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Emotional Business Ravi Rao 2012-06-27 If youve ever felt ignored as a customer, humiliated by a teammate, drained by workplace politics, or painfully isolated in a big company, then youve experienced the business effects of emotional disconnection. In todays knowledge-driven and service centered economy, emotional excellence isnt idealism. It is a practical necessity for growth and retaining superior talent. The Industrial Revolution is over, and the Emotional Revolution has now begun. Recognizing that emotion is part of the fabric of human biology, the hundred billion neurons in every brain can be emotionally engaged to: Evoke intense customer passion to boost sales Eliminate the financial self-destruction of infighting Excite employees to care for each other to ensure effectiveness Written for anyone from the small business employee to the corporate CEO, this step-by step guidebook contains dozens of practical checklists and examples to immediately create connection with customers and colleagues. If you get the emotions right, you get the business right.

The Modern Seller Amy Franko 2020-12-10 Welcome to the new sales economy: the ever-changing intersection of business trends, technology, and cultural dynamics. It's disruptive. It's transformational. It's also full of opportunity. Left-field competition. Commoditization. App-like mindsets. Less loyalty. More decision makers. Faster ROI expectations. All of this has shifted what our prospects and clients need to succeed, and how they want to interact with and buy from us. This evolution in professional selling challenges everything for sales leaders and sales professionals-how to win new clients, grow existing business, and deliver sales results. In The Modern Seller, Amy Franko explains the factors behind this challenging new sales economy and its impact on customers, sellers, and leaders. She explains why it demands a modern seller: one who is a recognized differentiator, extends the value of his or her company's offerings, and is viewed by his or her clients as the competitive advantage in their success. Franko explains the Five Dimensions of the Modern Seller, which will become your blueprint for success in modern selling. These Five Dimensions-agile, entrepreneurial, holistic, social, and ambassador-will 10X the effectiveness of your sales activities and results. Through research, stories of her own personal journey, as well as anecdotes of other modern sellers, Frank offers specific and actionable strategies for sales professionals and leaders. You'll deliver top results and impact.

The Consultant's Handbook Samir Parikh 2015-05-21 Delivers the essential practical skills needed to consult and make sharp, well prepared interactions in a wide range of business situations This comprehensive handbook covers the fundamental skills and attitudes required by successful consultants from novice to practitioner level, irrespective of their specialist area. It untangles the key variables present in any consulting service and introduces practical ways to improve their effectiveness based upon the author's experience of helping consulting organisations to develop and excel in the marketplace. The book explores consulting 'from the ground up' steering away from theory and focusing instead on practical application, providing a solid platform upon which to build further domain-specific competence. The Consultant's Handbook provides: An understanding of the key variables that can be addressed in order to improve one's own consulting performance A set of simple practices that

can be implemented with immediate benefit to the reader Practical insight into day-to-day real life consulting interactions Confidence to implement the new ideas and approaches

Linkedin Riches John Nemo 2014-04-02 What if there was a lead generation strategy or platform available online where you could literally wake up each morning to an inbox overflowing with fresh, hot leads? What if around the clock you had a system that brought you qualified prospects looking to buy exactly the type of product or service you were offering? What if all of that happened without you having to leave your desk? What if this system, this new way of generating leads, freed you up to do the things you loved because it took less time, less expense and less effort than everything else you've ever tried? If you're interested in having that vision become a reality, then you need to read this book! Because I'm going to show you EXACTLY how I made more than \$135,000 in just 90 days using LinkedIn. I did it all by myself, and I did it all inside a tiny niche. This isn't some get-rich-quick scheme or "push a button and make money" type approach. Rather, it's about understanding how to enhance your personal brand, how to leverage LinkedIn's built-in advantages and how to apply the specific type of selling psychology that generates nonstop leads and customers when done correctly. The simple formula I'll teach you works in any niche, takes just a few minutes a day to apply and drives targeted, ready-to-buy prospects to your virtual front door. It doesn't matter what your experience level is when it comes to LinkedIn - literally anyone can do this! Find out RIGHT NOW just how easy it is! Inside This Book You'll Discover: - How to ensure your LinkedIn profile ranks #1 in your niche or industry. - How to instantly locate your ideal prospects on LinkedIn no matter what industry you're in. - How to engage your ideal prospects on LinkedIn by creating instant likability and trust. - How to create content on LinkedIn that establishes your credibility and attracts your ideal prospects - How to turn LinkedIn Groups into your own personal ATM Machine. - How to move new LinkedIn connections from prospects to paying customers as quickly as possible.

Book Yourself Solid Michael Port 2006-04-28 **Book Yourself Solid**-now in paperback-is a complete instructional guide for starting and growing a successful service business. It gives you simple, yet effective techniques for creating relentless demand and endless leads. It includes more than 200 proven marketing strategies for attracting new clients, earning more referrals, and building profitable, long-lasting professional relationships. If you want to take your service business to the next level, start here and **Book Yourself Solid**.

Find Your Red Thread Tamsen Webster 2021-05-17 You have a terrific idea. You know it is so powerful that it could change a life, a market, or even the world. There's just one problem: others can't, or don't, see it... yet.

