

Customer Service Training Guide

Rob Anderson has taken a fresh new approach to service of the elderly. His concise and clear suggestions and helpful check lists should make every front office, manager and nurse more effective and empathetic.

A practical, hands-on guide for training customer service employees.

This guide will provide you with some simple tools to reach new, repeat, and unhappy customers. Your initial interaction with your customer is the ticket to building trust, closing the sale, and making them want to come back again.

Tools for pleasing even the most demanding customers A satisfied customer is a loyal customer, and in today's supercompetitive business economy few things are as crucial to a company's bottom line as the quality of its customer service. This latest title in the popular Perfect Phrases series is just the thing for customer service employees and those who train and manage them. Perfect Phrases for Customer Service gets you quickly up and running with everything you need to keep customers happy and loyal, including: Clear explanations of the reasons for difficult customer behaviors Proven tools and techniques for successfully handling even the most cantankerous customers 101 dialogues and scripts organized according to types of difficult behaviors, usable as is or as part of a training program, and easily tailored to any industry and company culture For more information, visit www.customerservicezone.com

Entrepreneurial phenomenon Ari Weinzweig, co-founder of the much-loved Zingerman's Deli, shares the secrets to providing world-class customer service. Zingerman's in Ann Arbor, Michigan, is a beloved deli with some of the most loyal clientele around. It has been praised for its products and service in media outlets far and wide, including the New York Times, Men's Journal, Inc. Magazine, Esquire, Atlantic Monthly, USA Today, and Fast Company. And what started out as a small deli has grown to a flourishing restaurant, catering service, bakery, mail-order operation, creamery, and training business. Booming business and loyal customers are proof enough that the Zingerman's team knows a thing or two about customer service. Now in Zingerman's Guide to Giving Great Service, co-founder Ari Weinzweig shares the unique Zingerman method of treating customers, giving the reader step-by-step instructions on what to teach staff, how to train them, how to implement the training, how to measure their success, and finally, how to reward performance. Some of Zingerman's time-tested principles: Customers who get a great product but poor service won't be as loyal as those who are disappointed with a product but get great service. You'll get more complaints if people believe you care enough to listen to them. And that's a good thing. Employees who are rewarded, respected, and well cared for treat customers the same way.

The actor and founder of the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science traces his personal quest to understand how to relate and communicate better, from practicing empathy and using improv games to storytelling and developing better intuitive skills.

Customer Service For Dummies, Third Edition integrates the unbeatable information from Customer Service For Dummies and Online Customer Service For Dummies to form an all-in-one guide to customer loyalty for large and small businesses alike. The book covers the fundamentals of service selling and presents up-to-date advice on such fundamentals as help desks, call centers, and IT departments. Plus, it shows readers how to take stock of their customer service strengths and weaknesses, create useful customer surveys, and learn from the successes and failures of businesses just like theirs. Karen Leland and Keith Bailey (Sausalito, CA) are cofounders of Sterling Consulting Group, an international consulting firm specializing in quality service consulting and training for such clients as Oracle, IBM, Avis, and Lucent.

Are you endlessly trying to improve your employees' customer service skills, but getting so-so results? There may be a culprit that you've never considered. Rather than offering another set of customer service tips, Getting Service Right takes a novel approach by rooting out the real reasons employees don't consistently deliver the service they should. The results can be both surprising and illuminating, such as: Company cultures that unwittingly discourage excellent customer service. Employees torn between following policy or serving the customer. Cost reduction efforts that actually increase the cost of service. Poor products and services that make it impossible to satisfy customers. Bad habits that make it difficult to listen to customers' needs. Getting Service Right is filled with examples from well-known organizations, real stories from frontline employees, and the latest scientific research. These powerful, sometimes counterintuitive insights can be applied at the organizational, departmental, or individual level to help the entire team deliver outstanding customer service. Note: the first edition of this book was published under the title, Service Failure: The Real Reasons Employees Struggle with Customer Service and What You Can Do About It

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

Everyone knows that the best way to create customer loyalty is with service so good, so over the top, that it surprises and delights. But what if everyone is wrong? In their acclaimed bestseller The Challenger Sale, Matthew Dixon and his colleagues at CEB busted 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 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.

