telegraph Idoru is a gripping techno-thriller by William Gibson, bestselling author of Neuromancer 'Fast, witty and cleverly politicized' Guardian

You Can't Be Seen Until You Learn to See This Is Marketing

Sticky Branding

Who Really Influences Your Customers?

Happier, No Matter What

A New Brand World

Coaching Strategies to Improve Performance, Resilience and Wellbeing

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The first comprehensive look at the collaborative economy and autonomous world. Featuring visionary entrepreneurs and bestselling authors such as Adam Grant, Brad Feld, Shane Snow, Alex Bogusky, Douglas Rushkoff, Rita McGrath, and Martin Ford; as well as leaders of the collaborative economy movement including Robin Chase, Chelsea Rustrum, Neal Gorenflo, Antonin Leonard, and Arun Sundararajan

US psychologist Abraham Maslow's A Theory of Human Motivation is a classic of psychological research that helped change

the field for good. Like many field-changing thinkers, Maslow was not just a talented researcher, he was also a creative thinker - able to see things from a new perspective and show them in a different light. He studied what he called exemplary people such as Albert Einstein, Jane Addams, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Frederick Douglass rather than mentally ill or neurotic people. Maslow generated new ideas, forging what he called 'positive' or 'humanistic psychology'. His argument was that humans are psychologically motivated by a series of hierarchical needs, starting with the most essential first. His theories parallel many other theories of human developmental psychology, some of which focus on describing the stages of growth in humans. At first glance, companies like Apple and Nike have little in common with organizations like the Hell's Angels and the Unification Church. But in reality, they all fulfill the main definition of a cult: They attract people who see themselves as different from the masses in some fundamental way. Contrary to stereotypes, most cult members aren't emotionally unstable—they're just normal folks searching for a sense of belonging. Marketing expert Douglas Atkin has spent years researching both full-blown cults and

companies that use cult-branding techniques. He interviewed countless cult members to find out what makes them tick. And he explains exactly how brands like Harley-Davidson, Saturn, JetBlue, and Ben & Jerry's make their customers feel unique, important, and part of an exclusive group—and how that leads to solid, long-term relationships between a company and its customers. In addition to describing a fascinating phenomenon, The Culting of Brands will be of enormous value to business leaders. It will teach marketers how to align themselves with a specific segment of the population, how to attract and keep new "members," how to establish a mythology about the company, and how to manage a workforce filled with true believers. Once a brand achieves cult status, it becomes almost impossible for a competitor to dethrone it. The Culting of Brands will reveal the secrets of fierce customer identification and, most important, unbreakable loyalty.

A permaculture expert and popular YouTube Homesteader shares the skills and the delights of becoming a part of your own food story in this inspiring, accessible, and beautiful invitation to a more abundant, healthy, and connected life. Have you ever wanted to experiment with growing your

own food but didn't think you had the space, the time, or the knowledge? Justin Rhodes thought the same thing—until after years battling systemic illness and struggling to provide the kind of wholesome food he wanted for his family, he bought a seed packet at the grocery store and was hooked! Justin discovered the miraculous potential and empowerment of working with nature to grow food for his family, and since that discovery, he has shared his self-taught skills with hundreds of thousands of growers via his popular YouTube channel and website. Whether you're looking for greater food security, better health, tastier food, to save or earn money, connect with your food source, this book is for you. If you're looking for a different kind of life—a life focused on health and wellness—take a look down the road less traveled. Looking for every opportunity to pass his hard-earned knowledge onto others, Justin Rhodes created this inspiring and practical invitation to growing your own food and experiencing a more connected, sustainable lifestyle, no matter where you live or how much space you have. Filled with beautiful and inspiring photographs from the Rhodes' homestead and chock full of resources, including gardening plans, everything you need to know about raising chickens, tips

for how to get your kids involved, and even recipes for how to serve up your home-grown goodness, The Rooted Life provides you with the inspiration, the encouragement, and the practical wisdom that you need to begin the journey to a more rooted life.

Developing Mental Toughness

**The Psychodynamics of Social Networking
Competitive Strategy**

Non Obvious Megatrends

Techniques for Analyzing Industries and Competitors

Emotionomics

How to Read the Akashic Records

A new economy is emerging from the global financial crisis. In this groundbreaking book, seasoned executive and Harvard-trained economist Mia de Kuijper guides readers through the fundamentals of this economy and explains how companies and individuals can create sustainable wealth now. The key is wielding one of twelve contemporary sources of profit power. Control just one and you are on the road to high returns. Turning profit power into sustainable wealth requires new strategies, enumerated here, for choosing and valuing investments, structuring and managing global enterprises, confronting competitive threats, and navigating markets which may increasingly display power law dynamics and where distributions may have "fat tails." To

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derive this book's unique framework for achieving high returns, de Kuijper rethought parts of economic theory itself in light of the most transformative force in the new economy (dubbed the Transparent Economy by de Kuijper), namely the vanishing cost of information and connectivity. Based on original research and illustrated with lively lessons from the experiences of the author and other successful investors and leaders, Profit Power Economics draws a detailed picture of the new competitive arena and gives readers a step-by-step approach to build (or find) exceptionally high-return enterprises and to utilize today's shifting market dynamics to influence choice and build wealth.

