

The Nordstrom Way To Customer Experience Excellence Creating A Values Driven Service Culture

Starbucks kann seit 1982 (dem Einstieg von Howard Schultz) ein rapides Wachstum vorweisen. So eröffneten weltweit immer mehr Filialen, in denen Kunden mit Kaffee und anderen Getränken versorgt wurden. Aber genau dieses "schneller, höher, weiter!" führte zu dem Problem, dass Starbucks seine Seele, sein typisches Flair zu verlieren begann. Die Coffee Houses, die sich immer gerühmt hatten, für jeden Kunden der drittichtigste Platz im Leben nach dem eigenen Zuhause und der Arbeit zu sein, verkamen immer mehr zu Filialen jeder x-beliebigen Fastfood-Kette. Ein Grund für Howard Schultz, 2008 auf den Posten des CEO zurückzukehren, den er fast 8 Jahre zuvor verlassen hatte. Schon in einem öffentlich bekannt gewordenen Memo vom Februar 2007 hatte Schultz bemängelt, dass die "Romantik verschwunden sei" und dass es unbedingt nötig ist wieder "zum Kern zurückzukehren" und "das Erbe, die Tradition und die Leidenschaft für die wahre Starbucks-Erfahrung wieder hervorzurufen". Nun hat Schultz das geschafft, was ihm niemand zugetraut hätte: Er hat Starbucks zurück zu seinen Kernwerten geführt und somit wieder die Innovation ermöglicht, die für ein Überleben in dem sich schnell entwickelnden Kaffeemarkt nötig ist. Mit viel Leidenschaft und einem ausgeklügelten Plan brachte Schultz das Unternehmen wieder auf die Erfolgsspur - trotz vieler interner Widerstände und der allgemeinen Wirtschaftskrise. Dieses Buch beinhaltet die außergewöhnliche Geschichte dieser Transformation. Howard Schultz bietet dem Leser einen vertraulichen Einblick in seine tagtäglichen Entscheidungen: von nicht-öffentlichen Planungssitzungen in Seattle, bis hin zu Gesprächen mit Kaffeebauern in Ruanda und Präsentationen vor Investoren in New York während der größten wirtschaftlichen Tumulte der Finanzkrise. "Onward" ist mehr als ein einfaches Businessbuch. Äußerst inspirierend und unerwartet offen lässt uns Schultz an der Entwicklung von Starbucks teilhaben: dramatisch, emotional und so spannend wie ein Roman!

Werbung manipuliert uns. Das ist nichts Neues? Doch! Denn wie heimtückisch die neuesten Tricks, Kniffe und Verführungstechniken der Werbeindustrie wirklich sind, wissen nur echte Insider. Jetzt packt einer von ihnen aus: Martin Lindstrom deckt auf, was er im Verborgenen der MarketingWelt erlebt hat. Dieses Buch ist die Beichte eines Werbetreibenden, der uns verrät, wie Werbung uns beeinflusst - und zwar schon im Mutterleib! Werfen Sie einen Blick durch das Schlüsselloch der Tür, hinter der die Marketing-Spezialisten ihre neuen Kampagnen entwerfen und immer mehr Fallen entwickeln, in die wir einfach hineintappen müssen. "Brandwashed ist klug, zum Nachdenken anregend - und äußerst unterhaltsam." FORTUNE
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Business journalist Robert Spector grew up working in his family's butcher shop in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, where he learned invaluable lessons about the independent retail business. Mom & pop stores have always brought people together, fostering a sense of neighborhood identity and camaraderie, and are the glue that connects people in big cities and small towns alike. Long fascinated by the "direct connection" people feel as merchants and customers when they do business in neighborhood stores, at shops that are not super-sized, but human-sized, and responding to the growing "buy local" movement across the country, Spector set out to discover the state, and the state of mind, of independent retailing in America. From a specialty soda pop shop in Los Angeles to a florist shop in Dayton, Ohio, from a bakery in Chicago to a bookstore in Washington State, mom & pop store owners shared their stories with him, revealing the spirit and tenacity of the small business owner, dealing with frustration and defeat as well as triumph and success. Spector also interweaves the history of independent retailing. The Mom & Pop Store reflects the story of this country, for it embraces and cross-references every ethnic group, and virtually every element of our society.

