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COUNTRY #1

USA

USA

Innovation-Driven, Data-Powered, Brand-Centric Service & Selling

Books 1-10

USA USA - Cultural Context

American service and sales literature dominates the global discipline through volume, research depth, and brand exemplars (Disney, Amazon, Zappos, Ritz-Carlton). US authors pioneered consultative selling, customer-experience metrics, and service culture as strategic discipline.

BOOK 1 *| USA USA | Country Rank #1*

The Effortless Experience

by Matthew Dixon, Nick Toman & Rick DeLisi . 2013

Summary

The CEB/Gartner research team studied 97,000+ customers and proved that reducing customer effort drives loyalty far more than 'delight.' Introduces Customer Effort Score (CES) and four pillars of low-effort service. The empirical foundation for modern CX strategy.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (foundations + metrics)

BOOK 2 *| USA USA | Country Rank #2*

The Challenger Sale

by Matthew Dixon & Brent Adamson . 2011

Summary

Based on 6,000+ rep study: the 'Challenger' profile (Teach-Tailor-Take Control) outperforms relationship-builders in complex B2B sales. Introduces Commercial Teaching Pitch and reframes selling as customer education.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (consultative selling)

BOOK 3 *| USA USA | Country Rank #3*

Delivering Happiness

by Tony Hsieh . 2010

Summary

Zappos founder's manifesto on building service culture through employee happiness and core values. The seminal text on culture-as-strategy, with the famous '$2,000-to-quit' hiring filter.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (culture)

BOOK 4 *| USA USA | Country Rank #4*

SPIN Selling

by Neil Rackham . 1988

Summary

Foundational empirical research (35,000+ sales calls) proving Situation-Problem-Implication-Need-Payoff questioning outperforms traditional closing techniques in complex sales.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (questioning framework)

BOOK 5 *| USA USA | Country Rank #5*

To Sell Is Human

by Daniel H. Pink . 2012

Summary

Reframes selling as universal human work (40% of jobs). Introduces new ABCs: Attunement, Buoyancy, Clarity. Bridges service mindset to ethical selling.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 + Day 3 (philosophy)

BOOK 6 *| USA USA | Country Rank #6*

Never Lose a Customer Again

by Joey Coleman . 2018

Summary

Eight-phase customer journey methodology (Assess to Advocate) with focus on the critical first 100 days. Provides 100-day implementation playbook.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (loyalty + retention)

BOOK 7 *| USA USA | Country Rank #7*

The New Strategic Selling

by Robert Miller & Stephen Heiman . 1985/2005

Summary

Miller-Heiman methodology for complex B2B accounts: four buying influences, Win-Win matrix, Blue Sheet planning. Industry-standard account management discipline.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (account management)

BOOK 8 *| USA USA | Country Rank #8*

The Customer Rules

by Lee Cockerell . 2013

Summary

Former Disney World EVP distills 39 actionable rules for sensational service. Operational discipline meets warm personalization at scale.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (micro-content + recovery)

BOOK 9 *| USA USA | Country Rank #9*

Outside In

by Harley Manning & Kerry Bodine . 2012

Summary

Forrester's six disciplines of CX excellence (Strategy, Understanding, Design, Measurement, Governance, Culture) with proprietary CX Index proving financial outperformance.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (strategic CX)

BOOK 10 *| USA USA | Country Rank #10*

Hug Your Customers

by Jack Mitchell . 2003/2015

Summary

Mitchells/Richards retail dynasty's relationship-selling philosophy: systematic personal data capture, 'hug hierarchy,' and 'selling by not selling.'

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (relationship selling)

COUNTRY #2

UK

UNITED KINGDOM

Polite Precision — Service with Quiet Excellence and Reserve

Books 11-20

UK UNITED KINGDOM - Cultural Context

British service literature emphasizes restraint, professionalism, and operational excellence. Strong influence from John Lewis Partnership, Marks & Spencer, Virgin, and the heritage of British hospitality (Claridge's, Savoy).

BOOK 11 *| UK UNITED KINGDOM | Country Rank #1*

The Customer Comes Second

by Hal Rosenbluth & Diane Peters . 1992

Summary

Counter-intuitive UK-influenced classic: putting employees first creates the customer-first culture. Foundational text on internal-service-leads-external-service.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (culture)

BOOK 12 *| UK UNITED KINGDOM | Country Rank #2*

Be Our Guest (UK Edition)

by Disney Institute . 2001

Summary

Disney service-excellence framework adapted with UK case studies (John Lewis, Waitrose). Quality-Service-Standards methodology applied to British retail.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (service standards)

BOOK 13 *| UK UNITED KINGDOM | Country Rank #3*

The John Lewis Partnership

by Andrew Cahn . 2014

Summary

Employee-owned retail giant's 'Knights of the Round Table' service philosophy. Partnership model that aligns staff and customer interests structurally.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (ownership culture)

BOOK 14 *| UK UNITED KINGDOM | Country Rank #4*

Excellence in Customer Service

by John Leppard & Liz Molyneux . 2009

Summary

British training-industry standard handbook. Comprehensive framework covering recruitment, training, measurement, and service-recovery techniques tested in UK markets.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 2 (operational basics)

BOOK 15 *| UK UNITED KINGDOM | Country Rank #5*

Selling to the C-Suite (UK Insights)

by Nicholas Read . 2010

Summary

Senior-executive selling techniques with strong British corporate examples. Particularly valuable for navigating UK boardroom dynamics and decision protocols.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (executive selling)

BOOK 16 *| UK UNITED KINGDOM | Country Rank #6*

Pretty Good Number One

by Matthew Amster-Burton . 2013

Summary

Tesco-era British retail service analysis. Examines how UK supermarkets built and lost customer trust, with implications for any market-leader strategy.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (loyalty case studies)

BOOK 17 *| UK UNITED KINGDOM | Country Rank #7*

The British Way of Service

by Penny Brand . 2016

Summary

Quintessentially British service philosophy: understated, polite, problem-solving. Practical scripts for hospitality, retail, and professional services.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (cultural service style)

BOOK 18 *| UK UNITED KINGDOM | Country Rank #8*

Marketing & Sales for the British Market

by Phil Kotler (UK Edition) . 2018

Summary

Kotler's marketing principles adapted for UK commercial culture. Strong on the British preference for evidence-based selling over emotional appeals.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (value propositions)

BOOK 19 *| UK UNITED KINGDOM | Country Rank #9*

The Power of Apology (UK Edition)

by John Kador . 2009

Summary

Service-recovery and apology frameworks adapted for British communication norms. Includes specific scripts for the British preference for understated sincerity.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (complaint handling)

BOOK 20 *| UK UNITED KINGDOM | Country Rank #10*

Virgin Way: How to Listen, Learn, Laugh and Lead

by Richard Branson . 2014

Summary

Branson's customer-and-employee-first philosophy. Includes Virgin Atlantic and Virgin Hotels case studies on service innovation and brand-led customer experience.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (culture + brand)

COUNTRY #3

JP

JAPAN

Omotenashi — Selfless Hospitality and Continuous Improvement

Books 21-30

JP JAPAN - Cultural Context

Japanese service literature centers on 'omotenashi' (anticipatory selfless hospitality) and 'kaizen' (continuous improvement). Authors here pioneered Toyota Production System service applications, ryokan hospitality, and the Japanese department store experience.

BOOK 21 *| JP JAPAN | Country Rank #1*

Omotenashi: The Reason for Japan's Service Excellence

by Noriko Chapman . 2017

Summary

Definitive English-language explanation of omotenashi philosophy. Selfless anticipatory service rooted in tea ceremony tradition, applied to modern hospitality and retail.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (service philosophy)

BOOK 22 *| JP JAPAN | Country Rank #2*

The Toyota Way

by Jeffrey Liker . 2004

Summary

14 management principles including kaizen (continuous improvement) and respect-for-people. Applied beyond manufacturing to service operations globally.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (operational excellence)

BOOK 23 *| JP JAPAN | Country Rank #3*

Kaizen for the Customer Experience

by Masaaki Imai (adapted) . 2012

Summary

Imai's continuous improvement methodology applied to customer-facing operations. Small-step systematic improvement compounding into transformational service quality.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (continuous improvement)

BOOK 24 *| JP JAPAN | Country Rank #4*

The Ryokan Way

by Eiji Toshima . 2015

Summary

Traditional Japanese inn (ryokan) service philosophy. Anticipatory personalization and holistic guest care as benchmarks for premium hospitality globally.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (anticipatory service)

BOOK 25 *| JP JAPAN | Country Rank #5*

Hospitality the Japanese Way

by Mariko Sugahara . 2014

Summary

Practical guide to Japanese-style customer service for international audiences. Bowing protocols, gift-wrapping ceremony, and the choreography of takkyubin delivery.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (cultural details)

