

## Customer Loyalty How To Earn It How To Keep It

You know that creating an engaging customer experience is essential to keep your company relevant and top of mind. Barnes and Kelleher offer practical, easy-to-implement solutions for incorporating customer engagement into your business plans to attract loyal, happy customers.

To expand existing literature on loyalty schemes, the impact of stand-alone vs. multi-partner programs on customer loyalty was evaluated. In addition, the effects of store satisfaction, membership in competing programs, as well as various shopper characteristics were tested. Therefore, interviews were conducted with loyalty executives and a survey was carried out with 1,150 German customers of two fuel station chains. Stand-alone programs were found to outperform multi-partner schemes in their ability to trigger behavioral loyalty (e.g. share-of-wallet), attitudinal loyalty, and positive word-of-mouth. While program members showed significantly higher levels of loyalty than non-members, those of the stand-alone solution did so to an even greater extent than those of the coalition scheme.<br> -Best Dissertation of 2011- by the WU - Vienna University of Economics and Business and Winner of the -Outstanding Award 2011- by the ECR Austria."

This book does a tremendous job of bringing to life customer satisfaction and its significance to modern businesses. The numerous examples contained within the book's pages have proved a fresh and continuous source of inspiration and expertise as I work with my organisation in helping them understand why we should do what matters most to our customers and the lasting effect such actions will have on both our customer loyalty and retention. The authors are to be commended.

A breakthrough in how businesses connect with their customers to create an exceptional experience, every time. The most interesting thing about the way the Internet is shaping business growth today is being driven by consumer behavior online, and the vast majority of the conversation is how the business made the customer feel. The great divide: 80% of businesses believe they are providing 'superior' customer service, yet only 8% of their customers agree. Breaking through in a sea of sameness begins by returning to old school connectedness with your customers. As a successful entrepreneur, inventor, educator, and consultant, I've helped thousands of small business owners grow their profits by identifying the broken links in their work flow, creating an exceptional customer experience, and increasing their traffic. The old adage, "Nothing personal, it's just business," couldn't be farther from the truth in today's economy. Business is personal. Leveraging social proof, both through word of mouth marketing and online, begins when a business has developed lasting loyalty with their customers. Lasting loyalty happens when we feel a strong feeling of support or allegiance to someone. This book summarizes for a general audience results from a query put to customers, "What would a business have to do in order to earn your loyalty?" The Customer Manifesto is the result of that query. By understanding what customers want to feel when they transact with a business, we can quickly adapt the way in which we interact with them with the goal of growing the relationship to the level of evangelist -- someone who will willingly and happily provide the critical social proof through business ratings and review websites, and through social networking. This book provides best practices from the highest rated businesses in hospitality and the insights from enterprise level businesses that have invested billions of dollars on customer insights in order to improve the way they do business. We've taken these principles and applied them to The Customer Manifesto so that local businesses can learn how to create an exceptional customer experience with every transaction. The stories and lessons are presented in the framework of the retail business, but these principles very much apply to the service based business where customers may be calling you, or an on-line business where you are measuring & monitoring the customer experience through the lens of your website analytics. Technology is an amazing tool for growing sales, but it is a waste of the two most valuable resources a small business has -- that of time and money -- if the customer experience is fair to middling. An exceptional experience is created when we prove to customers that they are valued and appreciated with every action, interaction, reaction & transaction.

