

High Tech High Touch By John Naisbitt

“[John Naisbitt’s] vision of the world’s economy has the mark of genius.” —Minneapolis Star Tribune

Internationally-renowned futurist and bestselling author John Naisbitt is back with China’s Megatrends, the most comprehensive look at the present and future of China and the transformation that is reshaping its economic, political, and social systems. Since publishing the enormously popular Megatrends—a New York Times bestseller for two years that has been published in 57 countries—John Naisbitt has become the most respected and well-known prognosticator of global trends. To write China’s Megatrends, Naisbitt and wife Doris were granted unprecedented access by the Chinese government to all aspects of the country and its social model. Using the same techniques of information gathering and analysis as Megatrends, the Naisbitts present a prescient and unique perspective on the emergent global power and its role in the future of globalization.

The first edition of New Fibers was enthusiastically received by a worldwide audience and this second edition has provided an opportunity to revise and update its contents and examine new developments since 1990. There have been considerable changes

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in the nature of the fibers being produced, the production methods and in consumers' values and expectations. Since 1990, the march of high-tech fibers has continued, with an ever increasing subdivision to meet specialised applications, as in high performance, high-function and high-sense fibers. New research and development has produced fibers with high tenacity and modulus to give the super-fibers now used as industrial materials. The more aesthetic and comfortable modern lifestyle has given rise to improved Shin-gosen and it is this springboard that leads on to 'fibers for the next millennium', the subject of a new chapter. Another new chapter examines the resurgence of synthetic cellulose since 1990, in particular the various solvent-spun fibers of the Lyocell and Tencell families.

In this book, Sarita Maybin shares practical tools for transforming uncomfortable conversations into constructive communication. With real situations, real solutions, and relatable stories, she reveals how to work together better. In her first book *If You Can't Say Something Nice, What DO You Say?* she answered that perpetually perplexing question. *Say What You Mean in a Nice Way* continues the conversation and adds fresh insights related to the dialogue dilemmas of communicating online.

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Russo Book Prize for Social Justice The New York Times Book Review: "Riveting." Naomi Klein: "This book is downright scary." Ethan Zuckerman, MIT: "Should be required reading." Dorothy Roberts, author of *Killing the Black Body*: "A must-read." Astra Taylor, author of *The People's Platform*: "The single most important book about technology you will read this year." Cory Doctorow: "Indispensable." A powerful investigative look at data-based discrimination—and how technology affects civil and human rights and economic equity

The State of Indiana denies one million applications for healthcare, foodstamps and cash benefits in three years—because a new computer system interprets any mistake as “failure to cooperate.” In Los Angeles, an algorithm calculates the comparative vulnerability of tens of thousands of homeless people in order to prioritize them for an inadequate pool of housing resources. In Pittsburgh, a child welfare agency uses a statistical model to try to predict which children might be future victims of abuse or neglect. Since the dawn of the digital age, decision-making in finance, employment, politics, health and human services has undergone revolutionary change. Today, automated systems—rather than humans—control which neighborhoods get policed, which families attain needed resources, and who is investigated for fraud. While we all live under this new regime of data, the

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most invasive and punitive systems are aimed at the poor. In *Automating Inequality*, Virginia Eubanks systematically investigates the impacts of data mining, policy algorithms, and predictive risk models on poor and working-class people in America. The book is full of heart-wrenching and eye-opening stories, from a woman in Indiana whose benefits are literally cut off as she lays dying to a family in Pennsylvania in daily fear of losing their daughter because they fit a certain statistical profile. The U.S. has always used its most cutting-edge science and technology to contain, investigate, discipline and punish the destitute. Like the county poorhouse and scientific charity before them, digital tracking and automated decision-making hide poverty from the middle-class public and give the nation the ethical distance it needs to make inhumane choices: which families get food and which starve, who has housing and who remains homeless, and which families are broken up by the state. In the process, they weaken democracy and betray our most cherished national values. This deeply researched and passionate book could not be more timely.

