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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.

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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:

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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 awayNo 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.

Due to the growth of internet and mobile applications, relationship marketing continues to evolve as technology offers more collaborative and social communication opportunities. Managing Customer Trust, Satisfaction, and Loyalty through Information Communication highlights technology's involvement with business processes in different sectors and industries while identifying marketing activities that are affected by its usage. This reference is a vital source for organizational managers, executives, and professionals, as well as academics and students interested in this constantly changing field.

In this insightful new text, Cristina Ziliani and Marco Ieva trace the evolution of thinking and practice in loyalty management. From trading stamps to Amazon Prime and Alibaba 88 Membership, they present a fresh take on the tools, strategies and skills that underpin its key significance in marketing today. Loyalty management is increasingly identified with the design and management of a quality customer experience on the journey across

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the many touchpoints that connect the customer with the brand. Evaluating the research on best practice and offering concrete examples from industry, the authors argue that existing schemes and systems are not just things of the past but should be the optimal starting point for companies needing to foster customer loyalty in an omnichannel world. Drawing on 20 years of experience in research, consulting and teaching, the authors have compiled a unique research-based practice-oriented text. It will guide marketers, business leaders and students through the changes in marketing thought and practice on loyalty management as well as offering practical guidance on the skills and capabilities that companies need if they want to be successful at delivering essential loyalty-driving customer experiences.

How Today's Marketing Leaders Have Bypassed the "Experts" to Craft Effective, Inexpensive Customer Loyalty Programs Database marketing is today's most powerful tool for designing cost-effective, resource-efficient marketing and operations programs. The Customer Loyalty Solution cuts through theory and guesswork to examine how leading marketers from Land's End to IBM are using today's new breed of database marketing tools to compute lifetime value, cut costs in every area, and make databases easier to access and utilize from anywhere on the globe. Praise for The Customer Loyalty Solution: "The Customer Loyalty Solution combines the best of traditional practice with contemporary market factors in terms that inspire and cut across industries. Straightforward enough for the upcoming 1-1 marketer as well as a great catch-up for

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the seasoned practitioner."--Joe Rapolla, VP, Consumer Marketing Services, Universal Music Group/CLO

"Delivers practical solutions instead of hyperbole and theory. Hughes makes this book fun to read, and he gets his point across--clearly."--Robert McKim, CEO, msdbm

"Well written and easy to understand. Hughes imparts his wisdom to set realistic expectations and provides case studies adding real-world application."--J.C.

Johnson, VP, Database Marketing, Fairfield Resorts

"Hughes distills the jargon and complexity of database marketing into a refreshingly straightforward and practical guide. The Customer Loyalty Solution should be required reading for anyone serious about making database marketing work."--Jonathan Huth, VP,

Relationship Database Marketing, Scotiabank New

technologies like the Web have brought unprecedented change to database marketing. But some things never

change. Successful marketers have learned that to understand their customers they must still think like their customers, who continue to ignore one-time discounts to ask, "Why would I want to be that company's customer? What's in it for me?"

The Customer Loyalty Solution goes straight to the source, revealing how marketers today are leveraging their database marketing programs to identify and attract the most profitable new customers, increase current customer retention and repurchase, and identify and reward their most loyal and profitable customers.

More than 40 detailed case studies and dozens of examples reveal success stories including Verizon's "best in class" datamart that realized a 1681 percent return on marketing investment Isuzu's database project

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that targeted only their best prospects--and cut industry-standard per-unit sales costs in half Weekly Standard's variable headline strategy that increased direct mail response rates by nearly 25 percent Author and database marketing pioneer Arthur Hughes doesn't hide behind incomprehensible formulas and impossible-to-navigate layouts. Each easy-to-follow chapter clearly addresses and explains a different piece of the database-marketing puzzle. Case studies are clearly marked and detail what went right--or wrong. Chapter-ending synopses summarize the lessons to be learned in each chapter and clearly review what worked and what didn't. These features and others combine with innovative charts and quizzes to ensure hands-on understanding of material covered and make the book a timely, practical guide. The Customer Loyalty Solution reveals how database marketing and customer relationship management initiatives are making a difference, today, for the world's leading marketers. It provides you with step-by-step techniques for benchmarking their efforts to develop intelligent strategies of your own, understanding how and why they work, and monitoring their results to continually adjust and modify for changing market conditions. The result will be far stronger customer loyalty, more consistent repeat sales, and a database-marketing program that is enjoyable and successful--for both you and your most profitable customers. This is part of a series of AMA management briefings which provide concise reports on current trends for professionals. It considers the question of customer satisfaction and customer loyalty, showing how to