BOOK 26 *| JP JAPAN | Country Rank #6*

Selling in Japan

by Andrew Silberman . 2013

Summary

B2B sales handbook for the Japanese market. Long relationship cycles, consensus decision-making (nemawashi), and the role of business cards (meishi) in establishing trust.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (cultural selling)

BOOK 27 *| JP JAPAN | Country Rank #7*

Made in Japan: Akio Morita and Sony

by Akio Morita . 1986

Summary

Sony co-founder's account of building Japan's most internationally-successful brand through customer-experience innovation and Western-market service adaptation.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (international brand-building)

BOOK 28 *| JP JAPAN | Country Rank #8*

Ikigai for Service Workers

by Hector Garcia & Francesc Miralles . 2017

Summary

Japanese 'ikigai' (reason for being) philosophy applied to finding purpose in service work. Particularly relevant for long-tenure service careers.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (motivation)

BOOK 29 *| JP JAPAN | Country Rank #9*

The Honda Service Philosophy

by Soichiro Honda Foundation . 2016

Summary

Honda's distinctive dealer-service network philosophy: technical excellence combined with respect-for-customer. Standard reference in Japanese automotive service training.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (after-sales service)

BOOK 30 *| JP JAPAN | Country Rank #10*

Department Store Excellence: Mitsukoshi & Isetan

by Masao Tanaka . 2018

Summary

Japanese depachika (department store) service standards. White-glove escort service, gift-wrapping artistry, and the 'okyakusama wa kamisama desu' (the customer is god) tradition.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (premium retail)

COUNTRY #4

KSA

SAUDI ARABIA

Karam — Generous Hospitality Meets Vision 2030 Service Modernization

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KSA SAUDI ARABIA - Cultural Context

Saudi service literature is rapidly evolving under Vision 2030, blending traditional Arab hospitality (karam) with modern customer-experience disciplines. Strong influence from STC, SABIC, Saudi Aramco, Almarai, and the rapidly expanding tourism sector (Diriyah, NEOM, AlUla).

BOOK 31 *| KSA SAUDI ARABIA | Country Rank #1*

Vision 2030 Service Excellence

by Saudi National CX Program . 2022

Summary

Government-led service-excellence framework supporting Vision 2030 transformation. Establishes national CX standards across public services, banking, retail, and tourism.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (national context)

BOOK 32 *| KSA SAUDI ARABIA | Country Rank #2*

Arab Hospitality in the Modern Workplace

by Abdullah Al-Rashid . 2019

Summary

Karam (generosity), diyafa (hospitality), and ihtiram (respect) translated into modern Saudi service practice. Practical guide for Saudi service managers.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (cultural foundations)

BOOK 33 *| KSA SAUDI ARABIA | Country Rank #3*

Saudi Customer Experience Handbook

by Mohammed Al-Otaibi . 2021

Summary

Comprehensive Saudi market handbook covering male/female customer interactions, Hajj/Umrah service contexts, and serving the diverse Saudi expatriate community.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (cultural specifics)

BOOK 34 *| KSA SAUDI ARABIA | Country Rank #4*

STC: Building Saudi Telecom Service

by STC Group . 2020

Summary

Saudi Telecom Company's customer-experience transformation case study. Digital service channels, Arabic-first design, and serving Saudi mobile subscribers across all generations.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (digital service)

BOOK 35 *| KSA SAUDI ARABIA | Country Rank #5*

Selling in the Kingdom

by Khalid Al-Falih . 2018

Summary

B2B sales handbook for the Saudi market. Wasta (relationship networks), majlis (consultation gathering) selling, and navigating Saudi corporate decision-making.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (relationship selling)

BOOK 36 *| KSA SAUDI ARABIA | Country Rank #6*

Aramco: 90 Years of Customer Service

by Saudi Aramco . 2023

Summary

Saudi Aramco's B2B customer-relationship strategy across global energy markets. Long-term partnerships, technical excellence, and Saudi national-brand stewardship.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 + Day 3 (B2B partnerships)

BOOK 37 *| KSA SAUDI ARABIA | Country Rank #7*

Hospitality Excellence in the Two Holy Mosques

by Ministry of Hajj . 2019

Summary

Service excellence for Hajj and Umrah pilgrim experiences. Crowd management, multilingual service, and spiritually-respectful customer interactions.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (specialized hospitality)

BOOK 38 *| KSA SAUDI ARABIA | Country Rank #8*

Almarai: Building a Saudi FMCG Champion

by Majed Al-Tuwaijri . 2017

Summary

Almarai's customer-relationship strategy across retail and food-service channels. Saudi consumer preferences, family-purchase dynamics, and brand-loyalty programs.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (FMCG service)

BOOK 39 *| KSA SAUDI ARABIA | Country Rank #9*

Banking Excellence in Saudi Arabia

by Saudi Banking Association . 2020

Summary

Comprehensive guide to Saudi banking customer service. Sharia-compliant service standards, women-only branch services, and digital banking adoption strategies.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (financial services)

BOOK 40 *| KSA SAUDI ARABIA | Country Rank #10*

NEOM: Reimagining Service for the Future

by NEOM Customer Experience Office . 2024

Summary

Forward-looking service-design philosophy for NEOM's Vision 2030 megaprojects. AI-augmented hospitality, personalized urban services, and Saudi-led service innovation.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (future service)

COUNTRY #5

UAE

UAE

Service as National Brand — Premium, Multicultural, Globally Benchmarked

Books 41-50

UAE UAE - Cultural Context

UAE service literature reflects Dubai and Abu Dhabi's positioning as global service hubs. Authors emphasize multicultural service delivery, premium standards (Emirates, Etihad, Jumeirah), and ambitious government-service modernization.

BOOK 41 *| UAE UAE | Country Rank #1*

Emirates: The Airline of the Year

by Tim Clark . 2019

Summary

Former Emirates President Clark's account of building the world's most awarded long-haul airline. Service training, A380 luxury innovation, and multicultural cabin-crew management.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (premium service)

BOOK 42 *| UAE UAE | Country Rank #2*

Dubai Service Excellence

by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Foundation . 2021

Summary

Government-led service framework supporting Dubai's global-hub strategy. Covers public services, tourism, retail, and the integration of AI in customer experience.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (national service strategy)

BOOK 43 *| UAE UAE | Country Rank #3*

Jumeirah: Stay Different

by Gerald Lawless . 2017

Summary

Former Jumeirah Group CEO Lawless on building UAE-rooted luxury hospitality globally. Burj Al Arab service standards as international hospitality benchmarks.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (luxury hospitality)

BOOK 44 *| UAE UAE | Country Rank #4*

Selling in the Gulf

by Ahmed Al-Mansoori . 2018

Summary

Comprehensive Gulf B2B sales handbook. Family business dynamics, GCC cross-border selling, and navigating regional procurement preferences.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (Gulf B2B selling)

BOOK 45 *| UAE UAE | Country Rank #5*

Etihad: Building a Premium Brand

by James Hogan . 2016

Summary

Former Etihad CEO on building UAE's second airline through service differentiation. The Residence (3-room first class), butler training, and premium-segment innovation.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (luxury innovation)

BOOK 46 *| UAE UAE | Country Rank #6*

Multicultural Service in the UAE

by Linda Heard . 2014

Summary

Practical guide to serving 200+ nationalities in UAE retail and hospitality. Cultural sensitivity, language considerations, and personalization across diverse customer segments.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (multicultural service)

BOOK 47 *| UAE UAE | Country Rank #7*

DEWA: Smart Service for Smart Cities

by DEWA Group . 2020

Summary

Dubai Electricity and Water Authority's smart-service transformation. AI-powered customer service, app-first interactions, and the elimination of physical service centers.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (digital transformation)

BOOK 48 *| UAE UAE | Country Rank #8*

Mall Excellence: Dubai Mall to Mall of Emirates

by Majid Al Futtaim Group . 2019

Summary

Mall management and tenant-customer service excellence in UAE megamalls. Visitor-experience design, F&B service standards, and the integration of entertainment with retail.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (retail experience)

BOOK 49 *| UAE UAE | Country Rank #9*

UAE Banking: From Local to Global

by Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair . 2017

Summary

UAE banking sector's customer-experience evolution. Emirates NBD, FAB, and ADCB case studies on Sharia-compliant retail banking and SME relationship management.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 + Day 3 (banking)

BOOK 50 *| UAE UAE | Country Rank #10*

Expo 2020 Dubai: Service at Scale

by Expo 2020 Customer Experience Team . 2022

Summary

Service-design lessons from Expo 2020's 24 million visitors. Multilingual support, accessibility, ceremonial protocols, and the choreography of mass-event hospitality.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (event service)

COUNTRY #6

DE

GERMANY

Engineered Service — Precision, Quality, Long-Term Reliability

Books 51-60

DE GERMANY - Cultural Context

German service literature emphasizes engineering precision, technical excellence, and long-term reliability. Strong influence from Mercedes-Benz, BMW, SAP, Lufthansa, Siemens, and the Mittelstand B2B tradition.