The Consulting Bible Alan Weiss 2021-06-22 The new edition of bestselling real-world guide to consultancy success, from the "Rock Star of Consulting" Alan Weiss The second edition of **The Consulting Bible: Everything You Need to Know to Create and Expand a Seven-Figure Consulting Practice** remains the most comprehensive and practical guide to the consulting profession, from launch to high growth, from marketing to implementation. Legendary consultant, speaker, and bestselling author Alan Weiss shows you how to create an independent or boutique consulting practice and take it to seven-figure success. Step-by-step, this invaluable resource guides you through attracting clients, maximizing your value, and achieving your career goals. In the decade since the first publication of **The Consulting Bible**, an array of significant developments has dramatically impacted the consulting profession: shifts in social consciousness, the Covid-19 pandemic, tele-consulting and virtual meetings, the globalization of the economy, the growth of social media, and many more. This exhaustively revised new edition provides specific approaches and techniques for mastering the new consulting environment and turning volatility and disruption into unlimited opportunities. Designed to help you become the authority and expert that organizations turn to again and again, this book is your one-stop resource for: Building a strong global brand that draws people to you Marketing remotely to reduce costs and allow for higher fees Mastering the latest implementation techniques Forging strong relationships with the buyers of a new generation Selecting the consulting methodology that best fits your requirements Writing proposals and creating testimonials and references Using advanced technology to sell and deliver your services Written for newcomers and veterans alike, **The Consulting Bible: Everything You Need to Know to Create and Expand a Seven-Figure Consulting Practice, Second Edition**, is essential reading for every solo consultant, entrepreneur, and principal of a small consulting firm.

Radical Relevance: Sharpen Your Marketing Message - Cut Through the Noise - Win More Ideal Clients Bill Cates 2019-09-15 **Sharpen Your Marketing Message - Cut Through the Noise - Win More Ideal Clients** **Radical Relevance** will help you cut through the daily barrage of message overload your prospects experience, to reach the right people at the right time with the right message. You will learn principles, strategies, and tangible tactics to help you: - Craft an irresistible marketing message that attracts the attention of your ideal clients. - Create a Unique Selling Proposition that makes you look different and separates you from your competition. - Brand your business through the problems you solve and the opportunities you create. - Create and deliver an Elevator Pitch that is authentic and compelling. - Reach more high-level prospects who need your value. - Persuade and move prospects to action so they follow your recommendations. - Build a more profitable, fulfilling, and enjoyable business. **RADICAL RELEVANCE** is filled with value proposition examples and unique branding case studies. **RADICAL RELEVANCE** is your road map to growing your

business in a crowded and noisy marketplace. RADICAL RELEVANCE is about finding the bullseye for your business. You start with a relentless passion for truly knowing your clients - for identifying and solving their critical challenges and maximizing their opportunities. You narrow your focus to define a clear and profitable target market. Then, you zero-in to identify your Right-Fit Clients(TM). Continually tightening up your focus allows you to sharpen your marketing message - to cut through all the noise in the marketplace and resonate with your prospects - to capture their attention and compel them to take action. RADICAL RELEVANCE is about solving the right problems, with the right product or service, for the right people, with the right message, through the right medium, at just the right time. RADICAL RELEVANCE is not a theory. It's your path to exponential growth. Your radically relevant message will be irresistible to just the right prospects, compelling them to follow your recommendations, while simultaneously repelling those prospects who aren't a perfect fit for your business. BILL CATES, CSP, CPAE is an internationally recognized client-acquisition expert and highly sought-after speaker. Elected by his peers into the Professional Speakers Hall of Fame, Bill has delivered his impactful, high-energy message on six continents to more than half a million professionals, executives, and business owners. Bill is the author of three Best Sellers: Get More Referrals Now, Don't Keep Me a Secret, and Beyond Referrals. Through his presentations, consulting, coaching, and video-based training programs, Bill shows businesses of all sizes how to increase revenue without increasing their marketing budgets. A successful entrepreneur, Bill built and sold two successful companies before turning his attention to businesses and professionals create irresistible value propositions. When Bill isn't working, he's planning his next adventure. Bill has trekked through the Himalayas of Nepal and the Andes of Peru, camped in the Arctic Circle, lived on a houseboat in Kashmir, and toured the country as a drummer in a rock and roll band. It's time to take a stand with your value It's time to get Radically Relevant BE RELEVANT OR BE IGNORED BE COMPELLING OR BE FORGOTTEN