"Sie müssen verrückt sein, ein Call Center zu leiten, ohne dieses Buch gelesen zu haben ..." George Walther

Tim Wu nimmt uns in diesem Buch mit auf eine informative Reise durch das Reich der Kommunikationstechnologien beginnend bei Telefon über Radio, Fernsehen bis hin zum Internet. Dabei analysiert er gründlich die Entwicklung der Kommunikationsmöglichkeiten und deren Auswirkungen in Bezug auf die Möglichkeiten der offenen Kommunikation sowie deren Kontrolle. Er zeigt dabei unter anderem immer wiederkehrende Zyklen auf, wie neue Technologien häufig aus kleinen Unternehmen entstanden sind, später von wenigen großen dominiert wurden, um wiederum neue innovative Unternehmen entstehen zu lassen. Tim Wu zeigt die Hintergründe solcher Entwicklungen auf, die zu dem heutigen Stand geführt haben. What you need to know about your customers Now more than ever, every interaction you have with customers is critical. Customers today have unlimited information at their fingertips—and can influence the purchase decisions and behaviors of millions of others. With this comes a shift in the balance of power, and every company must come to terms with the fact that the customer is in control. Interacting with customers in the way they want is an essential business strategy and in many industries, the key to business success. Executives still refer to B2B and B2C business models, as though companies control demand by going to customers with products and services. But as Bill Price and David Jaffe (authors of The Best Service is No Service) show, a new business model is emerging in which the customer directs the relationship. It is becoming a world of "Me2B"—one in which the customer, not the business, dictates the terms of engagement. In order for your business to thrive, you must create positive experiences to fulfill a range of customer needs. Though the mediums for customer engagement continuously evolve, Price and Jaffe show that customer needs remain unchanging. In Your Customer Rules!, they define a critical hierarchy of seven needs that your company can meet and apply as a methodology. Throughout this practical guidebook, Price and Jaffe share examples of companies who succeed by meeting these seven needs, including Amazon, Apple, IKEA, Nordstrom, USAA, Shoes of Prey, Vente-Privee, and Yamato Transport, as well as those that didn't. Your Customer Rules! offers tailored advice for companies at every stage, from nimble startups to legacy firms with established customer service practices—and everyone in between. With a simple, elegant solution for driving lasting value for customers, Your Customer Rules! is a clear guide for strengthening customer relationships and competing on more than price. It is essential reading for executives at all levels—business owners, marketing managers, and anyone who works directly with customers.

Who would've thought that a practical, fun, easy-to-read customer service book would capture the hearts of hundreds of thousands of readers? Now, celebrating its 20th anniversary, Delivering Knock Your Socks Off Service has been completely revised and is better than ever! Still the go-to guide on providing the kind of outstanding service that keeps customers coming back, the fifth edition combines powerful tools and techniques with real-world examples and all-new chapters on using social media for communication and service recovery, owning service encounters, responding

positively to negative feedback, and more. The book provides readers with proven tips and strategies for:

- Exceeding customer needs and expectations
- Determining the right times to bend or break the rules
- Becoming fantastic fixers and powerful problem-solvers
- Using the RATER factors to wow your customers
- Understanding cultural and generational differences
- Becoming a listening post
- Coping effectively with "customers from hell"

With people surrounded by more choices and information than ever before, true customer loyalty has become increasingly difficult to attain. Combining timeless wisdom and up-to-the-minute methods, *Delivering Knock Your Socks Off Service* is the book no customer service professional can afford to be without.

Recounts the history of the department store chain noted for its emphasis on customer service, and describes its business and personnel policies

The must-read summary of Robert Spector and Patrick McCarthy's book: "The Nordstrom Way: Inside America's #1 Customer Service Company". This complete summary of the ideas from Robert Spector and Patrick McCarthy's book "The Nordstrom Way" explains the philosophy of this company on doing whatever it takes to create a satisfied customer. In their book, the authors demonstrate how Nordstrom organizes and empowers its employees to use their initiative in practice. Thanks to this freedom, employees find innovative and appropriate ways to provide customers with knock-out levels of service. This summary provides the reader with useful knowledge about how to deliver amazing customer service and is a must-read for all leaders who want their company to be successful. Added-value of this summary:

- Save time
- Understand key concepts
- Expand your knowledge

To learn more, read "The Nordstrom Way" and find out how you can learn from the world's best customer service company and achieve excellence.

