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## The Harvard College Guide to Consulting

Case method teaching immerses students in realistic

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business situations--which include incomplete information, time constraints, and conflicting goals. The class discussion inherent in case teaching is well known for stimulating the development of students' critical thinking skills, yet instructors often need guidance on managing that class discussion to maximize learning. Teaching with Cases focuses on practical advice for instructors that can be easily implemented. It covers how to plan a course, how to teach it, and how to evaluate it. The book is organized by the three elements required for a great case-based course: 1) advance planning by the instructor, including implementation of a student contract; 2) how to make leading a vibrant case discussion easier and more systematic; and 3) planning for student evaluation after the course is complete. Teaching with Cases is ideal for anyone interested in case teaching, whether basing an entire course on cases, using cases as a supplement, or simply using discussion facilitation techniques. To learn more about the book, and to see resources available, visit [teachingwithcases.hbsp.harvard.edu](http://teachingwithcases.hbsp.harvard.edu).

## **Wet Feet Insider Guide Killer Consulting Resumes**

Retailers today are drowning in data but lacking in insight. They have so much information at their disposal that they struggle with both how to sort through it, and how to add science to their decision-making process without blunting the art that they correctly believe is a key ingredient of their success. This book reveals how retailers can use data to

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manage everything from strategic assortment planning, inventory management, and markdowns to improve store-level execution. This data-driven approach to the retail supply chain leads to far greater and faster inventory turns, far fewer and lower discounted goods and services, and better profit margins. The authors also tease out the personnel issues and the organizational implications of this approach.

### **Crack the Case System**

Crack the Case System is a complete training program, covering every aspect of the infamous "case interview" favored by top management consulting firms and a growing number of Fortune 500 companies. David Ohrvall's step-by-step approach combines practical instruction on structuring, analytics and communication, as well as insider tips and insights gained from training thousands of candidates. CTCS includes over 150 bonus videos on [mbacase.com](http://mbacase.com), 42 practice cases, homework and drills. About the author: David Ohrvall is the global expert on the topic of case interviews. A dynamic and sought-after speaker, he trains several thousand MBAs and undergraduates each year at premiere business schools around the world, including Wharton, Stanford, Harvard Business School, Chicago Booth, Duke's Fuqua School of Business, INSEAD, Oxford and Cambridge. David also has an extensive private coaching practice that has helped launch hundreds of candidates into consulting, venture capital, and a variety of industries. David is a former

management consultant (Bain & Company), and a graduate of the Wharton School (MBA & undergrad). Learn more about David at [www.mbacase.com](http://www.mbacase.com).

### **HBR's 10 Must Reads on Mental Toughness**

You never dreamed being the boss would be so hard. You're caught in a web of conflicting expectations from subordinates, your supervisor, peers, and customers. You're not alone. As Linda Hill and Kent Lineback reveal in *Being the Boss*, becoming an effective manager is a painful, difficult journey. It's trial and error, endless effort, and slowly acquired personal insight. Many managers never complete the journey. At best, they just learn to get by. At worst, they become terrible bosses. This new book explains how to avoid that fate, by mastering three imperatives:

- **Manage yourself:** Learn that management isn't about getting things done yourself. It's about accomplishing things through others.
- **Manage a network:** Understand how power and influence work in your organization and build a network of mutually beneficial relationships to navigate your company's complex political environment.
- **Manage a team:** Forge a high-performing "we" out of all the "I"s who report to you.

Packed with compelling stories and practical guidance, *Being the Boss* is an indispensable guide for not only first-time managers but all managers seeking to master the most daunting challenges of leadership.

### **How Finance Works**

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Our professional lives are full of challenges and setbacks, but those who achieve elite performance are able to consistently rally their emotional strength in the pursuit of their goals--no matter what gets thrown at them. If you read nothing else on mental toughness, read these ten articles by experts in the field. We've combed through hundreds of articles in the Harvard Business Review archive and selected the most important ones to help you build your emotional strength and resilience--and to achieve high performance. This book will inspire you to: Thrive on pressure like an Olympic athlete Manage and overcome negative emotions by acknowledging them Plan short-term goals to achieve long-term aspirations Surround yourself with the people who will push you the hardest Use challenges to become a better leader Use creativity to move past trauma Understand the tools your mind uses to recover from setbacks--

### **Power Interviews**

Examines and explains the revolutionary business frameworks of Michael Porter, with examples to illustrate and update Porter's ideas for achieving and sustaining competitive success.