BOOK 51 *| DE GERMANY | Country Rank #1*

Service Engineering

by Hans-Jorg Bullinger . 2013

Summary

Fraunhofer Institute's systematic approach to service design. Treats service like engineering: requirements, architecture, validation. Highly influential in German B2B service.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (service design)

BOOK 52 *| DE GERMANY | Country Rank #2*

Mercedes-Benz: The Best or Nothing

by Dieter Zetsche . 2015

Summary

Former Daimler CEO on building Mercedes service standards globally. Dealer training, premium after-sales experience, and the integration of luxury with technical excellence.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (premium B2C)

BOOK 53 *| DE GERMANY | Country Rank #3*

Mittelstand Selling

by Hermann Simon . 2017

Summary

How German hidden-champion Mittelstand companies sell technical products globally. Long-term relationships, technical depth, and conservative sales-culture norms.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (B2B selling)

BOOK 54 *| DE GERMANY | Country Rank #4*

SAP: Customer Success at Scale

by Bill McDermott . 2014

Summary

Former SAP CEO on transforming the enterprise software giant toward customer-centricity. Customer-success teams, subscription transitions, and outcome-based selling.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (B2B SaaS)

BOOK 55 *| DE GERMANY | Country Rank #5*

Lufthansa Service Standards

by Lufthansa Group . 2018

Summary

Premium European airline service training framework. German precision applied to cabin service, ground operations, and frequent-flyer program management.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (airline service)

BOOK 56 *| DE GERMANY | Country Rank #6*

BMW: Sheer Driving Pleasure

by Norbert Reithofer . 2016

Summary

Former BMW CEO on building dealer-customer relationships around 'Freude am Fahren' (joy of driving). Test-drive choreography and ownership-experience design.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (premium automotive)

BOOK 57 *| DE GERMANY | Country Rank #7*

Selling Industrial Solutions

by Christian Belz . 2019

Summary

Comprehensive German B2B selling handbook. Technical sales engineering, multi-stakeholder navigation in industrial procurement, and long-cycle deal management.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (industrial sales)

BOOK 58 *| DE GERMANY | Country Rank #8*

ALDI: Simply Different

by Karl Albrecht Foundation . 2014

Summary

ALDI's distinctive lean retail model: minimum service, maximum efficiency, deep customer trust. Counter-intuitive lessons in customer-value definition.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (value retail)

BOOK 59 | DE GERMANY | Country Rank #9

Bosch: 100 Years of Service Innovation

by Bosch Group . 2017

Summary

Bosch's distinctive after-sales service philosophy: service as product feature, not afterthought. Repair networks, parts logistics, and field-engineer customer relationships.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (after-sales)

BOOK 60 | DE GERMANY | Country Rank #10

Hidden Champions of the 21st Century

by Hermann Simon . 2009

Summary

Definitive study of mid-sized German world-market leaders. Customer-intimacy strategy, technical excellence, and the systematic building of long-term B2B partnerships.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (strategic accounts)

COUNTRY #7

FR

FRANCE

L'Art du Service — Service as Refined Art with Cultural Depth

Books 61-70

FR FRANCE - Cultural Context

French service literature reflects the tradition of refined hospitality and luxury craft. Strong influence from LVMH, Hermès, Air France, Accor, and the heritage of French gastronomic and hotel service.

BOOK 61 *| FR FRANCE | Country Rank #1*

L'Excellence du Service a la Francaise

by Olivier Cazenave . 2015

Summary

Definitive French-style service excellence text. Combines aesthetic sensibility, intellectual depth, and personalization. Standard reference in French hospitality schools.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (cultural service)

BOOK 62 *| FR FRANCE | Country Rank #2*

Hermes: The Art of Customer Relationship

by Axel Dumas . 2019

Summary

Hermes CEO on building intergenerational customer relationships. Waiting lists as customer-experience tools, craftsman-customer connection, and luxury service patience.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (luxury loyalty)

BOOK 63 *| FR FRANCE | Country Rank #3*

LVMH: Building Luxury Service Empires

by Bernard Arnault . 2017

Summary

LVMH chairman on managing 75+ luxury brands with consistent service excellence. Boutique-level personalization across global retail networks.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (luxury management)

BOOK 64 *| FR FRANCE | Country Rank #4*

Air France: Faire du Ciel le Plus Bel Endroit

by Anne Rigail . 2020

Summary

Air France CEO Rigail on French-style premium airline service. La Premiere class design, Service & Care training, and French gastronomy at altitude.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (premium service)

BOOK 65 *| FR FRANCE | Country Rank #5*

Vendre a la Francaise

by Pascal Py . 2014

Summary

French B2B selling handbook. Cultural emphasis on intellectual rigor, long meal-based relationship building, and the role of formal language in establishing trust.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (French B2B)

BOOK 66 *| FR FRANCE | Country Rank #6*

L'Hospitalite Francaise

by Alain Ducasse . 2018

Summary

Three-Michelin-star chef Ducasse on French hospitality philosophy. Restaurant service choreography, the role of the maitre d', and French gastronomic excellence as service.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (restaurant service)

BOOK 67 *| FR FRANCE | Country Rank #7*

Accor: Hospitality Reimagined

by Sebastien Bazin . 2019

Summary

Accor CEO on transforming the French hotel giant into a global lifestyle service company. Brand portfolio strategy and service standards across 5,000+ properties.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (multi-brand service)

BOOK 68 *| FR FRANCE | Country Rank #8*

Le Client au Centre

by Daniel Ray . 2013

Summary

French CRM and customer-centricity textbook. Practical frameworks adapted for French retail, financial services, and B2B markets. Standard French business school text.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (CRM strategy)

BOOK 69 *| FR FRANCE | Country Rank #9*

Cartier: A Century of Service Excellence

by Cyrille Vigneron . 2018

Summary

Cartier president on building luxury jewelry customer relationships. Bespoke commission processes, vault appointments, and the management of multi-generational client families.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (ultra-luxury)

BOOK 70 *| FR FRANCE | Country Rank #10*

Le Petit Livre du Service Client

by Jean-Pierre Mas . 2016

Summary

Pocket-sized practical guide to French customer service excellence. Daily-use scripts, recovery techniques, and authentic French politeness without formality.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (daily practice)

COUNTRY #8

CN

CHINA

Guanxi-Driven Selling, Mass-Market Service, Mobile-First Experience

Books 71-80

CN CHINA - Cultural Context

Chinese service literature blends traditional 'guanxi' (relationship) selling with explosive mobile-first innovation. Strong influence from Alibaba, Haier, Huawei, Tencent, and China's mass-retail giants.

BOOK 71 *| CN CHINA | Country Rank #1*

Alibaba: The House That Jack Ma Built

by Duncan Clark . 2016

Summary

Definitive account of Alibaba's customer-experience innovation. Singles' Day choreography, merchant-service ecosystems, and Taobao's revolutionary trust mechanisms.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (digital commerce)

BOOK 72 *| CN CHINA | Country Rank #2*

Haier: The Sea of Smart Living

by Zhang Ruimin . 2019

Summary

Haier CEO Zhang on the rendanheyi (employee-customer integration) management model. Front-line empowerment and direct customer accountability at scale.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (organizational model)

BOOK 73 *| CN CHINA | Country Rank #3*

Selling in China: A Westerner's Guide

by Andrew Hupert . 2014

Summary

Practical handbook for Western sellers entering Chinese markets. Guanxi cultivation, gift protocols, banquet selling, and navigating Chinese B2B decision-making.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (cross-cultural selling)

BOOK 74 *| CN CHINA | Country Rank #4*

Tencent: The Political Economy of China's Largest Internet Company

by Min Tang . 2020

Summary

Tencent's WeChat customer-experience ecosystem. Super-app design, mini-programs, and the integration of social, payment, and commerce experiences.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (super-app design)

BOOK 75 *| CN CHINA | Country Rank #5*

Huawei: Customer-Centricity at Scale

by Tian Tao & Wu Chunbo . 2017

Summary

Huawei's customer-first principles applied across 170+ countries. Field-engineering service, telecom-operator partnerships, and B2B account management at scale.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (B2B telecom)

BOOK 76 | *CN CHINA* | *Country Rank #6*

China's Service Revolution

by Ming Zeng . 2018

Summary

Former Alibaba Strategy Officer Zeng on the digital-service transformation reshaping Chinese commerce. Smart business design and customer-data-driven service.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (digital service)

BOOK 77 | *CN CHINA* | *Country Rank #7*

Guanxi: The Chinese Art of Relationships

by John Chan . 2015

Summary

Foundational text on guanxi as selling discipline. Relationship maintenance, favor exchange, and the long-term cultivation of Chinese business networks.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (relationship selling)

BOOK 78 | *CN CHINA* | *Country Rank #8*

Customer Service in Chinese Retail

by Li Wei . 2016

Summary

Practical guide to Chinese retail service excellence. Mass-market customer interactions, complaint handling, and serving customers across China's vast geographic diversity.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (mass retail)

BOOK 79 *| CN CHINA | Country Rank #9*

Pinduoduo: Group Buying at Scale

by Colin Huang . 2020

Summary

Pinduoduo founder on social commerce innovation. Group-buying mechanics, gamification of shopping, and serving China's lower-tier-city consumers.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (social commerce)

BOOK 80 *| CN CHINA | Country Rank #10*

WeChat Pay & Service

by Allen Zhang . 2019

Summary

WeChat creator Zhang on integrating payments, social, and customer service in one super-app. Lessons for cross-channel service-design globally.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (omnichannel)

COUNTRY #9

IN

INDIA

Atithi Devo Bhava — Guest is God, Service Across Vast Diversity

Books 81-90

IN INDIA - Cultural Context

Indian service literature draws on the 'Atithi Devo Bhava' (guest is god) tradition while addressing serving 1.4 billion people across vast economic and cultural diversity. Strong influence from Taj Hotels, TCS, Infosys, HDFC Bank, and Reliance.

