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Master Your Black Belt in Sales

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Shares examples and anecdotes and offers a framework to successfully develop new business.

Smart Calling John Wiley & Sons

Managing a sales team is one of the most important and challenging positions in a company, and it requires a unique set of skills. Unfortunately, many sales managers spend much of their day putting out fires, and moving from problem to problem. Their days consist of an overwhelming number of activities including respond to urgent request from their bosses, resolving customer issues and complaints, and dealing with disgruntled employees. In addition, they find themselves sitting in meetings that run way too long, and submitting countless sales forecasts to satisfy upper management. As a result, sales managers get caught up in a daily grind and end their work week exhausted and feeling like they have little control over

their destiny. In The High-Impact Sales Manager, you'll learn how to transcend the daily grind and unlock the full potential of your sales team. This includes learning to:

- Hire the best people and hold them accountable
- Manage sales performance by focusing on the underlying behaviors that drive performance
- Consistently produce accurate sales forecasts
- Provide personalized sales coaching that results in better skills and higher win rates
- Motivate and inspire your team to greatness

Most importantly, The High-Impact Sales Manager will leave you feeling confident and enthusiastic in your ability to lead and empower your team to achieve unparalleled success.

Occupational Outlook Handbook John Wiley & Sons

'Sales Training Advantage for Results' is a uniquely designed system to transform one into a STAR Sales Consultant by helping them, discover the secrets that drive the top world's sales professionals. It is designed to help the individual or the team create the habits and lasting changes, by enabling them replace current unacceptable patterns that are

costing their company sales with new ones that will eventually help them achieve their sales goals faster and more consistently. As budgets continue to shrink and the competition continues to increase, mastering the sales process the 'professional way' is a vital part of survival. People no longer buy a product or a service for its features; customers now want to know how that product or service will benefit them before they make a purchasing decision. To be successful in this environment, salespeople must be adept at both uncovering customer needs and demonstrating how they can fulfill those needs. Establishing value does not start with a prepared presentation, but with a search for the customer's real needs. Customers care more about solving their problems and meeting their objectives than they do about the range of services the Sales Person and his company has to offer. 'Sales Training Advantage for Results' will provide a very structured, formatted & step by step approach to help 'win & keep customers for life'! No gimmicks, no jargon, just emphasis on relationship building to enable you gain market advantage & get you results- a course on 100% building value & long lasting partnerships with customers! A must for anyone in Sales-right from the front-line to the CEO! Praises, Raves & Reviews "Gerard is an absolute STAR salesperson with huge doses of each of the attributes mentioned in this book. This amazingly structured book he has put together, with his long years of experience both on field as a sales professional, and as a coach & mentor for several sharp minds across the world will bring out the best in you. If you have bought this book, let me assure you, that it has all there is to learn about consultative selling! Just go get that

sale!!!" Radhika Shastry (Former Managing Director), RCI-South Asia "Gerard Assey takes the sales person on a compelling journey in mastering the art of selling and salesmanship ...a must read for anyone aspiring to become a successful business executive" Mike Selvarajah, International Business Executive & Associate Director, BELL CANADA "Sales people like to learn from sales people & it's also a fact that there is none better to enlighten you on systems of achieving sales than Gerard Assey. He is providing value to MRF through training our sales force for 10+ years and the results speak for themselves. This book would serve as a ready reckoner to achieve excellence in selling through adopting the systems described by Gerard" V. Chacko Jacob, Assistant Manager-Learning & Development, MRF Ltd. "Gerard, once again, your book is brilliant! I especially value and recommend to all Sales Managers & Company Owners willing to improve their company performances, your straight-forward and common-sense approach towards Sales Management." Renaud Guttinger, General Manager, JCL LOGISTICS INDONESIA
McGraw Hill Professional
Sales training doesn't develop sales champions. Managers do. The secret to developing a team of high performers isn't more training but better coaching. When managers effectively coach their people around best practices, core competencies and the inner game of coaching that develops the champion attitude, it makes your training stick. With Keith Rosen's coaching methodology and proven L.E.A.D.S. Coaching Framework™ used by the world's top organizations, you'll get your sales and management teams to

perform better - fast. Coaching Salespeople into Sales Champions is your playbook to creating a thriving coaching culture and building a team of top producers. This book is packed with case studies, a 30 Day Turnaround Strategy for underperformers, a library of coaching templates and scripts, as well as hundreds of powerful coaching questions you can use immediately to coach anyone in any situation. You will learn how to confidently facilitate powerful, engaging coaching conversations so that your team can resolve their own problems and take ownership of the solution. You'll also discover how to leverage the true power of observation and deliver feedback that results in positive behavioral changes, so that you can successfully motivate and develop your team and each individual to reach business objectives faster. Winner of Five International Best Book Awards, Coaching Salespeople Into Sales Champions is your tactical, step-by-step playbook for any people manager looking to: Boost sales, productivity and personal accountability, while reducing your workload Conduct customer/pipeline reviews that improve forecast accuracy, customer retention and uncover new selling opportunities Achieve a long term ROI from coaching by ensuring it's woven into your daily rhythm of business Design, launch and sustain a successful internal coaching program Turn-around underperformers in 30 days or less Build deeper trust and handle difficult conversations by creating alignment around each person's goals and your objectives Coach and retain your top performers Collaborate more powerfully and communicate like a world-class leader Training develops salespeople. Coaching develops sales champions. Your new competitive edge.