Der Fotograf Brandon Stanton begann im Sommer 2010 das ehrgeizige Projekt, ein fotografisches Porträt von New York City zu erschaffen. Aus den daraus entstandenen Fotos und Interviews wurde der Blog Humans of New York mit aktuell über 14 Millionen Fans auf Facebook. Das 2013 veröffentlichte Buch *Humans of New York*, das auf dem Blog basierte, schoss sofort an die Spitze der New York Times-Bestsellerliste und blieb dort für über 45 Wochen. Nun ist Brandon Stanton zurück, mit dem Buch, auf das alle gewartet haben: *Humans of New York: Die besten Storys*. Seit Stanton angefangen hatte, Menschen in den Straßen von New York zu interviewen, war der Dialog mit ihnen genauso detailliert, faszinierend und bewegend gewesen wie die Fotos selbst. *Humans of New York: Die besten Storys* zeigt völlig neue Personen in großartigen Fotos mit längeren, tiefergehenden Geschichten, die mit noch mehr Offenheit überraschen und uns aufs Neue erstaunen.

The new edition of this essential resource in organizational behavior provides a balanced framework to understand the impact of increasing dynamism and complexity, the importance of collaboration, and the implications for organizational strategy. Covering both psychological and sociological perspectives on organizational behavior, this clearly written and presented textbook offers a comprehensive review of classic organizational behavior theories and approaches, illustrated with updated case studies. The sixth edition includes new material on ethical considerations; international contexts, with renewed attention to Africa and Asia; environmental pressures and responses; groups and intergroup processes; and the vital importance of building change readiness in any organization. Upper-level business and technology students, as well as professionals in executive education courses, will find the book a useful guide to all facets of organizational behavior. A companion website, featuring an instructor manual, test bank, and PowerPoint slides, provides additional support for students and instructors.

Introduction -- Trust -- Respect -- Loyalty -- Awareness -- Humility -- Communication and collaboration -- Competition and compensation -- Innovation and adaptation -- Give back and have fun

Set aside trends to focus on the fundamentals of great leadership *Reframing Organizations* provides time-tested guidance for more effective organizational leadership. Rooted in decades of social science research across multiple disciplines, Bolman and Deal's four-frame model has continued to evolve since its conception over 25 years ago; this new sixth edition has been updated to include coverage of cross-sector collaboration, generational differences, virtual environments, globalization, sustainability, and communication across cultures. The Instructor's guide has been expanded to provide additional tools for the classroom, including chapter summary tip sheets, mini-assessments, Bolman & Deal podcasts, and more. These recent revisions reflect the intersection of reader recommendations and the current leadership environment, resulting in a renewed practicality and even greater alignment with everyday application. Combining the latest research from organizational theory, organizational behavior, psychology, sociology, political science and more, the model detailed here provides real guidance for real leaders. Guide, motivate, and inspire your team's best performance as you learn to:

- Optimize group, team, and organizational structure
- Build a positive, collaborative dynamic across generations, teams, and sectors
- Understand power and conflict amidst the internal and external political landscape
- Shape your organization's culture and build a cohesive sense of spirit

Bolman and Deal's four-frame model has withstood the test of time because it offers an accessible, compact, and powerful set of ideas for navigating complexity and turbulence. In today's business climate, leadership trends come and go; today's flash in the pan is tomorrow's obsolete strategy, but a leadership framework built on a solid foundation will serve your organization well no matter what the future holds. *Reframing Organizations* provides clear guidance and up-to-date insight for anyone facing the challenges of contemporary leadership.

With a foreword by Alex Osterwalder. The future of work is already here. Customers are adopting disruptive technologies faster than your company can adapt. When your customers are delighted, they can amplify your message in ways that were never before possible. But when your company's performance runs short of what you've promised, customers can seize control of your brand message, spreading their disappointment and frustration faster than you can keep up. To keep pace with today's connected customers, your company must become a connected company. That means deeply engaging with workers, partners, and customers, changing how work is done, how you measure success, and how performance is rewarded. It requires a new way of

thinking about your company: less like a machine to be controlled, and more like a complex, dynamic system that can learn and adapt over time. Connected companies have the advantage, because they learn and move faster than their competitors. While others work in isolation, they link into rich networks of possibility and expand their influence. Connected companies around the world are aggressively acquiring customers and disrupting the competition. In *The Connected Company*, we examine what they're doing, how they're doing it, and why it works. And we show you how your company can use the same principles to adapt—and thrive—in today's ever-changing global marketplace.