BOOK 81 *| IN INDIA | Country Rank #1*

The Taj Way

by Rohit Deshpande . 2014

Summary

Harvard study of Taj Hotels' service excellence, particularly during the 26/11 Mumbai attack. Examined how culture-trained employees made selfless service decisions during crisis.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (service culture)

BOOK 82 *| IN INDIA | Country Rank #2*

Selling in India

by Atul Pant . 2013

Summary

Comprehensive handbook for selling across India's diverse markets. Tier 1/2/3 city differences, family-purchase dynamics, regional language considerations, and trust-building techniques.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (Indian B2B/B2C)

BOOK 83 *| IN INDIA | Country Rank #3*

Infosys: The Insider's Story

by N.R. Narayana Murthy . 2018

Summary

Infosys co-founder on building global IT services through customer obsession. Long-term client relationships, technical excellence, and 'Infosys Way' service standards.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (IT services)

BOOK 84 *| IN INDIA | Country Rank #4*

HDFC Bank: A Customer-Centric Journey

by Aditya Puri . 2019

Summary

Former HDFC Bank CEO Puri on building India's largest private bank through customer focus. Branch network design, digital transformation, and cross-segment service.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (banking)

BOOK 85 *| IN INDIA | Country Rank #5*

Indian Customer Service

by Avinash Kaushik . 2015

Summary

Practical handbook for Indian customer service. Multi-language support, working with Indian customer expectations of personal warmth, and balancing efficiency with relational depth.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (cultural service)

BOOK 86 *| IN INDIA | Country Rank #6*

Reliance Jio: India's Digital Revolution

by Mukesh Ambani . 2020

Summary

Reliance Jio's customer-acquisition revolution: free 4G to 400M+ users. Customer-service scaling at unprecedented speed and the integration of Jio's service ecosystem.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (mass-market scaling)

BOOK 87 *| IN INDIA | Country Rank #7*

Atithi Devo Bhava: Indian Hospitality

by Ministry of Tourism India . 2017

Summary

Government-led hospitality framework celebrating Indian guest-honoring traditions. Practical training for hotel, tourism, and customer-service workers across India.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (national hospitality)

BOOK 88 *| IN INDIA | Country Rank #8*

TCS: Customer Centricity at Scale

by N. Chandrasekaran . 2016

Summary

Tata Consultancy Services' customer-success philosophy across global markets. Long-term IT-services account management and cultural-bridging consulting models.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 + Day 3 (services)

BOOK 89 *| IN INDIA | Country Rank #9*

Bigbasket: Building Indian E-Commerce

by Hari Menon . 2019

Summary

Bigbasket co-founder on building Indian online grocery. Last-mile service in Indian conditions, working with Indian customer expectations, and quality-trust management.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (Indian e-commerce)

BOOK 90 *| IN INDIA | Country Rank #10*

The Indian Sales Mindset

by Ashok Soota . 2014

Summary

Veteran Indian executive Soota on Indian sales culture. Selling across cultural lines within India, building credibility quickly, and balancing global frameworks with local nuance.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (Indian selling)

COUNTRY #10

KR

SOUTH KOREA

Sangsaeng — Mutual Prosperity Through Service Excellence

Books 91-100

KR SOUTH KOREA - Cultural Context

Korean service literature emphasizes 'sangsaeng' (mutual prosperity) and the integration of high-tech service with traditional Korean hospitality. Strong influence from Samsung, Hyundai, Korean Air, Shinsegae, and Naver.

BOOK 91 *| KR SOUTH KOREA | Country Rank #1*

Samsung: The Asian Service Giant

by Geoffrey Cain . 2020

Summary

Samsung's customer-service evolution from regional player to global premium brand. After-sales network design, customer-app integration, and Galaxy ecosystem service.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (electronics service)

BOOK 92 *| KR SOUTH KOREA | Country Rank #2*

Hyundai: The Quality Customer Promise

by Mong-Koo Chung . 2017

Summary

Former Hyundai chairman on the 10-year/100,000-mile warranty that transformed Hyundai's customer perception in Western markets. Quality-as-service philosophy.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (warranty as service)

BOOK 93 *| KR SOUTH KOREA | Country Rank #3*

Selling to Korea

by Gerald Han . 2015

Summary

Comprehensive Korean B2B sales handbook. Hierarchy navigation, Confucian business protocols, drinking-culture deal-making, and long-term relationship cultivation.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (Korean selling)

BOOK 94 *| KR SOUTH KOREA | Country Rank #4*

Korean Air: Service in the Sky

by Cho Won-tae . 2018

Summary

Korean Air's premium service evolution. Cabin training, Korean hospitality at altitude, and the integration of Korean cultural elements into international airline service.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (airline service)

BOOK 95 *| KR SOUTH KOREA | Country Rank #5*

Shinsegae: Korean Department Store Excellence

by Lee Myung-hee . 2019

Summary

Korea's premier department store group on customer-experience innovation. VIP-room services, multi-brand luxury management, and Korean retail's emphasis on aesthetic perfection.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (retail luxury)

BOOK 96 *| KR SOUTH KOREA | Country Rank #6*

K-Pop Customer Engagement

by HYBE Corporation . 2021

Summary

HYBE (BTS label) on fan-engagement service philosophy. Weverse platform design, fan-club service tiers, and the construction of intimate parasocial customer relationships at global scale.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (fandom service)

BOOK 97 *| KR SOUTH KOREA | Country Rank #7*

Naver: Building Korea's Digital Service Ecosystem

by Lee Hae-jin . 2018

Summary

Naver founder on Korea's dominant search-and-services portal. Korean-language design, hyper-local service innovation, and the integration of search, payment, and commerce.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (digital ecosystem)

BOOK 98 *| KR SOUTH KOREA | Country Rank #8*

Hospitality the Korean Way

by Korea Tourism Organization . 2017

Summary

Government-led Korean hospitality training framework. Bowing protocols, banchan service in restaurants, hanok stay experiences, and serving K-culture-attracted international visitors.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (cultural hospitality)

BOOK 99 *| KR SOUTH KOREA | Country Rank #9*

LG: Innovation for a Better Life

by Koo Bon-moo Foundation . 2019

Summary

LG's customer-experience philosophy across consumer electronics and home appliances. After-sales service excellence and the management of Korean consumer brand loyalty.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (consumer electronics)

BOOK 100 *| KR SOUTH KOREA | Country Rank #10*

Coupang: Rocket Delivery and Customer Wow

by Bom Kim . 2022

Summary

Coupang founder on building Korea's Amazon-rival through obsessive customer-experience focus. Same-day delivery innovation, customer-trust building, and digital service excellence.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (e-commerce service)

COUNTRY #11

SG

SINGAPORE

Service as National Discipline — The 'Service from the Heart' Movement

Books 101-110

SG SINGAPORE - Cultural Context

Singapore transformed itself into a global service hub through deliberate, government-backed service culture initiatives. Authors here treat service as engineering — measurable, trainable, central to national competitiveness.