New Sales Amacom Books

The biggest mistake you're making in your sales career right now is equating a faster pitch with a faster close. Believe it or not, you will actually experience greater success if you slow down. *Slow Down, Sell Faster!* shows you how to stop jumping the gun and work with your customers to identify and quantify their real needs, so by the time you begin your pitch in earnest, you're already halfway home. Featuring a simple yet powerful eight-step process and practical, repeatable techniques, *Slow Down, Sell Faster!* is packed with examples from the author's extensive experience, plus research on customer buying processes-rather than traditional selling processes. This buyer-focused approach to selling extends to proposals and presentations, loyalty and retention, and, of course, cultivating more business. Each step in the book corresponds to a role you should adopt to meet a customer's needs at each stage of the buying process. There are two sides to every sale. In today's extra-challenging business climate, understanding the buying process is where professional selling should start. *Eliminate the Fear, Failure, and Rejection From Cold Calling* Grand Central Pub Written exclusively for sales managers; this brief, concise primer will help turn managerial skills into those of a top-notch teacher; motivator; and mentor - someone who gets results through inspiration and example. -- [A Master Framework to Engage, Equip, and Empower A World-Class Sales Force](#) American Society for Training and Development What's the secret to sales success? If you're like most business leaders, you'd say it's fundamentally about relationships-and you'd be wrong. The

best salespeople don't just build relationships with customers. They challenge them. The need to understand what top-performing reps are doing that their average performing colleagues are not drove Matthew Dixon, Brent Adamson, and their colleagues at Corporate Executive Board to investigate the skills, behaviors, knowledge, and attitudes that matter most for high performance. And what they discovered may be the biggest shock to conventional sales wisdom in decades. Based on an exhaustive study of thousands of sales reps across multiple industries and geographies, *The Challenger Sale* argues that classic relationship building is a losing approach, especially when it comes to selling complex, large-scale business-to-business solutions. The authors' study found that every sales rep in the world falls into one of five distinct profiles, and while all of these types of reps can deliver average sales performance, only one—the Challenger—delivers consistently high performance. Instead of bludgeoning customers with endless facts and features about their company and products, Challengers approach customers with unique insights about how they can save or make money. They tailor their sales message to the customer's specific needs and objectives. Rather than acquiescing to the customer's every demand or objection, they are assertive, pushing back when necessary and taking control of the sale. The things that make Challengers unique are replicable and teachable to the average sales rep. Once you understand how to identify the Challengers in your organization, you can model their approach and embed it throughout your sales force. The authors explain how almost any average-

performing rep, once equipped with the right tools, can successfully reframe customers' expectations and deliver a distinctive purchase experience that drives higher levels of customer loyalty and, ultimately, greater growth.

Understand Your Customer's Buying Process and Maximize Your Sales

John Wiley & Sons

Sometimes managing a sales team feels like trying to manage chaos, and in a way it is—there are so many unpredictable influences at work in sales. In *Nuts and Bolts of Sales Management*, John Treace, mining decades of executive sales experience gained from successful business turnarounds, provides managers with proven strategies to build a high-performing sales team that will consistently produce desired results. The tools and tactics included in *Nuts and Bolts of Sales Management* help sales managers identify and solve the problems that cause companies to stumble and fail. Leaders will learn how they can take their sales force to the next level by developing effective sales processes and by promoting high morale and team work. This book will provide a deeper understanding and practical answers for the problems all sales managers and officers face each day. Here is a sample of some: - How to ensure predictable sales performance- Effective forecasting & managing the quarter- What to do when sales plans are missed- How to design highly effective meetings and award programs- Making effective presentations to management- Minimize the need for hiring and firing- How to balance morale, execution & teamwork- How to develop a powerful sales culture- Developing effective metrics- How to Leveraging expenses while managing the budget- Effective

use of consultants- How to sleep well at night nearing the end of any sales quarter This practical handbook was written for current sales VPs or managers, salespeople who desire to move into management, and CEOs, COOs, CFOs and others wishing to have a better understanding of the principles and systems that drive high-velocity sales organizations.

The Challenger Sale John Wiley & Sons
Key skills to make sales managers better developers of salespeople Get out of the firefighting business and into the business of developing the people who develop your profits. Successful salespeople rightfully become sales managers because of superior sales records. Yet too often these sales stars get stuck doing their old sales job while also trying to juggle their manager role, and too often companies neglect to train their sales managers how to excel as managers. That's the "sales management trap," and it's exactly what *The Accidental Sales Manager* addresses and solves. Full of helpful steps you can apply immediately?whether you're training a sales manager, or are one yourself?this practical guide reveals step-by-step methods sales managers can use to both learn their jobs and lead their teams. Get tactics to stop burning time and exhausting yourself, while taking effective actions to use time better as a leader Discover how to integrate learning into leading and make sales meetings an active conversation on what works and what doesn't Author has a previous bestseller, *The Accidental Salesperson* Don't get caught in the "sales management trap" or, if you're in it, get the tools you need to escape it. Get *The Accidental Sales Manager* and lead your team to do what you do best: make sales, drive profits, and get

winning results.