Today's customers are a hard bunch to crack. Time-strapped, screen-addicted, value-savvy, and socially engaged, their expectations are tougher than ever for a business to keep up with. They are empowered like never before and expect businesses to respect that sense of empowerment—lashing out at those

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that don't. Take heart: Old-fashioned customer service, fully retooled for today's blistering pace and digitally connected reality, is what you need to build the kind loyal customer base that allows you to survive—and thrive. And High-Tech, High-Touch Customer Service spells out surefire strategies for success in a clear, entertaining, and practical way. Discover:

- ò Six major customer trends and what they mean for your business
- ò Eight unbreakable rules for social media customer service
- ò How to effectively address online complainers and saboteurs on Yelp, Twitter, TripAdvisor, and other forums for user generated content
- ò The rising power of self-service—and how to design it properly
- ò How to build a company culture that breeds stellar customer service

High-Tech, High-Touch Customer Service reveals inside secrets of wildly successful customer service initiatives, from Internet startups to venerable brands, and shows how companies of every stripe can turn casual customers into fervent supporters who will spread the word far and wide—online and off.

Bestselling author Karen O'Connor offers humorous senior moments from the digital world to make you smile. These short stories, fun quotes, insightful Scriptures, and brief prayers encourage you to keep laughing while you figure out all the new gadgets that come along. Have you... looked for the "any" key after being instructed to "press any key"? kicked

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up a fuss when the printer didn't work...only to find it wasn't plugged in? talked into the TV remote because you thought it was your cell phone? You're not alone! With plenty of encouragement and simple tips for navigating new technology, *My Senior Moments Have Gone High-Tech* will bolster your confidence. You can successfully tackle today's gizmos to keep in close touch with your friends and family—and especially your grandkids.

New York Times Bestseller An exciting--and encouraging--exploration of creativity from the author of *When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing* The future belongs to a different kind of person with a different kind of mind: artists, inventors, storytellers--creative and holistic "right-brain" thinkers whose abilities mark the fault line between who gets ahead and who doesn't. Drawing on research from around the world, Pink (author of *To Sell Is Human: The Surprising Truth About Motivating Others*) outlines the six fundamentally human abilities that are absolute essentials for professional success and personal fulfillment--and reveals how to master them. *A Whole New Mind* takes readers to a daring new place, and a provocative and necessary new way of thinking about a future that's already here. This book is written through the lens of patients, caregivers, healthcare representatives and families, highlighting new models of interaction between providers and patients and what people would like in their healthcae experience. It will

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envision a new kind of healthcare system that recommends on how/why providers must connect to patients and families using HIT, as well as suggestions about new kinds of HIT capabilities and how they would redesign systems of care if they could. The book will emphasize best practices, and case studies, drawing conclusions about new models of care from the stories and input of patients and their families reinforced with clinical research.

The second volume of this successful handbook represents varied perspectives on the fast-expanding field of Service Science. The novel work collected in these chapters is drawn from both new researchers who have grown-up with Service Science, as well as established researchers who are adapting their frames for the modern service context. The first Handbook of Service Science marked the emergence of Service Science when disciplinary studies of business-to-customer service systems intertwined to meet the needs of a new era of business-to-business and global service ecosystems. Today, the evolving discipline of Service Science involves advanced technologies, such as smartphones, cloud, social platforms, big data analytics, and artificial intelligence. These technologies are reshaping the service landscape, transforming both business models and public policy, ranging from retail and hospitality to transportation and communications. By looking through the eyes of today's new Service Scientists, it is anticipated that value and grand challenges will emerge from the integration of theories, methods, and techniques brought together in the first volume, but which are now rooted more deeply in service-dominant logic and systems thinking in this second volume. The handbook is divided into four parts: 1) Service Experience--On the Human-centered Nature of Service; 2) Service Systems--On the Nature of Service Interactions; 3) Service Ecosystems--On the Broad Context of Service; 4)

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Challenges—On Rethinking the Theory and Foundations of Service Science. The chapters add clarity on how to identify, enable, and measure service, thus allowing for new ideas and connections made to physics, design, computer science, and data science and analytics for advancing service innovation and the welfare of society. Handbook of Service Science, Volume II offers a thorough reference suitable for a wide-reaching audience including researchers, practitioners, managers, and students who aspire to learn about or to create a deeper scientific foundation for service design and engineering, service experience and marketing, and service management and innovation.

