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Football is undoubtedly the sport with the largest following in the world, attracting billions of fans across the globe. These fans play an integral part in determining the identity of the football club they support. Many studies have focused on the intense rivalry between clubs, their fans and the opposing identities they represent. However, little attention has been paid to examples of cooperation between rival fans. This book is the first to explore antagonistic cooperation in football; the idea that rival fans can work together despite their animosity. With examples from Argentina, Brazil, Germany, Mexico, Croatia, Poland, Turkey, Ukraine, the UK, the US and Zimbabwe, this book brings together case studies on rival fans working together and explores how and why such cooperation takes place. Showcasing original research from a team of international football scholars, it sheds new light on the social and political complexities of contemporary football fan culture. Football Fans, Rivalry and Cooperation is fascinating reading for anybody with an interest in football studies, the sociology of sport, sport and politics, or sport and social theory.

Winning the Customer: Turn Consumers into Fans and Get Them to Spend More

"The social customer is your NEW customer. And if you don't recognize it, they will be someone else's new customer. Adam Metz presents a clear, concise

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game plan for attracting them, connecting with them, and keeping them. Don't just buy this book: invest in the content. Actually, invest time to implement the content." —JEFFREY GITOMER, author of *The Little Red Book of Selling and Social BOOM!* "This book connects two key dots in the customer equation: knowing why your customers uniquely do business with you and taking actions that cause them to repeat that choice more frequently." — RICH BLAKEMAN, sales vice president, Miller Heiman, from the Afterword "I've seen the future of marketing and it delivers in less than 300 pages. Adam Metz's *The Social Customer* makes a compelling case for revolutionizing your thinking about how you connect and build a relationship with your customer in a fashion that shrinks your marketing team and amplifies the love the world feels for you and your product. Not easy stuff, and, done the wrong way, it's dangerous." — CHIP CONLEY, founder of Joie de Vivre Hospitality and author of *PEAK: How Great Companies Get Their Mojo from Maslow* About the Book IF you look at the people who follow your company via social media simply as "social media users," you're missing a much bigger picture. They are, above all, your customers—and as such, they have a multitude of needs. But without the right social media strategy, they might not remain your customers for long. Adam Metz is prized by clients and online fans for his understanding of what makes both companies and their customers click—and how social media can get them in sync and drive revenue. In *The Social Customer*, he teaches you all you'll need to know to transform your business—not just on the Web but across the board. Even if Facebook and Twitter were to disappear

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tomorrow, these are the fundamentals that will always apply—whatever the technology and whatever the social media. You'll learn: How to transform your brand into a coveted "Social Object" Where your brand currently stands with your social customers—and how to mobilize your customers to get the word out The "The Ten Commandments of Social Customer Relationship Management" How to harness the power of collaboration How to delight your customers and win loyalty through individualized Treatment What terms like "Social Marketing" and "Social Sales Insights" really mean—and why they can be vital to business success Metz also includes anecdotes, case studies, and outside-the-box inspiration from branding innovators—ranging from upstart punk bands to absolute giants like Burger King and SAP—all designed to keep you thinking critically, creatively, and with the kind of flexibility that will keep your social customers engaged as your company grows.

Female Fans, Gender Relations and Football Fandom

100 Cities. 100 Entrepreneurs. 9 Keys for Success. Main Street Entrepreneur offers a unique look at what it takes to create a successful and thriving business. Lifelong entrepreneur, business consultant and university professor Michael Glauser rode 4,005 miles in 45 days, spent 246 hours on a bike seat, climbed 165,748 vertical feet, and interviewed more than 100 entrepreneurs in 100 cities along the way to discover the secrets to entrepreneurial success. Glauser has

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distilled hours of interviews and research to present the nine keys for:

- Building a purpose-driven business
- Meeting important community needs
- Developing a supporting cast
- Working with a zealous tenacity
- Giving mind-boggling customer service
- Diversifying revenue streams
- Giving back to the broader community
- And ultimately, creating the lifestyle of your dreams

Readers will learn how to achieve their own dreams and won't need a 30-page business plan, venture capital, or an exit strategy. All they need to do is implement nine keys for success. Not everyone can build a Facebook, Google or eBay, but anyone with passion and tenacity can do what these entrepreneurs all across America are doing.

Monster Loyalty

Most companies plod along doing things as everyone always has. So there are huge opportunities for people trying to break the mould, even in old-fashioned businesses like banking or insurance. Of course it happens all the time in the digital world, but it can happen anywhere - so long as you turn your customers into fans. When that happens your customers - who will sing your praises when your competitors' customers are grumbling all the time - become your greatest allies in marketing and sales. Then you can really go for growth. But to amaze and delight your customers and clients isn't easy, and requires constant work and innovation - this book, generously scattered with examples and case studies drawn from Vernon Hill's own experience shows how it is to be done.