Technology Consultant Fast Track Eetu Niemi 2021-03-28 Jumpstart your IT job search and land your dream job while your peers are still "freshening up" their resumes! Proven techniques to land your dream job as a high-paid IT consultant-you don't want to miss these, if you are serious about a career in IT! Answers to IT consulting career questions most people fail to ask; actionable advice and real-life stories from seasoned IT consultants! As a fresh graduate looking for your first job, if you just do what almost everybody else is doing...you will land a hellhole job with lousy pay, long hours, nasty coworkers, and exclusively clients from hell (because you thought it was your only option to go forward in your career). If you are serious and can apply simple instructions, this book can help you become a high-paid IT consultant in your dream job by the end of the month! If you already have your first or second job in the field of IT, or even have 20 years of work experience, this book will tell you what a great option a career in IT consulting can be. With this book, you can find out why your current job is not satisfying your career aspirations and turn your career around for the better! Containing lessons from a PhD with 12 years of experience and 15 000 billable hours from Accenture and Coala, this is the book movers and shakers in the IT industry are talking about. Recommended by university professors, last-year students, as well as seasoned consultants. Even my mom says you have to read this book or you have to answer to her! By reading this book, you will learn What your college professor didn't tell you about the consulting business The Pro's and Con's of a career in technology consulting What other options do you have besides working for one of the global consulting giants such as Accenture, Capgemini, Deloitte, Ernst & Young (EY), KPMG, or PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) The must-have characteristics to succeed in IT consulting (if you don't have these, you are doomed to FAIL!) How to find your money-making niche in IT consulting How to get the best results with the least possible effort in your job search Best ways to prepare for the job interview in 30 minutes or less What questions to ask in the interview to avoid nasty surprises when you are selected Hear what others are saying: ????? "The book gives a strong and realistic description of IT consultancy. Thus, every IT student should read the book before they graduate as it will increase their probability of landing a dream job." Samuli Pekkola, Professor, PhD, in Information Systems Sciences, Tampere University ????? "The book gives insight into technology consulting and provides great tips for job search. I believe it will be very valuable when I start looking for a position in IT. The section on how to stand out as a candidate for a job was an eyeopener." Saku Sikiö, Information Systems Student, University of Jyväskylä ????? "This is the book I would have needed on the verge of graduation!" Teijo Kelder, MSc, Quality Consultant and Agile Coach ????? "If you are serious about IT consultancy as a profession, this book is a must-read! As a recruiter, I would prefer that applicants would better understand what this is all about." Petteri Laamanen, MSc, CEO & Founder, Coala ????? "This book gave me valuable insights into the IT consultant's working life, making it easier to consider the pros and cons in relation to my own values and goals." Janita Kingelin, MSc, Marketing Manager, SoulCore ? If you want great results in your technology consultant job search, get this book right now! ?

The Irresistible Consultant's Guide to Winning Clients David Fields 2017-01-31 Learn the fundamentals of attracting clients, and catapult your business to new levels! An Insider's Guide to Building a Successful Consulting Practice Bruce L. KATCHER Ph.D. 2010-03-15 Whether you're a beginner just starting up a consulting practice, or a veteran looking for ways to invigorate your existing business, An Insider's Guide to Building a Successful Consulting Practice is an invaluable resource. Featuring real stories from consultants in diverse industries, the book offers simple yet powerful ways to: Identify a market and narrow your focus • Make a smooth transition from employee to independent consultant • Sell effectively even if you've never sold before • Establish visibility through speaking, writing, and networking • Build credibility by

leveraging the credibility of others • Set prices based on value • Develop a marketing strategy and divide your time between marketing and delivering your services • Keep plenty of work in your pipeline • Adapt and thrive in any market condition • And much more Complete with the results of an original survey of 200 successful independent consultants, this handy guide provides the kind of real-life advice you need to build a thriving business.

Consulting Success Michael Zipursky 2018-10-16 How can you take your skills and expertise and package and present it to become a successful consultant? There are proven time-tested principles, strategies, tactics and best-practices the most successful consultants use to start, run and grow their consulting business. Consulting Success teaches you what they are. In this book you'll learn: - How to position yourself as a leading expert and authority in your marketplace - Effective marketing and branding materials that get the attention of your ideal clients - Strategies to increase your fees and earn more with every project - The proposal template that has generated millions of dollars in consulting engagements - How to develop a pipeline of business and attract ideal clients - Productivity secrets for consultants including how to get more done in one week than most people do in a month - And much, much more

Getting Naked Patrick M. Lencioni 2010-02-02 Another extraordinary business fable from the New York Times bestselling author Patrick Lencioni Written in the same dynamic style as his previous bestsellers including The Five Dysfunctions of a Team, Lencioni illustrates the principles of inspiring client loyalty through a fascinating business fable. He explains the theory of vulnerability in depth and presents concrete steps for putting it to work in any organization. The story follows a small consulting firm, Lighthouse Partners, which often beats out big-name competitors for top clients. One such competitor buys out Lighthouse and learns important lessons about what it means to provide value to its clients. Offers a key resource for gaining competitive advantage in tough times Shows why the quality of vulnerability is so important in business Includes ideas for inspiring customer and client loyalty Written by the highly successful consultant and business writer Patrick Lencioni This new book in the popular Lencioni series shows what it takes to gain a real and lasting competitive edge.

The 4 Jeff Shore 2012-10-01

The Ultimate Marketing Engine John Jantsch 2021-09-21 A step-by-step system for creating customers and clients for life. In a world that's difficult for business professionals to cut through noise to create relationships with their customers, organizations that focus on converting their customers to members and helping them achieve lasting transformation rather than simply offering the transaction of the moment are winning. The Ultimate Marketing Engine teaches you how to develop a system to take every customer from where they are to where they want to be by building on the innovative principles first brought to the marketing world in Duct Tape Marketing and honed over three decades of working with thousands of businesses. In this book, you will learn: Why strategy must come before tactics. How to narrow your focus and choose only ideal customers. Why no one wants what you sell – and what they actually want. How to use story and narrative as the voice of strategy. How to construct the perfect customer journey. How to grow your business with your customers. This book introduces the Customer Success Track, an innovative new approach to marketing strategy that will transform how you view your business, your marketing and how you view every customer. The Ultimate Marketing Engine will help you take control of your marketing while creating ridiculously consistent business growth.

