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The Irresistible Consultant's Guide to Winning Clients

Over 70,000 copies in print It's the classic guide to success in the demanding world of consulting. Consulting For Dummies Routledge

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

**Consulting 101** Simon and Schuster

If you are a professional working in an organization, this is the book you've been waiting for. Chock full of checklists, dos and don'ts, models, assessments, worksheets and flowcharts, this book is designed to help you: \* market your skills \* sell your ideas and proposals \* secure client commitment to action \* establish 50-50 partnerships with managers \* establish powerful professional roles \* make client resistance work for you. Using these skills effectively, you will experience increased impact and career satisfaction while being viewed as a valued, core member of your organization. This practical, down-to-earth, how-to book will become

your constant reference. It also offers you the unique opportunity to rate yourself against the world's largest database of client/customer feedback. With this book as your Success Guide, turn your Expertise into Results! *Clients for Life* Dr Greg Timbrell and Dr Elizabeth Valentine

Finally, the book that all professionals frustrated with fleeting client loyalty and relentless price pressure have waited for -- the first in-depth, client-tested guide to developing lasting business relationships. What separates extraordinary professionals from ordinary ones? Why are some professionals always drawn into their clients' inner circle of advisers, while others are employed on a one-shot basis and treated like vendors? Based on groundbreaking research, *Clients for Life* sets forth a comprehensive framework for how professionals in all fields can develop breakthrough relationships with their clients and enjoy enduring client loyalty. Drawing on insights from extensive interviews with both leading CEOs and today's most prominent client advisers, Jagdish Sheth and Andrew Sobel debunk the conventional wisdom about professional success -- "find a specialty, do good work" -- as hopelessly inadequate in a world where clients have unlimited access to information and expertise. The authors replace these tired conventions with an innovative blueprint, supported by over one hundred case studies and examples drawn from consulting, financial services, law, technology, and other fields, for how you can evolve from an expert for hire -- a commodity -- to an extraordinary adviser. Riveting portraits of both exceptional contemporary professionals and legendary advisers such as Aristotle, Thomas More, Niccolò

Machiavelli, and J. P. Morgan reveal how great client relationships are achieved in practice. Readers will learn, for example, to develop selfless independence, which tempers complete emotional, intellectual, and financial independence with a powerful commitment to client needs; to become deep generalists and overcome the narrow perspective caused by specialization; to systematically build lifelong trust; and to cultivate the power of synthesis -- big-picture thinking -- that is so highly valued by clients. Acclaimed by leading management thinkers, *Clients for Life* clearly illustrates the most important attributes and strategies of extraordinary client advisers and shows how you can use them to enrich your own relationships. It provides sophisticated professionals with the tools and insights they need to reap the rewards of lifetime client loyalty.

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Cheng, a former McKinsey management consultant, reveals his proven, insider's method for acing the case interview.

**Consulting with Nonprofits** John Wiley & Sons

THE UNBEATABLE, UPDATED, COMPREHENSIVE GUIDEBOOK FOR FIRST-TIME CONSULTANTS GETTING STARTED IN CONSULTING More people than ever are making the jump from corporate offices to home offices, taking control of their futures, being their own bosses, and starting their own consultancies. Consulting is a bigger business than ever and growing every day. For almost a decade, Alan Weiss's *Getting Started in Consulting* has been an indispensable resource for anyone who wants to strike out on his own and start a new consulting business. It

provides a rich source of expert advice and practical guidance, and it shows you how you can combine low overhead and a high degree of organization to add up to a six- or even seven-figure income. You'll learn everything you need to know about financing your business, marketing your services, writing winning proposals, meeting legal requirements, setting fees, keeping the books, and much more. This new Third Edition of *Getting Started in Consulting* is more comprehensive, up to date, and practical than ever. In addition to the nuts-and-bolts basics, you'll also get a wealth of new information and resources: How to leverage new technologies to lower your business costs and increase your profits A budget sampler that shows you how best to maximize an initial start-up investment of \$5,000, \$10,000, or \$20,000 Free downloadable tools and forms to help you design and start your business quickly and easily New interviews with consultants who achieved rapid success, including their personal stories and most effective techniques Brand-new references, examples, and appendices If your dream in life is to get out of the office and out on your own, consulting is a great way to make it happen. Make sure you do it right—and do it profitably—with *Getting Started in Consulting, Third Edition*.