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The Ashgate Research Companion to Fan Cultures

Famous for her avant-garde outfits, over-the-top performances, and addictive dance beats, Lady Gaga is one of the most successful pop musicians of all time. But behind her showmanship lies another achievement: her wildly successful strategy for attracting and keeping insanely loyal fans. She's one of the most popular social media voices in the world with more than 33 million Twitter followers and 55 million Facebook fans. And she got there by methodically building a grassroots base of what she calls her "Little Monsters" - passionate fans who look

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to her not just for music but also for joy, inspiration, and a sense of community. From the Hardcover edition.

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From a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter at The New York Times comes the troubling story of the rise of the processed food industry -- and how it used salt, sugar, and fat to addict us. Salt Sugar Fat is a journey into the highly secretive world of the processed food giants, and the story of how they have deployed these three essential ingredients, over the past five decades, to dominate the North American diet. This is an eye-opening book that demonstrates how the makers of these foods have chosen, time and again, to double down on their efforts to increase consumption and profits, gambling that consumers and regulators would never figure them out. With meticulous original reporting, access to confidential files and memos, and numerous sources from deep inside the industry, it shows how these companies have pushed ahead, despite their own misgivings (never aired publicly). Salt Sugar Fat is the story of how we got here, and it will hold the food giants accountable for the social costs that keep climbing even as some of the industry's own say, "Enough already."

Fans and Videogames

This anthology addresses videogames long history of fandom, and fans' important role in game history and

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preservation. In order to better understand and theorize video games and game playing, it is necessary to study the activities of gamers themselves. Gamers are active creators in generating meaning; they are creators of media texts they share with other fans (mods, walkthroughs, machinima, etc); and they have played a central role in curating and preserving games through activities such as their collective work on: emulation, creating online archives and the forensic archaeology of code. This volume brings together essays that explore game fandom from diverse perspectives that examine the complex processes at work in the phenomenon of game fandom and its practices. Contributors aim to historicize game fandom, recognize fan contributions to game history, and critically assess the role of fans in ensuring that game culture endures through the development of archives.

Raving Fans

Drawing from the experience of Enterprise, the global car rental powerhouse, a management expert shows business leaders how to build an army of loyal customers and devoted employees to thrive in today's competitive world.

Ask

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Now a major motion picture directed by Steven Spielberg.
“Enchanting . . . Willy Wonka meets The Matrix.”—USA Today • “As one adventure leads

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expertly to the next, time simply evaporates.”—Entertainment Weekly A world at stake. A quest for the ultimate prize. Are you ready? In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time Wade Watts really feels alive is when he’s jacked into the OASIS, a vast virtual world where most of humanity spends their days. When the eccentric creator of the OASIS dies, he leaves behind a series of fiendish puzzles, based on his obsession with the pop culture of decades past. Whoever is first to solve them will inherit his vast fortune—and control of the OASIS itself. Then Wade cracks the first clue. Suddenly he’s beset by rivals who’ll kill to take this prize. The race is on—and the only way to survive is to win. NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY Entertainment Weekly • San Francisco Chronicle • Village Voice • Chicago Sun-Times • iO9 • The AV Club “Delightful . . . the grown-up’s Harry Potter.”—HuffPost “An addictive read . . . part intergalactic scavenger hunt, part romance, and all heart.”—CNN “A most excellent ride . . . Cline stuffs his novel with a cornucopia of pop culture, as if to wink to the reader.”—Boston Globe “Ridiculously fun and large-hearted . . . Cline is that rare writer who can translate his own dorky enthusiasms into prose that’s both hilarious and compassionate.”—NPR “[A] fantastic page-turner . . . starts out like a simple bit of fun and winds up feeling like a rich and plausible picture of future friendships in a world not too distant from our own.”—iO9

Shawn Mendes

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Award-winning speaker and business consultant Joey Coleman teaches audiences and companies all over the world how to turn a one-time purchaser into a lifelong customer. Coleman's theory of building customer loyalty isn't about focusing on marketing or closing the sale: It's about the First 100 Days® after the sale and the interactions the customer experiences. While new customers experience joy, euphoria, and excitement, these feelings quickly shift to fear, doubt, and uncertainty as buyer's remorse sets in. Across all industries, somewhere between 20%-70% of newly acquired customers will stop doing business with a company with the first 100 days of being a new customer because they feel neglected in the early stages of customer onboarding. In *Never Lose a Customer Again*, Coleman offers a philosophy and methodology for dramatically increasing customer retention and as a result, the bottom line. He identifies eight distinct emotional phases customers go through in the 100 days following a purchase. From an impulse buy at Starbucks to the thoughtful purchase of a first house, all customers have the potential to experience the eight phases of the customer journey. If you can understand and anticipate the customers' emotions, you can apply a myriad of tools and techniques -- in-person, email, phone, mail, video, and presents -- to cement a long and valuable relationship. Coleman's system is presented through research and case studies showing how best-in-class companies create remarkable customer experiences at each step in the customer lifecycle. In the "Acclimate" stage, customers need you to hold their hand and over-explain how to use your product or service. They're often too