Clients for Life Andrew Sobel 2001-02-21 Finally, the book that all professionals frustrated with fleeting client loyalty and relentless price pressure have waited for -- the first in-depth, client-tested guide to developing lasting business relationships. What separates extraordinary professionals from ordinary ones? Why are some professionals always drawn into their clients' inner circle of advisers, while others are employed on a one-shot basis and treated like vendors? Based on groundbreaking research, Clients for Life sets forth a comprehensive framework for how professionals in all fields can develop breakthrough relationships with their clients and enjoy enduring client loyalty. Drawing on insights from extensive interviews with both leading CEOs and today's most prominent client advisers, Jagdish Sheth and Andrew Sobel debunk the conventional wisdom about professional success -- "find a specialty, do good work" -- as hopelessly inadequate in a world where clients have unlimited access to information and expertise. The authors replace these tired conventions with an innovative blueprint, supported by over one hundred case studies and examples drawn from consulting, financial services, law, technology, and other fields, for how you can evolve from an expert for hire -- a commodity -- to an extraordinary adviser. Riveting portraits of both exceptional contemporary professionals and legendary advisers such as Aristotle, Thomas More, Niccolò Machiavelli, and J. P. Morgan reveal how great client relationships are achieved in practice. Readers will learn, for example, to develop selfless independence, which tempers complete emotional, intellectual, and financial independence with a powerful commitment to client needs; to become deep generalists and overcome the narrow perspective caused by specialization; to systematically build lifelong trust; and to cultivate the power of synthesis -- big-picture thinking -- that is so highly valued by clients. Acclaimed by leading management thinkers, Clients for Life clearly illustrates the most important attributes and strategies of extraordinary client advisers and shows how you can use them to enrich your own relationships. It provides sophisticated professionals with the tools and insights they need to reap the rewards of

lifetime client loyalty.

Lingo Jeffrey Shaw 2018-01-30 The fastest, easiest, and most profitable way to have a successful business is to work with your ideal customers. They value your offering and pay you what it's worth and they are a joy to serve. But how can you rise above the noise in a crowded marketplace to attract these customers? You learn to speak their secret language. In LINGO, serial entrepreneur, business coach, and host of Creative Warriors podcast, Jeffrey Shaw reveals how to make your business irresistible to your ideal customers by showing them that you get them. In this book you'll learn: The 5-Step Secret Language Strategy he used to go from being overlooked to being overbooked in less than one year How LINGO as a marketing strategy makes competition almost irrelevant How pricing can attract, not deter, your ideal customer How to develop a brand image that magnetizes your ideal customer and filters out the rest With game-changing insights, practical action steps, and relatable examples, Jeffrey Shaw opens a groundbreaking conversation to make business easier, more profitable, and more positively impactful for any entrepreneur.

Your Irresistible Love Layla Hagen 2016-01-03 I know what people think when they hear the name Sebastian Bennett. Determined. Ruthless. Head of a business empire. From the outside, I look bulletproof. Behind closed doors, though, family always comes first. My parents. My eight—yes, eight—siblings. Every single one of them nagging at me to settle down and get married. I may be bulletproof, but I can't seem to deflect them. No matter how many times I patiently explain that I don't believe in love. I hadn't counted on Ava Lindt. Beautiful. Funny. Just as stubborn as I am. It's frankly infuriating. I only hired her as a consultant to make our next jewelry collection launch unforgettable. So why is it thoughts of her that I can't shake? Those curves, that smile... it's irresistible. And completely off-limits. She won't risk her job. I won't risk my heart. But one kiss, one touch at a time, our sizzling chemistry is turning into a deep connection. With her time at Bennett Enterprises drawing to a close, I'll have to decide what I was wrong about— her, or love.

Client Machine George Athan 2018-06-14 Systematically generate new clients without having to cold call, tirelessly create content, or spend a dollar on advertising Having the ability to systematically acquire clients is the prerequisite for business growth. Without having a sales 'system' in place, many companies struggle to grow, relying on word of mouth or referrals to get new clients. Salespeople, and organizations in this position, are settling for scraps while they can be flooded with business by systematically targeting and closing high value prospects. Client Machine delivers a step-by-step blueprint for creating the machine that will produce new B2B clients on demand, allowing you to generate new clients (customers / accounts) as often as you like, simply by following the process again and again. Business Growth Expert and Author, George Athan, has written Client Machine in three sections: -Section One: The Foundation - Planning your campaigns and positioning your business to achieve rapid growth. This section properly lays the foundation to create a system that is scalable so that when the rocket fuel is added in sections two and three, you can continue to accelerate. -Section Two: Lead Generation Machine - Without booking meetings, there are no sales. Lead Generation Machine is exactly what it sounds like. This section shows you how to build your outbound system to target your ideal decision-makers and consistently fill your calendar with sales appointments. -Section Three: Sales Machine - The final section shows you how to take these leads and convert them with a sales process that is so potent, it has changed the game for many. With the introduction of the Speed Path, you will design a sales process that lines up perfectly with your prospect's buying process to deliver exactly what they need at exactly the right time. This powerful section will show you how to close more deals, while shortening your sales cycle. Client Machine is the end-to-end client acquisition system that streamlines sales and marketing to rapidly grow your customer base. Whether you are a salesperson, executive, or a business owner- this book has plenty for you.