The Nordstrom Way shows the direct link between empowering your employees and creating a long-term relationship with your customers. More businesses should follow Nordstrom's example. —Howard Schultz, Chairman, Starbucks Coffee
Virtually every company wants to be the Nordstrom of their industry. Nordstrom is one of only five companies to make Fortune's "best companies to work for" and "most admired" list every year the surveys have been taken. Despite its position in the hard-hit retail sector, Nordstrom, with 193 stores in 28 states, never experienced a quarterly loss during the recent economic downturn. *The Nordstrom Way to Customer Service, Second Edition* explains what every business can learn from the world's most famous customer-service-driven company. New material in this revised edition includes: "How To Become The Nordstrom Of Your Industry" Tools for creating a customer-driven culture Chapters on Nordstrom's online customer service and the innovative social commerce features of its website Breakthroughs on Nordstrom's multi-channel approach to customer service Nordstrom follows a set of principles that has made it a leader in its industry. Discover what endears Nordstrom to its customers, and learn how to apply those same standards to your company.

A new "how-to" version of a customer service classic First published in 1995, *The Nordstrom Way* has consistently been one of the bestselling backlist books on customer service, with over 100,000 copies sold. This new book replaces *The Nordstrom Way* with an even more practical guide to becoming the "Nordstrom" of your industry. It is designed for customer service managers and trainers, who will find it an invaluable resource for designing their own training programs. Through training exercises, hiring questionnaires, and customer service development tools, the authors not only explain the

You probably have a fairly good idea of what it took to construct the building in which your congregation meets. First, there was a recognized need for a building, followed by a budget, blueprints, fund-raising, construction workers, and building materials, and voil! The structure proudly stands as a monument to the effective implementation of a well-thought-out plan.

From the New York Times bestselling author and top pollster Dr. Frank Luntz comes an unprecedented examination of communication excellence and how top performers win in all areas of human endeavor by utilizing superb communication skills. From Mike Bloomberg and Arnold Schwarzenegger to business icons Rupert Murdoch, Steve Wynn, and Fred Smith; to the CEOs of MGM Resorts, J. Crew, and Gibson Guitar; to legendary sports superstars like Larry Bird, Jimmy Connors, and Mike Richter; to media legends Roger Ailes, Don Imus, and dozens more, Luntz tells their stories--in their own words--and demonstrates how their style of operation and communication is absolutely essential to their success. Luntz makes it clear that following the rules of effective communication is indispensable in any successful human endeavor. Dr. Luntz offers more than seventy new "words that work" for private one-on-one meetings with your boss, for public presentations to hundreds of colleagues, or for television appearances that reach millions. There are more than three dozen specific lessons and recommendations--and each one directly illustrates the nine essential action-oriented principles of winning at every level: People-Centered, Paradigm-Breaking, Prioritizing, Perfection, Partnerships, Passion, Persuasion, Persistence, and Principled Actions. Do you have what it takes Win is an unprecedented examination of the art, science, and language of winning, and a must-have for people who want to understand and emulate the winners of today. THE DEFINITION OF WINNING The ability to grasp the human dimension of every situation The ability to know what questions to ask and when to ask them The ability to see the challenge, and the solution, from every angle The ability to communicate their vision passionately and persuasively The ability to connect with others and create an enduring chemistry and 10 other universal attributes of winners.

"Great retailers are great at service. No exceptions. This book offers a wealth of insight into delivering excellent retail service."

---Leonard L. Berry, Distinguished Professor of Marketing, N.B. Zale Chair in Retailing and Market Leadership, Mays Business School, Texas A&M University "With a growing understanding of service as a phenomenon and perspective of business and marketing, retailers are increasingly seeing the need to transform from distribution of products to service providers. This book includes considerable insight regarding the importance of the service perspective and how it can be implemented in retailing."