### **The Case Study Handbook, Revised Edition**

The Power of Empowering Others Leadership isn't easy. It takes grit, courage, and vision, among other things, that can be hard to come by on your toughest days. When leaders and aspiring leaders seek out

advice, they're often told to try harder. Dig deeper. Look in the mirror and own your natural-born strengths and fix any real or perceived career-limiting deficiencies. Frances Frei and Anne Morriss offer a different worldview. They argue that this popular leadership advice glosses over the most important thing you do as a leader: build others up. Leadership isn't about you. It's about how effective you are at empowering other people—and making sure this impact endures even in your absence. As Frei and Morriss show through inspiring stories from ancient Rome to present-day Silicon Valley, the origins of great leadership are found, paradoxically, not in worrying about your own status and advancement, but in the unrelenting focus on other people's potential. *Unleashed* provides radical advice for the practice of leadership today. Showing how the boldest, most effective leaders use a special combination of trust, love, and belonging to create an environment in which other people can excel, Frei and Morriss offer practical, battle-tested tools—based on their work with companies such as Uber, Riot Games, WeWork, and others—along with interviews and stories from their own personal experience, to make these ideas come alive. This book is your indispensable guide for unleashing greatness in other people . . . and, ultimately, in yourself. To learn more, please visit [theleadersguide.com](http://theleadersguide.com).

## **Reimagining Capitalism in a World on Fire**

Professional career guide from the Vault Career

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Library providing detailed case-by-case explanations of the consulting interview and strategies for cracking it.

### **Aligning Strategy and Sales**

Filled with helpful checklists, charts, and suggestions for further reading, this practical, comprehensive, and multidisciplinary guide takes readers through the entire case-writing process, including skills for writing both teaching cases and research cases. This edition includes new discussions of students as case writers, and how to interpret and respond to reviews, as well as updated and expanded material on video, multimedia and Internet cases.

### **Case Interview Secrets**

WITH NEW ANALYSIS OF HBS AND THE FINANCIAL CRISIS When Philip Delves Broughton abandoned his career as a successful journalist and enrolled in Harvard Business School's prestigious MBA course, he joined 900 other would-be tycoons in a cauldron of capitalism. Two years of Excel shortcuts and five hundred of HBS's notorious business case studies lay ahead of him, but he couldn't have told you what OCRA was, other than a vegetable, or whether discount department stores make more money than airlines. He did, however, know that HBS's alumni appeared to be taking over the world. The US president, the president of the World Bank, the US treasury secretary, the CEOs of General Electric, Goldman Sachs and Proctor & Gamble - all were

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bringing HBS experience to the way they ran their banks, businesses and even countries. And with the prospect of economic enlightenment before him, he decided to see for himself exactly what they teach you at Harvard Business School. Philip Delves Broughton's hilarious and enlightening account of his experiences within Harvard Business School's hallowed walls provides an extraordinary glimpse into a world of case study conundrums, guest lectures, Apprentice-style tasks, booze lugging, burn-outs and high flyers. And with HBS alumni heading the very global governments, financial institutions and FTSE 500 companies whose reckless love of deregulation and debt got us into so much trouble, he discovers where HBS really adds value - and where it falls disturbingly short.

### **Vault Guide to Finance Interviews**

In the spring of 2010, Harvard Business School's graduating class asked HBS professor Clay Christensen to address them—but not on how to apply his principles and thinking to their post-HBS careers. The students wanted to know how to apply his wisdom to their personal lives. He shared with them a set of guidelines that have helped him find meaning in his own life, which led to this now-classic article. Although Christensen's thinking is rooted in his deep religious faith, these are strategies anyone can use. Since 1922, Harvard Business Review has been a leading source of breakthrough ideas in management practice. The Harvard Business Review Classics series now offers you the opportunity to

make these seminal pieces a part of your permanent management library. Each highly readable volume contains a groundbreaking idea that continues to shape best practices and inspire countless managers around the world.