A preview of the post-mechanistic, holistic world in 2020 and 2030 as well as a map of the obstacles we must overcome to get there • Reveals how the youngest generation is seeding the shift in consciousness • Explains how society will be reorganized into grassroots networks like those revealed by quantum physics and experienced through social media • With contributions from futurist John L. Petersen, ex-CEO of Sanyo Tomoya Nonaka, media activist Duane Elgin, and other visionaries The world is changing. The transition from the mechanistic worldview to one that recognizes the interconnectedness of all life is upon us. It is the dawning of the Akashic Age. The Akashic field that connects the universe is now recognized by

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cutting-edge science. What we know about communication, energy, and consciousness is rapidly evolving in tandem with the new quantum worldview. Many adults are consciously evolving to meet the transitional challenges at hand, while today's youth have arrived already hard-wired with the new consciousness. Rising from the ashes of the old systems, this Phoenix generation of radical change agents is seeding our evolution and spiritual transformation, a process that will continue over the next few decades. Authors Ervin Laszlo and Kingsley Dennis look at the chief engine of the coming changes--the growing global understanding of nonlocality--and the development of practical applications for it. They examine how the new values and new consciousness taking hold will reorganize society from top-down hierarchies into grassroots networks like those revealed through quantum physics' understanding of energy and information waves and experienced daily by millions through social media. With contributions from visionary thinkers such as futurist John L. Petersen, ex-CEO of Sanyo Tomoya Nonaka, media activist Duane Elgin, systems scientist Alexander Laszlo, and spiritual economist Charles Eisenstein, this book explores the future of education, spirituality, the media, economics, food, and planetary citizenship as well as the expansion of consciousness necessary to reach that future.

The small business guru behind Duct Tape

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Marketing shares his most valuable lesson: how to get your customers to do your best marketing for you. The power of glitzy advertising and elaborate marketing campaigns is on the wane; word-of-mouth referrals are what drive business today. People trust the recommendation of a friend, family member, colleague, or even stranger with similar tastes over anything thrust at them by a faceless company. Most business owners believe that whether customers refer them is entirely out of their hands. But science shows that people can't help recommending products and services to their friends-it's an instinct wired deep in the brain. And smart businesses can tap into that hardwired desire. Marketing expert John Jantsch offers practical techniques for harnessing the power of referrals to ensure a steady flow of new customers. Keep those customers happy, and they will refer your business to even more customers. Some of Jantsch's strategies include: -Talk with your customers, not at them. Thanks to social networking sites, companies of any size have the opportunity to engage with their customers on their home turf as never before-but the key is listening. -The sales team is the most important part of your marketing team. Salespeople are the company's main link to customers, who are the main source of referrals. Getting them on board with your referral strategy is critical. -Educate your customers. Referrals are only helpful if

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they're given to the right people. Educate your customers about whom they should be talking to. The secret to generating referrals lies in understanding the "Customer Referral Cycle"—the way customers refer others to your company who, in turn, generate even more referrals. Businesses can ensure a healthy referral cycle by moving customers and prospects along the path of Know, Like, Trust, Try, Buy, Repeat, and Refer. If everyone in an organization keeps this sequence in mind, Jantsch argues, your business will generate referrals like a well-oiled machine. This practical, smart, and original guide is essential reading for any company looking to grow without a fat marketing budget.

This book sheds light on the consumption of spiritual products, services, experiences, and places through state-of-the-art studies by leading and emerging scholars in interpretive consumer research, marketing, sociology, anthropology, cultural, and religious studies. The collection brings together fresh views and scholarship on a cultural tension that is at the centre of the lives of countless individuals living in postmodern societies: the relationship between the material and the spiritual, the sacred and the profane. The book examines how a variety of agents - religious institutions, spiritual leaders, marketers and consumers - interact and co-create spiritual meanings in a post-disenchanted society that has been

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defined as a 'supermarket of the soul.' *Consumption and Spirituality* examines not only religious organizations, but also brands and marketers and the way they infuse their products, services and experiences with spiritual meanings that flow freely in the circuit of culture and can be appropriated by consumers even without purchase acts. From a consumer perspective, the book investigates how spiritual beliefs, practices, and experiences are now embedded into a global consumer culture. Rather than condemning consumption, the chapters in this book highlight consumers' agency and the creative processes through which authentic spiritual meanings are co-created from a variety of sources, local and global, and sacred and profane alike.