Reinforce your customer service skills! The best customer service professionals know it takes consistent focus to serve customers at the highest level. Whether you want to deliver world-class customer service or just get back to the basics, Customer Service Tip of the Week is your resource for proven tips, ideas, and techniques. Thousands of customer service professionals from all around the world read the weekly Customer Service Tip of the Week email. Now you can get more than 52 of the most popular tips all in one book. Use these tips to build rapport, exceed customer expectations, and solve tough problems. Select tips by category, by specific challenge, or just go in order. Each tip includes a short explanation plus practical suggestions. Focus on one tip per week to sharpen your skills over time. Customer service leaders will find additional resources for sharing the tips with your team!

Filled with case studies and anecdotes, *How to Talk to Customers* demystifies the most critical aspect of customer service: conversations employees have every day with customers. In this must-have resource, Diane Berenbaum and Tom Larkin outline a proven system based on their MAGIC customer service training program. MAGIC, which stands for Make A Great Impression on the Customer, can help anyone become the type of communicator that makes their customers feel special. For more on this book, visit www.howtotalktocustomers.com

The training manual is written for those who work in airlines, cruise lines, hotels, motels, resorts, clubs, bars and restaurants. Hospitality and tourism workers help people enjoy vacations and entertainment activities. Commitment, communication and computer skills and enthusiasm are skills employees need to make customers happy and satisfied. The hospitality skills include role play activities, assessments, telephone etiquette, customer service exercises, checklists and group activities. Trained employees can increase revenue and customer satisfaction.

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Mark Copeman is a serial entrepreneur and was co-founder of Customer Thermometer, the customer satisfaction tool. He has spent two decades developing customer relationships, building a helpdesk and working with 100's of customer service organisations across the world. During this time, he has discovered the single most important ingredient to delivering exceptional customer service - habit creation and embedding. Mark's formula for success will not only transform how you work, but will also make you a happier and more successful customer service professional. Through his unique framework, he shows you how to create and embed 50 new habits, transforming how you deliver customer service, whether by phone, email or chat. Learn the importance of harnessing habits Develop the right attitude towards your role Understand the importance of human customer service Learn how to communicate effectively See how tiny adjustments in phrasing can win the day Become skilled in empathy and rapport Be assured it's OK to have a personality Read and implement with your team today and turn your helpdesk into a feature, not an overhead.