### **Hacking the Case Interview**

"The best sales book of the year" — strategy+business magazine That gap between your company's sales efforts and strategy? It's real—and a huge vulnerability. Addressing that gap, actionably and with attention to relevant research, is the focus of this book. In *Aligning Strategy and Sales*, Harvard Business School professor Frank Cespedes equips you to link your go-to-market initiatives with strategic goals. Cespedes offers a road map to articulate strategy in ways that people in the field can understand and that will fuel the behaviors required for profitable growth. Without that alignment, leaders will press for better execution when they need a better strategy, or change strategic direction with great cost and turmoil when they should focus on the basics of sales execution. With thoughtful, clear, and engaging examples, *Aligning Strategy and Sales* provides a framework for diagnosing and managing the core levers available for effective selling in any organization. It will give you the know-how and tools to move from ideas to action and build a sales effort linked to your firm's unique goals, not a generic selling formula. Cespedes shows how sales efforts affect all elements of value creation in a business, whether you're a start-up seeking to scale or an

established firm looking to jump-start new growth. The book provides key insights to optimize your firm's customer management activities and so improve selling and strategy.

### **Beyond the MBA Hype**

#### **Competitive Strategy**

A renowned Harvard professor debunks prevailing orthodoxy with a new intellectual foundation and a practical pathway forward for a system that has lost its moral and ethical foundation in this "powerful" book (Daron Acemoglu). Free market capitalism is one of humanity's greatest inventions and the greatest source of prosperity the world has ever seen. But this success has been costly. Capitalism is on the verge of destroying the planet and destabilizing society as wealth rushes to the top. The time for action is running short. Rebecca Henderson's rigorous research in economics, psychology, and organizational behavior, as well as her many years of work with companies around the world, gives us a path forward. She debunks the worldview that the only purpose of business is to make money and maximize shareholder value. She shows that we have failed to reimagine capitalism so that it is not only an engine of prosperity but also a system that is in harmony with environmental realities, striving for social justice and the demands of truly democratic institutions. Henderson's deep understanding of how change takes place, combined with fascinating in-depth stories of

companies that have made the first steps towards reimagining capitalism, provides inspiring insight into what capitalism can be. With rich discussions of how the worlds of finance, governance, and leadership must also evolve, Henderson provides the pragmatic foundation for navigating a world faced with unprecedented challenge, but also with extraordinary opportunity for those who can get it right.

### **The Case Study Handbook**

### **What They Don't Teach You at Harvard Business School**

Interviewing in today's fiercely competitive job market can seem like walking through a minefield. New trends in corporate strategy and structure have led to dramatic changes in what employers look for in prospective employees and in the types of questions you will be asked during an interview. In this revised and expanded edition of their bestselling career guide, two experienced counselors share their inside knowledge--and the expert advice of Fortune 500 recruiters --to equip you with the interviewing skills you need to land the job. Here's where you'll find:

- \* The key characteristics that leading companies look for in prospective employees --and how to project them
- \* The fifty most frequently asked questions --as well as detailed scripts of the best answers
- \* The Power Prep Strategy --practice sessions to perfect your interview techniques
- \* Tips on positioning yourself during an interview --how to convey your

added value \* Strategies for power negotiating, overcoming differences with an interviewer, narrowing your job search --and much more.

### **HBR Guide to Buying a Small Business**

#1 NATIONAL BESTSELLER • Featuring a new foreword by Ari Emanuel and Patrick Whitesell Mark H. McCormack, one of the most successful entrepreneurs in American business, is widely credited as the founder of the modern-day sports marketing industry. On a handshake with Arnold Palmer and less than a thousand dollars, he started International Management Group and, over a four-decade period, built the company into a multimillion-dollar enterprise with offices in more than forty countries. To this day, McCormack's business classic remains a must-read for executives and managers at every level, featuring straight-talking advice you'll never hear in business school. Relating his proven method of "applied people sense" in key chapters on sales, negotiation, reading others and yourself, and executive time management, McCormack presents powerful real-world guidance on • the secret life of a deal • management philosophies that don't work (and one that does) • the key to running a meeting—and how to attend one • the positive use of negative reinforcement • proven ways to observe aggressively and take the edge • and much more Praise for What They Don't Teach You at Harvard Business School "Incisive, intelligent, and witty, What They Don't Teach You at Harvard Business School is a sure winner—like the author himself. Reading it has taught