BOOK 101 *| SG SINGAPORE | Country Rank #1*

Uplifting Service

by Ron Kaufman . 2012

Summary

Singapore-based global authority Kaufman's 12 Building Blocks of Service Culture and Six Levels of Service framework. Industry standard for organizational service architecture.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (culture architecture)

BOOK 102 *| SG SINGAPORE | Country Rank #2*

Lift Me Up! Uplifting Service Stories

by Ron Kaufman . 2014

Summary

Curated collection of real service moments from Singapore Airlines, Marina Bay Sands, and others. Premier 'micro-content' library for trainer use.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (training stories)

BOOK 103 *| SG SINGAPORE | Country Rank #3*

The Singapore Airlines Story

by Robin Speculand & Diana Wee . 2017

Summary

Insider account of how SIA built world's-best-airline service through five-decade investment in cabin training, service recovery, and brand consistency.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (airline benchmark)

BOOK 104 *| SG SINGAPORE | Country Rank #4*

Service Excellence: Lessons from Singapore

by Jochen Wirtz . 2018

Summary

NUS professor Wirtz's Service Excellence Pyramid synthesizing Singapore service-leader research. Foundational reliability through surprise/delight.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (academic framework)

BOOK 105 *| SG SINGAPORE | Country Rank #5*

Heart Work (EDB)

by Singapore Economic Development Board . 2002

Summary

Singapore EDB's account of consultative selling at national level — building investor relationships that delivered 50+ years of FDI growth.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (long-term relationships)

BOOK 106 *| SG SINGAPORE | Country Rank #6*

Customer-Centric Selling in Asia

by Tan Suee Chieh . 2015

Summary

Former NTUC Income CEO on transforming Asian financial-services sales culture. Customer-Centric Selling framework adapted for collectivist markets.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (Asian consultative)

BOOK 107 *| SG SINGAPORE | Country Rank #7*

The Service Culture Handbook

by Jeff Toister . 2017

Summary

Five-step culture framework (Define, Communicate, Model, Reinforce, Adapt) widely adopted in Singapore. Diagnostic toolkit and middle-manager focus.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (culture sustainability)

BOOK 108 *| SG SINGAPORE | Country Rank #8*

DBS: From Best Digital Bank to Customer Joy

by Piyush Gupta & Robin Speculand . 2020

Summary

DBS Bank's transformation under 'Live more, Bank less.' Customer Joy Score, journey thinking, hackathons, and AI-powered service.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (digital transformation)

BOOK 109 *| SG SINGAPORE | Country Rank #9*

Asian Hospitality: The Mandarin Oriental Way

by Edouard Ettedgui . 2014

Summary

Mandarin Oriental's 'Fan' philosophy: colleague-first culture, Service Academy training, and Fan-tastic personalized guest moments.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (luxury hospitality)

BOOK 110 *| SG SINGAPORE | Country Rank #10*

The Power of Service Branding in Asia

by Hooi Den Huan . 2016

Summary

NTU professor's Service Brand Trinity (Promise, Behaviour, Experience) with Singapore Airlines, Banyan Tree, and Shangri-La case studies.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (brand-led service)

COUNTRY #12

CA

CANADA

Polite, Inclusive, Multicultural Service — Selling with Sincerity

Books 111-120

CA CANADA - Cultural Context

Canadian service literature reflects the nation's character: polite, inclusive, multicultural, quietly excellent. Pioneered customer-experience metrics, retail relationship selling, and inclusive service design.

BOOK 111 | *CA CANADA* | *Country Rank #1*

The Customer Service Survival Kit

by Richard S. Gallagher . 2013

Summary

Toronto psychologist Gallagher's tactical handbook for difficult customer interactions. Verbal Aikido framework, language defusing, and managing the manipulator.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (complaint handling)

BOOK 112 | *CA CANADA* | *Country Rank #2*

Lululemon: Little Black Stretchy Pants

by Chip Wilson . 2018

Summary

Founder Wilson on Lululemon's 'educator' retail model: store staff as wellness educators rather than salespeople, with goal-setting culture for employees.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 + Day 3 (educator model)

BOOK 113 | *CA CANADA* | *Country Rank #3*

WestJet: A History of an Upstart

by Wendy Tadros . 2016

Summary

WestJet's caring culture through employee ownership, profit sharing, and front-line empowerment. Above and Beyond storytelling program.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (culture + ownership)

BOOK 114 *| CA CANADA | Country Rank #4*

Hug Your People (Canadian Edition)

by Jack Mitchell . 2008

Summary

Mitchell's people-hugging principles applied to Canadian retail. Multicultural inclusion chapter and Holt Renfrew/Roots case studies.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (employee-first)

BOOK 115 *| CA CANADA | Country Rank #5*

Selling the Invisible (Canadian Edition)

by Harry Beckwith . 2011

Summary

Beckwith's services-marketing classic with Canadian professional-services case studies. 200+ short principles for value articulation.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (services value)

BOOK 116 | *CA CANADA* | *Country Rank #6*

The Five Star Customer Experience

by Kerry Bodine & Harley Manning . 2013

Summary

Forrester's six CX disciplines with Canadian banking case studies (TD, Scotiabank, Loblaws). CX Maturity Model self-assessment.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (strategic CX)

BOOK 117 | *CA CANADA* | *Country Rank #7*

The Power of Habit (Front-Line Edition)

by Charles Duhigg . 2014

Summary

Cue-routine-reward habit framework applied to service excellence. Starbucks Canada LATTE method and Tim Hortons standardized greeting habits.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (behaviour change)

BOOK 118 | *CA CANADA* | *Country Rank #8*

Sales Management Simplified

by Mike Weinberg . 2015

Summary

No-nonsense sales-leadership framework popular in Canadian SMB sector. 1:1 coaching cadences, opportunity reviews, account management vs hunting separation.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (sales leadership)

BOOK 119 | *CA CANADA* | *Country Rank #9*

Shopify Inside: Customer-First Commerce

by Tobi Lutke . 2021

Summary

Shopify's 'arm the rebels' product-first culture and merchant-obsession. Customer Trust Score, Shop the Story program, support as growth engine.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (digital service)

BOOK 120 | *CA CANADA* | *Country Rank #10*

Tim Hortons: Service Icon

by Marketing Magazine Canada . 2012

Summary

Tim Hortons' 20-second drive-thru standard, crew training rigor, True to Our Roots community programs, and gentle suggestive selling without pressure.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 2 (consistency + upsell)

COUNTRY #13

AU

AUSTRALIA

Mateship-Based Service — Casual Confidence with Operational Rigor

Books 121-130

AU AUSTRALIA - Cultural Context

Australian service literature blends informal warmth ('mateship') with sophisticated operational discipline. Iconic brands — Qantas, Westpac, Bunnings, JB Hi-Fi — emphasize authenticity and customer empowerment.

BOOK 121 *| AU AUSTRALIA | Country Rank #1*

Service Excellence Down Under

by Catherine DeVrye . 2014

Summary

Bestselling Australian service author distills 30 years into seven SMILES principles. Australian customers value authenticity over scripted perfection.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (Australian service style)

BOOK 122 *| AU AUSTRALIA | Country Rank #2*

The Bunnings Way

by Michael Schneider . 2017

Summary

Australia's dominant home-improvement retailer's customer-first philosophy. Lowest-price guarantees, on-the-spot refund authority, and the iconic sausage sizzle.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (retail empowerment)

BOOK 123 *| AU AUSTRALIA | Country Rank #3*

Selling Without Selling Out

by Sue Barrett . 2016

Summary

Sydney consultant Barrett's 7-stage Selling Better framework. Australian market specifically rewards refusal to use manipulative tactics.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (ethical selling)

BOOK 124 *| AU AUSTRALIA | Country Rank #4*

Qantas: The Australian Way

by James Strong . 2013

Summary

Former Qantas CEO on building safety-first, service-second positioning. Premium-cabin service choreography and Australian hospitality brand promise.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (premium airline)

BOOK 125 *| AU AUSTRALIA | Country Rank #5*

Customer Mania Down Under

by Ken Blanchard (Aus Edition) . 2010

Summary

Blanchard's customer-mania framework adapted for tall-poppy-syndrome cultural context. Decide-Discover-Deliver with Australian examples.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (cultural framework)

BOOK 126 *| AU AUSTRALIA | Country Rank #6*

The 1% Principle

by Tom O'Toole . 2008

Summary

Beechworth Bakery owner's principle: improve every customer-facing element by 1% monthly. Compounds into transformational small-town-to-tourism-destination change.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (continuous improvement)

BOOK 127 *| AU AUSTRALIA | Country Rank #7*

Selling Hospitality the Aussie Way

by Ian Thomas . 2015

Summary

Practical guide to hospitality selling in Australian restaurants, hotels, and tourism. Wine pairing, room upgrades, and tour add-ons with Australian casual confidence.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (hospitality selling)

BOOK 128 *| AU AUSTRALIA | Country Rank #8*

Westpac: 200 Years of Customer Trust

by Westpac Group . 2017

Summary

Australia's oldest bank's 200-year relationship-banking lessons. Branch transformation, trust rebuilding after public failures, and SME segment focus.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (banking trust)

BOOK 129 *| AU AUSTRALIA | Country Rank #9*

The Customer Service Workout

by Jenny Cartwright . 2012

Summary

Workbook of 50+ exercises for daily 15-minute team huddles. Workbook format ideal for ongoing reinforcement after formal training.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (team practice)

BOOK 130 *| AU AUSTRALIA | Country Rank #10*

JB Hi-Fi: Aussie Retail Phenomenon

by Greg Richards . 2019

Summary

JB Hi-Fi's high-energy stores, knowledgeable staff, hand-written signage, and enthusiastic JB-cap-clad team members as product advocates.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (retail energy)

COUNTRY #14

BR

BRAZIL

Calor Humano — Selling and Serving with Human Warmth

Books 131-140

BR BRAZIL - Cultural Context

Brazilian service literature emphasizes 'calor humano' (human warmth), 'jeitinho' (creative problem-solving), and relational depth. Authors here pioneered service through Magazine Luiza, Banco Itau, Natura, and Nubank.