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embarrassed to admit they're confused. Take a cue from Canadian software company PolicyMedical and their challenge of getting non-technical users to undergo a complex installation and implementation process. They turned a series of project spreadsheets and installation manuals into a beautiful puzzle customers could assemble after completing each milestone. In the "Adopt" stage, customers should be welcomed to the highest tier of tribal membership with both public and private recognitions. For instance, Sephora's VIB Rogue member welcome gift provides a metallic membership card (private recognition) and a members-only shade of lipstick (for public display). In the final stage, "Advocate," loyal customers and raving fans are primed to provide powerful referrals. That's how elite entrepreneurial event MastermindTalks continues to sell-out their conference year after year - with zero dollars spent on marketing. By surprising their loyal fans with amazing referral bonuses (an all-expenses paid safari?!) they guarantee their community will keep providing perfect referrals. Drawing on nearly two decades of consulting and keynoting, Coleman provides strategies and systems to increase customer loyalty. Applicable to companies in any industry and of any size (whether measured in employee count, revenue, or total number of customers), implementing his methods regularly leads to an increase in profits of 25-100%. Working with well-known clients like Hyatt Hotels, Zappos, and NASA, as well as mom-and-pop shops and solo entrepreneurs around the world, Coleman's customer retention system has produced incredible results in dozens of industries. His approach to creating remarkable customer

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experiences requires minimal financial investment and will be fun for owners, employees, and teams to implement. This book is required reading for business owners, CEOs, and managers - as well as sales and marketing teams, account managers, and customer service representatives looking for easy to implement action steps that result in lasting change, increased profits, and lifelong customer retention.

Main Street Entrepreneur

This book assesses the transformation of football fan culture from a gender perspective. Referring to the notions of homosociality, hegemonic masculinity and performative perspectives on gender and fandom, it investigates the processes of women entering the world of football fandom. Drawing on multidimensional qualitative and quantitative research, the book analyses different aspects of female fandom, such as women's socialisation to be a fan, building their sense of fan identity, ways of performing fandom, and gender. Also, it explores the response of male fans by shedding light on the sense-making process of a growing number of female fans in the stands and its consequences for prevailing male football culture. This study stands out for its richness and diversity of empirical material used in order to make a significant contribution to our understanding of social dynamics related to the changing nature of female football fandom. The book is fascinating reading for researchers and students in a broad range of areas, including gender studies, sociology of sport, football, women's studies and Central Eastern

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European studies. It is also a valuable resource for scholars, and football and club authorities who have an interest in understanding the development of female football fandom and its impact on the male fandom community.

Superfans

Take Care of Your Customers--or Someone Else Will!
Legendary Service Great customer service is a concept organizations love to be known for. Yet most people consider the service they receive to be average, at best. Successful companies make the connection between legendary customer service and a thriving business--they recognize that the way employees treat customers is directly related to the way managers treat employees. Kelsey Young is an optimistic but disillusioned sales associate working her way through college. Her world opens up when one of her professors challenges her to create a culture of service at her workplace by putting the five components of Legendary Service into practice. Although Ferguson's, the store where Kelsey works, certainly isn't known for service excellence, Kelsey believes she can make a positive difference. She quickly learns that culture change isn't easy--and that her role as a frontline employee is more significant than she ever could have imagined. In characteristic Blanchard style, *Legendary Service: The Key Is to Care* is a quick and entertaining read for people at all organizational levels in every industry. When applied, its lessons will have a profound impact on the service experience your customers will receive. Whether a

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CEO or a part-time employee, every person can make a difference--and customer service is everyone's job.