me a lot.”—Rupert Murdoch, executive chairman, News Corp, chairman and CEO, 21st Century Fox  
“Clear, concise, and informative . . . Like a good mentor, this book will be a valuable aid throughout your business career.”—Herbert J. Siegel, chairman, Chris-Craft Industries, Inc. “Mark McCormack describes the approach I have personally seen him adopt, which has not only contributed to the growth of his business, but mine as well.”—Arnold Palmer  
“There have been what we love to call dynasties in every sport. IMG has been different. What this one brilliant man, Mark McCormack, created is the only dynasty ever over all sport.”—Frank Deford, senior contributing writer, Sports Illustrated

### **Democracy**

Digital transformation is no longer news--it's a necessity. Despite the widespread threat of disruption, many large companies in traditional industries have succeeded at digitizing their businesses in truly transformative ways. The New York Times, formerly a bastion of traditional media, has created a thriving digital product behind a carefully designed paywall. Best Buy has transformed its business in the face of Amazon's threat. John Deere has formed a data-analysis arm to complement its farm-equipment business. And Goldman Sachs and many others are using digital technologies to reimagine their businesses. In *Driving Digital Strategy*, Harvard Business School professor Sunil Gupta provides an actionable framework for following their lead. For over a decade, Gupta has studied

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digital transformation at Fortune 500 companies. He knows what works and what doesn't. Merely dabbling in digital or launching a small independent unit, which many companies do, will not bring success. Instead you need to fundamentally change the core of your business and ensure that your digital strategy touches all aspects of your organization: your business model, value chain, customer relationships, and company culture. Gupta covers each aspect in vivid detail while providing navigation tips and best practices along the way. Filled with rich and illuminating case studies of companies at the forefront of digital transformation, *Driving Digital Strategy* is the comprehensive guide you need to take full advantage of the limitless opportunities the digital age provides.

### **Understanding Michael Porter**

Award-winning Harvard Business School professor Francesca Gino shows us why creative rebellion is essential at work and in life, and why the most successful among us are those who break the rules. One of the world's best chefs; a pilot who brought passengers and crew to safety in a dire situation; a woman who fought discrimination to make others better off; a magician who made history; a company founder who worked with his team to create movies that engage young and old alike. What do they all have in common? They are all rebels. Harvard Business School professor, Francesca Gino has been studying how rebels can be successful in life and in the workplace for more than 15 years. She has

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discovered that when we mindlessly follow well-accepted rules and norms rather than constructively rebel against them, we become less happy and less successful. As leaders, we are less effective and respected. As employees, we feel dissatisfied and are more likely to be overlooked for top assignments and promotions. As partners or friends, we are disengaged and unhappy. While rebels may seem harder to manage, they are good for the bottom line: their passion, drive, curiosity, and creativity raise organizations to a new level. When we break the rules, we fix our lives. Rebel Talent provides strategies and examples for cultivating and embracing the right amount of rebellion in the workplace and in life, and offers illuminating case studies ranging from The World's Best Restaurant to fast food chains to corporations such as Google and Pixar. Gino encourages all of us to rebel against what's comfortable so we can thrive.

### **Vault Guide to the Case Interview**

To land a management consulting job at any of the top firms, including McKinsey, Bain, BCG, Deloitte, Oliver Wyman, and Accenture, you must get through several rounds of case interviews. Whether your interview is in a few weeks or even tomorrow, this book is written to get you the maximum amount of knowledge in the least amount of time. Think of this book as taking the express lane towards beginning to master consulting case interviews. I cut out all of the filler material that some other consulting books have, and tell you everything that you need to know in a