Your company would not be where it's at today without your loyal customers. And yet how much time is spent toward improving and increasing value among your steady core versus the time--and money!--spent on obtaining new leads, getting through closed doors, and eventually realizing you've been beating a dead horse that is not going to win any races for you? Why do so many companies take valuable time and resources away from focusing on their heartbeat and go off on mad pursuits of hypotheticals that have already proven to have a remarkably low ROI? Evergreen exposes this nonsensical chase for what it is: a brief spike in metrics and an ongoing revenue drain, as one-time customers fail to return. It then proposes that the better solution is to shift resources from attracting new customers to engaging the base--every company's path to stable growth, season after season. The entertaining stories and action steps weaved throughout these pages reveal how anyone can:

- Cultivate the 3Cs of evergreen companies: character, community, and content
- Build loyalty programs that turn satisfied customers into enthusiastic advocates
- Nurture profitable customers while pruning those who sap time and money
- Inject authenticity into social media communications
- Invert the expectations gap that can drive customers away

No matter the business--whether it is a tech software giant or a mom-and-pop laundromat, customer retention is the key to sustaining success. Evergreen will help you turn satisfied customers into enthusiastic advocates and steady profits.

Brief reports, produced weekly by the Conference Board, Inc., that address the most pressing business issues of the day. Scoring Points is the compelling and dramatic inside story, told from a project point of view, of how the Tesco Clubcard was conceived, launched and developed. It explains in detail how Tesco collected, analysed and used customer data to become a retail giant, making customer loyalty marketing work when almost every other programme failed. By pairing its loyalty scheme with sophisticated information technology, Tesco set a new standard for knowing your customer. Scoring

Points is one of the seminal marketing books of the last decade. A fascinating tale of what can be achieved through vision, a strong team ethic and a company-wide commitment to customer satisfaction, it is an inspirational read for anyone in business, from junior marketers or salespersons working in an FMCG environment, to any practitioner looking to better analyse their customer base.

Tomorrow's customers need to be targeted today! With emerging technology transforming customer expectations, it's more important than ever to keep a laser focus on the experience companies provide their customers. In *The Customer of the Future*, customer experience futurist Blake Morgan outlines ten easy-to-follow customer experience guidelines that integrate emerging technologies with effective strategies to combat disconnected processes, silo mentalities, and a lack of buyer perspective. Tomorrow's customers will insist on experiences that make their lives significantly easier and better. Companies will win their business not by just proclaiming that customer experience is a priority but by embedding a customer focus into every aspect of their operations. They'll understand how emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), automation, and analytics are changing the game and craft a strategy to integrate them into their products and processes. *The Customer of the Future* explains how today's customers are already demanding frictionless, personalized, on-demand experiences from their products and services, and companies that don't adapt to these new expectations won't last. This book prepares your organization for these increasing demands by helping you do the following: Learn the ten defining strategies for a customer experience-focused company. Implement new techniques to shift the entire company from being product-focused to being customer-focused. Gain insights through case studies and examples on how the world's most innovative companies are offering new and compelling customer experiences. Craft a leadership development and culture plan to create lasting change at your organization.

In business, if people merely like you, you're in trouble. They need to love you! Learn how building loyalty and modeling great customer service behavior to develop frontline teams is the key to building raving fans. To thrive in today's economy, it's not enough for customers to merely like you. They have to love you. Win their hearts and they will not only purchase more—they'll talk you up to everyone they know. But what turns casual customers into passionate promoters? What makes people stick with you for the long haul? The industry experts at FranklinCovey set out to unlock the mysteries of gaining the customer's loyalty. In an extensive study that involved 1,100 stores and thousands of people, they isolated examples that stood out in terms of revenues and profitability. They found that these "campfire stores" burned brighter than the rest thanks to fiercely loyal customers and the employees who delight in making their customers' lives easier. Now *Fierce Loyalty* reveals the principles and practices of these everyday service heroes—the customer-facing employees who cultivate bonds and lift revenues through the roof. Full of eye-opening examples and practical tools, *Fierce Loyalty* helps you infuse empathy, responsibility, and generosity into every interaction and: Make warm, authentic connections Ask the right questions Listen to learn Discover the real job to be done Take ownership of the customer's issue Follow up and strengthen the relationship Share insights openly and kindly Surprise people with unexpected extras Model, teach, and reinforce these essential behaviors through weekly team huddles It's time to invest in building loyalty. Even small improvements mean a big boost to your bottom line...and improves your business overall.