The Irresistible Offer Mark Joyner 2010-12-22 Your customers are going to give you three seconds to make the sale. Do you know what to say in those three seconds? The marketing methods of the past are losing effectiveness as consumers are getting smarter and smarter and have less and less time. What is needed is a new way of doing business—a method that is simultaneously socially responsible and far more effective than "old" marketing. This new way is The Irresistible Offer. "The Irresistible Offer is the missing link in many marketing books." —Joe Sugarman, Chairman, BluBlocker Corporation "The Irresistible Offer reveals secret after proven secret guaranteed to pump fresh power into your sales process." —John Du Cane, CEO, Dragon Door Publications, Inc. "As the world's fastest reader (Guinness Book certified) I've read just about every business and marketing book in existence. The Irresistible Offer by Mark Joyner is, by far, the easiest and most powerful. If you want to make a profitable business (any business small or large), The Irresistible Offer should be your starting point." —Howard Berg, "The World's Fastest Reader" "I've read every book on marketing printed in the last 150 years. This is the first breakthrough in over fifty years." —Dr. Joe Vitale, author of The Attractor Factor "If I had to choose one modern marketing genius to learn from, it would be Mark Joyner. The Irresistible Offer belongs in the hands of everyone wanting to wildly succeed in business." —Randy Gilbert, a.k.a. "Dr. Proactive" host of The Inside Success Show

The Marketing Agency Blueprint Paul Roetzer 2011-11-29 Build a disruptive marketing agency for the modern age The marketing services industry is on the cusp of a truly transformational period. The old guard, rooted in tradition and resistant to change, will fall and new leaders will emerge. Hybrid marketing agencies that are more

nimble, tech savvy, and collaborative will redefine the industry. Digital services will be engrained into the DNA and blended with traditional methods for integrated campaigns. The depth, versatility, and drive of their talent will be the cornerstones of organizations that pursue a higher purpose. The Marketing Agency Blueprint is a practical and candid guide that presents ten rules for building such a hybrid agency. The new marketing agency model will create and nurture diverse recurring revenue streams through a mix of services, consulting, training, education, publishing, and software sales. It will use efficiency and productivity, not billable hours, as the essential drivers of profitability. Its value and success will be measured by outcomes, not outputs. Its strength and stability will depend on a willingness to be in a perpetual state of change, and an ability to execute and adapt faster than competitors. The Marketing Agency Blueprint demonstrates how to: Generate more qualified leads, win clients with set pricing and service packages, and secure more long-term retainers Develop highly efficient management systems and more effective account teams Deliver greater results and value to clients This is the future of the marketing services industry. A future defined and led by underdogs and innovators. You have the opportunity to be at the forefront of the transformation.

Selling to Serve James Ashford 2016-11-01 Accountants have it tough..... and it's getting tougher. They fulfill THE most important function of any business, which is to manage their finances. They have to ensure that they are compliant and help their clients to make better decisions about the future based on what has happened in the past. So you'd think that their clients would be singing their praises, throwing money at them for the great job that they do and bending over backwards to meet their demands. But is that the reality? Not even close. The reality is that accountants are seen as a necessity and their services aren't valued to the extent that they should be. How do I know? Because I've been doing it with brave firms of forward thinking accountants who have been bold enough to acknowledge that the world of accounting has changed; accountants who joined the profession, through wanting to provide value and who are sick of it being reduced to a necessity; accountants who are sick of putting up with crap from clients, and not getting paid enough for a service that's so challenging to deliver. So if you're ready to discover how to solve this problem... let's go.

The Irresistible Consultant's Guide to Winning Clients David A. Fields 2017-03-21 This deeply insightful guide to understanding what clients really want is “an indispensable resource for consultants” (Keith Ferrazzi, #1 New York Times-bestselling author of *Never Eat Alone*). Independent consulting is a potentially lucrative enterprise—but the reality seldom matches the dream. Most solo consultants and boutique consulting firms are perpetually within six months of bankruptcy due to the sputtering unreliability of their new business engines. The problem, according to international consulting expert David A. Fields, is twofold: 1) lack of a consistent, proven plan, and 2) fundamental misunderstanding about what clients want in a consultant. Fields, who has helped hundreds of consultants and boutique firms worldwide build profitable, sustainable practices, replaces the typical consultant’s mindset of emphasizing expertise and differentiated processes with a focus on building relationships, engendering trust, and solving clients’ existing problems. In *The Irresistible Consultant’s Guide to Winning Clients*, Fields synthesizes his decades of experience into a step-by-step approach to winning more projects from more clients at higher fees. From nuts-and-bolts business advice and tactics to a deeply insightful breakdown of the human side of a very human profession, Fields, named one of *Advertising Age* magazine’s “Marketing Top 100,” delivers a comprehensive guidebook that is at once highly approachable and satisfyingly detailed. “If I could have just one book on client strategy, this book would be it.” —Marshall Goldsmith, #1 New York Times–bestselling author of *Triggers*

Million Dollar Consulting Alan Weiss 2009-09-17 The Long-Awaited Update for Building a Thriving Consultancy Completely updated for today’s busier-than-ever consultants, this classic guide covers the ins and outs for competing and winning in this ultracompetitive field. You’ll find step-by-step advice on how to raise capital, attract clients, create a marketing plan, and grow your business into a \$1 million-per-year firm, plus brand-new material on: Blogging and social networking Global consulting Delegating labor Profiting in a troubled market Retainer business Internet marketing Praise for the previous editions of *Million Dollar Consulting*: “If you’re interested in becoming a rich consultant, this book is a must read.” Robert F. Mager, founder and president, Mager Associates, and member of the Training & Development Hall of Fame “Blast out of the per diem trap and into value billing.” Jim Kennedy, founder, publisher, and editor, *Consultants News* “The advice on developing price structure alone is worth a hundred times the price of the book.” William C. Byham, Ph.D., author of *Zapp!* “Must reading for those who are beginning a practice or seeking to upgrade an existing practice.” Victor H. Vroom, John G. Searle Professor, School of Management, Yale University