The author of the best-selling, prophetic Megatrends turns his vision to the relationship between technology and spirituality, describing the interplay between these two important trends and its role in changing science, war, religion, commerce, art, communications, and entertainment. 100,000 first printing.

A proven working model of healthcare IT as a transformative clinical and business engine—from one of the world's leading healthcare organizations Exciting new technology is revolutionizing healthcare in the twenty-first century. This visionary guide by Cleveland Clinic's esteemed CIO shows you how to design, implement, and maximize your organization's IT systems to deliver fully integrated, coordinated, high-quality care. You'll learn how to:

- Collaborate with patients: Track and monitor patients' progress and communicate with them any time, anywhere.
- Coordinate multiple caregivers and care teams: Build a network of communication among healthcare professionals across disciplines in different locations who are working on a single patient case; and integrate various IT systems into a fully functioning network.
- Optimize electronic medical records: Quickly pull up and share patient histories, test results, and other essential data to provide timely care; and

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expand real-time access to clinical data and research. • Use IT for competitive advantage: Enable live chats, virtual visits, and online second opinions; create a content-rich, user-friendly website; build a social media strategy that engages patients and caregivers alike. Using the latest advancements in IT, you'll be able to access and apply a wide range of online tools and field-tested strategies to any organization. Go behind the scenes at Clinic Cleveland to see how caregivers executed their IT strategy in a working environment—and how patients benefitted as a result. You'll find simple but powerful ways to expand your IT network and provide personal, one-on-one care to all of your patients, anywhere in the world. By connecting your patients with caregivers—and caregivers with each other—you'll be better equipped to diagnose conditions, recommend treatments, and monitor patients in ways that weren't even possible 10 years ago. And you'll see a vision of where IT is headed in the Internet of Healthcare. This is the future of healthcare. It's on your computer, your phone, your tablet, your network, and the world wide web. It's the IT advantage that makes organizations like Cleveland Clinic so successful—and patients healthier and happier. It's about time. IT's About Patient Care.

Introduces the "new basics" of abstraction, system thinking, collaboration, and experimentation and suggests how schools can prepare students for a technology-based work world. Parents worry about their kids, especially when it comes to their health. Conventional medicine has its place but health conscious parents often worry about the serious side effects associated with many prescription drugs and other conventional treatments. Treatment Alternatives for Children is an easily accessible reference guide that enables parents to look up any number of childhood ailments-acne, ear infections, ADHD ... you name it-and get all of the vital

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comparative information about the most common conventional and alternative treatments. For each side-by-side conventional/alternative comparison, readers get: ?A description of the ailment each treats ?The generic and common brand names of each treatment ?Active ingredients ?How each treatment works ?Dosage, where applicable ?Treatment efficacy and timing ?Common mild side effects ?Less common serious side effects Organized from "A" to "Z," this book also covers a special "spotlight" on various important natural remedies and methods that can be used for a variety of ailments.

There have been great strides made in designing the administrative structures of patient-centered care, but it is still difficult to design truly patient-centered clinical routines that the entire healthcare team can enact. The kind of partnership, in which patients are fully part of the team that guides their own care, goes against so much of the training and socialization of health professionals and, for that matter, the expectations of many patients. This is particularly true for patients we sometimes call "complex." In other contexts, we call them "high utilizers," "disadvantaged," "heartsink patients," or "people with trauma histories." Blount calls them "multiply-disadvantaged" patients. To successfully serve these patients requires our best versions of team-based care, including behavioral health and care management team members, though every member of the team needs help in engaging these patients and mutual support in adapting to the rapid changes in roles that new team approaches are creating. This book offers a summary of the approaches that are currently in growing use, such as health literacy assessment, motivational interviewing, appreciative inquiry, shared decision making, minimally disruptive care, trauma informed care, enfranchisement coaching, relationship-centered care, and family-informed care. Finally, it offers a

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transformative method, based on familiar elements, that is Transparent, Empowering, Activating, and Mutual: the T.E.A.M. Way.