PRAISE FOR LEGENDARY SERVICE: "Read this book and establish a service culture in your organization." -- Horst Schulze, Chairman/CEO, Capella Hotel Group

"Legendary Service has great learnings for people at all organizational levels: for executives and managers, the value of a service culture; and for frontline staff, the reality that they are the face of the company and can make a difference. Legendary service--it's everyone, always." -- Mark King, CEO and President, TaylorMade Golf

"Everything I know about service I learned from my career at Hilton Hotels, Marriott International, The Walt Disney Company, and Ken Blanchard. The One Minute Manager dramatically changed my thinking 32 years ago. Legendary Service will teach the next generation how to deliver sensational service. Buy it, study it, implement it." -- Lee Cockerell, Executive Vice President, Walt Disney World (Retired & Inspired), and author of *Creating Magic* and *The Customer Rules*

"Kathy Cuff and Vicki Halsey have created a fantastic customer service model called ICARE. When you add their voices to that of the master storyteller Ken Blanchard, you have a masterpiece entitled *Legendary Service*. It is a must-read for everyone who, like me, has a passion for service." -- Colleen Barrett, President Emeritus, Southwest Airlines, and coauthor of *Lead with LUV*

"Ken Blanchard has done it again and delivered the right book at the right time. *Legendary Service* provides the essentials of hospitality and servant leadership in a way that everyone can adopt--right now--today!" -- John Caparella, President and COO, The Venetian, The Palazzo, and Sands Expo

"Ken,

Kathy, and Vicki show us how to change everyday service events into memorable experiences. Their book is a must-read for anyone unwilling to accept mediocrity." -- Leonardo Inghilleri, coauthor of Exceptional Service, Exceptional Profit

The Challenger Sale

Previous edition published in 2015 by Dunham Books.

Understanding Rivalry and Its Influence on Sports Fans

Ever since the dawn of the Hollywood star system in the early 1920s, consumers have been fascinated by film stars and other celebrities and their seemingly glamorous private lives. The public demand for celebrities has become so pervasive that it is arguably an essential element of our everyday culture and market economy, and the focus of increasing study. This book explores the widespread phenomenon of celebrity fandom and provides a deeper understanding of why individual consumers develop an emotional attachment to their favourite celebrity and what this parasocial fan relationship means in their life. Based on an in-depth insider study of a consumer's fan relationship with a film actress, the book provides unique insights into the celebrity-fan relationship, revealing the meaning it has for the consumer in everyday life, and how it evolves and expresses itself over time. While this book is primarily located within the field of consumer research, fandom and celebrity are of interest to a variety of academic

disciplines. It will appeal to an interdisciplinary audience from marketing and consumer research, film studies, media studies, cultural studies, and sociology.

Salt Sugar Fat

Sports, and the fans that follow them, are everywhere. *Sport Fans: The Psychology and Social Impact of Fandom* examines the affective, behavioral, and cognitive reactions of fans to better comprehend how sport impacts individual fans and society as a whole. Using up-to-date research and theory from multiple disciplines including psychology, sociology, marketing, history, and religious studies, this textbook provides a deeper understanding of topics such as: the pervasiveness of sport fandom in society common demographic and personality characteristics of fans how fandom can provide a sense of belonging, of uniqueness, and of meaning in life the process of becoming a sport fan sport fan consumption and the future of sport and the fan experience. The text also provides a detailed investigation of the darker side of sport fandom, including fan aggression, as well as a critical look at the positive value of fandom for individuals and society. *Sport Fans* expertly combines a rigorous level of empirical research and theory in an engaging, accessible format, making this text the essential resource on sport fan behavior.

Routledge Handbook of Football Business and Management

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Some might argue that sports marketing is a mere subfield of marketing, meaning that there are theoretical and practical dimensions that apply only to sports marketing and are only of interest to those involved in sports. In *Team Sports Marketing*, author Kirk Wakefield dispels this argument by demonstrating that effective sports marketing epitomizes the science and art of marketing across any context. At the core of sports marketing is the creation and enhancement of fan identification, where consumers are not just loyal customers, but have become brand fanatics. *Team Sports Marketing* shows that while many aspects of sports marketing are thought to be unique to the field, other product and service sectors would do well to learn from teams in the NFL, NBA, MLB, and NHL that have transformed customers into fans. Moving beyond principles of marketing, *Team Sports Marketing* is packed with examples of best practices and covering subjects as diverse as sponsorships, season ticket sales, venue management and all topics in between. *Team Sports Marketing* is a must read text for students and managers in professional and collegiate sports. Support materials for professors and students are available at www.teamsportsmarketing.com.

Team Sports Marketing

Most companies plod along doing things as everyone always has. So there are huge opportunities for people trying to break the mould, even in old-fashioned businesses like banking or insurance. Of course it happens all the time in the digital world, but

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Driving Loyalty

Using examples set by exceptional companies as well as smaller businesses, shows business leaders how to create fanatically loyal customers--an army of "zombie loyalists"--to increase their customer base, brand awareness, and revenue.