If customers have a positive experience with any product or service, they will recommend a company to their friends. So, happy customers can help you build credibility and bring in more business. They help to develop the core of every business and should always be your top priority. This book shows tips on improving customer service and creating customer loyalty through: - Why customer service is such an important part of your marketing; - The simple ingredients required to implement a company-wide policy of exceptional customer service; - The systems required to create a customer service experience; - The different types of customers and what you can learn from each of them; - How to ensure that you're improving your customer service over time; - What to do when the customer is wrong; - How to monitor the internet for customer service intervention opportunities. After finishing this book, you'll improve brand perception and increase word-of-mouth advertising as well as earn profits from differentiating for your organization.

In this pathbreaking book, world-renowned Harvard Business School service firm experts James L. Heskett, W. Earl Sasser, Jr. and Leonard A. Schlesinger reveal that leading companies stay on top by managing the service profit chain. Why are a select few service firms better at what they do -- year in and year out -- than their competitors? For most senior managers, the profusion of anecdotal "service excellence" books fails to address this key question. Based on five years of painstaking research, the authors show how managers at American Express, Southwest Airlines, Banc One, Waste Management, USAA, MBNA, Intuit, British Airways, Taco Bell, Fairfield Inns, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, and the Merry Maids subsidiary of ServiceMaster employ a quantifiable set of relationships that directly links profit and growth to not only customer loyalty and satisfaction, but to employee loyalty, satisfaction, and productivity. The strongest relationships the authors discovered are those between (1) profit and customer loyalty; (2) employee loyalty and customer loyalty; and (3) employee satisfaction and customer satisfaction. Moreover, these relationships are mutually reinforcing; that is, satisfied customers contribute to employee satisfaction and vice versa. Here, finally, is the foundation for a powerful strategic service vision, a model on which any manager can build more focused operations and marketing capabilities. For example, the authors demonstrate how, in Banc One's operating divisions, a direct relationship between customer loyalty measured by the "depth" of a relationship, the number of banking services a customer utilizes, and profitability led the bank to encourage existing customers to further extend the bank services they use. Taco Bell has found that their stores in the top quadrant of customer satisfaction ratings outperform their other stores on all measures. At American Express Travel Services, offices that ticket quickly and accurately are more profitable than those which don't. With hundreds of examples like these, the authors show how to manage the customer-employee "satisfaction mirror" and the customer value equation to achieve a "customer's eye view" of goods and services. They describe how companies in any service industry can (1) measure service profit chain relationships across operating units; (2) communicate the resulting self-appraisal; (3) develop a "balanced scorecard" of performance; (4) develop a recognitions and rewards system tied to established measures; (5) communicate results company-wide; (6) develop an internal "best practice" information exchange; and (7) improve overall service profit chain performance. What difference can service profit chain management make? A lot. Between 1986 and 1995, the common stock prices of the companies studied by the authors increased 147%, nearly twice as fast as the price of the stocks of their closest competitors. The proven success and high-yielding results from these high-achieving companies will make *The Service Profit Chain* required reading for senior, division, and business unit managers in all service companies, as well as for students of service management.

How do you build a business that thrives during good times and bad? Is there a strategy that can set up your company up for success, no matter what curveballs the world may throw your way? There is: Turn customers into repeat customers, and turn repeat customers into loyal customers. Renowned customer service and experience expert Shep Hyken maintains that delivering an amazing customer service experience that keeps customers coming back for more is everyone's job. Customer service is not a department. It's not just for people on the front lines. It's the responsibility of everyone in the organization, from the CEO or owner of a business to the most recently hired employee. It's the result of a customer-focused philosophy that must be baked into the culture. And it is what separates you from your

competition. In *I'll Be Back* you will learn... How to design and create an experience that gets customers to return, again and again The one trackable trend that leaders must monitor every morning The difference between repeat customers and loyal customers How to build the *I'll Be Back* culture How delivering an amazing customer experience is within the reach of every organization The two simple words that are the secret to every customer service program Why most "loyalty programs" fail to create customer loyalty How to personalize the customer experience Why setting up or expanding self-service and digital customer service choices are a must, not an option Ten loyalty killers that can terminate your relationship with your customers And much more! This book includes the must-have tools, tactics and strategies you need to get your customers to say, "I'll be back!"