Elevating Customer Service in Higher Education provides an in-depth guide by three practitioners with decades of combined experience in the higher education and hospitality sectors. Our authors are deeply embedded in customer service initiatives and have certified hundreds of higher-ed professionals at Academic Impressions' customer service trainings and on-campus workshops. In this guide, our authors will walk you through: Core service competencies Strategies for supporting frontline staff in enhancing customer service Examples of customer service scripts for dialogue, phone, voicemail, and email Detailed guidelines for creating physical environments on campus that facilitate better service Worksheets and tools for auditing policies and practices that impact customer service Tips for cultivating faculty and staff buy-in Examples of exemplary customer service initiatives at other colleges and universities **REVIEWS** "Elevating Customer Service should be read by every administrator who cares about retention and service excellence." - Neal Raisman, N. Raisman & Associates "In today's competitive market in higher education, a partnership between academics and customer service is key to attracting and retaining students. This handbook shows practitioners how to enhance service excellence while maintaining academic integrity." - Bill Destler, President Emeritus, Rochester Institute of Technology "How refreshing and encouraging it is to read a book about customer service on today's college campuses. The reality is higher education today is rapidly changing and models of leading a university are significantly altered in today's environment. Customer service can no longer be viewed as a negative concept on our campuses. Rather, such service is mandated today in whatever form one wishes to call it. Students, parents, employers, and college employees are demanding it. Implementing such measures that change a campus's culture may mean the difference between those colleges that survive and those that do not. The foundations of quality service discussed in this book should be mandatory reading for all college administrators." - David DeCenzo, President, Coastal Carolina University "This insightful book provides a step-by-step guide to assess, evaluate, and implement strategies to improve the effectiveness of any department or division within the academy. The authors provide valuable information and a workable template to enhance the student experience on campus and ultimately improve retention, and recruitment efforts in an era in which colleges and universities are fiercely competing to attract and retain students." - Jim Pillar, Associate Vice President of Housing, Monmouth University "This really made me think about our office environment and how we can work toward improving not only the student experience but the front-line staff experience as well. It truly is a practical guide with relevant activities and things to consider." - Kerri Wilson, Director of Off-Campus Living and Community Partnerships, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Those who work on the front lines of customer service never know what new and unexpected challenges await them each day. But they do know one thing--they will be needed. But how can you prepare for the unexpected? How can customer service reps get the training and confidence required to tackle the unknown? In *Be Your Customer's Hero*, internationally recognized customer service expert Adam Toporek provides the answers to preparing for the surprises awaiting the CSR. Through short, simple, actionable advice, in quick, easy-to-read chapters, this invaluable guide shows customer-facing CSRs how to:

- Achieve the mindset required for Hero-Class™ service
- Understand the customer's expectations--and exceed them
- Develop powerful communication skills
- Avoid the seven triggers guaranteed to set customers off
- Handle difficult and even irrational customers with ease
- And more

Armed with the tools and techniques in this invaluable resource, readers will have all they need to transform themselves into the heroes their customers need.

The revolutionary guide that challenged businesses around the world to stop selling to their buyers and start answering their questions to get results; revised and updated to address new technology, trends, the continuous evolution of the digital consumer, and much more In today's digital age, the traditional sales funnel—marketing at the top, sales in the middle, customer service at the bottom—is no longer effective. To be successful, businesses must obsess over the questions, concerns, and problems their buyers have, and address them as honestly and as thoroughly as possible. Every day, buyers turn to search engines to ask billions of questions. Having the answers they need can attract thousands of potential buyers to your company—but only if your content strategy puts your answers at the top of those

search results. It's a simple and powerful equation that produces growth and success: They Ask, You Answer. Using these principles, author Marcus Sheridan led his struggling pool company from the bleak depths of the housing crash of 2008 to become one of the largest pool installers in the United States. Discover how his proven strategy can work for your business and master the principles of inbound and content marketing that have empowered thousands of companies to achieve exceptional growth. They Ask, You Answer is a straightforward guide filled with practical tactics and insights for transforming your marketing strategy. This new edition has been fully revised and updated to reflect the evolution of content marketing and the increasing demands of today's internet-savvy buyers. New chapters explore the impact of technology, conversational marketing, the essential elements every business website should possess, the rise of video, and new stories from companies that have achieved remarkable results with They Ask, You Answer. Upon reading this book, you will know: How to build trust with buyers through content and video. How to turn your web presence into a magnet for qualified buyers. What works and what doesn't through new case studies, featuring real-world results from companies that have embraced these principles. Why you need to think of your business as a media company, instead of relying on more traditional (and ineffective) ways of advertising and marketing. How to achieve buy-in at your company and truly embrace a culture of content and video. How to transform your current customer base into loyal brand advocates for your company. They Ask, You Answer is a must-have resource for companies that want a fresh approach to marketing and sales that is proven to generate more traffic, leads, and sales.