Never Lose a Customer Again

Promotes the theory that superior customer service leads to a superior business organisation

Fanocracy

With every album, excitement over Shawn Mendes's work keeps growing--and it's sure to explode even more during his 2019 tour across the US. This richly illustrated book, now with eight extra pages, enthusiastically delves into the heartthrob's background: his discovery on Vine, use of social

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media to connect with his millions of fans, tours, chart-topping albums and EP, and friendship with such high-profile musical mentors as Taylor Swift.

Not a Fan

Your organization - business, church, or nonprofit - will experience unprecedented growth when you close the gap between these two game-changing questions: What are we known for? What do we want to be known for? In *Know What You're FOR*, entrepreneur and thought leader Jeff Henderson makes it clear that if we want to change the world with our products or our mission, then we must shift the focus of our messaging and marketing. Rather than self-promoting, we must transform our organizations to be people-centric. This sounds like a no-brainer, but looking closer shows just how little this is true and how impactful the change would be if it were.

Whether you're a business leader, a change advocate, or a movement maker, *Know What You're FOR* will help you - and your organization - thrive. It's what happens when you create an organization focused on who it is FOR. This is the future. Thriving organizations will be more concerned with becoming raving fans of their customers than they are trying to convince customers to become raving fans of the organization. This isn't theory. Jeff Henderson has experienced it. Working with companies like Chick-fil-A and the Atlanta Braves, then serving as a pastor for 15 years at one of the country's largest and most influential churches, North Point, Jeff knows what success looks like for healthy organizations and

healthy lives. With fascinating stories from a host of entrepreneurs and Jeff's remarkable career, *Know What You're FOR* equips you with a simple strategy and the tools for extraordinary growth. You'll discover how to: Work FOR your current and future customers with a new, effective method Be FOR your team and help your people reach full potential Create a ripple impact by being FOR your community Live and work your best by caring FOR yourself In a hypercritical, cynical world, one that is often known for what it's against, let's be a group of people known for who and what we're FOR. It's a powerful strategy for business. But more importantly, it is a revolutionary way to live.

Celebrity Fans and Their Consumer Behaviour

Build Customer Relationships and Win Big Revenue!
“Unbreakable relationships are crucial to success in business. Lou Imbriano captures what it takes to forge the kind of deep credibility that encourages consumers and clients to trust you with their hard-earned dollars. If you want to deepen your customers’ trust and grow your revenues, I suggest you read *Winning the Customer* and you will win.” —Bob Reynolds, President & CEO, Putnam Investments
“Lou Imbriano rescues the word ‘winning’ from the clutches of Charlie Sheen . . . and, like a Patriots playbook, Lou takes you through his game plan for successfully building a victorious team that opponents will respect and fear . . . from who should be answering your phone to effectively saying ‘no,’ it’s all there . . . lazy, unmotivated people, this is not for you. . . .” —Steve

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Levy, ESPN SportsCenter anchor “Imbriano definitely made his mark in the NFL and now he’s an MVP again with his new book, *Winning the Customer*. Lou’s down-to-earth marketing philosophies, which he brought to the Patriots, epitomize how everyone, in any industry, should approach marketing. If you want to truly know how to build remarkable business relationships, read *Winning the Customer*.” —Michael O’Hara Lynch, Head of Global Sponsorship, Visa “At a time when consumers have the power to use media where and how they choose, to like, dislike, and share their opinion on products and corporations, brand engagement is the best answer to build emotional and enduring relationships between brands and all their relevant communities. This book should be given to anyone who wants to understand the new dynamics that can bond brands with their ever-demanding customers.” —Lucien Boyer, President & Global CEO, Havas Sports & Entertainment

About the Book: During his nine years in senior marketing positions with the New England Patriots, Lou Imbriano laid the foundation and marketing vision for the football team that led to its astronomical growth and explosive revenue—perfectly positioning them to be ready for when the Patriots became repeat Super Bowl champions and the NFL brand to beat. Now CEO of TrinityOne, a strategic marketing firm, Lou has an undefeated record of showing all types of companies how to tackle customer relationships and convert them into tangible revenue. In *Winning the Customer*, Lou delivers his original strategies for both short- and long-term financial success: *The Marketing Playbook*: how to identify those who are dying to spend money with you *Relationship Architecture*: how to connect

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with customers in meaningful ways and create “memorable moments”

The Revenue Game: how to build revenue instead of selling concepts

Throughout the book, you’ll find Lou’s dynamic personal stories drawn right from his years of real-world business experience. He’s learned that to maximize revenue, every organization must both turn its customers into fans and coax those fans to spend freely. **Winning the Customer** shows you how to do just that using the **Three Tiers of Customer Relationships**. Imbriano shares his strategies with his innovative **DELIVERS** system: **Dedication, Entertainment, Loyalty, Investment, Vision, Energy, Responsibility, and Sacrifice**. Filled with practical information and written in Lou’s inimitable conversational style, **Winning the Customer** is your all-pro offensive attack against old, ineffective methods and flat results. Lou’s tools will give any business an inspired team, supersized income, and a virtual stadium full of engaged, high-paying customers.