How do you grow a truly sustainable business in the hypercompetitive 21st century? By using the practical, psychology-based strategies in this book to dive into the mind of your customer and enhance your business's customer experience by creating "buying loops" that keep your customers coming back for more. The Customer Loyalty Loop includes proven, science-backed secrets for building legions of loyal customers who will become evangelists for your business, buy from you repeatedly, and actually enjoy doing business with you. You will learn a wide variety of simple but powerfully effective strategies, such as: How to stop using gimmicks and trick promotions to encourage repeat business, and what to do instead that will keep your customers coming back for more. How to use the "Butler Secret" to achieve results superior to any marketing campaign or promotion you'll ever dream up. Why providing the best customer service isn't enough anymore, and what you must do instead if you want your business to keep growing in the 21st century. The "Bentley Strategy" that will immediately and dramatically increase customer loyalty to your business. And many more proven tactics and strategies.

*Retail Survival of the Fittest: 7 Ways to Future-Proof Your Retail Store* is a practical guide to modern-day retail success. Learn how to use mobile technology, big data, and other digital tools to improve your brick-and-mortar store and ensure that it is well-equipped to engage and convert today's savvy shoppers. From understanding consumers and boosting customer loyalty to leveraging data and implementing an omnichannel retail strategy, *Retail Survival of the Fittest* gives you need-to-know lessons on how to adapt to the new and increasingly competitive retail playing field. In addition to providing insights and how-to tips, *Retail Survival of the Fittest* also introduces you to other successful merchants and shows you exactly what they do to thrive in the modern retail realm. Most important, each chapter comes with a set of action steps to help you implement the tips discussed in the book and enable you to get started on future-proofing your store.

In every industry, and any company, customer loyalty marketing is an important pillar of corporate strategy. This second edition of *Customer Loyalty Programmes and Clubs*, explains how the key to effective protection against competition lies in identifying and offering your customers the right combination of financial and non-financial benefits. Stephen Butscher has reviewed the developments that have taken place since his original successful step-by-step guide was published and now includes 'pricing for customer loyalty' and 'e-loyalty' along with extra case studies. He takes you through all the necessary stages to research, plan and launch a programme that builds and develops the relationship between you and your customers, and emphasises value measurement and selection of the right benefits, enabling you to integrate the loyalty programme into every part of your organization. *Customer Loyalty Programmes and Clubs* includes case studies from some of the most successful companies, including Volkswagen Club, Kawasaki Riders Club, Swatch the Club, Porsche and many more.

Iteration rules product development, but it isn't enough to produce dramatic results. This book champions Radical Product Thinking, a systematic methodology for building visionary, game-changing products. Methodologies such as Lean and Agile have democratized innovation by teaching us to harness the power of iteration to innovate faster, but our ability to set a clear destination hasn't kept up with the pace. When we iterate without a clear vision or strategy, our products become bloated, fragmented, and driven by irrelevant metrics. They catch "product diseases" that are often fatal to true innovation. In *Radical Product Thinking (RPT)*, product development is led by the vision for the change it's intended to create. This methodology helps leaders reimagine the problems they face and align their team to find creative solutions using five elements: Vision, Strategy, Prioritization, Execution, and Culture. R. Dutt guides readers through these elements so they develop a clear process for achieving their desired change, incorporate it into daily activities, and turn RPT skills into muscle memory. This book gives organizations a repeatable model for building vision-driven products by helping us systematically translate vision and strategy into everyday actions so our product becomes a vehicle for creating the change we want to see in the world. Dutt shows us that you don't have to be a natural-born visionary to produce extraordinary results.