The Trainer's Workshop Series is designed to be a practical, hands-on roadmap to help you quickly develop training in key business areas. Each book in the series offers all the exercises, handouts, assessments, structured experiences and ready-to-use presentations needed to develop effective training sessions. In addition to easy-to-use icons, each book in the series includes a companion CD-ROM with PowerPoint™ presentations and electronic copies of all supporting material featured in the book. Customer Service Training provides practical, hands-on guidance to help you quickly develop customer service training. Dozens of field-tested exercises, games, activities, icebreakers and assessment instruments help you teach employees the importance of customer service and improve their performance. Contains exercises, handouts, assessments and tools to help you: • create fantastic customer service to meet your specific needs • raise the bar for service excellence • become a more effective and efficient facilitator • ensure training is on target and gets results "This book is a complete training programme. Its practical learning activities and embedded assessment tools will help any company understand that first-rate training equals first-rate customer service." Fred S. Anton, Chief Executive Officer, Warner Bros. Publications Other books in this series: Leadership Training, New Supervisor Training, New Employee Orientation Training, Leading Change Training.

Don't let your customer interactions go astray. Develop the customer service skills necessary for the success of your company.

Take Care of Your Customers--or Someone Else Will! Legendary Service Great customer service is a concept organizations love to be known for. Yet most people consider the service they receive to be average, at best. Successful companies make the connection between legendary customer service and a thriving business--they recognize that the way employees treat customers is directly related to the way managers treat employees. Kelsey Young is an optimistic but disillusioned sales associate working her way through college. Her world opens up when one of her professors challenges her to create a culture of service at her workplace by putting the five components of Legendary Service into practice. Although Ferguson's, the store where Kelsey works, certainly isn't known for service excellence, Kelsey believes she can make a positive difference. She quickly learns that culture change isn't easy--and that her role as a frontline employee is more significant than she ever could have imagined. In characteristic Blanchard style, *Legendary Service: The Key Is to Care* is a quick and entertaining read for people at all organizational levels in every industry. When applied, its lessons will have a profound impact on the service experience your customers will receive. Whether a CEO or a part-time employee, every person can make a difference--and customer service is everyone's job. PRAISE FOR LEGENDARY SERVICE: "Read this book and establish a service culture in your organization." -- Horst Schulze, Chairman/CEO, Capella Hotel Group "Legendary Service has great learnings for people at all organizational levels: for executives and managers, the value of a service culture; and for frontline staff, the reality that they are the face of the company and can make a difference. Legendary service--it's everyone, always." -- Mark King, CEO and President, TaylorMade Golf "Everything I know about service I learned from my career at Hilton Hotels, Marriott International, The Walt Disney Company, and Ken Blanchard. The One Minute Manager dramatically changed my thinking 32 years ago. Legendary Service will teach the next generation how to deliver sensational service. Buy it, study it, implement it." -- Lee Cockerell, Executive Vice President, Walt Disney World (Retired & Inspired), and author of *Creating Magic* and *The Customer Rules* "Kathy Cuff and Vicki Halsey have created a fantastic customer service model called ICARE. When you add their voices to that of the master storyteller Ken Blanchard, you have a masterpiece entitled *Legendary Service*. It is a must-read for everyone who, like me, has a passion for service." -- Colleen Barrett, President Emeritus, Southwest Airlines, and coauthor of *Lead with LUV* "Ken Blanchard has done it again and delivered the right book at the right time. *Legendary Service* provides the essentials of hospitality and servant leadership in a way that everyone can adopt--right now--today!" -- John Caparella, President and COO, The Venetian, The Palazzo, and Sands Expo "Ken, Kathy, and Vicki show us how to change everyday service events into memorable experiences. Their book is a must-read for anyone unwilling to accept mediocrity." -- Leonardo Inghilleri, coauthor of *Exceptional Service, Exceptional Profit*

Today's software companies can't afford to be passive with their customers. As software moves to the web and becomes more consumerized, software companies can only grow if their current customers renew and grow over time. Otherwise those customers will leave, creating a "leaky bucket" of revenue. So, what are smart, innovative companies doing before they end up with severe churn problems? Forward-thinking companies invest in Customer Education early as a way to drive customer growth and maximize lifetime value in a scalable way. Over time, this function has the potential to differentiate a company in the market. Consider this book a survival guide to investing in a Customer Education function, including: -How to drive a Customer Education strategy across your customer lifecycle-Tips for creating killer content that will actually lead to customer performance-What tools to implement as part of your technology stack-Measurement strategies for improving your content and showing ROI-And more...