*High Performance Consulting Skills*  
Thorogood Publishing

Whether you are preparing for a management consultancy career or only want to acquire widely applicable consultancy skills, you will need a clear and concise introduction to this area. This fully updated second edition text provides you with a practical, step-by-step guide to learn the proven successful methods and techniques of the world's leading management consultancy firms.

Detailed descriptions and real-life illustrations enable you to develop consultancy skills for structured problem-solving, critical thinking, collaboration and communication. Additionally, this text provides rich insights into the latest developments in the consultancy industry and their firms. It includes alumnus of a top management consultancy firm and is essential reading for aspiring consultants as well as anyone dealing with consultants in their career.

Business Consultant Critical Questions Skills Assessment Morgan James Publishing

As a growth hacker you know how to growth hack. You know how to discover bottlenecks, measure impact and run experiments. But do you know as a consultant: - The five principles to handle any and every client you come across? - How to create internal fans within a company to ensure your contract gets renewed? - How to rid yourself of the confining label of Marketing and have a broader impact? If the answer to any of these questions is 'no', then this book is for you. Growing Happy Clients takes you a step further than the 'Happily Ever After' of every growth hacking book on growth processes. You've got your client, you've got your skills, but now you need the abilities to deal with messy situations and internal challenges. To ensure that you get the hours and tools you need to guide your client to success. In Growing Happy Clients, we take you from kickoff to project reflection, teaching you all the 'soft skills' that separate a successful growth hacker from the rest. Whether you're a growth hacker or marketer freelancer, part of an agency or in-house, you will finish this growth hacking book as a better, more confident growth

consultant, and ready to grow your happy clients. Who is this book for  
Freelance growth hackers and marketers  
Growth Hacking or Marketing consultants working at an agency or in-house  
Internal growth hackers or marketers hoping to implement growth hacking within an organisation  
About the Authors Daphne Tideman and Ward van Gasteren have over ten years of combined experience in working with the fastest growing scale-ups and the biggest Fortune 500 corporates. Daphne was the first employee at what became a leading growth hacking agency. Ward was one of the first certified growth hackers in Europe and has consulted with 70+ companies as a freelance consultant. Quotes about Growing Happy Clients "★★★★ - Must-read for all digital consultants. This book is a must-read. Not only for growth hacking consultants, but for all consultants working in the digital space. The book contains great advice, practical examples and lots of resources. It covers a project with a client from beginning to end in a very comprehensive manner. Highly recommended!" "I've thoroughly enjoyed reading Growing Happy Clients - I can't help to think it's going to be massively beneficial for those starting with growth hacking and additionally for those that think they know what growth hacking is but actually haven't got a clue 💎💎." - Abi Hough, 20+ years of growth and optimization experience "I work as a marketer and even though I am not a consultant Growing Happy Clients helped me change the way we approach growth both in terms of project management and working together with different departments." - Fleurine T, Marketer at Goboony

How to Make it Big as a Consultant  
Consulting Success

Abstract: An authoritative text for management consultants presents a "client-centered" (rather than a "firm-centered") view of marketing professional services, stressing a "leveraging" approach that focuses on the smallest number of clients, markets, and targets that will produce the largest amount of profitable income. Techniques and recommendations are included that have been proven effective for numerous professional service firms over the past 14 years. The 21 text chapters are grouped among 4 principal themes, viz.: the characteristics of client-centered marketing and mechanisms for assessing primary and potential markets; principal techniques for gaining personal acceptability; methods for nonpersonal promotion of services; and guidelines for developing a strategic focus and a marketing plan. Information on businesses, responding to requests for proposals, and worksheet charts, is appended.