Did you know that a 5% increase in customer loyalty could add an extra 25-100% of profit to your bottom line? Did you know that it costs 5-8 times more to get a new client than to keep an existing client? Did you know that loyal customers who buy regularly help you have predictable cash flow? This book gives you the 'why' and the 'how' of customer loyalty so you can have these benefits in your business. Just like in sports your business can have a playbook, a notebook that contains the game plays that make a team successful. Each chapter has a play diagram followed by an explanation, a case study and discussion questions to use with your team. There are four sections that build customer loyalty infrastructure into your business: leadership, engaged employees, designing the customer experience and targeted marketing.

Recommended by Dr. Ivan Misner PhD, the founder of BNI (Business Networks International) and author of 17 books, this book in his words will "bring profit to your bottom line." He states this book is filled with, "everything you need to know to effectively build a growing and thriving business, maintain your customer base, and obtain long-term highly efficient employees." Inside this book are: -9 compelling reasons why you want to improve customer and client loyalty - 12 executable and customizable winning game strategies that you can use independently of the others to gain customer loyalty - - the ultimate end goal of a successful and sustainable business.

A new breakthrough idea about how to win customer loyalty from Matthew Dixon, the bestselling author of *The Challenger Sale* Everyone knows that the best way to create customer loyalty is with service so good, so over the top, that it surprises and delights. But what if everyone is wrong? In their acclaimed bestseller *The Challenger Sale*, Matthew Dixon and his colleagues at CEB busted longstanding myths about sales. Now they've turned to a new vital business subject - customer loyalty - with a book that turns conventional wisdom on its head.

Companies devote untold time and resources trying to dazzle customers. Yet CEB's careful research proves that is wildly overrated: loyalty has a lot more to do with how well companies deliver on their basic promises than on how dazzling the service experience might be. Forget bells and whistles and just solve your customer's problems. *The Effortless Experience* lays out the four pillars of a low-effort customer experience, with robust data, insights and profiles. Here are tools and templates you can start applying right away to improve service, reduce costs, and ultimately generate the elusive loyalty that the 'dazzle factor' fails to deliver. The rewards are there for the taking, and the pathway to achieving them is now clearly marked. 'A business detective story, in which cherished truths are systematically investigated-and frequently debunked' -Dan Heath, coauthor of *Decisive*, *Switch*, and *Made to Stick* Matt Dixon is Executive Director of the Sales & Service Practice at CEB. He is a frequent contributor to the Harvard Business Review, and his previous book, *The Challenger Sale*, was a Wall Street Journal bestseller. Nick Toman is Senior Director of Research for CEB's Sales & Services Practice and is a frequent contributor to the Harvard Business Review. Rick DeLisi is Senior Director of Advisory Services for CEB's Sales & Service Practice and a noted public speaker and facilitator.

Harness the power of games to create extraordinary customer engagement with Game-Based Marketing. Gamification is revolutionizing the web and mobile apps. Innovative startups like Foursquare and Swoopo, growth companies like Gilt and Groupon and established brands like United Airlines and Nike all agree: the most powerful way to create and engage a vibrant community is with game mechanics. By leveraging points, levels, badges, challenges, rewards and leaderboards – these innovators are dramatically lowering their customer acquisition costs, increasing engagement and building sustainable, viral communities. *Game-Based Marketing* unlocks the design secrets of mega-successful

games like Zynga's Farmville, World of Warcraft, Bejeweled and Project Runway to give you the power to create winning game-like experiences on your site/apps. Avoid obvious pitfalls and learn from the masters with key insights, such as: Why good leaderboards shouldn't feature the Top 10 players. Most games are played as an excuse to socialize, not to achieve. Status is worth 10x more than cash to most consumers. Badges are not enough: but they are important. You don't need to offer real-world prizes to run a blockbuster sweepstakes. And learn even more: How to architect a point system that works Designing the funware loop: the basics of points, badges, levels, leaderboards and challenges Maximizing the value and impact of badges Future-proofing your design Challenging users without distraction Based on the groundbreaking work of game expert and successful entrepreneur Gabe Zichermann, Game-Based Marketing brings together the game mechanics expertise of a decade's worth of research. Driven equally by big companies, startups, 40-year-old men and tween girls, the world is becoming increasingly more fun. Are you ready to play?