Increase the creativity and skill level of customer service representatives, demonstrate what excellent customer service is, provide insights and practice to improve customer service, develop your own organization's bank of customer service learning situations.

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.

"Customer Service, 4/e" by Lucas features how-to topics for the customer service professional. It covers the concepts and skills needed for success in business careers, including listening techniques, verbal and nonverbal communication, and use of technology. Emphasis is given to dealing with customer service problems and how to handle conflicts and stress. Insights and tips are also provided for customer service supervisory personnel

These people simply want solutions to their problems. They complain via legacy channels where the likelihood of a response is highest--phone, e-mail, and company websites. Offstage haters don't care if anyone else finds out, as long as they get answers. ·Onstage haters. These people are often disappointed by a substandard interaction via traditional channels, so they turn to indirect venues, such as social media, online review sites, and discussion boards. Onstage haters want more than solutions--they want an audience to share their righteous indignation. Hug Your Haters shows exactly how to deal with both groups, drawing on meticulously researched case studies from businesses of all types and sizes from around the world. It includes specific playbooks and formulas as well as a fold-out poster of "the Hatrix," which summarizes the best strategies for different situations.

Master service dog training at home with this easy step-by-step guide Service dogs are life-changing for people with a range of physical and mental disabilities. But getting one can be complicated and expensive. The Service Dog Training Guide offers you an easy, step-by-step program for you and your dog to follow at home. Bone up on everything from basic exercises to essential service dog tasks that will guide you and your dog on the best training path. You'll also find an overview of different types of service and support dogs, breeds, and equipment for training. The step-by-step instructions will help you teach your dog everything from retrieving items to reminding someone to take medication. The Service Dog Training Guide includes: A multi-path approach--Weigh crucial factors to determine which type of service dog tasks--psychiatric, medical, or mobility assistance--your dog is best suited for. Easy-to-follow--All exercises are broken down into clear and complete step-by-step instructions and troubleshooting tips to help general readers train their own service dog. The power of positive reinforcement--Learn to communicate effectively with your dog by motivating them to learn faster with praise and rewards. Make a difference in someone's life with this practical approach to training your own service dog.

This essay sheds light on the importance of brands having a robust customer service training program and elucidates how sales associates can effectively guide customers through the stages of the buying process. Additionally, the importance of brands communicating with customers during the post-sale phase of the buying process is delineated in this essay. It is critical for brands to offer stellar customer service in order to retain customers and elicit long lasting customer relationships. The culmination of successful customer service training at an organization results in increased customer retention rates, higher customer satisfaction levels, and bolstered brand recognition as a result of front line employees being able to more efficaciously assist customers throughout the ample stages of the buying process. The customer service training program should punctuate the factors of responsiveness, credibility, communication, reliability, assurance, and empathy on the employee's end. Furthermore, employees should be trained to ensure that the service setting is characterized by consistency, organization, efficiency, and professionalism so that it can be an environment in which services are easily accessible. For instance, medical doctors don the white coat in order represent themselves as competent professionals in the minds of their patients. This professional attire also helps them establish a distinguishable level of credibility and trustworthiness among patients even though a doctor could potentially render the same level of quality services to patients in casual attire or pajamas. Overall, demonstrating professionalism is part of providing superior customer service. Demonstrating professionalism entails treating customers with respect, prioritizing the customer's need, and having vast knowledge about the company's product offerings and service offerings so that the employee can best assist customers. Employees should make an earnest effort to help consumers to the best of their ability and should also strive to accommodate the individuals needs of customers since dissatisfied customers can be the bane of a business that can lead to a brand becoming defunct. It is of eminent importance for companies to have a robust customer service training program so that employees have the competence and wherewithal to be able to secure the lifetime values of the customer. Once employees gain the competence needed to efficaciously assist customers, they can work on undergoing precautionary measures to overcome potential sales failures from transpiring at any stage of the buying process. Sales associates should know how to be persuasive and alleviate concerns. Furthermore, prior to the products being sold, it is important that a sales associate is able to candidly address all of the consumers questions without withholding any vital product information. Additionally, sales associations should also never belittle consumers in a condensing manner and should make their consumers feel that they are in control of the buying process. Sales associates should be well acclimated with their company's return policy. Moreover, sales associates should also assure their customers that their items are fully refundable in the event that they are dissatisfied with the products if this policy is rendered permissible by their company. Sales associations should also desist from soliciting consumers and should work with their consumers as a team to help them make the optimal buying decision even if the sale is not always with their company.