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maximize profitability.

Successful organizations have shifted from being product-based organizations to customer-based organizations, and customer satisfaction management (CSM) is an integral aspect of this new way of thinking. Successfully measuring customer satisfaction can be complicated and very detailed, requiring a great deal of in depth research and analysis. Customer Satisfaction Research Management is intended for advanced service quality managers and marketing researchers involved in the management of customer satisfaction programs. This is the third book in a series by author Derek Allen, focusing on customer satisfaction measurement, analysis, and implementation. Allen begins with the assumption that the reader has at least a minimal familiarity with the psychometric aspects of customer satisfaction measurement, statistical analysis, and linkage research that attempts to establish a causal relationship between customer attitudes and business outcomes. He then builds on this base to first discuss the theoretical relationship between customer satisfaction and financial performance, and then to dive deep into specific applications of customer satisfaction programs. Some of the areas covered include dealing with the challenges of conducting global customer satisfaction measurement programs, linking performance metrics to management compensation systems and financial outcomes, and results deployment. Preview a sample chapter from this book along with the full table of contents by clicking [here](#). You will need Adobe Acrobat to.

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Consumer-facing and business-to-business organizations know that if they get their approach to customers right, they will be rewarded with unprecedented customer loyalty. This will lead to increased market share, improved sales, an enhanced reputation and higher profitability. Despite this, many of today's companies fail to recognize that the notable improvements in their service delivery are not keeping up with increased customer expectations. Creating Customer Loyalty outlines simple, easy to understand strategies for creating a sustainable customer loyalty management programme that will win loyal customers. Demonstrating how to focus solely on the things that enable and enhance success, this book shows how to make loyalty a habit and structure a business that attracts and retains the best customers. Using examples from both UK and international companies such as Lexus, Aldi, Dyson, The Ritz-Carlton and Virgin Atlantic, Creating Customer Loyalty explains why customer experience management alone does not build lasting loyalty, and why customer expectation and customer memory management are essential. It outlines how to make every occasion epic by removing those 'ouch' moments, replacing them with 'wow' experiences, and developing dazzling recovery techniques to create unforgettable stories and positive memories.

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

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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.

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

This book analyzes the evolution of marketing and the ways in which marketing actions can be rendered more effective, before setting out a new approach to marketing, termed The Extra Step (TES) in recognition of the importance that it attributes to the final extra step in enhancing the effectiveness of marketing efforts. Readers will find clear description of the pathway from purchase to loyalty and the various means of developing customer loyalty. It is explained how the TES approach goes one step further by considering

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the consumer as a partner whose involvement during the production and fine tuning phase of products and services can help to increase the efficiency of customer loyalty actions implemented by companies. The theoretical analysis is supported by observations and empirical evidence relating to the concepts and benefits of the TES approach. These examples concern firms in Italy, Europe, and the United States, including insurance agencies, pharmaceutical companies and pharmacies, and food distribution companies. The TES approach is of wide relevance and especially valid for the service sector.