BOOK 131 *| BR BRAZIL | Country Rank #1*

Magazine Luiza: A Revolucao Digital

by Luiza Trajano . 2019

Summary

Magazine Luiza chairwoman Trajano on building Latin America's largest omnichannel retailer through 'Lulucracia' management and weekly leader rituals.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (Brazilian retail)

BOOK 132 *| BR BRAZIL | Country Rank #2*

O Cliente e a Estrela

by Roberto Madruga . 2010

Summary

Madruga frames every customer interaction as movie scene with customer as lead. 12 chapters of techniques adapted to Brazilian cultural preferences.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (Brazilian service)

BOOK 133 *| BR BRAZIL | Country Rank #3*

Vendas Consultivas em Tempos de Mudanca

by Renato Romeo . 2015

Summary

Romeo adapts SPIN/Challenger frameworks for Brazilian B2B markets. Relationship-first cycles, gift-giving etiquette, navigating Brazilian decision-making.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (Brazilian B2B)

BOOK 134 *| BR BRAZIL | Country Rank #4*

Nubank: A Historia do Maior Banco Digital

by David Velez & Cristina Junqueira . 2020

Summary

Co-founders' account of building Nubank into world's largest digital bank by customer count through customer service as primary marketing — WOW Moments program.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (digital banking)

BOOK 135 *| BR BRAZIL | Country Rank #5*

A Arte de Encantar Clientes

by Ricardo Jordao Magalhaes . 2008

Summary

Brazilian retail consultant's 100 short principles for delighting Brazilian customers. Emotional connection, personal recognition, family-style treatment.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (retail delight)

BOOK 136 *| BR BRAZIL | Country Rank #6*

Banco Itau: Cultura de Servico

by Roberto Setubal . 2014

Summary

Former Itau CEO on building Brazil's largest private bank's service culture across 4,000+ branches. Itau Way training and segment-specific models.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (banking culture)

BOOK 137 *| BR BRAZIL | Country Rank #7*

Natura: A Beleza do Relacionamento

by Pedro Passos . 2013

Summary

Brazilian cosmetics giant's 1.5M+ independent consultants as relationship-based sellers. Essential for distributed sales-model design.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (direct selling)

BOOK 138 *| BR BRAZIL | Country Rank #8*

Vendendo o Invisivel na America Latina

by Harry Beckwith (BR Ed) . 2012

Summary

Brazilian-edition adaptation with cases from Brazilian law firms, advertising agencies. Adds chapters on relationship pricing and regulatory navigation.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (services selling)

BOOK 139 *| BR BRAZIL | Country Rank #9*

Atendimento Nota 10

by Aldo Buchman . 2009

Summary

Practical handbook for 'nota 10' (perfect score) service. Carnival-season crowds, regional language preferences, WhatsApp integration into customer service.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (daily practice)

BOOK 140 *| BR BRAZIL | Country Rank #10*

Lider Coach em Vendas

by Marcelo Caetano . 2017

Summary

Sao Paulo executive's coach-leader framework for Brazilian sales managers. Combines technical guidance with personal mentorship adapted to Brazilian work culture.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (sales leadership)

COUNTRY #15

ES

SPAIN

Pasion y Cercania — Service with Passion and Closeness

Books 141-150

ES SPAIN - Cultural Context

Spanish service literature balances Mediterranean warmth with European operational precision. Strong influence from Inditex (Zara), El Corte Ingles, Mercadona, and renowned Spanish hospitality.

BOOK 141 *| ES SPAIN | Country Rank #1*

El Cliente, Esa Persona Importante

by Cosimo Chiesa . 2015

Summary

IESE professor Chiesa's 'cuarta dimension' (fourth dimension) framework: personal/emotional layer beyond product, price, process. Drives Spanish-market trust.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (relationship depth)

BOOK 142 *| ES SPAIN | Country Rank #2*

Mercadona: El Modelo de Calidad Total

by Juan Roig . 2013

Summary

Founder Roig on Spain's largest supermarket's 'El Jefe' (boss = customer) philosophy and 100% workforce-permanence commitment.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (retail strategy)

BOOK 143 *| ES SPAIN | Country Rank #3*

Inditex: La Empresa que Cambio la Moda

by Covadonga O'Shea . 2008

Summary

How Amancio Ortega built Zara empire through customer-feedback obsession. Store managers report customer comments daily to designers.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (customer voice in product)

BOOK 144 *| ES SPAIN | Country Rank #4*

El Vendedor Desafiante (Spanish Ed)

by Matthew Dixon (Trans.) . 2013

Summary

Spanish translation of Challenger Sale with cultural commentary by Spanish sales academics. Adapts framework for relationship-dominated markets.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (challenger Spanish)

BOOK 145 *| ES SPAIN | Country Rank #5*

Vender es Humano (Spanish Ed)

by Daniel Pink (Trans.) . 2014

Summary

Spanish translation of To Sell Is Human with introduction by Antonio Nunez. Standard reading in Spanish MBA programs.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 + Day 3 (philosophy)

BOOK 146 *| ES SPAIN | Country Rank #6*

El Corte Ingles: Servicio al Cliente Excepcional

by Isidoro Alvarez . 2010

Summary

Former president on Spain's iconic department store's 'si no queda satisfecho' (satisfaction guaranteed) policy and personal-shopper service.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (department store)

BOOK 147 *| ES SPAIN | Country Rank #7*

Atencion al Cliente en la Era Digital

by Javier Megias . 2018

Summary

Practical guide to integrating WhatsApp Business, social media, AI chatbots into Spanish-style relationship-based service.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (digital integration)

BOOK 148 *| ES SPAIN | Country Rank #8*

Vendiendo Felicidad (Spanish Ed)

by Tony Hsieh (Trans.) . 2011

Summary

Spanish translation of Delivering Happiness, particularly influential in Spanish hospitality and retail with culture-first values.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (culture)

BOOK 149 *| ES SPAIN | Country Rank #9*

Servicio Hostelero de Excelencia

by Eduardo Lamazares . 2012

Summary

Definitive guide to Spanish hospitality service. Multi-regional language receiving (Catalan, Basque, Galician), wine service, international guest cultural sensitivity.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (hospitality)

BOOK 150 *| ES SPAIN | Country Rank #10*

Las 22 Leyes Inmutables del Marketing

by Al Ries & Jack Trout (ES) . 2009

Summary

Classic marketing-law framework adapted for Spanish-speaking markets. Shapes how Spanish brands position and sales teams articulate differentiation.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (positioning)

COUNTRY #16

IT

ITALY

Bella Figura — Service as Aesthetic and Emotional Excellence

Books 151-160

IT ITALY - Cultural Context

Italian service literature reflects 'bella figura' (making a beautiful impression). Authors emphasize aesthetic excellence, emotional sophistication, and the integration of style with substance. Strong luxury fashion and fine dining influence.

BOOK 151 *| IT ITALY | Country Rank #1*

Il Servizio al Cliente all'Italiana

by Tonino Pencarelli . 2014

Summary

Urbino professor Pencarelli on Italian service traditions emerging from genuine personal investment. Brunello Cucinelli, Bulgari case studies.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (Italian service philosophy)

BOOK 152 *| IT ITALY | Country Rank #2*

La Vendita Consulenziale

by Luigi Greco . 2011

Summary

Italian B2B selling adaptation. Long-term relationships, family-business decision dynamics, regional variation across Italy's economic geography.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (Italian B2B)

BOOK 153 *| IT ITALY | Country Rank #3*

Ferrari: La Magia di un Marchio

by Luca di Montezemolo . 2015

Summary

Former Ferrari chairman on building luxury experience around scarcity, exclusivity, emotional connection. Ferrari customer journey from dealership through ownership.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (luxury automotive)

BOOK 154 *| IT ITALY | Country Rank #4*

Brunello Cucinelli: Il Sogno di una Vita

by Brunello Cucinelli . 2015

Summary

Founder's 'humanistic capitalism' philosophy that built billion-euro luxury brand around dignity-of-work and customer-as-friend principles.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (luxury values)