What is the one thing that all businesses depend on? Customers. What could be more important, then, to your organization's enduring success than a solid, well-planned and executed customer service strategy--a philosophy and culture that show customers that they are the reason you are in business in the first place? As this book reveals, we are all in the business of serving customers, whether they be external or internal to your organization. It therefore behooves each of us to understand and practice the principles of service excellence. Managing Service Excellence is a comprehensive guidebook for creating and maintaining a customer-centric organization. Through chapters focusing on specific skill sets, real-world examples, and review questions, this book details how to create a satisfied customer and keep them for life. In clear, accessible language, Crutcher covers every aspect of service--from effective planning, communication, teaming, and coaching strategies, to managing change, strengthening critical thinking and problem-solving skills, and leveraging customer feedback to drive business improvement and innovation. With extensive experience in C-level and higher education roles, Crutcher helps us understand what customers really want and need, what drives their individual

behavior, and how to best customize our service approach accordingly. In a world where technology is constantly changing the business landscape, this book serves as a timeless resource on the fundamentals of customer service. There will never be a substitute for the competitive advantage that integrity, competence, and relationship-building provide. As Crutcher writes, "If you build it, they will come" may work in the movies, but in real life, success requires a consistent effort in the field of customer service. *Managing Service Excellence* provides the keys.

Does the job you have (or the job you want) require customer interactions? Do you want to handle difficult customers with ease? Do you long for recognition of your customer service skills? Do you know what it takes to be a customer service professional?

A guide to training library staff that covers customer service essentials, general training guidelines, preparation, assessing and anticipating the needs of patrons, tracking and responding to feedback, planning self-development days, instituting continuous learning, and more. Includes resource tools.

Your service team may represent the first, last, or only interaction point between your customers and your company. Your front-line service professionals make or break countless opportunities, leads, sales, and relationships every day. Completely revised and updated to meet the challenges of a new service landscape, the second edition of *Customer Service Training 101* presents proven techniques for creating unforgettable customer experiences. The book covers every aspect of face-to-face, phone, Internet, and self-service customer relations, and provides simple yet powerful tips for: * Projecting a positive attitude and making a great first impression * Communicating effectively, both verbally and nonverbally * Developing trust, establishing rapport, and making customers feel valued * Confidently handling difficult customers and situations New features include "How Do I Measure Up?" self-assessments, and "Doing It Right" examples from the author's extensive customer service experience. Every step-by-step lesson in this comprehensive and inspiring training manual is augmented with instructive sidebars, a summary of key points, practice exercises, and so much more.