Many business-to-business (B2B) managers think that customers act rationally and base decisions mostly on price, customer loyalty isn't considered. Companies outsource various activities, which enable them to improve efficiency, reduce costs, focus more on core competencies and improve their innovation capabilities. Supply Chain Management synchronizes the efforts of all parties—particularly suppliers, manufacturers, retailers, dealers, customers—involved in achieving customer's needs. Despite much research, the relationship between customer loyalty and the supply chain strategy remains insufficiently explored and understood by practitioners and academics, while the theme has been extensively developed within marketing literature. Customer Loyalty and Supply Chain Management is the result of years of work by the authors on different projects concerning the overlapping areas of supply chains, logistics and marketing, drawing a connection between the literature to provide a holistic picture of the customer loyalty framework. Emphasis is given to the B2B context, where recent research has provided some clues to support the fact that investment in operations, new technologies and organizational strategy have had a significant role in understanding B2B loyalty, particularly in the context of global supply chains. Moreover,

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the book provides a modernized and predictive model of B2B loyalty, showing a different methodological approach that aims at capturing the complexity of the phenomenon. This book will be a useful resource for professionals and scholars from across the supply chain who are interested in exploring the dimension of customer loyalty in the challenging supplier and customer context.

To manage an effective customer loyalty program, third party logistics service providers (3PLs) must understand the determining factors, as well as cultural background on loyalty. This book develops a model of customer loyalty, which is then validated using empirical data from nearly 800 logistics managers in Germany and the USA. The author reviews the effects of different relational factors on the model, and explores relevant German-US cultural differences.

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

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increase customer loyalty to your business. And many more proven tactics and strategies.

Successful brand building helps sustain relationships with consumers, creating long-term sustainable competitive advantage and protecting businesses from market turbulence and uncertainties. Manufacturing processes can often be duplicated in ways that strongly held attitudes established in consumers' minds cannot. Branding and Sustainable Competitive Advantage: Building Virtual Presence explores the processes involved in managing brands for long-term sustainable competitive advantage. Managers, professionals, and researchers will better understand the importance of consumers' perceptions in brand management, gain insight into the interface of positioning and branding, learn about the management of brands over time and in digital and virtual worlds, be able to name new products and brand extensions, and discover how marketers develop and apply strategies to position their brands.

One of the key objectives of any branding strategy is to attract and retain customers by building customer loyalty. Increasingly though firms employ loyalty card programs to retain the customer although genuine brand loyalty of a customer cannot be expected to be built through such strategies. In this book, Saleem takes a different view about customer loyalty altogether and considers it as a 'product' for exchange. He attempts to commoditize the concept of brand loyalty to sell it to customers. In this regard, it requires the firm to offer something extraordinary in exchange for their long-term relationship. Such offerings are considered different to the traditional exchanges of goods and services for money. The title of the book therefore reflects the deep

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meaning of the concept of brand loyalty. As a product for exchange, Saleem sees customer brand loyalty as something of an affinity and bonding that comes from the bottom of the heart of customers. Brand loyalty does not pop up suddenly but may take years to build it up through meaningful relationships. Also, the author believes that brand loyalty as a product has a life-cycle with stages of growth, maturity and decline. Having defined and described brand loyalty in depth, Saleem goes to examine the issues of managing loyalty in order to recruit and retain customers. It requires the firms to build and manage customer brand loyalty by identifying and offering loyalty attributes, he argues. In this regard, study of loyalty management may seem like an investigation into the understanding the concept of marketing orientation and customer relationship. Providing a new market segmentation model based on the attributes of the traditional marketing mix variables substantiates this argument. Moreover, this also helps to measure brand loyalty based on the attributes of customer loyalty and to construct the brand loyalty life-cycle. In a nutshell, this book is about brand loyalty management and, therefore, it is obviously about strategic customer orientation. Although the book takes the reader deeper into measuring the intensity of loyalty and examining the analytical tools, the focus is on developing a customer brand loyalty management strategy. Author believes this will remain an essential book for all marketing professionals. Brand managers, in particular, would find it very useful when it comes to formulating a strategy for brand loyalty management,

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Saleem believes.