--Christian Grönroos, Professor of Service and Relationship Marketing, CERS Centre for Relationship Marketing and Service Management, Hanken School of Economics, Finland "Consisting of chapters written by leading scholars in service management and retailing from around the world, this comprehensive book offers rich insights for how retailers can excel and achieve sustainable competitive advantage by invoking and implementing service management principles. This enlightening book is a valuable resource for students, researchers and practitioners with an interest in retailing." --A. "Parasu" Parasuraman, Professor of Marketing & The James W. McLamore Chair, School of Business Administration, University of Miami Coral Gables, Florida

"Service excellence and service innovation are critical for success in today's competitive retail marketplace. *Service Management: The New Paradigm in Retailing* provides a contemporary and transformative lens for accomplishing these essential goals." --Mary Jo Bitner, Professor, Director Center for Services Leadership, W.P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University

Gibt es ein Rezept für Verkaufserfolg? Die meisten Führungskräfte im Vertrieb verweisen hier zuerst auf eine gute Kundenbeziehung – und sie liegen falsch damit. Die besten Verkäufer versuchen nicht nur einfach eine gute Beziehung zu ihren Kunden aufzubauen – sie stellen primär die Denkweisen und Überzeugungen ihrer Kunden in Frage. Basierend auf einer umfassenden Studie mit mehreren tausend Vertriebsmitarbeitern in unterschiedlichen Branchen und Ländern, zeigt *The Challenger Sale*, dass das klassische vertriebliche Vorgehen mit dem Aufbau von Beziehungen immer weniger funktioniert, je komplexer die Lösungen sind. Doch wie unterscheiden sich Fertigkeiten, Verhaltensweisen, Wissen und Einstellung der Spitzenverkäufer vom Durchschnitt? Die Studie zeigt deutlich, dass die Verhaltensweisen, die den Challenger so erfolgreich machen, replizierbar und strukturiert vermittelbar sind. Die Autoren erklären, wie fast jeder Verkäufer, ausgestattet mit den richtigen Werkzeugen, diesen Ansatz erfolgreich umsetzen kann und so höhere Kundenbindung und letztendlich mehr Wachstum generiert. Das Buch ist eine Quelle der Inspiration und hilft dem Leser, sein Profil als Vertriebler zu analysieren und gezielt zu verändern, um am Ende kreativer und besser zu sein.

Griffin/VanFleet, *MANAGEMENT SKILLS: ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENT*, 1E, offers a comprehensive, real world

approach to mastering the skills needed for a career in management. Because instructors often express the difficulty of creating an active learning environment, this text offers an active, not passive, way for students to learn management skills by challenging students to be self-reflective and asking them to complete numerous assessments, exercises, cases, and other activities. The authors also address another major concern instructors have about students being visual learners by providing a unique Visualize the Skill section not found in any other text. To better enable students to learn about management, chapters are organized in an easy-to-follow format that contains: Assessing Your Skills (pre-assessment scales); Learning About the Skills (concept portion of the text); Practicing Your Skills (exercises); Using Your Skills (case analysis); Extending Your Skills (group and individual exercises); Visualizing the Skills (video exercises); Your Skills Now (assessing skills after working through the chapter); and Interpretations (scoring keys and comparison data). Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Seine Firma Bridgewater Associates ist der größte Hedgefonds der Welt, er selbst gehört zu den Top 50 der reichsten Menschen auf dem Planeten: Ray Dalio. Seit 40 Jahren führt er sein Unternehmen so erfolgreich, dass ihn Generationen von Nachwuchsbankern wie einen Halbgott verehren. Mit "Die Prinzipien des Erfolgs" erlaubt er erstmals einen Blick in seine sonst so hermetisch abgeriegelte Welt. Seine Beobachtungen aus dem Geschäftsleben hielt Ray Dalio schon als junger Unternehmer in einem Notizbuch fest. Das war die Geburtsstunde seiner gut 200 "Prinzipien", die mit diesem Buch erstmals gebündelt vorliegen und kaum weniger als die Essenz des geradezu unheimlichen Erfolgs von Ray Dalio und seiner Firma darstellen. Kern dieser Prinzipien ist eine stetige Verbesserung durch radikale Transparenz und Wahrhaftigkeit, eine Art "Ideen-Meritokratie", also eine Atmosphäre, in der sich die besten Ideen durchsetzen. Die einzigartigen Prinzipien, mithilfe derer jeder den Weg des Erfolgs einschlagen kann, und die mitunter harten Lektionen, die ihn sein einzigartiges System errichten ließen, hat Ray Dalio auf eine bisher noch nie dagewesene, unkonventionelle Weise zusammengetragen.