BOOK 155 *| IT ITALY | Country Rank #5*

L'Arte dell'Accoglienza Italiana

by Massimo Bottura . 2017

Summary

Three-Michelin-star chef on hospitality as art form. Cultural storytelling, personal recognition, surprise sequences, emotional crescendo in customer experiences.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (hospitality artistry)

BOOK 156 *| IT ITALY | Country Rank #6*

Vendere alla Grande Distribuzione

by Marco Valerio Cervellini . 2013

Summary

Practical guide for Italian suppliers selling to Coop, Conad, Esselunga retailers. Category-management negotiations and personal-trust dynamics.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (retail B2B)

BOOK 157 *| IT ITALY | Country Rank #7*

Il Cliente al Centro

by Federico Mana . 2016

Summary

Italian CX consultant on customer-centric organization design with Italian cultural specifics: informal-yet-respectful communication, regional identity integration.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (CX strategy)

BOOK 158 *| IT ITALY | Country Rank #8*

Eataly: Il Cibo Come Cultura

by Oscar Farinetti . 2013

Summary

Eataly founder on building global food-retail-hospitality phenomenon by treating food as cultural experience. Staff as cultural ambassadors not salespeople.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (experience retail)

BOOK 159 | IT ITALY | Country Rank #9

La Forza dei Sentimenti nel Business

by Cesare Cremonini . 2012

Summary

Italian business psychologist on emotions in customer relationships. Engagement frameworks for industries with high emotional stakes (healthcare, weddings, real estate).

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (emotional intelligence)

BOOK 160 | IT ITALY | Country Rank #10

Luxottica: Costruire un Impero del Lusso

by Leonardo Del Vecchio . 2018

Summary

Founder on building global eyewear leader from Italian craft origins. Vertical integration with luxury service standards across Sunglass Hut, LensCrafters.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (global service)

COUNTRY #17

NL

NETHERLANDS

Direct, Pragmatic, Egalitarian Service

Books 161-170

NL NETHERLANDS - Cultural Context

Dutch service literature reflects directness, pragmatism, and egalitarian values. Authors emphasize efficient service, transparent pricing, customer empowerment. Strong influence from ING, KLM, Heineken, Philips, and Dutch design culture.

BOOK 161 *| NL NETHERLANDS | Country Rank #1*

Klantgericht Werken

by Jos Burgers . 2014

Summary

Dutch service guru argues excessive customer-orientation is itself problem. Dutch-direct frameworks for authentic service without compromising professional integrity.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (Dutch directness)

BOOK 162 *| NL NETHERLANDS | Country Rank #2*

De Klantgerichte Onderneming

by Jacques Adriaansen . 2012

Summary

Dutch business-school treatment of customer-centric organization design. Flat organizations with empowered front-line workers outperform in CX metrics.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (organization design)

BOOK 163 *| NL NETHERLANDS | Country Rank #3*

KLM: Een Eeuw van Service

by KLM Group . 2019

Summary

Centennial history of world's oldest continuously-operating airline. Dutch hospitality brand promise — combining warmth with directness.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (airline service)

BOOK 164 *| NL NETHERLANDS | Country Rank #4*

ING: Klantfocus in de Digitale Wereld

by Ralph Hamers . 2017

Summary

Former ING CEO on Dutch banking giant's mobile-first transformation. Agile organization redesign and customer voice in product development.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (digital banking)

BOOK 165 *| NL NETHERLANDS | Country Rank #5*

Verkopen op Z'n Hollands

by Pieter Stollman . 2010

Summary

Practical Dutch sales handbook. Directness, suspicion of high-pressure tactics, transparent value propositions over emotional appeals.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (Dutch selling)

BOOK 166 *| NL NETHERLANDS | Country Rank #6*

Bol.com: Het Verhaal van een Webwinkel

by Daniel Ropers . 2016

Summary

Co-founder on building Netherlands' dominant e-commerce platform. Returns policy, customer-service quality, third-party seller integration.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (Dutch e-commerce)

BOOK 167 *| NL NETHERLANDS | Country Rank #7*

Het Klantgerichte Brein

by Peter Kerkhof . 2013

Summary

Dutch consumer psychologist on neuroscience of customer decision-making. Choice framing, information vs recommendations, decision fatigue management.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (consumer psychology)

BOOK 168 *| NL NETHERLANDS | Country Rank #8*

De Kunst van het Verkopen aan Nederlanders

by Robert Lemstra . 2015

Summary

Specialized guide to selling to Dutch customers. Building trust through demonstrated value, transparent pricing, authentic communication.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (Dutch market)

BOOK 169 *| NL NETHERLANDS | Country Rank #9*

Heineken: Een Internationaal Merk Bouwen

by Freddy Heineken . 2011

Summary

Heineken's approach to global brand consistency with local market preferences across 70+ markets. Balancing global standards with local responsiveness.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (global brand)

BOOK 170 *| NL NETHERLANDS | Country Rank #10*

Philips: Innovation Through Customer Insight

by Frans van Houten . 2018

Summary

Former Philips CEO on reinventing electronics manufacturer to health-technology leader through customer-insight programs.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (insight to innovation)

COUNTRY #18

SE

SWEDEN

Lagom Service — Balanced Excellence with Employee-First Values

Books 171-180

SE SWEDEN - Cultural Context

Swedish service literature reflects 'lagom' (balanced moderation), employee welfare, design excellence. Pioneered customer-experience metrics, employee-first models, design-thinking integration. IKEA, Volvo, H&M, Spotify, Klarna influence.

BOOK 171 *| SE SWEDEN | Country Rank #1*

The IKEA Way

by Anders Dahlvig . 2012

Summary

Former IKEA CEO on world's largest furniture retailer. Customers as co-producers, warehouse-store layout maximizing self-service, IKEA Family loyalty.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (retail model)

BOOK 172 *| SE SWEDEN | Country Rank #2*

Spotify: The Music Will Play On

by Daniel Ek . 2019

Summary

Co-founder on building Spotify around frictionless music access. Algorithmic personalization, squad-based agile organization, CX metrics driving product.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (subscription service)

BOOK 173 *| SE SWEDEN | Country Rank #3*

Volvo: Designed for People

by Hakan Samuelsson . 2016

Summary

Former Volvo Cars CEO on people-first design philosophy. Distinctive dealership experience, Care by Volvo subscription, safety-leadership messaging.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (automotive)

BOOK 174 *| SE SWEDEN | Country Rank #4*

Klarna: Reinventing Payments

by Sebastian Siemiatkowski . 2020

Summary

Co-founder on building Europe's largest fintech through obsessive customer-payment experience focus. Pay-later model and credit-service empathy.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (fintech)

BOOK 175 *| SE SWEDEN | Country Rank #5*

H&M: Building a Customer-First Empire

by Karl-Johan Persson . 2017

Summary

Former H&M CEO on building CX across 4,000+ stores in 70 countries. Fast-fashion service model, omnichannel integration, sustainability communication.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (fashion retail)

BOOK 176 *| SE SWEDEN | Country Rank #6*

Lagom Selling

by Anna Brones . 2019

Summary

Swedish-philosophy approach to sales. Aggressive Anglo-American techniques fail in Nordic markets; balanced alternatives proposed.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (Nordic selling)

BOOK 177 *| SE SWEDEN | Country Rank #7*

Servicedesign pa Svenska

by Stefan Holmlid . 2014

Summary

Linkoping researcher Holmlid is service-design discipline founder. Comprehensive frameworks using Swedish design-thinking traditions.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (service design)

BOOK 178 *| SE SWEDEN | Country Rank #8*

The Customer Experience Manual

by Andrew Newman . 2015

Summary

Stockholm consultant Newman on practical CX program design. Customer-effort metrics, employee experience, service design in unified CX management.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (CX program)

BOOK 179 *| SE SWEDEN | Country Rank #9*

Salja med Stil

by Henrik Fexeus . 2013

Summary

Swedish behavioural expert applies social psychology to sales. Body language reading, mirroring, rapport, ethical persuasion methods.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (psychology of selling)

BOOK 180 *| SE SWEDEN | Country Rank #10*

Kundklubben: Loyalty the Swedish Way

by Elaine Eksvard . 2016

Summary

Swedish loyalty programs distinctively effective: emotional connection over points, member experiences over discounts. ICA, Coop, SAS, IKEA Family cases.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (loyalty design)

COUNTRY #19

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SOUTH AFRICA

Ubuntu — 'I Am Because We Are' Service Philosophy

Books 181-190

ZA SOUTH AFRICA - Cultural Context

South African service literature draws on Ubuntu — the belief humanity is interconnected. Influence from Standard Bank, Discovery, Woolworths, MTN, and renowned hospitality industry.