Across the global economy, customers' expectations are continually rising - but many companies fail to deliver against those expectations. With the rise in social media, customers are becoming more vocal in expressing any dissatisfaction, which can both lose existing customers and alienate potential new ones. Complaint Management Excellence provides practical advice, tools and techniques for managers to adopt when managing any complaints that come into their organisation. In order to arrive at a culture where complaints are welcomed, the underlying values, processes, structure, strategy and people within an organisation all need to be aligned with, and respect, customer needs. Not only does this improve the long-term prospects for the company itself, but can have a tremendous knock-on effect in terms of boosting employee morale and engagement. With case studies from companies as diverse as John Lewis, Waitrose, DHL, Hilton Hotels, the Starwood group (including Four Seasons and Ritz Carlton hotels) and BT, Complaint Management Excellence explains what customers are really looking for when they make a complaint, how to avoid conflict and how managers can lead culture change to ensure the best experience for all customers and clients.

Customer satisfaction and loyalty are becoming increasingly important to most organizations since the financial benefits from improving them have been well documented. This book presents a thorough examination of how to use research to understand customer satisfaction and loyalty. It takes the reader step-by-step

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through the process of designing and conducting a survey to generate accurate measures of customer satisfaction and loyalty. The research process is explained in detail, including questionnaire design, analysis and reporting, but the book also covers other elements of an effective customer satisfaction process. These include project planning, communicating with customers before, during and after the survey, as well as providing internal feedback and taking effective action to address issues raised by the survey. There is also comprehensive coverage of loyalty measurement methodologies as well as the satisfaction-profit chain and associated modelling and forecasting techniques. 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

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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.

Loyalty is one of the main assets of a brand. In today's markets, achieving and maintaining loyal customers has become an increasingly complex challenge for brands due to the widespread acceptance and adoption of diverse technologies by which customers communicate with brands. Customers use different channels (physical, web, apps, social media) to seek information about a brand, communicate with it, chat about the brand and purchase its products. Firms are thus continuously changing and adapting their processes to provide customers with agile communication channels and coherent, integrated brand experiences through the different channels in which customers are present. In this context, understanding how brand management can improve value co-creation and multichannel experience—among other issues—and contribute to

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improving a brand's portfolio of loyal customers constitutes an area of special interest for academics and marketing professionals. This Special Issue explores new areas of customer loyalty and brand management, providing new insights into the field. Both concepts have evolved over the last decade to encompass such concepts and practices as brand image, experiences, multichannel context, multimedia platforms and value co-creation, as well as relational variables such as trust, engagement and identification (among others). Rebuild customer loyalty, strengthen customer relationships, and leverage the immense power of customer co-innovation! Harvey Thompson's *Who Stole My Customer??* is the world's definitive guide to rebuilding customer loyalty: must-reading in C-Suites and top business schools worldwide. That's no surprise: for decades, Thompson has been the go-to expert for CxOs seeking to optimize their customer growth and retention strategies. Now, in this extensively updated Second Edition, Thompson sharpens his focus on two of the most crucial strategic challenges identified by 1,300+ current CEOs: strengthening customer relationships and promoting innovation. Drawing on his immense enterprise experience, Thompson helps you overcome fundamental corporate culture issues that impede both relationship-building and innovation. Next, he demonstrates how to construct customer-driven business models and management systems that improve retention by systematically involving customers in co-innovation around goals and visions they help define. *Who Stole My Customer??* Second Edition helps you identify up-to-the-

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minute answers to the classic "tough questions" surrounding loyalty: Who's stealing my customers? Why is it happening? How can I stop it? How can I win back lost customers? You'll discover new ways to view business processes through customer's eyes... identify today's real drivers of loyalty... tightly focus relationship investments for maximum value... rebuild touch points around customers' current and future needs.

Throughout, updated questions help you apply Thompson's techniques in your competitive environment. Thompson's questions have also been updated to serve MBA or Executive MBA level students more effectively as they seek to add more value in future work assignments.

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*

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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.