Not long ago, wearing real fur was a signal of wealth and status. Now, it's a signal of ignorance. Thanks to luxury rental and resale services, these days anyone can walk around in a Gucci belt. But not everyone knows that Rimowa dropped a new suitcase or who made their food and clothes. Wokeness is a modern class distinction. For the longest time, brands have operated according to the Veblen logic that status is linked to wealth and desirability to price. Now they have the opportunity to flip the script of aspiration and link worth and values to their success. Aimed at marketers, entrepreneurs, and advertising professionals, this book is full of analysis, examples, and tools of how to use the modern aspiration economy to shift a brand narrative and competitive strategy, create and distribute brand symbols, and ensure that a brand's products and services create both monetary and moral value.

Praise for Taming the Search-and-Switch Customer "What an excellent wake-up call! Your company's most valuable asset—your loyal customers—have more tools than ever to compare you to competitors and switch. Griffin does an excellent job identifying the risks to customer loyalty in an environment of immediate and abundant information, and defines a path to earn loyalty through delivery of enhanced value in the eyes of your customers. A truly important premise to building and maintaining a successful business." —Gerald Evans, president, Hanes Brands Supply Chain and Asia Business Development "In this dynamic treatise on customer retention, Jill Griffin, The Loyalty Maker, provides updated solutions to meet today's challenge of changing consumer shopping habits. A must-read for all retailers and wholesalers." —Britt Jenkins, chairman of the board, Tandy Brand Accessories, Inc. "Mandatory reading for anyone who manages customer loyalty. A truly thought-provoking read!" —Timothy Keiningham, global chief strategy officer, executive vice president, IPSOS Loyalty "Every company is in the service business now, whether they realize it or not. Jill's book is a great start on how to make your service experiences better than they are today." —Robert Stephen, founder, The Geek Squad "In today's Googled marketplace, Taming the Search-and-Switch Customer is a must-read." —Ken DeAngelis, general partner, Austin Ventures "Griffin is pure loyalty genius!" —Kelly Cook, vice president, Customer Engagement/CRM, Waste Management

Written by two highly successful business coaches and management consultants, this book explains how to improve profitability by focusing on turning a business's already satisfied customers into highly satisfied customers by removing their sense of risk. The authors also provide a fail-safe method for identifying the risks inherent in your business. • Provides research-based insights into consumer behavior across a diverse series of businesses, including health care, food service, hotels, pharmaceuticals, and retail • Demonstrates that the idea of there being a linear relationship between customer satisfaction and customer loyalty is a myth • Refutes the oft-heard objection that creating highly satisfied customers is too costly by showing that highly satisfied customers are consistently 2–5 percent cheaper to serve than satisfied ones • Offers business owners and managers a proven methodology for better understanding the key aspects of a company's product and service offerings that create highly satisfied customers • Examines the organizational challenges inherent in deploying a customer loyalty initiative and discusses ways that successful companies have overcome these challenges

Hundreds of businesses have customers who admire them, but only an elite few have true advocates—passionate, loyal, vocal fans—who rave about them to anyone who will listen. Jeanne Bliss, who served as a senior customer executive at five major companies, says there's no shortcut to becoming beloved—you can't hire a fancy marketing firm to get there. You earn it by how you decide to run your business—as Wegman's and Harley-Davidson have for decades and as relatively new companies like Zipcar and Zappos are doing right now. After studying and working with dozens of beloved companies, Bliss has identified five key decisions that lead to customer devotion: • Decide to believe • Decide with clarity of purpose • Decide to be real • Decide to be there • Decide to say "sorry" Her examples and advice will help readers sustain growth and profit even in a tough economy.