"This book is a key source for identifying measures for closing the communication gap through new approaches for face-to-face communication, opportunities to create social bonding and social capital, and taking advantage of the full communication cycle. Featuring extensive coverage across a range of relevant perspectives and topics, such as expectation, value and return (EVR), high-tech, and two-way interaction"--

In *High Tech and High Touch*, James E. Coverdill and William Finlay invite readers into the dynamic world of headhunters, personnel professionals who acquire talent for businesses and other organizations on a contingent-fee basis. In a high-tech world where social media platforms have simplified direct contact between employers and job seekers, Coverdill and Finlay acknowledge, it is relatively easy to find large numbers of apparently qualified candidates.

However, the authors demonstrate that headhunters serve a valuable purpose in bringing high-touch search into the labor market: they help parties on both sides of the transaction to define their needs and articulate what they have to offer. As well as providing valuable information for sociologists and economists, *High Tech and High Touch* demonstrates how headhunters approach practical

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issues such as identifying and attracting candidates; how they solicit, secure, and evaluate search assignments from client companies; and how they strive to broker interactions between candidates and clients to maximize the likelihood that the right people land in the right jobs.

"Customer Success will become the authoritative book of the emerging Customer Success industry and target any business that is trying to focus, or re-focus, on customers and will be applicable to all customer management roles such as Account Manager, Customer Advocacy, Client Relationship Manager, and Customer Success Manager along with the leadership of those organizations. Customer Success will address the pains of how to start creating a customer-centric company and how to think strategically about Customer Success - how to organize, compensate, find a leader, measure, etc. Customer Success has exploded as one of the hottest B2B movements since the advent of the subscription business model"--

From the authors of The New York Times bestseller, Megatrends: Ten New Directions Transforming Our Lives, comes Mastering Megatrends: Understanding and Leveraging the Evolving New World, which deals with the complexity of change. It is one thing to spot a real trend from a fad, but it is quite another thing to deal with an incoming trend. In today's digital world, almost everyone can easily access

information. But this information can be either fact or opinion, informative or intentional, intellectual or populist, spread by humans or algorithms. Once spread, it is consumed by readers who may be open or biased and have culturally and geographically diverse attitudes. Since we naturally tend to ignore information that jeopardizes our own expectations, Mastering Megatrends offers guidelines on how to take down internal and external barriers of understanding as it covers such topics as:

- HOW TO MAKE JUDGMENTS AND MASTER EMOTIONS
- UNDERSTANDING THE EMERGING PLAYERS
- A NEW MAPPING OF THE WORLD
- MASTERING A NEW WORKING WORLD
- MASTERING THE EDUCATION CHALLENGE
- MASTERING MASS COMMUNICATIONS
- MASTERING A NEW TRADE ORDER

An Incredible Journey of Recovery James H. Osborne suffered a tragic spinal cord injury from a road cycling accident that rendered him quadriplegic. Though doctors said he would likely never walk again, James has been fighting for nine years to recover his body. Will Your Way Back chronicles his journey, an exercise of will, to walk again and live independently. James has struggled professionally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually to overcome his disability and persevere in pursuit of a new normal. His story is unique and compelling, and if you have ever suffered loss, or have a loved one

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who is suffering this way, you will draw hope from his inspiring story. Sometimes you must let go and find a new path, a new way to success: Define your terms, take a stand, and choose to win.

Get a handle on disruption, innovation and opportunity in investment technology The digital evolution is enabling the creation of sophisticated software solutions that make money management more accessible, affordable and eponymous. Full automation is attractive to investors at an early stage of wealth accumulation, but hybrid models are of interest to investors who control larger amounts of wealth, particularly those who have enough wealth to be able to efficiently diversify their holdings.