Relationship Marketing provides a comprehensive overview of the fundamentals and important recent developments in this fast-growing field. "This book makes a landmark contribution in assembling some of the best contemporary thinking about relationship marketing illustrated with concrete descriptions of companies in the automobile industry, consumer electronics, public utilities and so on, which are implementing relationship marketing. I highly recommend this to all companies who want to see what their future success will require." PROF. PHILIP KOTLER, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, ILLINOIS

Effective marketing techniques are a driving force behind the success or failure of a particular product or service. When utilized correctly, such methods increase competitive advantage and customer engagement. Advertising and Branding: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications is a comprehensive reference source for the latest scholarly material on emerging technologies, techniques, strategies, and theories for the development of advertising and branding campaigns in the modern marketplace. Featuring extensive coverage across a range of topics, such as customer retention, brand identity, and global advertising, this innovative publication is ideally designed for professionals, researchers, academics, students, managers, and practitioners actively involved in the marketing industry. Christian Zeidler identifies the potential of mobile services for the management of customer relationships. He develops a

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framework that provides a technical infrastructure capable of leveraging these advantages through a service delivery platform. The author, thereby, provides a valuable tool for the integration of the mobile channel into the traditional marketing mix.

Price is the primary feature of every transaction—so why is it often treated as an afterthought? Most companies use pricing approaches developed before the internet, failing to harness modern analytics. Your customer relationships vary widely; shouldn't each customer's loyalty to your product or service be reflected in their price? In this age of increasing price transparency, uniform pricing is no longer sufficient. The best way forward is to create personalized pricing for your loyal customers and resist the constant discounting pressure of internet price aggregation. ? In *Price*, Cactus Raazi invites you to shake loose of your pricing preconceptions. Whether you're a corporate executive or a sole proprietor, you'll see how personalized pricing can improve customer loyalty and turn episodic transactions into recurring revenue. With price transparency and aggressive discounting here to stay, now is the time to refocus your pricing approach on your individual customer.

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

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

'Customer Loyalty Guaranteed' shows leaders at all levels how to awaken the 'spirit to serve' in every employee. It includes the seven customer service personalities that build unbreakable customer loyalty and practices for maintaining remarkable service over the long-term.

Customer satisfaction is a critical factor to the potential success or failure of a business. By implementing the latest marketing strategies, organizations can better withstand the competitive market. Strategic Marketing Management and Tactics in the Service Industry is an essential reference publication that features the latest scholarly research on service strategies for competitive advantage across industries. Covering a broad range of topics and perspectives such as customer satisfaction, healthcare service, and microfinance, this book is ideally designed for students, academics, practitioners, and professionals seeking current research on best practices to build rapport with customers. Use the latest digital technologies for lifelong customers and repeat sales “Arthur Middleton Hughes is database

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marketing's Great Explainer. He has a unique gift for taking complex subjects and breaking them down in ways people can easily understand. This is the most approachable book I have ever read on the subject." —Ken Magill, Publisher, The Magill Report "Strategic Database Marketing is a must-read for anyone in CRM or e-mail marketing. The Customer Lifetime Value information and formula is critical to utilize. Arthur's information makes it easy to update with your e-mail metrics and improve KPIs to know the success of each marketing program." —David Horwedel, eCRM Program Manager, Dell "Arthur Hughes is truly a direct marketing database guru. This edition of Strategic Database Marketing [is a] must-read for any marketer in today's ever-changing environment." —Vicki Updike, President, Miles Kimball Company "Strategic Database Marketing objectively challenges the very way we go about using our data and where we should be going in the future. It is an important, informative, and enjoyable read." —Matt Edgar, Founder, Global Marketing Alliance and publisher of Direct Marketing International "Strategic Database Marketing provides the fundamentals of consumer data management that every marketer should know. Arthur's insight into utilizing e-mail and social media both as a data source and communication medium is key to creating the highly relevant and targeted messaging that today's consumers demand." —Angela Sanchez, Sr. Director of Marketing, Universal Music Group "Arthur Hughes describes how smart marketers amass the mounds of valuable customer data accumulated by their company, find common characteristics among those individuals, and then suggest a product or service that customers will be eager to purchase?even before they know they want to buy it." —Kathryn Kiritsis, Director Online Marketing, Avis Budget Group "Read this book if you are looking to make sense of the complexities of database