The Brain Audit Sean D'Souza 2009-08 How the Brain Goes Through Decision-Making: Do you often wonder what your customer is thinking? Don't leave the thought process to chance and let that customer walk away. Your customers don't want to walk away. They want to buy from you. So how does the brain make decisions? And what causes it to get confused? The Brain Audit shows you how the customer takes decisions. And what you need to put in place, so that the customer feels happy to buy products or services from you. The Brain Audit isn't about persuasion or any mind tricks. Instead it shows you the information that your customers need in order to make a decision. It shows you how to present that information, and thereby enable the customer to intelligently go through a purchase sequence. The Brain Audit is

designed to do the following: brain_audit_benefits 1) Enable you to spot every one of the 'seven bags' that are required to make a decision 2) Present those bags to the customer in the right sequence. 3) Enable you to get the customer to buy without needing to use pressure tactics.

The Consulting Bible Alan Weiss 2011-04-05 Everything you need to know about building a successful, world-class consulting practice Whether you are a veteran consultant or new to the industry, an entrepreneur or the principal of a small firm, The Consulting Bible tells you absolutely everything you need to know to create and expand a seven-figure independent or boutique consulting practice. Expert author Alan Weiss, who coaches consultants globally and has written more books on solo consulting than anyone in history, shares his expertise comprehensively. Learn and appreciate the origins and evolution of the consulting profession Launch your practice or firm and propel it to top performance Implement your consulting strategies in public and private organizations, large or small, global or domestic Select from the widest variety of consulting methodologies Achieve lasting success in your professional career and personal goals The author is recognized as "one of the most highly regarded independent consultants in America" by the New York Post and "a worldwide expert in executive education" by Success Magazine Whether you're just starting out or looking for the latest trends in modern practice, The Consulting Bible gives you an unparalleled toolset to build a thriving consultancy.

The Challenger Sale Matthew Dixon 2011-11-10 What's the secret to sales success? If you're like most business leaders, you'd say it's fundamentally about relationships-and you'd be wrong. The best salespeople don't just build relationships with customers. They challenge them. The need to understand what top-performing reps are doing that their average performing colleagues are not drove Matthew Dixon, Brent Adamson, and their colleagues at Corporate Executive Board to investigate the skills, behaviors, knowledge, and attitudes that matter most for high performance. And what they discovered may be the biggest shock to conventional sales wisdom in decades. Based on an exhaustive study of thousands of sales reps across multiple industries and geographies, The Challenger Sale argues that classic relationship building is a losing approach, especially when it comes to selling complex, large-scale business-to-business solutions. The authors' study found that every sales rep in the world falls into one of five distinct profiles, and while all of these types of reps can deliver average sales performance, only one-the Challenger- delivers consistently high performance. Instead of bludgeoning customers with endless facts and features about their company and products, Challengers approach customers with unique insights about how they can save or make money. They tailor their sales message to the customer's specific needs and objectives. Rather than acquiescing to the customer's every demand or objection, they are assertive, pushing back when necessary and taking control of the sale. The things that make Challengers unique are replicable and teachable to the average sales rep. Once you understand how to identify the Challengers in your organization, you can model their approach and embed it throughout your sales force. The authors explain how almost any average-performing rep, once equipped with the right tools, can successfully reframe customers' expectations and deliver a distinctive purchase experience that drives higher levels of customer loyalty and, ultimately, greater growth.

The Executive's Guide to Consultants: How to Find, Hire and Get Great Results from Outside Experts David Fields 2012-11-23 Maximize Your Return on Expertise Research shows a high proportion of consultants fail to deliver results on time, on budget, and on target. Rare is the project that exceeds your expectations. But help is here. The Executive's Guide to Consultants explains how to ensure that every project delivers measurable benefits every time. This book will help you find experts, invest wisely, accelerate change, and achieve your most important goals by tapping into the genius of others. The Executive's Guide to Consultants contains breakthrough ideas covered by no other book, including: Sophisticated new contract structures that maximize your ROI Essential methods for reducing project risk Cutting-edge techniques for making change stick after the consultant leaves You will also learn to: Spot "chameleons" and other low-quality consultants who peddle tired ideas and deliver disappointing outcomes Get better results faster, while lowering fees Find the ideal consultant, coach, agency, or advisor for your precise situation Enforce accountability with outside experts and your own internal team Imagine if you could collect the wisdom of dozens of the country's top CEOs, combine it with the experience of a hall-of-fame consultant, and add a bucketful of unconventional thinking. You'd have The Executive's Guide to Consultants. Easy to read and packed with examples, checklists, templates, and guidelines, this book is the ultimate toolkit for maximizing your ROI from outside experts. Get extraordinary results from every consultant you hire "An extraordinary book. Clear, comprehensive, and eminently readable, it is THE book on how you can extract true business value from outside experts." -- Scott Cotherman, Chairman, TBWA\WorldHealth, subsidiary of Omnicom Group, Inc. "This is the Master Class for those who are smart, innovative, ahead of the pack, and who intend to stay that way. If you're not yet in that league, you should read this book twice." -- Alan Weiss, author, Million Dollar Consulting and The Consulting Bible "A terrific guidebook, with much of the advice equally applicable in managing your organization's internal talent. It's an easy, engaging read with a wealth of insights and detailed action steps--I highly recommend it." -- Brian Walker, President and CEO, Herman Miller, Inc. "A powerful antidote to the strained relationship between consultants and clients." -- Garry Ridge, CEO, WD-40 Company "This book shows you how to make your consultants' work stick. No more major investments in experts or programs that evaporate after only a few months or years." -- De Lyle Bloomquist, President, Tata Global Chemicals "Fields's messages are delivered in the way that all executives would like our outside resources to do it: capably, with straight talk and incredible insight." -- Ralph Scozzafava, Chairman and