Ready Player One

A Wall Street Journal bestseller

From the author of **New Rules of Marketing & PR**, a bold guide to converting customer passion into marketing power. How do some brands attract word-of-mouth buzz and radical devotion around products as everyday as car insurance, b2b software, and underwear? They embody the most powerful marketing force in the world: die-hard fans. In this essential book, leading business growth strategist **David Meerman Scott** and fandom expert **Reiko Scott** explore the neuroscience

of fandom and interview young entrepreneurs, veteran business owners, startup founders, nonprofits, and companies big and small to pinpoint which practices separate organizations that flourish from those stuck in stagnation. They lay out a road map for converting customers' ardor into buying power, pulling one-of-a-kind examples from a wide range of organizations, including: · MeUndies, the subscription company that's revolutionizing underwear · HeadCount, the nonprofit that registers voters at music concerts · Grain Surfboards, the board-building studio that willingly reveals its trade secrets with customers · Hagerty, the classic-car insurance provider with over 600,000 premier club members · HubSpot, the software company that draws 25,000 attendees to its annual conference For anyone who seeks to harness the force of fandom to revolutionize his or her business, Fanocracy shows the way.

Who's Your Gladys?

What if you had a pool of repeat customers and loyal, raving fans waiting to buy EVERY SINGLE ONE of your digital products? What if you never had to chase or wonder where the next sale of your digital product is going to come from? What if you knew exactly how to turn first time visitors into subscribers and then loyal customers who stay and buy again and again and again Nodding YES? Your First 100 will allow you to discover how to take the brand and business you have right now and transform it into one that has the potential to build repeat customers and loyal, raving fans. Brand loyalty isn't just for the big brands. Your

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First 100 will show you how you can tap into the exact loyalty recipe as an online business and brand selling digital products. Here's what's packed into this how-to guide: How to be TOP OF MIND every single time your ideal customer is ready to buy The 4C formula to writing emails that hook That ONE thing you need to get from your ideal customer (without this, the ASK gets so much harder) A DEAD SIMPLE way to structure your offers so that your customers keep coming back for more How the 5P Touch Framework will help you burn a single brand footprint into all interactions your audience has with your business (and why you need ALL 5!) How you can QUICKLY turn your ideal customer into a buyer and then a loyal, raving fan In Your First 100, you will be introduced to a system of ideas and questions to think about, ask yourself, and apply to your digital product-based business in 5 core areas so that you can turn first time visitors into repeat customers and loyal, raving fans. Imagine for a minute how your business would change if you never had to worry about where the next sale of your digital product is going to come from Your offers (paid and free) become seductive magnets of YES! that your audience can't resist. Your audience is sold on whatever you put on sale because it's from YOU and they want it. Every core area in your business is intentional and works toward creating a brand experience that attracts your tribe-your repeat customers and loyal, raving fans. That's the power of the process and promise behind Your First 100. Intrigued yet? Then scroll to the top and click or tap "Buy Now."

The Snowball System

"Your customers are only satisfied because their expectations are so low and because no one else is doing better. Just having satisfied customers isn't good enough anymore. If you really want a booming business, you have to create Raving Fans." This, in a nutshell, is the advice given to a new Area Manager on his first day--in an extraordinary business book that will help everyone, in every kind of organization or business, deliver stunning customer service and achieve miraculous bottom-line results. Written in the parable style of *The One Minute Manager*, *Raving Fans* uses a brilliantly simple and charming story to teach how to define a vision, learn what a customer really wants, institute effective systems, and make Raving Fan Service a constant feature--not just another program of the month. America is in the midst of a service crisis that has left a wake of disillusioned customers from coast to coast. *Raving Fans* includes startling new tips and innovative techniques that can help anyone create a revolution in any workplace--and turn their customers into raving, spending fans.

The Wisdom of Crowds

A completely revised and updated edition of the BusinessWeek bestseller on effective, modern marketing and PR best practices *The New Rules of Marketing and PR* shows you how to leverage the potential that Web-based communication offers your business. Finally, you can speak directly to customers

and buyers, establishing a personal link with the people who make your business work. This new second edition paperback keeps you up-to-date on the latest trends. New case studies and current examples are included to illustrate the very latest in marketing and PR trends Completely updated to reflect the latest marketing and PR techniques using social media sites such as Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube Includes a step-by-step action plan for harnessing the power of the Internet to communicate directly with buyers, increase sales, and raise online visibility David Meerman Scott is a renowned online marketing strategist, keynote speaker and the author of *World Wide Rave*, from Wiley *The New Rules of Marketing and PR, Second Edition* gives you all the information you need to craft powerful and effective marketing messages and get them to the right people at the right moment-at a fraction of the price of a traditional marketing campaign.