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clear and direct way. With this shortcut guide, you will: Understand and become proficient at the nine different parts of a case interview, and know exactly what to say and do in each step Learn the only framework strategy that you need to memorize to craft unique and tailored frameworks for every possible case scenario Gain knowledge of basic business terms and principles so that you can develop an astute business intuition Acquire the skills to solve any market sizing or other quantitative problem Uncover how to differentiate yourself from the thousands of other candidates who are fighting to get the same job you are Practice your case interview skills with included practice cases and sample answers

## Case in Point

The MBA admissions process is fiercely competitive, yet success can be remarkably simple: differentiate yourself from a sea of applicants and gain that coveted letter of acceptance. But how do you discover your unique attributes? How do you create an application that will ensure you truly stand out from the pack? The Complete Start-to-Finish MBA Admissions Guide, 2nd Ed. is filled with exercises and examples that take you step by step through the entire MBA admissions process. Our guide includes chapters on the following:â€¢ Long-term planning to ensure a competitive candidacyâ€¢ Creative brainstorming to build a foundation for standout essaysâ€¢ Writing dynamic personal goal statements and essaysâ€¢ Drafting an eye-catching and results-

driven resumeâ€¢ Obtaining compelling and supportive recommendationsâ€¢ Preparing for a persuasive and effective interview (including 100 potential interview questions)

### **Complete Start-to-Finish MBA Admissions Guide**

Are you looking for an alternative to a career path at a big firm? Does founding your own start-up seem too risky? There is a radical third path open to you: You can buy a small business and run it as CEO. Purchasing a small company offers significant financial rewards—as well as personal and professional fulfillment. Leading a firm means you can be your own boss, put your executive skills to work, fashion a company environment that meets your own needs, and profit directly from your success. But finding the right business to buy and closing the deal isn't always easy. In the HBR Guide to Buying a Small Business, Harvard Business School professors Richard Ruback and Royce Yudkoff help you: Determine if this path is right for you Raise capital for your acquisition Find and evaluate the right prospects Avoid the pitfalls that could derail your search Understand why a "dull" business might be the best investment Negotiate a potential deal with the seller Avoid deals that fall through at the last minute

### **Blockbusters**

Simons presents the seven key questions a manager and his team must continually ask. Drawing on

decades of research into performance management systems and organization design, "Seven Strategy Questions" is a no-nonsense, must-read resource for all leaders in any organization.

### **The New Science of Retailing**

Historian David Moss adapts the case study method made famous by Harvard Business School to revitalize our conversations about governance and democracy and show how the United States has often thrived on political conflict. These 19 cases ask us to weigh choices and consequences, wrestle with momentous decisions, and come to our own conclusions.

### **Teaching with Cases**

Why the future of popular culture will revolve around ever bigger bets on entertainment products, by one of Harvard Business School's most popular professors  
What's behind the phenomenal success of entertainment businesses such as Warner Bros., Marvel Entertainment, and the NFL—along with such stars as Jay-Z, Lady Gaga, and LeBron James? Which strategies give leaders in film, television, music, publishing, and sports an edge over their rivals? Anita Elberse, Harvard Business School's expert on the entertainment industry, has done pioneering research on the worlds of media and sports for more than a decade. Now, in this groundbreaking book, she explains a powerful truth about the fiercely competitive world of entertainment: building a business around blockbuster products—the movies,

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television shows, songs, and books that are hugely expensive to produce and market—is the surest path to long-term success. Along the way, she reveals why entertainment executives often spend outrageous amounts of money in search of the next blockbuster, why superstars are paid unimaginable sums, and how digital technologies are transforming the entertainment landscape. Full of inside stories emerging from Elberse's unprecedented access to some of the world's most successful entertainment brands, *Blockbusters* is destined to become required reading for anyone seeking to understand how the entertainment industry really works—and how to navigate today's high-stakes business world at large.