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marketing in the digital world. Mr. Hughes has produced a tour de force.” —Steve Cobden, CMO, Thompson & Company of Tampa, Inc. “I have learned so much from Arthur Hughes over the years! This book is no exception. He continues not only to address theory, but also offer practical, measurable application.” —Sue Coakley, Sr. Director, Customer Contact Strategy, Yahoo! About the Book: Since the previous edition of Strategic Database Marketing was published in 2006, digital tools like Google, e-mail, mobile devices, and social networking sites have completely changed the game. Customer outreach knows no boundaries, program management is more complex, and smart use of databases is absolutely critical to success. With these new challenges, though, come great opportunities—and this thoroughly updated new edition has everything you need to seize them all. Retaining all the tips, tactics, and strategies that have made Strategic Database Marketing the go-to resource for marketers who take their craft seriously, this classic guide gives you the most current tools and techniques for gathering and measuring metrics and making accurate predictions with them. Completely revised and updated, this new edition covers all the foundational database marketing principles and practices, including: Lifetime value (LTV) Building profits with recency and frequency The off-e-mail sales multiplier Customer and subscriber acquisition Monetary (RFM) analysis Expanding retail store traffic Customer segmentation Analytics and modeling Loyalty marketing Measuring the impact of social media Testing and control groups Business-to-business database marketing All quizzes, forms, strategies, charts, and graphs are available online for instant reference and downloads. The book also enables you to calculate the lifetime value of your subscribers and customers and sample online databases to quantify your efforts. The personal customer information stored in your company’s

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database files provides you with a unique and valuable competitive advantage. But are you using that information productively? Is your data difficult if not impossible for frontline employees to access when needed? Strategic Database Marketing, Fourth Edition, is a one-stop resource for making the best possible use of database marketing to meet your strategic goals while keeping up with the changing nature of the market.

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

With crisp and insightful contributions from 47 of the world's leading experts in various facets of retailing, Retailing in the 21st Century offers in one book a compendium of state-of-the-art, cutting-edge knowledge to guide successful retailing in the new millennium. In our competitive world, retailing is an exciting, complex and critical sector of business in most developed as well as emerging economies. Today, the retailing industry is being buffeted by a number of forces simultaneously, for example the growth of online retailing and the advent of 'radio frequency identification' (RFID) technology. Making sense of it all is not easy but of vital importance to retailing practitioners, analysts and policymakers. 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

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Everyone knows that the best way to create customer loyalty is with service so good, so over the

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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 many longstanding myths about sales. Now they've turned their research and analysis to a new vital business subject—customer loyalty—with a new book that turns the conventional wisdom on its head. The idea that companies must delight customers by exceeding service expectations is so entrenched that managers rarely even question it. They devote untold time, energy, and resources to trying to dazzle people and inspire their undying loyalty. Yet CEB's careful research over five years and tens of thousands of respondents proves that the “dazzle factor” is wildly overrated—it simply doesn't predict repeat sales, share of wallet, or positive word-of-mouth. The reality: Loyalty is driven by how well a company delivers on its basic promises and solves day-to-day problems, not on how spectacular its service experience might be. Most customers don't want to be “wowed”; they want an effortless experience. And they are far more likely to punish you for bad service than to reward you for good service. If you put on your customer hat rather than your manager or marketer hat, this makes a lot of sense. What do you really want from your cable company, a free month of HBO when it screws up or a fast, painless restoration of your connection? What about your bank—do you want free

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cookies and a cheerful smile, even a personal relationship with your teller? Or just a quick in-and-out transaction and an easy way to get a refund when it accidentally overcharges on fees? The Effortless Experience takes readers on a fascinating journey deep inside the customer experience to reveal what really makes customers loyal—and disloyal. The authors lay out the four key pillars of a low-effort customer experience, along the way delivering robust data, shocking insights and profiles of companies that are already using the principles revealed by CEB's research, with great results. And they include many tools and templates you can start applying right away to improve service, reduce costs, decrease customer churn, 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. 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

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20%-70% of newly acquired customers will stop doing business with a company within 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 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

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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

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creating remarkable customer 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.

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