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It Starts With Clients Andrew Sobel 2020-03-25 World-renowned client relationship authority shows you how to dramatically grow your business by mastering fourteen critical client development challenges Andrew Sobel, author of the international bestsellers *Clients for Life* and *Power Questions*, offers a proven, 100-day plan for conquering 14 tough client development challenges and growing your client base in any market conditions. He's encapsulated 25 years of unique research, including personal interviews with over 8000 top executives and successful rainmakers, into a practical roadmap for winning more new clients and growing your existing relationships. You'll learn specific strategies to move confidently and predictably from a first meeting to a signed contract, and discover the agenda-setting techniques that create a steady stream of sole-source business. You'll master the art of reframing client requests, leading to broader, higher-impact engagements. You'll dramatically sharpen your ability to ask the powerful questions that can transform your client relationships. And, you'll learn to develop advisory relationships with influential C-suite executives. Andrew illustrates each weekly challenge with real-life examples drawn from thousands of executive meetings. He shares success strategies from having grown and led three highly successful professional service businesses. Andrew has taught these strategies to over 50,000 professionals around the world, and they're now available to you in this highly readable, portable masterclass. Whether you are early in your career and need a comprehensive guide to grow your client base from the ground up or are a seasoned practitioner who wants to accelerate your business growth, *It Starts With Clients* will take you to the next level.

The Elite Consulting Mind Michael Zipursky 2017-10-05 Whether you're just getting into consulting or you're a seasoned consulting veteran but aren't experiencing the level of success and results you truly desire, this book offers you the advantage you need. Michael Zipursky, CEO of ConsultingSuccess.com and coach to elite consultants, has coached and trained more than 6000 consultants from around the world. In this book, Michael identifies the most significant factor in your success: your mindset. He shares with you the principles used by elite consultants that will help you overcome challenges, remove obstacles, and grow your business significantly, including: - How to build confidence by confronting the four major questions of self-doubt. - 3 specific steps you can take to attract ideal clients consistently. - Simple shifts you can make to increase your fees by 300% or more. - The best business model for consultants to achieve meaningful success. - Practical ways to turn failure into a growth opportunity and use worry to your advantage. - And so much more. By applying these proven mindset shifts and the principles that Michael shares with you in *The Elite Consulting Mind*, you can achieve meaningful, even limitless, success in your consulting business.

Winning the Professional Services Sale Michael W. McLaughlin 2009-08-06 An innovative approach to winning more profitable sales in the growing professional services industry In recent years, professional services providers have had to rethink their sales methods and adapt to profound changes in the way clients buy services. In response, *Winning the Professional Services Sale* argues for fundamental changes in the seller's mindset and sales strategies. Rather than pressing the sale, salespeople must help clients buy--the way that works best for each client. This new approach gives buyers what they now want in a services seller: a consultative problem solver, change agent, and solution integrator, all rolled into one. Author Michael McLaughlin presents a strategy for winning new business with a holistic approach to each client relationship. Only by fully understanding a sale from every angle, including its impact on the client's business and career, can salespeople thrive in the new era of the service economy.

The Seven Cs of Consulting Mick Cope 2012-09-26 CLIENT, CLARIFY, CREATE, CHANGE, CONFIRM, CONTINUE, CLOSE = THE SEVEN SECRETS OF CONSULTANCY "Most change methods are effective. For the most part, each one is theoretically sound, well-researched, and clearly articulated. But when they're put in organizations, they fail-at least 70 to 80% of the time". George Smart, Managing Partner, Strategic Development Incorporated The definition of a consultant is someone who facilitates organisational change and provides expertise on technical, functional and business topics during development or implementation. In other words a consultant is someone who helps others to change. However, change isn't such an easy target to achieve. Research shows that the vast majority of change programmes fail. On a daily basis we hear about projects that are delayed, cancelled, over budget or boycotted by the end user. The problem is that we can never force people to change - remember the backlash against Jamie Oliver's healthy school meals campaign where parents handed junk food to their children through school

fences. The key to successful change is to engage with the end user and help them want to change. The Seven Cs of Consulting offers a consistent and collaborative language that helps both consultant and client deliver value through sustainable change. Based around the author's highly successful 7Cs model (Client, Clarify, Create, Change, Confirm, Continue, Close) this approach is simple and accessible but firmly grounded in research and real life experience. The 7Cs approach opens up the complexity of sustainable change to the consultant and client and helps them explore- and then avoid - the real issues that cause change to fail within a more professional and trusting relationship.