### **Seven Strategy Questions**

Based on a popular class taught by a Harvard Business School professor. If you're not a numbers person, then finance can be intimidating and easy to ignore. But if you want to advance in your career, you'll need to make smart financial decisions and develop the confidence to clearly communicate those decisions to others. In *How Finance Works*, Mihir Desai—a professor at Harvard Business School and author of *The Wisdom of Finance*--guides you into the complex but endlessly fascinating world of finance, demystifying it in the process. Through entertaining case studies, interactive exercises, full-color visuals, and a conversational style that belies the topic, Professor Desai tackles a broad range of topics that will give you the knowledge and skills you need to finally understand how finance works. These include:

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How different financial levers can affect a company's performance  
The different ways in which companies fund their operations and investments  
Why finance is more concerned with cash flow than profits  
How value is created, measured, and maximized  
The importance of capital markets in helping companies grow  
Whether you're a student or a manager, an aspiring CFO or an entrepreneur, *How Finance Works* is the colorful and interactive guide you need to help you start thinking more deeply about the numbers.

### **Competing in the Age of AI**

The Wall Street Journal calls *Case in Point* the MBA Bible! Cosentino demystifies the consulting case interview. He takes you inside a typical interview by exploring the various types of case questions and he shares with you the acclaimed Ivy Case System which will give you the confidence to answer even the most sophisticated cases.

### **Crack the Case**

### **How Will You Measure Your Life? (Harvard Business Review Classics)**

The use of complex graphs in case interviews has exploded. You have a very short time to look at the graph, analyze it, extract what's important and apply it to your answer. This book was designed to help you understand the role of graphs in consulting (both during an interview and on the job). The authors

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introduce the Ivy Graph Framework, which will allow you to analyze 11 of the most popular graphs quickly, completely, and with great confidence. In addition the book provides ten sophisticated cases with numerous graphs per case and allows you to see how these cases unfold. There is nothing else out there like it!

### **Unleashed**

Describes how organizations can learn to move swiftly to accommodate change while still providing the necessary structures that nurture employees and long-term success.

### **Being the Boss**

If you're enrolled in an executive education or MBA program, you've probably encountered a powerful learning tool: the business case. But if you're like many people, you may find interpreting and writing about cases mystifying, challenging, or downright frustrating. In "The Case Study Handbook", William Ellet presents a potent new approach for analyzing, discussing, and writing about cases. Early chapters show how to classify cases according to the analytical task they require (solving a problem, making a decision, or forming an evaluation) and quickly establish a base of knowledge about a case. Strategies and templates, in addition to several sample Harvard Business School cases, help you apply the author's framework. Later in the book, Ellet shows how to write persuasive case-analytical essays based on the process laid out earlier. Extensive

examples of effective and ineffective writing further reinforce your learning. The book also includes a chapter on how to talk about cases more effectively in class. Any current or prospective MBA or executive education student needs to read this book.

### **What They Teach You at Harvard Business School**

Are you a good boss--or a great one? Get more of the management ideas you want, from the authors you trust, with HBR's 10 Must Reads on Managing People (Vol. 2). We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the most important ones to help you master the innumerable challenges of being a manager. With insights from leading experts including Marcus Buckingham, Michael D. Watkins, and Linda Hill, this book will inspire you to:

- Draw out your employees' signature strengths
- Support a culture of honesty and civility
- Cultivate better communication and deeper trust among global teams
- Give feedback that will help your people excel
- Hire, reward, and tolerate only fully formed adults
- Motivate your employees through small wins
- Foster collaboration and break down silos across your company

This collection of articles includes "Are You a Good Boss--or a Great One?," by Linda A. Hill and Kent Lineback; "Let Your Workers Rebel," by Francesca Gino; "The Feedback Fallacy," by Marcus Buckingham and Ashley Goodall; "The Power of Small Wins," by Teresa M. Amabile and Steven J. Kramer; "The Price of Incivility," by Christine Porath and Christine Pearson; "What Most People Get Wrong

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About Men and Women," by Catherine H. Tinsley and Robin J. Ely; "How Netflix Reinvented HR," by Patty McCord; "Leading the Team You Inherit," by Michael D. Watkins; "The Overcommitted Organization," by Mark Mortensen and Heidi K. Gardner; "Global Teams That Work," by Tsedal Neeley; "Creating the Best Workplace on Earth," by Rob Goffee and Gareth Jones.

### **The Harvard Business School Guide to Careers in Management Consulting**

From the Vault Career Library covering the basics of financial statements, fit portion of interviews and equity and debt valuation techniques in a step-by-step process.