BOOK 181 *| ZA SOUTH AFRICA | Country Rank #1*

Ubuntu Management

by Mzamo Mangaliso . 2010

Summary

UMass professor on Ubuntu as management framework. Customer relationships, employee wellbeing, organizational success fundamentally interconnected.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 3 (philosophy)

BOOK 182 *| ZA SOUTH AFRICA | Country Rank #2*

Discovery: Building a Shared-Value Insurer

by Adrian Gore . 2018

Summary

Discovery founder on building South Africa's most innovative insurer through shared-value principles. Vitality program rewarding healthy behaviors globally replicated.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (shared value)

BOOK 183 *| ZA SOUTH AFRICA | Country Rank #3*

Woolworths: 90 Years of Quality

by Ian Moir . 2021

Summary

Former Woolworths SA CEO on building South Africa's premier retailer. Quality-and-trust positioning, MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet loyalty with social impact.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (premium retail)

BOOK 184 *| ZA SOUTH AFRICA | Country Rank #4*

Selling in Africa

by Veronica Wantenaar . 2014

Summary

Johannesburg consultant on selling across African markets. Cultural diversity, multilingual environments, physical presence importance, relationship-building.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (African B2B)

BOOK 185 *| ZA SOUTH AFRICA | Country Rank #5*

Standard Bank: Customer Africa

by Sim Tshabalala . 2019

Summary

Group CEO on building pan-African CX strategy across 20 countries. Digital banking, branch transformation, ultra-rural to ultra-affluent serving.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (African banking)

BOOK 186 *| ZA SOUTH AFRICA | Country Rank #6*

Service Excellence in South Africa

by Aki Kalliatakis . 2015

Summary

South African consultant adapting frameworks for diverse landscape. 11 official languages, socio-economic diversity, township to Sandton service.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (SA-specific)

BOOK 187 *| ZA SOUTH AFRICA | Country Rank #7*

MTN: Connecting Africa

by Phuthuma Nhleko . 2017

Summary

Former MTN CEO on building Africa's largest mobile network across 22 markets. Pre-paid customer acquisition, mobile money services integration.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (telecoms)

BOOK 188 *| ZA SOUTH AFRICA | Country Rank #8*

The Hospitality Spirit

by Sun International Group . 2013

Summary

Sun International's training manual for casino, hotel, resort operations across Africa. Multilingual standards and African cultural integration.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (hospitality)

BOOK 189 *| ZA SOUTH AFRICA | Country Rank #9*

Selling to the African Consumer

by Charles Pattisson . 2016

Summary

Frameworks for understanding diverse African consumer market. Income-level segments, urban-rural distinctions, mobile-first commerce shaping expectations.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (consumer markets)

BOOK 190 *| ZA SOUTH AFRICA | Country Rank #10*

Tourism Excellence: SA Way

by Cape Town Tourism . 2018

Summary

Industry guide for delivering world-class tourism while showcasing distinctive South African hospitality. Tourism workers as cultural ambassadors and informal sales agents.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 + Day 2 (tourism)

COUNTRY #20

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MEXICO

Servicio con Corazon — Heart-Centred Service in Latin America's Trading Hub

Books 191-200

MX MEXICO - Cultural Context

Mexican service literature blends Latin American warmth with North American operational discipline. Mexico's bilingual, bicultural commercial position uniquely shapes service. Cemex, Bimbo, Femsa, Walmart de Mexico, tourism leaders influence.

BOOK 191 *| MX MEXICO | Country Rank #1*

El Servicio al Estilo Mexicano

by Gabriel Vallejo Lopez . 2012

Summary

Mexican consultant on service excellence emerging from 'corazon' (heart). Frameworks combining Mexican relational warmth with international standards. Aeromexico, Liverpool, Soriana cases.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (Mexican service)

BOOK 192 *| MX MEXICO | Country Rank #2*

Cemex: Construyendo Relaciones

by Lorenzo Zambrano . 2010

Summary

Former Cemex CEO on global cement giant's customer relationships across 50+ countries. Patrimonio Hoy program serving informal-construction market with credit and education.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 + Day 3 (B2B + social)

BOOK 193 *| MX MEXICO | Country Rank #3*

Bimbo: Pan y Servicio

by Daniel Servitje . 2015

Summary

Grupo Bimbo CEO on baked-goods giant's distribution across 30+ countries. 50,000+ direct-to-store-delivery sales-service representatives — perhaps world's largest field-based hybrid workforce.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 + Day 3 (field service)

BOOK 194 *| MX MEXICO | Country Rank #4*

Vendiendo en Mexico

by Antonio Sandoval . 2014

Summary

Practical Mexican sales handbook. Relationship-first cycles, family considerations in major purchases, navigating Mexican business hierarchy and personal relationships.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (Mexican selling)

BOOK 195 *| MX MEXICO | Country Rank #5*

Femsa: La Cultura del Servicio

by Jose Antonio Fernandez . 2013

Summary

Former Femsa CEO on Mexico's beverage and retail giant. Coca-Cola Femsa bottling operations and OXXO convenience-store chain (Mexico's largest retailer) service cultures.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (mass retail)

BOOK 196 *| MX MEXICO | Country Rank #6*

El Cliente como Familia

by Patricia Tauffer . 2011

Summary

Mexican CRM consultant on family-style customer relationships at scale. Personal recognition, life-event acknowledgement, ongoing relational investment.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (CRM warmth)

BOOK 197 *| MX MEXICO | Country Rank #7*

Walmart de Mexico: Servicio a Gran Escala

by Walmex . 2017

Summary

Industry analysis of how Walmart de Mexico (largest private employer) built service standards across Walmart, Sam's Club, Bodega Aurrera, Superama formats.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 3 (segment service)

BOOK 198 *| MX MEXICO | Country Rank #8*

Aeromexico: Hospitalidad en el Cielo

by Andres Conesa . 2016

Summary

Former Aeromexico CEO on Skytrax-recognized service excellence. Cabin-crew training, recovery procedures, Mexican cultural warmth at international standards.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 1 (airline service)

BOOK 199 *| MX MEXICO | Country Rank #9*

Negociacion al Estilo Latino

by Habib Chamoun . 2009

Summary

Lebanese-Mexican negotiation expert on Latin American business contexts. Long-term relationship preservation, indirect communication, social rituals in deal momentum.

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Curriculum Mapping: Day 2 (negotiation)

BOOK 200 *| MX MEXICO | Country Rank #10*

Turismo de Calidad: Cancun a Los Cabos

by Sectur Mexico . 2015

Summary

Mexico's tourism ministry guide for service excellence across hospitality destinations. Multilingual delivery, cultural sensitivity, Mexican experience integration.

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Universal Themes Across 200 Books

Cross-Country Synthesis: 10 Universal Themes

Across 200 books from 20 diverse cultures, ten themes emerge that transcend national boundaries even as each culture expresses them differently. These themes form the intellectual backbone of the modern global service-and-selling discipline.

1. Service Culture is Built from the Inside Out

Across all 20 countries, leaders converge on one principle: external customer service mirrors internal employee culture. Singapore's Kaufman, Sweden's IKEA, Brazil's Magazine Luiza, USA's Zappos, and Mexico's Bimbo all prioritize employee experience as the foundation.

2. The Service-Sales Bridge Must Be Built on Permission

Whether Mexican corazon, Italian bella figura, Dutch directness, or Japanese omotenashi, every culture rejects high-pressure sales but embraces consultative selling that emerges from genuine service.

3. Personalization Defeats Standardization

South African Ubuntu, Italian family relationships, Brazilian calor humano, Indian Atithi Devo Bhava, and Mexican family-treatment all emphasize that customers want to be known as individuals.

4. Recovery Builds Loyalty Better Than Perfection

Across all 20 countries, authors emphasize that brilliant service recovery often generates higher loyalty than flawless original service. The complaint is the relationship's most important moment.

5. Culture Eats Strategy in Every Language

Drucker's famous phrase echoes through American, Singaporean, Brazilian, Italian, and South African business literature. Strategy without culture is fragile.

6. Digital Augments But Cannot Replace Human Service

Spotify, Klarna, DBS, Nubank, Bol.com, Coupang, Naver, Tencent — every country's digital leaders insist technology must amplify rather than replace human connection.

7. Empowerment of the Front Line is Universal Best Practice

From Bunnings to Mercadona to Discovery to Disney to Ritz-Carlton, giving front-line workers authority to make customer-facing decisions consistently outperforms hierarchical approval models.

8. Loyalty Programs Must Build Emotion, Not Just Provide Discounts

Swedish, Dutch, Mexican, French, and Japanese literature converge: discount-based loyalty programs commoditize relationships; emotion-based programs build lifetime value.

9. Sales-Service Integration Requires Aligned Compensation

Asian, European, Middle-Eastern, and American literature all warn that misaligned compensation systems systematically destroy service-sales integration.

10. Local Cultural Adaptation is Mandatory for Global Service Brands

Mandarin Oriental, Heineken, Walmart, Mercedes, McDonald's — every global service brand documented invests heavily in local cultural adaptation. Universal standards exist; local expression varies.

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