Retailing is one of the biggest and most important sectors in today's economy. Graduates who are seeking a career in the sector will therefore require a solid knowledge of its core principles. The Principles of Retailing Second Edition is a topical, engaging and authoritative update of a hugely successful textbook by three leading experts in retail management designed to be a digestible introduction to retailing for management and marketing students. The previous edition was praised for the quality of its coverage, the clarity of its style and the strength of its sections on operation and supply chain issues such as buying and logistics, which are often neglected by other texts. This new edition has been comprehensively reworked in response to the rapid changes to the industry, including the growth of online retail and the subsequent decline of physical retail space and new technologies that improve customer experience and help track consumer behaviour. It also builds upon the authors' research over the last decade with new chapters on offshore sourcing and CSR and product management in addition to considerable revisions to existing chapters to highlight changes in online retailing and e-tail logistics, retail branding, retail security, internationalisation and the fashion supply chain. This edition will also be supported by a collection of online teaching materials to help tutors spend less time preparing and more time teaching.

The most successful families have strong values that are deeply rooted in emotional bonds and shared history. These values have important underpinnings to decisions that are made each day, from how we treat people to strong strategic decisions made in business. This book shows readers how to tap into core values and use them for strategic advantage. Family Business Values covers: * how values bring power to the family business, * how family values can strengthen day-to-day operation, * how values can help to resolve conflicts within the family and between family and business, * how to identify and articulate genuine family values, * how to nurture and pass on values in the family and the business * how to renew and reinterpret values to retain their productive power in today's fast-changing world, and much more.

Attracting Perfect Customers leads readers through a transformation as they learn that it is no longer productive or profitable to conduct business using warlike marketing techniques such as "targeting" customers and "outmaneuvering" the competition. In fact, these techniques seem both outdated and labor-intensive when compared to the Strategic Synchronicity process, which requires just five minutes of planning each day. Strategic Synchronicity is based on nine principles that are not new but are often neglected in today's business world. Among them are the ideas that businesses don't need to search for customers if they are "on purpose"; that collaboration, not competition, is required; and that businesses create their own "clients from hell".

This book focuses on the customer service principles espoused by the Nordstrom department store chain, a legend in retailing and customer service. It shows how the Nordstrom customer service culture can work in any company or industry -- computer repair centers, bicycle shops, medical clinics, credit unions, and more. The book features case studies from many companies that have successfully adopted and adapted the lessons from The Nordstrom Way, the author's successful book about the founding of Nordstrom and the beliefs the Nordstrom family imparts to its employees. Helps other companies apply Nordstrom's principles to their own customer service practices Provides lessons on how to find and focus on customer needs, follow-up, and ensure customer satisfaction

While most books on marketing and services are readable, very few take the student's viewpoint and set out to answer the question Is it understandable? in the affirmative. This book and its pedagogy has been designed precisely with this in mind: v Design: The book has a consistency of design that is innovative, with aesthetic appeals. v Opening and Closing Cases: Every chapter begins and ends with a case. The cases introduce the primary theme and issues discussed in the chapter and closes with analytical tasks for the students. The cases are original, pertaining to Indian situations, companies and protagonists, helping the Indian students to connect. v Objectives: Every chapter has clear learning expectations, get a glimpse of the chapter context and their respective importance. v End-of-chapter Questions: The

questions are many and have been designed carefully to enhance learning for the students. There are elements of research, project work, and academic exercises in them. v Illustrations: The book is generous with pleasing and informative charts, tables and diagrams. v Glossary: The Appendix at the end of the book contains a glossary of services and marketing terminologies. v Marketing models: In addition to the text, the appendix also contains major marketing models mentioned in the text, which are frequently used by the marketers. v How to do cases: The Appendix also contains an useful section for all students a template for case discussion and analysis. There are four parts in the book. Part I takes an overview look at the major differences between services and goods and their characteristics, classifications and different models. It methodically analyses the section on the local, domestic and international conditions and environment factors that have affected services. It also examines the importance of Relationship Marketing in services. Part II examines in-depth the marketing of services. It looks sweepingly and with depth at marketing planning and strategy, service buying behaviour, knowledge management and marketing research in services, and the seven marketing mix variables for services. Part III is about the assessment of service delivery and customer relationship management. Part IV deals exclusively with comprehensive service cases. The cases are in addition to the opening and closing cases. The book lucidly explains the basic concepts of services and marketing and fills a long-standing need of the students for a book on both services and marketing.