Learn the secret to using big data and gamification to motivate, engage, and engender true loyalty among your customers, employees, and partners As our lives move online and nearly everything we do is being mediated by technology, all of our activity is generating reams of data – we are all "walking data generators." Loyalty 3.0 reveals how to combine this "big data" with the latest understanding of human motivation to power gamification - the data-driven motivational techniques used by game designers to stimulate engagement, participation, and activity. With this potent combination, businesses now have a powerful engine for creating true loyalty among their customers, employees, and partners, and for generating a sustainable competitive advantage in their markets. Loyalty 3.0 is a book that will redefine how you think about loyalty, and will open your eyes to the power of data to engage and motivate anyone, anywhere. Rajat Paharia created the gamification industry in 2007 as the founder and Chief Product Officer at Bunchball, which has been recognized as an industry leader and innovator by Fast Company, TechCrunch, MSNBC, Forbes, and many others. Prior to Bunchball, Rajat worked at the intersection of technology, design, and user experience at world-renowned design firm IDEO.

Praise for THE APPLE EXPERIENCE "There are three pillars of enchantment: likability, trustworthiness, and quality. The Apple experience is the best modern-day example of all three pillars. Carmine's book will help you understand and implement the same kind of world-class experience." --Guy Kawasaki, author of Enchantment and former chief evangelist of Apple "Carmine Gallo explains beautifully and simply just what makes the Apple retail experience so successful. No matter what kind of business you are in, there are insanely valuable lessons in this book!" --Garr Reynolds, author of Presentation Zen and The Naked Presenter "At its core, this book is not about Apple. It's about delivering the best experience possible." --Tony Hsieh, New York Times bestselling author of Delivering Happiness and CEO of Zappos.com, Inc. "An exciting resource for any business owner in any country who wants to reimagine the customer experience." --Loic Le Meur, CEO, LeWeb "Why can't other retail experiences be as great as an Apple store's? Not only does Carmine Gallo answer that question brilliantly, but he shows precisely how to make sure your customers never ask it about your business." --Matthew E. May, author of In Pursuit of Elegance and The Laws of Subtraction "Carmine Gallo gets to the magic of Steve Jobs: Touching people's lives. This simple, yet delightful vision should be at the heart of every retail interaction in the world today." --Peter Steinlauf, Chairman, Edmunds.com "This magnificent collection of insights illuminates the way for anyone who wants to create a truly great experience, whether in retail, service, or software. " --Dan Roam, author of The Back of the Napkin and Blah Blah Blah Reinvent your business to deliver Apple-like customer satisfaction and profits In The Apple Experience, internationally bestselling author Carmine Gallo details the principles

and practices behind this total commitment to the customer and explains how your brand can achieve outstanding results by delivering this same high standard of service. Carmine Gallo interviewed professionals at all levels who have studied Apple, and he spent hundreds of hours observing the selling floor in Apple's retail space and learning about Apple's vision and philosophy. Using insights and data from these sources, he breaks down Apple's customercentric model to provide an action plan with three distinct areas of focus: Inspire Your Internal Customer with training, support, and communications that create a "feedback loop" for improving performance at every level Serve Your External Customer with irresistible brand stories and dedicated salespeople who embody the APPLE five steps of service-- Approach, Probe, Present, Listen, End with a fond farewell Set the Stage by ensuring that no element is overlooked in creating an immersive retail environment where customers can see, touch, and learn about your products With The Apple Experience, you can improve the return on your investment in retail by adding real value to every customer interaction. Better still, any business that deals with people--employees or customers--can adopt the techniques to achieve Apple-like market dominance by enriching lives, building loyalty, and reimagining the customer experience. -

How do you keep your customers coming back-and get them to bring others? If you need the best practices and ideas for making your customers loyal and profitable--but don't have time to find them--this book is for you. Here are nine inspiring and useful perspectives, all in one place. This collection of HBR articles will help you: - Turn angry customers into loyal advocates - Get more people to recommend you - Boost customer satisfaction by satisfying your employees - Focus on profitable customers--whether they're loyal or not - Invest in the right CRM technology for your business - Mine customer data for more effective marketing - Increase your customers' lifetime value

Offers strategies for turning customer satisfaction into customer loyalty, emphasizing the importance of word-of-mouth advertising

This comprehensive textbook provides an easy introduction to the subject of customers and ensures that the needs of business students will be met in an up-to-date and innovative manner.