Investors can now outperform their benchmarks more easily using the latest tech tools. The WEALTHTECH Book is the only comprehensive guide of its kind to the disruption, innovation and opportunity in technology in the investment management sector. It is an invaluable source of information for entrepreneurs, innovators, investors, insurers, analysts and consultants working in or interested in investing in this space. • Explains how the wealth management sector is being affected by competition from low-cost robo-advisors • Explores technology and start-up company disruption and how to delight customers while managing their assets • Explains how to achieve better returns using the latest fintech innovation • Includes inspirational

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success stories and new business models • Details overall market dynamics The WealthTech Book is essential reading for investment and fund managers, asset allocators, family offices, hedge, venture capital and private equity funds and entrepreneurs and start-ups.

In the 1950s, East Central Florida underwent a vast transformation with the creation of the American space program. The sleepy fishing communities stretching from Titusville to Melbourne became home to an army of engineers, rocket scientists, and technicians who would soon take Florida and the nation into the missile age. With no opportunities for advanced study nearby, a handful of determined men and women launched Brevard Engineering College in 1958. In 1966, Florida's secretary of state approved the college's petition to change its name to Florida Institute of Technology. In its short history, Florida Tech has overcome formidable hurdles and succeeded in winning a place in the top ranks of scientific and technological universities. A college on the rise, Florida Tech has not only a bright future, but a rich and colorful history that has been captured in striking photographs. The exciting story of "Countdown College"-from the lift-off of Bumper 8 in 1950, which launched the space program in Florida, to the most recent high-tech additions to campus facilities-is the subject of this captivating new pictorial history.

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The extraordinary story of how Georgia State University tore up the rulebook for educating lower-income students "Georgia State . . . has been reimagined—amid a moral awakening and a raft of data-driven experimentation—as one of the South's more innovative engines of social mobility." —The New York Times

Won't Lose This Dream is the inspiring story of a public university that has blazed an extraordinary trail for lower-income and first-generation students in downtown Atlanta, the birthplace of the civil rights movement. Over the past decade Georgia State University has upended the conventional wisdom that large numbers of students are doomed to fail simply because of their economic background or the color of their skin. Instead, it has harnessed the power of big data to identify and remove the obstacles that previously stopped them from graduating and completely transformed their prospects. A student from a mediocre high school working two jobs to make ends meet is now no less likely to succeed than a child of wealth and privilege—an earth-shaking achievement that is reverberating across every college campus in the country. With unique access to the key players and drawing on his skills as an investigative reporter, Andrew Gumbel delivers a thrilling, blow-by-blow account of a long battle to determine whether universities exist for their students or vice versa. The story is told through the visionary leaders who overcame fierce resistance to tear up the rules of their own institution and through the many remarkable students whose resilience and determination, often against daunting odds, inspired the work at every stage. Their success shows how the promise of social advancement through talent and hard work, the essence of the American dream, can be rekindled even in an age of deep inequalities and divisive politics.

High Tech, High Touch illustrates technical solutions that really work, inspired by effective customer service strategies

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used by businesses. These are unique technology solutions—based on digital libraries, portals, e-mail notifications, and database interfaces to the web—to solve everyday public library problems.

The bestselling author of *No Logo* shows how the global "free market" has exploited crises and shock for three decades, from Chile to Iraq. In her groundbreaking reporting, Naomi Klein introduced the term "disaster capitalism." Whether covering Baghdad after the U.S. occupation, Sri Lanka in the wake of the tsunami, or New Orleans post-Katrina, she witnessed something remarkably similar. People still reeling from catastrophe were being hit again, this time with economic "shock treatment," losing their land and homes to rapid-fire corporate makeovers. *The Shock Doctrine* retells the story of the most dominant ideology of our time, Milton Friedman's free market economic revolution. In contrast to the popular myth of this movement's peaceful global victory, Klein shows how it has exploited moments of shock and extreme violence in order to implement its economic policies in so many parts of the world from Latin America and Eastern Europe to South Africa, Russia, and Iraq. At the core of disaster capitalism is the use of cataclysmic events to advance radical privatization combined with the privatization of the disaster response itself. Klein argues that by capitalizing on crises, created by nature or war, the disaster capitalism complex now exists as a booming new economy, and is the violent culmination of a radical economic project that has been incubating for fifty years.