### **The Art and Craft of Case Writing**

Read 29 in-depth, candid interviews with people holding the top marketing roles within their organizations. Interviewees include CMOs and other top marketers from established companies and organizations—such as Linda Boff of GE, Jeff Jones of Target, and Kenny Brian of the Harvard Business School—to startups—such as Matt Price of Zendesk, Seth Farbman of Spotify, and Heather Zynczak of Domo. Interviewer Josh Steimle (contributor to business publications such as Forbes, Mashable, and TechCrunch and founder of an international marketing agency) elicits a bounty of biographical anecdotes, professional insights, and career advice from each of the prominent marketers profiled in this book. Chief Marketing Officers at Work: Tells how CMOs and other

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top marketers from leading corporations, nonprofits, government entities, and startups got to where they are today, what their jobs entail, and the skills they use to thrive in their roles. Shows how top marketing executives continuously adapt to changes in technology, language, and culture that have an impact on their jobs. Locates where the boundaries between role of CMOs and the roles of CEOs, CTOs, and COOs are blurring. Explores how the CMO decisions are now driven by data rather than gut feelings. The current realities in marketing are clearly revealed in this book as interviewees discuss the challenges of their jobs and share their visions and techniques for breaking down silos, working with other departments, and following the data. These no-holds-barred interviews will be of great interest to all those who interact with marketing departments, including other C-level executives, managers, and other professionals at any level within the organization.

### **Case in Point 9. 1**

"a provocative new book" -- The New York Times AI-centric organizations exhibit a new operating architecture, redefining how they create, capture, share, and deliver value. Marco Iansiti and Karim R. Lakhani show how reinventing the firm around data, analytics, and AI removes traditional constraints on scale, scope, and learning that have restricted business growth for hundreds of years. From Airbnb to Ant Financial, Microsoft to Amazon, research shows how AI-driven processes are vastly more scalable

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than traditional processes, allow massive scope increase, enabling companies to straddle industry boundaries, and create powerful opportunities for learning--to drive ever more accurate, complex, and sophisticated predictions. When traditional operating constraints are removed, strategy becomes a whole new game, one whose rules and likely outcomes this book will make clear. Iansiti and Lakhani: Present a framework for rethinking business and operating models Explain how "collisions" between AI-driven/digital and traditional/analog firms are reshaping competition, altering the structure of our economy, and forcing traditional companies to rearchitect their operating models Explain the opportunities and risks created by digital firms Describe the new challenges and responsibilities for the leaders of both digital and traditional firms Packed with examples--including many from the most powerful and innovative global, AI-driven competitors--and based on research in hundreds of firms across many sectors, this is your essential guide for rethinking how your firm competes and operates in the era of AI.

### **Chief Marketing Officers at Work**

The 2002 edition of The Harvard Business School Guide to Careers in Management Consulting provides invaluable job-search advice for the prospective management consultant. Harvard Business School graduates, students, and faculty reveal firsthand insights into the industry, describe what a consultant's work is really like, outline current

industry trends, and offer guidelines for approaching the case-study interview. Also included are profiles of well-known consulting firms, a mailing list of recruiting contacts, and a selective bibliography of relevant books and directories compiled by the Harvard Business School Career Resources librarian.

### **HBR's 10 Must Reads on Managing People, Vol. 2 (with bonus article “The Feedback Fallacy” by Marcus Buckingham and Ashley Goodall)**

The guide all MBAs and exec ed students need. If you're enrolled in an MBA or executive education program, you've probably encountered a powerful learning tool: the business case. But if you're like many people, you may find interpreting and writing about cases mystifying and time-consuming. In *The Case Study Handbook, Revised Edition*, William Ellet presents a potent new approach for efficiently analyzing, discussing, and writing about cases. Early chapters show how to classify cases according to the analytical task they require (making a decision, performing an evaluation, or diagnosing a problem) and quickly establish a base of knowledge about a case. Strategies and templates, in addition to several sample Harvard Business School cases, help you apply the author's framework. Later in the book, Ellet shows how to write persuasive case-analytical essays based on the process laid out earlier. Examples of effective writing further reinforce the methods. The book also includes a chapter on how to talk about cases more effectively in class. Any current or

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