Customer Service For Dummies John Wiley & Sons

This Third Edition to Peter Block's *Flawless Consulting* addresses business changes and new challenges since the second edition was written ten years ago. It tackles the challenges next-generation consultants face, including more guidance on how to ask better questions, dealing with difficult clients, working in an increasingly virtual world, how to cope with complexities in international consulting, case studies, and guidelines on implementation. Also included are illustrative examples and exercises to help you cement the guides offered.

John Wiley & Sons

NEW EDITION, REVISED AND UPDATED In America, organizations spend \$175 billion in training initiatives and more

than \$500 billion in human resource solutions every year yet often have little to show for it. One reason is that people "jump to solutions" before they identify the causes of the problem. Performance consultants are effective because they partner with clients to clarify business goals and determine root causes for gaps between desired and current results. Only then are specific solutions agreed upon and implemented. This third edition of the classic book that introduced performance consulting adds a wealth of new material. There are new case examples throughout and four new chapters providing detailed steps for measuring results from performance consulting initiatives on five different levels, including ROI. The book includes a never-before-published Alignment and Measurement Model, allowing you to connect organizational needs and performance consulting initiatives designed to address those needs with the appropriate level of measurement. This remains a profoundly practical book, featuring tools, models, and checklists. It will enable you to make a difference in your organization that is valued, measurable, and sustainable.

*Performance Consulting* John Wiley & Sons

This deeply insightful guide to understanding what clients really want is "an indispensable resource for consultants" (Keith Ferrazzi, #1 New York Times-bestselling author of *Never Eat Alone*). Independent consulting is a potentially lucrative enterprise—but the reality seldom matches the dream. Most solo consultants and boutique consulting firms are perpetually within six months of bankruptcy due to the sputtering unreliability of their new business engines. The problem, according to international consulting expert David A.

Fields, is twofold: 1) lack of a consistent, proven plan, and 2) fundamental misunderstanding about what clients want in a consultant. Fields, who has helped hundreds of consultants and boutique firms worldwide build profitable, sustainable practices, replaces the typical consultant's mindset of emphasizing expertise and differentiated processes with a focus on building relationships, engendering trust, and solving clients' existing problems. In *The Irresistible Consultant's Guide to Winning Clients*, Fields synthesizes his decades of experience into a step-by-step approach to winning more projects from more clients at higher fees. From nuts-and-bolts business advice and tactics to a deeply insightful breakdown of the human side of a very human profession, Fields, named one of Advertising Age magazine's "Marketing Top 100," delivers a comprehensive guidebook that is at once highly approachable and satisfyingly detailed. "If I could have just one book on client strategy, this book would be it."

—Marshall Goldsmith, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Triggers*  
*Advising on Research Methods* CRC Press

Another extraordinary business fable from the New York Times bestselling author Patrick Lencioni. Written in the same dynamic style as his previous bestsellers including *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*, Lencioni illustrates the principles of inspiring client loyalty through a fascinating business fable. He explains the theory of vulnerability in depth and presents concrete steps for putting it to work in any organization. The story follows a small consulting firm, Lighthouse Partners, which often beats out big-name competitors for top clients. One

such competitor buys out Lighthouse and learns important lessons about what it means to provide value to its clients.

Offers a key resource for gaining competitive advantage in tough times  
 Shows why the quality of vulnerability is so important in business  
 Includes ideas for inspiring customer and client loyalty  
 Written by the highly successful consultant and business writer Patrick Lencioni  
 This new book in the popular Lencioni series shows what it takes to gain a real and lasting competitive edge.  
*Flawless Consulting, Enhanced Edition*  
 Johannes van Kessel Publishing.

Learn the secrets of how recurring revenue is driven at expert firms like BCG, KPMG, EY, and more  
 Never Say Sell: How the World's Best Consulting and Professional Services Firms Expand Client Relationships explains how to scale individual engagements into long-term business relationships. Cowritten by Tom McMakin, the coauthor of *How Clients Buy* and expert in account development, and colleague Jacob Parks, this book provides insights from key rainmakers at firms like Accenture, IBM, and more into how they drive growth from existing relationships. Never Say Sell is a business development guide for professional service providers like consultants, accountants, and lawyers, whether they are sole proprietors or members of account teams tasked with expanding key accounts. Doing good work with existing clients is not enough to have them come back to you again and again. You must do more. This book explores the techniques and methods that leading professional service providers use to add value, cross sell, and drive recurring revenue from existing engagements. Never Say Sell will help you turn one-and-done clients into some of your most exciting and

lucrative relationships. It is a must-have for any professional who benefits from repeat business.