A new guide to hi-tech marketing introduces well-established strategies and techniques for market branding designed to work in the technology and information sectors of the economy.

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Touch Customer ServiceInspire Timeless Loyalty in the Demanding New World of Social CommerceAMACOM Div American Mgmt Assn

Creating Authentic Customer Connections in a High-Tech World In The Relationship Economy, author John DiJulius teaches business leaders about the importance of relationship building in the digital age. He argues that in spite of (and because of) the advances in tech, we've become a less connected society. We have dramatically evolved away from face-to-face communication, and the skill of building rapport is evaporating. This means that customer personalization and relationships are more important now than ever—and they will be the key to success for businesses moving forward. As he aptly states, "Being able to build true sustainable relationships is the biggest competitive advantage in a world where automation, artificial intelligence, and machine learning are eliminating the human experience, which is what creates the emotional connections that build true customer loyalty." This book reminds readers of the importance of personal connections and shows them how to attain meaningful, lasting relationships with their customers. Attract and retain the best talent with this step-by-step guide to blending the use of "high-tech" candidate search tools with traditional "high-touch" relationship-based recruiting methods. ?The papers presented in this volume advance the state of the art in social media and Web 2.0, electronic tourism marketing, web site and search engine optimization, technology adoption and diffusion, online communities, tourism management and decision support, eLearning, mobile technologies and applications in tourism, recommender systems, e-intermediaries and networks in tourism, customer research in e-tourism and user generated content. The volume collects research papers of prominent scholars from around the world with a disciplinary background in the fields

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of social or computer sciences. The book covers the most significant topics within the study field of electronic tourism and addresses both, academics and practitioners interested in the latest advances in the electronic travel and tourism domain.

Stanley Kubrick's 1968 film 2001: A Space Odyssey famously featured HAL, a computer with the ability to hold lengthy conversations with his fellow space travelers. More than forty years later, we have advanced computer technology that Kubrick never imagined, but we do not have computers that talk and understand speech as HAL did. Is it a failure of our technology that we have not gotten much further than an automated voice that tells us to "say or press 1"? Or is there something fundamental in human language and speech that we do not yet understand deeply enough to be able to replicate in a computer? In *The Voice in the Machine*, Roberto Pieraccini examines six decades of work in science and technology to develop computers that can interact with humans using speech and the industry that has arisen around the quest for these technologies. He shows that although the computers today that understand speech may not have HAL's capacity for conversation, they have capabilities that make them usable in many applications today and are on a fast track of improvement and innovation. Pieraccini describes the evolution of speech recognition and speech understanding processes from waveform methods to artificial intelligence approaches to statistical learning and modeling of human speech based on a rigorous mathematical model -- specifically, Hidden Markov Models (HMM). He details the development of dialog systems, the ability to produce speech, and the process of bringing talking machines to the market. Finally, he asks a question that only the future can answer: will we end up with HAL-like computers or something completely unexpected?