Rain Making Ford Harding 2008-03-01 Sell and Market Like a Pro! In this new edition of his classic book, Rain Making, Ford Harding reveals step by step how--even if you've never sold a product in your life--you can become a top performer in your organization. Filled with easy-to-use strategies, checklists, tables, and guides, this book shows you how to: Write articles for professional publications Make cold calls like a sales pro Network to build a lasting customer base Develop a winning sales strategy With this book at your fingertips, you'll get the marketing and sales skills you need to survive--and flourish--one sale at a time!

Getting Everything You Can Out of All You've Got Jay Abraham 2001-10-12 A consultant to some of America's leading corporations shares key insights and ideas on how to supercharge one's business and career, explaining how to create and develop new opportunities for wealth in any business, enterprise, or venture. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

Succeeding as a Management Consultant Kris Safarova 2020-03-08 Written for business leaders and consultants who are trying to solve significant problems and create measurable value. Readers can view the templates used in consulting studies and how they are used. All the foundational strategy and business analyses tools are taught along with the soft skills and practical tools to solve any business problem. This is the only book of its kind walking the reader step-by-step through a complete consulting study. This book follows an engagement team as they assist a large company in diagnosing and fixing deep and persistent organizational issues over an 8-week assignment. Readers will learn how they successfully navigate a challenging client environment, frame the problem and limit the scope, develop hypotheses, build the analyses and provide the final recommendations. We have placed the explanation of management consulting techniques within a lively and engaging storyline, which allows the reader to truly understand the challenges faced on consulting engagements, connect with the characters, and understand both how and why they debated elements of the study. It is written so that the reader may follow, understand, and replicate a strategic engagement using the same techniques used by the leading firms, such as McKinsey, Bain, and BCG. To make the story realistic and useful, we have worked with one client engagement throughout the book. Using different examples and different clients to explain concepts would have made it difficult for readers to see the data linkages and development of the final recommendations. The client and engagement are fictitious. The data presented are also fictitious, but they are based on actual consulting engagements and the experiences of the author and the contributing McKinsey, BCG, et. al. partners at FIRMSconsulting.com & StrategyTraining.com. RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR FREE EPISODES FROM EX-MCK ET AL. PARTNERS AT FIRMSCONSULTING.COM/PROMO FREE EPISODE FROM THIS BOOKS COMPANION COURSE AT FIRMSCONSULTING.COM/SAAMC

The ThinkNP Guide to Nonprofit Consulting Matthew A. Hugg 2017-04 The ThinkNP Guide to Nonprofit Consulting is just what it says: practical, and specifically about working with nonprofits. The book doesn't just tell you what to do. Through 140+ exercises - big and small - you take the steps necessary to build your own business working with nonprofits. You will... - Figure out whether consulting to nonprofits is the right path for you. - Build your support systems and infrastructure, like where you will be working, setting goals, building your team, examining your hardware and software needs (and more) - Make sure you have the systems in place, like accounting, banking, budgets, attorney, insurance, registration, pricing, (and much more) - Build your marketing to generate sales, from laying the groundwork in selecting your niche and identifying your target markets, to specific techniques to get nonprofits to recognize you as a valued service provider (and much, much more) Whether you're exploring, starting up, or an experienced consultant or freelancer, you'll find powerful exercises to build your confidence, identify where you need to grow, and set a platform for hitting the ground running in your nonprofit consulting business. To get the most out of this book, "The ThinkNP Guide to Nonprofit Consulting: A Practical Workbook for Your Success," pair it with a membership to ThinkNP.com. These pages and ThinkNP both give you the basics, and you'll come to rely on ThinkNP as your continuing education program for nonprofit consulting success.

The Fast Track Mariam Naficy 1997 Offers job-finding advice, including interviews with recruiters and profiles of the top forty firms

How Clients Buy Tom McMakin 2018-03-13 The real-world guide to selling your services and bringing in business How Clients Buy is the much-needed guide to selling your services. If you're one of the millions of people whose skills are the 'product,' you know that you cannot be successful unless you bring in clients. The problem is, you're trained to do your job—not sell it. No matter how great you may be at your actual role, you likely feel a bit lost, hesitant, or 'behind' when it comes to courting clients, an unfamiliar territory where you're never quite sure of the line between under- and over-selling. This book comes to the rescue with real, practical advice for

selling what you do. You'll have to unlearn everything you know about sales, but then you'll learn new skills that will help you make connections, develop rapport, create interest, earn trust, and turn prospects into clients. Business development is critical to your personal success, and your skills in this area will dictate the course of your career. This invaluable guide gives you a set of real-world best practices that can help you become the rainmaker you want to be. Get the word out and make productive connections Drop the fear of self-promotion and advertise your accomplishments Earn potential clients' trust to build a lasting relationship Scrap the sales pitch in favor of honesty, positivity, and value Working in the consulting and professional services fields comes with difficulties not encountered by those who sell tangible products. Services are often under-valued, and become among the first things to go when budgets get tight. It is now harder than ever to sell professional services, so your game must be on-point if you hope to out-compete the field. How Clients Buy shows you how to level up and start winning the client list of your dreams. Who Says Elephants Can't Dance? Louis V. Gerstner 2003-12-16 Who Says Elephants Can't Dance? sums up Lou Gerstner's historic business achievement, bringing IBM back from the brink of insolvency to lead the computer business once again. Offering a unique case study drawn from decades of experience at some of America's top companies -- McKinsey, American Express, RJR Nabisco -- Gerstner's insights into management and leadership are applicable to any business, at any level. Ranging from strategy to public relations, from finance to organization, Gerstner reveals the lessons of a lifetime running highly successful companies.