Information Systems Consulting John Wiley & Sons

Being a Legal Nurse Consultant is your calling. You love what you do. You are ready to go into practice for yourself.

You have the education, the drive, and the ability - but is that really enough to succeed? *Business Principles for Legal Nurse Consultants* is an invaluable resource developed under the auspices of the American Association of *The Consulting Bible* Pfeiffer

This is the moment when coaching—instructional coaching, leadership coaching, and team coaching—is more important than ever. Today, education faces its greatest crisis since the Civil Rights Movement.

Teachers and school administrators are leaving the profession not for lack of dedication but because they are physically, emotionally, and psychologically exhausted. They face challenges in academic performance, student behavior, and the sheer lack of sufficient hours in the day to serve students in the manner they know is essential. In this important book, Douglas Reeves and his colleagues provide practical advice that enables coaches and their clients to collaborate effectively to achieve organizational success while also ensuring the professional and personal needs of teachers, leaders, and their families. If we learned anything during the pandemic and associated school closures, we know that burnout is not a sustainable strategy. Readers of *Fearless Coaching* will learn:

- The compelling evidence behind *Fearless Coaching*
- Why psychological safety is essential for student and adult learning
- The eleven

biggest coaching mistakes—and how to avoid them

- The essentials of the coach-client relationship
- How passion and vision create the energy for successful coaching
- The power of focus and how to avoid initiative fatigue
- How to know if the coaching process is successful—measuring what matters most

**Power Questions** Cool Springs Press

*Mastering Management Consultancy* is a comprehensive guide for all consultants looking to provide a first-class service to their clients and who wish to become expert practitioners. Calvert Markham shows how consultants can develop their performance in a wide range of areas, including:

- Product development and marketing consultancy
- Selling and managing consultancy projects
- Consultancy problem solving
- Running a consultancy business
- Managing client relationship

*Getting Started in Consulting* Ward van Gasteren

Everything you need to know about building a successful, world-class consulting practice Whether you are a veteran consultant or new to the industry, an entrepreneur or the principal of a small firm, *The Consulting Bible* tells you absolutely everything you need to know to create and expand a seven-figure independent or boutique consulting practice. Expert author Alan Weiss, who coaches consultants globally and has written more books on solo consulting than anyone in history, shares his expertise comprehensively. Learn and appreciate the origins and evolution of the consulting profession Launch your practice or firm and propel it to top performance Implement your consulting strategies in public and private organizations, large or small, global or domestic Select from the widest variety

of consulting methodologies Achieve lasting success in your professional career and personal goals The author is recognized as "one of the most highly regarded independent consultants in America" by the New York Post and "a worldwide expert in executive education" by Success Magazine Whether you're just starting out or looking for the latest trends in modern practice, The Consulting Bible gives you an unparalleled toolset to build a thriving consultancy.

*Powerful Professionals* John Wiley & Sons Learn the fundamentals for a successful career in Consulting Follow these 101 tips to become an expert consultant Consulting 101 is an instructional and easy to read book providing 101 tips for success in consulting. Using case studies in many of the tips, Lew Sauder provides

the reader with real world situations that he has experienced and observed over his more than 25 year career. Consulting 101 provides advice on: How to develop strong relationships with clients How to develop a sales focus early in your consulting career How to become a better communicator How to develop your personal brand to advance your career faster And much more

**An Introduction to Management Consultancy** Fieldstone Alliance

This new 2023 edition extends its application to Business Analysts as well as IS Consultants. This edition has more tips and practical techniques- including a Planning Canvas to improve the quality of the consulting proposal through targeted preparation. Readers will find this version very user friendly and can anticipate more professional proposals with competitive edge.

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