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Participatory Budgeting—the experiment in democracy that could redefine how public budgets are decided in the United States. *Democracy Reinvented* is the first comprehensive academic treatment of participatory budgeting in the United States, situating it within a broader trend of civic technology and innovation. This global phenomenon, which has been called "revolutionary civics in action" by the New York Times, started in Brazil in 1989 but came to America only in 2009. Participatory budgeting empowers citizens to identify community needs, work with elected officials to craft budget proposals, and vote on how to spend public funds. *Democracy Reinvented* places participatory budgeting within the larger discussion of the health of U.S. democracy and focuses on the enabling political and institutional conditions. Author and former White House policy adviser Hollie Russon Gilman presents theoretical insights, indepth case studies, and interviews to offer a compelling alternative to the current citizen disaffection and mistrust of government. She offers policy recommendations on how to tap online tools and other technological and civic innovations to promote more inclusive governance. While most literature tends to focus on institutional changes without solutions, this book suggests practical ways to empower citizens to become change agents. *Reinvesting in Democracy* also includes a discussion on the challenges and opportunities that come with using digital tools to re-engage citizens in governance. In *Global Paradox*, John Naisbitt builds a powerful instrument of comprehension from this one profound and vital insight about the seemingly chaotic changes that appear to grip our world. The Paradox, as he sees it, is powered by the explosive developments in telecommunications which are the driving forces simultaneously creating the huge global economy and multiplying and empowering its parts. The *Global Paradox* is funded by the largest and fastest-growing

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industry in the world - tourism. Tourism is the face-to-face corollary of the communications revolution. Tourism creates infrastructures and can lift Third World economies; tourism incites our interest in other cultures and tribes - gives them validity, makes us want to visit them. The force shaking the foundations of huge economic and political structures is this same tribalism: The more universal we become, the more tribal we act.

Why our brains aren't built for media multitasking, and how we can learn to live with technology in a more balanced way. "Brilliant and practical, just what we need in these techno-human times."—Jack Kornfield, author of *The Wise Heart* Most of us will freely admit that we are obsessed with our devices. We pride ourselves on our ability to multitask—read work email, reply to a text, check Facebook, watch a video clip. Talk on the phone, send a text, drive a car. Enjoy family dinner with a glowing smartphone next to our plates. We can do it all, 24/7! Never mind the errors in the email, the near-miss on the road, and the unheard conversation at the table. In *The Distracted Mind*, Adam Gazzaley and Larry Rosen—a neuroscientist and a psychologist—explain why our brains aren't built for multitasking, and suggest better ways to live in a high-tech world without giving up our modern technology. The authors explain that our brains are limited in their ability to pay attention. We don't really multitask but rather switch rapidly between tasks. Distractions and interruptions, often technology-related—referred to by the authors as “interference”—collide with our goal-setting abilities. We want to finish this paper/spreadsheet/sentence, but our phone signals an incoming message and we drop everything. Even without an alert, we decide that we “must” check in on social media immediately. Gazzaley and Rosen offer practical strategies, backed by science, to fight distraction. We can change our brains with meditation, video games, and physical

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exercise; we can change our behavior by planning our accessibility and recognizing our anxiety about being out of touch even briefly. They don't suggest that we give up our devices, but that we use them in a more balanced way. From the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York's work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice! There's a reason Alison Green has been called “the Dear Abby of the work world.” Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit “reply all” • you're being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for Ask a Manager “A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work.”—Booklist (starred review) “The author's friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers' lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience.”—Library Journal (starred review) “I am a huge fan of Alison Green's Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so

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with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor.”—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of *The No Asshole Rule* and *The Asshole Survival Guide* “Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way.”—Erin Lowry, author of *Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together*

A top social media guru shares the secrets to expanding your business through relationships People have always done business with people they know, like, and trust. That's the essence of "relationship marketing." Today, the popularity of online social networking has caused a paradigm shift in relationship marketing. This book helps businesspeople and marketers master this crucial new skill set. Social marketing expert Mari Smith outlines a step-by-step plan for building a sizable, loyal network comprised of quality relationships that garner leads, publicity, sales,, and more. If you're a businessman or businesswoman feeling the pressure to shift your approach to using social media marketing, to better understand the new soft skills required for success on the social web, and to improve your own leadership and relationship skills through emotional and social intelligence, this book is for you. Outlines how to become a significant "center of influence" for your customers and prospects Explains the unspoken rules of online etiquette—and the common "turnoffs" that drive customers and potential partners away Details the unique cultures of Facebook, Twitter, and other popular online platforms Shows exactly what to automate and delegate to build your social media persona, yet still retain the personal touch Even if you currently have zero presence online, this book will help you see measurable results in a short time.

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