The New Rules of Marketing and PR

Women worldwide are making their presence felt as sport fans in rapidly increasing numbers. This book makes a distinctive and innovative contribution to the study of sport fandom by exploring the growing visibility and interest in women who follow sport. It presents the latest data on women's sport spectatorship in different regions of the world, posing new theoretical paradigms to study the globalised nature of female sport fandom. This book goes beyond conventional approaches to analysing the practices of women sport fans. By using a critical

feminist perspective to investigate cultural conditions and social contexts (including globalisation, digital networked technologies, consumerism, neoliberalism and postfeminism), it brings into view a diversity of women's voices and experiences as sport fans. It sheds new light on the power dynamics of gender, ethnicity and sexuality influencing women's participation in sport spectatorship and interrogates the ways female sport fandom is made visible through transnational media networks. *Women Sport Fans: Identification, Participation, Representation* is fascinating reading for all those interested in sport and gender, the sociology of sport, or women's studies.

Football Fans, Rivalry and Cooperation

How do books attract their readers? This collection takes a closer look at book covers and their role in promoting sales and shaping readers' responses. *Judging a Book by Its Cover* brings together leading scholars, many with experience in the publishing industry, who examine the marketing of popular fiction across the twentieth century and beyond. Using case studies, and grounding their discussions historically and methodologically, the contributors address key themes in contemporary media, literary, publishing, and business studies related to globalisation, the correlation between text and image, identity politics, and reader reception. Topics include book covers and the internet bookstore; the links between books, the music industry, and film; literary prizes and the selling of books; subcultures and sales

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of young adult fiction; the cover as a signifier of literary value; and the marketing of ethnicity and lesbian pulp fiction. This exciting collection opens a new field of enquiry for scholars of book history, literature, media and communication studies, marketing, and cultural studies.

Women Sport Fans

While rivalries are a key aspect of the sports world, they are not well understood. It is essential to study how rivalries influence fan behavior in order to predict and identify their effect on social interaction, consumer behavior, and the entertainment industry. *Understanding Rivalry and Its Influence on Sports Fans* is an essential reference source that discusses what causes and influences rivalry, as well as how it impacts sport fans. Featuring research on topics such as bracketed morality, competitive sports, and social identity, this book is ideally designed for academics, students, and researchers studying the rivalry phenomenon across such disciplines as psychology, sociology, political science, sport and entertainment, consumer behavior, and marketing.

Legendary Service: The Key is to Care

Fans constitute a very special kind of audience. They have been marginalized, ridiculed and stigmatized, yet at the same time they seem to represent the vanguard of new relationships with and within the media. 'Participatory culture' has become the new normative standard. Concepts derived from early fan

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studies, such as transmedial storytelling and co-creation, are now the standard fare of journalism and marketing text books alike. Indeed, usage of the word fan has become ubiquitous. The Ashgate Research Companion to Fan Cultures problematizes this exaltation of fans and offers a comprehensive examination of the current state of the field. Bringing together the latest international research, it explores the conceptualization of 'the fan' and the significance of relationships between fans and producers, with particular attention to the intersection between online spaces and offline places. The twenty-two chapters of this volume elucidate the key themes of the fan studies vernacular. As the contributing authors draw from recent empirical work around the globe, the book provides fresh insights and innovative angles on the latest developments within fan cultures, both online and offline. Because the volume is specifically set up as companion for researchers, the chapters include recommendations for the further study of fan cultures. As such, it represents an essential reference volume for researchers and scholars in the fields of cultural and media studies, communication, cultural geography and the sociology of culture.

Your First 100

In this fascinating book, New Yorker business columnist James Surowiecki explores a deceptively simple idea: Large groups of people are smarter than an elite few, no matter how brilliant—better at solving problems, fostering innovation, coming to wise decisions, even predicting the future. With boundless

erudition and in delightfully clear prose, Surowiecki ranges across fields as diverse as popular culture, psychology, ant biology, behavioral economics, artificial intelligence, military history, and politics to show how this simple idea offers important lessons for how we live our lives, select our leaders, run our companies, and think about our world.