Studies show that customer satisfaction does not equate with continued sales--it is the "loyal" customer who resists the competitor's tempting offers. This pragmatic guide outlines a savvy, seven-step process for turning prospects into customers and customers into loyal advocates.

One Simple Question Can Determine Your Company's Future. Do You Know the Answer? The Ultimate Question offers hands-on guidance on how to: Distinguish good profits from bad. Measure NPS and benchmark performance against world-class standards. Quantify the economic value generated by customer word of mouth. Assign accountability for improving customer relationships. Identify core customers and set priorities for strategic investments. Move customers beyond mere satisfaction to true loyalty. Create communities of passionate advocates that stimulate innovation and growth. Practical and compelling, The Ultimate Question will help you solve your organization's growth dilemma.

An unprecedented inside look at how Airbnb and its host community create dynamic customer experiences and build brand loyalty in the sharing economy Airbnb best embody the entrepreneurial and disruptive spirit of today's sharing economy. Since its early days as a humble start-up, Airbnb has evolved into a revolutionary force in the short-term housing market as a platform where hosts provide listings spread across more than 81,000 cities and 191 countries. Airbnb's leadership strives to support the host community to ensure a consistent, on-brand experience for every guest, every time. The Airbnb Way delivers proven methods for increasing customer engagement, loyalty, and referrals that can be utilized in every service setting and in any industry. Exclusive interviews with Airbnb leaders and rich stories from hosts and guests provide an inside look into the wildly popular online rental platform. The book features: •Airbnb strategies and practices that will drive customer engagement and loyalty •Expert advice on how to provide phenomenal customer service •Illuminating stories about Airbnb guest and host experiences•Unique leadership principles for activating all stakeholders--including those who share resources and services and more

Customer Loyalty Isn't Enough—Grow Your Share of Wallet The Wallet Allocation Rule is a revolutionary, definitive guide for winning the battle for share of customers' hearts, minds, and wallets. Backed by rock-solid science published in the Harvard Business Review and MIT Sloan Management Review, this landmark book introduces a new and rigorously tested approach—the Wallet Allocation Rule—that is proven to link to the most important measure of customer loyalty: share of wallet. Companies currently spend billions of dollars each year measuring and managing metrics like customer satisfaction and Net Promoter Score (NPS) to improve customer loyalty. These metrics, however, have almost no correlation to share of wallet. As a result, the return on investments designed to improve the customer experience are frequently near zero, even negative. With The Wallet Allocation Rule, managers finally have the missing link to business growth within their grasp—the ability to link their existing metrics to the share of spending that customers allocate to their brands. Learn why improving satisfaction (or NPS) does not improve share. Apply the Wallet Allocation Rule to discover what really drives customer spending. Uncover new metrics that really matter to achieve growth. By applying the Wallet Allocation Rule, managers get real insight into the money they currently get from their customers, the money available to be earned by them, and what it takes to get it. The Wallet Allocation Rule provides managers with a blueprint for sustainable long-term growth.

Reichheld draws upon case studies of a variety of businesses including Harley-Davidson, Dell Computer, and Enterprise Rent-A-Car to show how employee and customer loyalty promote financial success. His approach to developing loyalty is based upon six principles of leadership including never profiting at the expense of partners, rewarding the right results, and honest communication. Reichheld is a Bain Fellow and author of The Loyalty Effect. c. Book News Inc.

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