Am Beginn einer jeden Erfolgsgeschichte steht eine einfache Frage: Warum? Warum sind manche Organisationen profitabler als andere? Warum werden einige Führungskräfte von ihren Mitarbeitern mehr geschätzt und andere weniger? Warum sind manche Menschen in der Lage, immer und immer wieder erfolgreich zu sein? In seinem Bestseller, der nun zum ersten Mal in deutscher Sprache erscheint, zeigt Simon Sinek, dass erfolgreiche Persönlichkeiten wie Martin Luther King Jr. oder Steve Jobs alle nach demselben, natürlichen Muster dachten, handelten und kommunizierten. Am Anfang ihres Wirkens stand immer die Frage nach dem Warum. Mit diesem Ansatz schafften sie es, bedeutende Dinge zu vollbringen und darüber hinaus ihre Mitstreiter zu inspirieren. Sich an diesen Vorbildern orientierend, gibt Sinek in seinem Ratgeber nun Führungskräften, Unternehmen, aber auch Privatpersonen einen Leitfaden an die Hand, der zum endgültigen Erfolg verhilft. Dabei erklärt er das so erfolgreiche Muster, welches dem goldenen Schnitt ähnlich ist, und auf den drei elementaren Fragen basiert: Warum? Wie? Was? Dadurch eröffnen sich dem Leser völlig neue Möglichkeiten und er wird lernen, dass die Motivierung von Mitarbeitern viel zielführender ist als ihre Manipulation! Und dies geht ganz einfach: einfach "Warum?" fragen.

First published in 1995, The Nordstrom Way is a classic guide to great customer service. This new book replaces The Nordstrom Way with an even more practical guide to becoming the "Nordstrom" of your industry. Designed for customer service managers and trainers, as well as business owners, it's an invaluable resource for designing your own programs and initiatives. The authors not only explain the principles of the world's best customer service company, they also show you how to implement them in your own organization. The Nordstrom Way to Customer Service Excellence will help your business make customers its number one concern, and help make your business number one in your industry.

Bücher zur Produktentwicklung gibt es viele. Dennoch ist die Quote an Flops immens. Mit Alexander Osterwalders »Value Proposition Design« wäre das nicht passiert! Der Erfinder von »Business Model Generation« liefert die kreative Bauanleitung für innovative Produkte. Sein Ziel: Schluss mit sinnlosen Dingen, die keiner will. Mit Osterwalders bewährtem Canvas-Konzept entsteht spielerisch die perfekte Passform zwischen Produkt und Kunde. Praxisorientiert zeigt das Buch, wie aus der Idee ein Must-have wird. Ein Onlineservice mit Tools, Tests und Fallstudien sowie die Schnittstelle zur Business-Model-Generation-Community ergänzen das Powerpaket. Der neue Osterwalder mit Haben-wollen-Effekt!

Emotionale Intelligenz ist ein wichtiger Faktor im Berufs- und Privatleben. Sie spielt nachweislich für Erfolg und Misserfolg der Karriere eine größere Rolle als die fachliche Qualifikation. Dennoch wissen nur die wenigsten Menschen, wie sie ihren EQ steigern und so ihre Kommunikationsfähigkeiten und beruflichen Entwicklungsmöglichkeiten entscheidend verbessern können. Dieses Buch vermittelt einen Aktionsplan mit einfachen und sofort anwendbaren Strategien und Übungen. Schritt für Schritt werden die für einen hohen EQ erforderlichen Basisfähigkeiten Eigenwahrnehmung, Selbstkontrolle, Wahrnehmung anderer und Beziehungsmanagement erarbeitet und verbessert. Eine objektive Beurteilung der eigenen Fähigkeiten ist online mit dem beliebten Emotional-Intelligence-Appraisal®-Test möglich; mit seiner Hilfe können in regelmäßigen Abständen die Fortschritte nachvollzogen werden. Dieses kompakte Praxisbuch macht emotionale Intelligenz fernab komplizierter Theorie greifbar und in einfachen Schritten erlernbar – für jedermann.

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