Untouchable

Mo Bunnell's comprehensive system will help you win more clients, build stronger relationships, and bring in more business. If you're good at doing something, and you need to connect with paying clients in order to keep doing it, this book is for you. There are more of us out there than you might think--from professionals like lawyers and consultants to big company account managers and freelancers of all stripes. And this book will teach you how to sell yourself without selling your soul. In *The Snowball System*, Mo Bunnell offers powerful and proven tools for business development. Whether you are gregarious or introverted, whether you are a part of a small startup or a massive multinational, Bunnell's science-based system is effective and efficient, and easily adapted into your day-to-day work. With *The Snowball System*, you will not only succeed at growing your business, you'll learn to enjoy doing the activities that drive that growth. You'll be happier, and so will your clients.

Know What You're FOR

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The investigative biography of Michael Jackson's final years: "A tale of family, fame, lost childhood, and startling accusations never heard before" (ABC Nightline). When Michael Jackson died on June 25, 2009, millions of fans around the world were shocked. But the outpouring of emotion that followed his loss was bittersweet. Dogged by scandal for years and undone by financial mismanagement, Jackson had become untouchable in many quarters. *Untouchable* pulls back the curtain Jackson's public person to introduce a man who, despite his immense fame, spent his entire life utterly alone; who, in the wake of a criminal trial that left him briefly hospitalized, abandoned Neverland to wander the globe before making one final—and fatal—attempt to recover his wealth and reputation. The Jackson that emerges in these pages is both naïve and cunning, a devoted father whose parenting became an international scandal, a shrewd businessman whose failures nearly brought down a megacorporation, and an inveterate narcissist who craved a quiet, normal life. Randall Sullivan delivers never-before-reported information about Jackson's business dealings, his relationship with his family, and the pedophilia allegations that derailed his life and mar his legacy today, as well as the suspicious nature of his death. Based on exclusive access to Jackson's inner circle, *Untouchable* is an intimate, unflinching portrait of the man who continues to reign as the King of Pop. "A dishy Michael Jackson biography that makes the exhaustively covered King of Pop fascinating all over again." —People

Fans Not Customers

Pastor Kyle Idleman doesn't just want to be a fan of Jesus, he wants to full heartedly commit to him and be a follower of Jesus. But how can you make the leap from fan to follower? In *Not a Fan* Idleman uses biblical examples to show how the people who met Jesus also had to decide if they were fans or followers, and what it meant for them to then become followers. Being a follower doesn't mean that you go to church every week, that you slap a Jesus fish on the back of your car, and that you give to charity. That's what a fan does. What a follower of Jesus does, Idleman observes, is die to themselves each and every moment of the day because "you can't say yes to following Jesus unless you say no to living for yourself." In this three part book Idleman helps you to discover whether you are a fan or a follower, how to recognize the invitation Jesus has given, and what following Jesus looks like in your daily life. With humor and real life examples to draw you closer to Jesus, Kyle Idleman compels each and every one of us to *Not Be A Fan*

Fans! Not Customers: Third Edition

Soccer is the world's most valuable sport, generating bigger revenues, as well as being watched and played by more people, than any other. It is virtually impossible to understand the business of sport without understanding the football industry. This book surveys contemporary football in unparalleled breadth and depth. Presenting critical insights from world-

leading football scholars and introducing football's key organisations, leagues and emerging nations, it explores key themes from governance and law to strategy and finance, as well as cutting edge topics such as analytics, digital media and the women's game. This is essential reading for all students, researchers and practitioners working in football, sport business, sport management or mainstream business and management.

Zombie Loyalists

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 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-

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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.

Brand Fans

Combining the latest branding research with a diverse range of powerful case examples, this book reveals the cutting edge techniques of value co-creation, personalisation and customer engagement employed by sport's leading brands. Based on the transferable lessons that emanate from these practices, Brand Fans explores and illuminates how firms can cultivate connected fans and lifelong advocates, while building brand equity exponentially in the process. This is a

book that will appeal to scholars and practitioners alike, as well as anyone fascinated by modern marketing, consumer relationships and branding.

Sport Fans

Every customer-oriented business has its own Gladys—someone who demands more than most companies are able or willing to give, one who pushes front-line service representatives' buttons, one who requires a higher degree of skill to manage. One who—let's just say it—can be difficult. Yet how is it that some businesses prove able not only to satisfy their "Gladys", but turn her into one of their most loyal, utterly pleased customers? Filled with inspiring real-life case studies, *Who's Your Gladys?* reveals how large and small companies from a variety of industries avoid creating difficult customers in the first place. Readers will discover how they can:

- Create a culture that values compassionate connection with their customers
- Use creative problem solving and emotional management skills to turn challenging situations into opportunities to strengthen relationships
- Form strong bonds by paying close attention to people's needs
- Customize service to different market segments
- Cement unbreakable customer relationships with absolutely anyone.

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