Imagine you could develop a customer-focused culture so powerful that your employees always seem to do the right thing. They encourage each other, proactively solve problems, and constantly look for ways to go the extra mile. In short, imagine a workplace culture where employees were absolutely obsessed with customer service. The *Service Culture Handbook* is a step-by-step guide to help you develop a customer-focused culture in your company, department, or location. Whether you're just beginning your journey, or have been working on culture for years, this handbook will prepare you to take the next step. You'll receive actionable advice, straightforward exercises, and proven tools you can utilize immediately. Learn the one thing that forms the foundation of every great culture. Discover what customer-focused companies do differently to engage their employees. And explore ways to strategically align every facet of your organization with outstanding service. Creating and sustaining a customer-focused culture is a never-ending journey that takes hard work, dedication, and commitment. The *Service Culture Handbook* is an indispensable resource to help you and your employees stay headed in the right direction. Praise for *The Service Culture Handbook*: "The *Service Culture Handbook* provides the poignant inspiration and practical instruction for the difficult work of transforming a service culture into one that is distinctive, successful, and permanent." -Chip R. Bell, author of *Kaleidoscope: Delivering Innovative Service That Sparkles* "Though research continues to uncover the astonishing impact of customer-focused cultures on customer loyalty and business results, few organizations know how to get there. Jeff Toister unlocks that mystery through this practical (and fun to read!) guide to developing a culture that really works." -Brad Cleveland, founding partner and former CEO, International Customer Management Institute

Communication remains a significant topic for job acquisition, development, and advancement. As such, there are no shortage of classes, seminars and books written on the subject. However, there are few designed for the corporate consultant that are not aligned with some proprietary system, traditional academic classrooms, or author's speculation. These tend to be either inaccessible, questionable in their content, or specifically aligned with the producers' interests. So where can the Communication trainers and consultants go to focus on fundamental touchstone research and practices? The *Handbook of Communication Training* is a powerful template, and first of its kind, for communication practitioners and academicians who wish to strengthen their professional capabilities. It also acts as a guide and standard for consumers and clients of these services. The chapters within are an outgrowth of the National Communication Association's Training & Development Division's desire to provide guidance, structure, and support for members and non-members alike. It is specifically targeted at those pursuing best practices regarding communication consulting, coaching, teaching and training. The 7 Best Practices presented in this book represent capabilities that are foundational to the effective transfer of communication promotion and skill enhancement. As such, these practices, and supporting chapters, should appeal to novice and experts alike.

True or false? In selling high-value products or services: 'closing' increases your chance of success; it is essential to describe the benefits of your product or service to the customer; objection handling is an important skill; open questions are more effective than closed questions. All false, says this provocative book. Neil Rackham and his team studied more than 35,000 sales calls made by 10,000 sales people in 23 countries over 12 years. Their findings revealed that many of the methods developed for selling low-value goods just don't work for major sales. Rackham went on to introduce his SPIN-Selling method. SPIN describes the whole selling process: Situation questions Problem questions Implication questions Need-payoff questions SPIN-Selling provides you with a set of simple and practical techniques which have been tried in many of today's leading companies with dramatic improvements to their sales performance.

From librarians to volunteer workers, staff to student workers, all library personnel need to deliver great customer service. This book presents innovative instructional methods that will inspire you to take a fresh approach to customer service training. • Provides model staff training programs that have been proven successful in real-world applications • Addresses how to improve the delivery of customer service at all levels of personnel—librarians, general staff, student workers, and volunteers • Includes guidelines on re-training and evaluation of customer service training needs

In today's marketplace, outstanding customer service may be the only thing that distinguishes your organization from your competitors. *Outstanding Customer Service* shows you how to provide the kind of service that generates customer loyalty (and repeat business) by developing key skills as well as systems that support and reinforce them. Dr. David Deviney is the owner of David Deviney and Associates, a consulting firm that serves a variety of industries. As a consultant, Dr. Deviney specializes in customer service, strategic planning, and behavioral change. Each book in the American Media How-To Series presents valuable information in a self-study format. Whether it's interviewing, customer service, or even termination skills, American Media's

How-To Series of books will help you develop and retain a competitive advantage in today's workplace. Book jacket.

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