Surprising Research on What Sales Winners Do Differently Sales Readiness Group

The New Psychology of Selling The sales profession is in the midst of a perfect storm. Buyers have more power—more information, more at stake, and more control over the sales process—than any time in history. Technology is bringing disruptive change at an ever-increasing pace, creating fear and uncertainty that leaves buyers clinging to the status quo. Deteriorating attention spans have made it difficult to get buyers to sit still long enough to “challenge,” “teach,” “help,” give “insight,” or sell “value.” And a relentless onslaught of “me-too” competitors have made differentiating on the attributes of products, services, or even price more difficult than ever. Legions of salespeople and their leaders are coming face to face with a cold hard truth: what once gave salespeople a competitive edge—controlling the sales process, command of product knowledge, an arsenal of technology, and a great pitch—are no longer guarantees of success. Yet this is where the vast majority of the roughly \$20 billion spent each year on sales training goes. It's no wonder many companies are seeing 50 percent or more of their salespeople miss quota. Yet, in this new paradigm, an elite group of top 1 percent sales professionals are crushing it. In our age of technology where information is ubiquitous and buyer attention spans are fleeting, these superstars have learned how to leverage a new psychology of selling—Sales EQ—to keep prospects engaged, create true competitive differentiation, as well as shape and influence buying decisions. These top earners are acutely aware that the experience of buying from them

is far more important than products, prices, features, and solutions. In Sales EQ, Jeb Blount takes you on an unprecedented journey into the behaviors, techniques, and secrets of the highest earning salespeople in every industry and field. You'll learn: How to answer the 5 Most Important Questions in Sales to make it virtually impossible for prospects to say no How to master 7 People Principles that will give you the power to influence anyone to do almost anything How to shape and align the 3 Processes of Sales to lock out competitors and shorten the sales cycle How to Flip the Buyer Script to gain complete control of the sales conversation How to Disrupt Expectations to pull buyers towards you, direct their attention, and keep them engaged How to leverage Non-Complementary Behavior to eliminate resistance, conflict, and objections How to employ the Bridge Technique to gain the micro-commitments and next steps you need to keep your deals from stalling How to tame Irrational Buyers, shake them out of their comfort zone, and shape the decision making process How to measure and increase your own Sales EQ using the 15 Sales Specific Emotional Intelligence Markers And so much more! Sales EQ begins where The Challenger Sale, Strategic Selling, and Spin Selling leave off. It addresses the human relationship gap in the modern sales process at a time when sales organizations are failing because many salespeople have never been taught the human skills required to effectively engage buyers at the emotional level. Jeb Blount makes a compelling case that sales specific emotional intelligence (Sales EQ) is more essential to success than education, experience, industry awareness, product knowledge, skills, or

raw IQ; and, sales professionals who invest in developing and improving Sales EQ gain a decisive competitive advantage in the hyper-competitive global marketplace. Sales EQ arms salespeople and sales leaders with the tools to identify their most important sales specific emotional intelligence developmental needs along with strategies, techniques, and frameworks for reaching ultra-high performance and earnings, regardless of sales process, industry, deal complexity, role (inside or outside), product or service (B2B or B2C).

How Ultra High Performers Leverage Sales-Specific Emotional Intelligence to Close the Complex Deal

HarperCollins Leadership Make sales coaching a daily priority for top-of-game staff performance Those who do it right prove time and time again that sales coaching works. If you're one of the many managers yet to reap the benefits of sales coaching, the solution is in your hands. Based on one of today's most popular sales training programs Crushing Quota breaks the process down into manageable components, so you can make sales coaching a realistic, meaningful part of your staff's job. It all comes down to three critical points that the vast majority of sales managers today are missing:

- Provide clear direction for sellers on how to get to quota—for all sales roles
- Ensure effective execution by coaching the right things, in the right measure, executed the right way
- Assess seller performance and make timely course corrections

It's all about helping your people make the best use of their time and effort. That's what coaches do. When a salesperson is skilled at making important decisions about which priorities to pursue and

which ones to ignore to—results follow. It's that simple. *Crushing Quota* teaches you how to develop the best coaching approach for your teams and their individual sellers using powerful research-based best practices. This is the definitive guide to making sales coaching work for any sales team in any industry.

Taking Control of the Customer Conversation Routledge

Go from manager to coach--and motivate your staff to unprecedented success! Since the original publication of this classic guide, organizations have recognized that sales coaching is a sales manager's most important role. Now, author Linda Richardson has completely updated and revised *Sales Coaching* to include the latest tools and techniques, as well as a refined sales coaching process for increasing performance. *Sales Coaching* will help you make the essential transition from boss to coach so you can help salespeople achieve their goals. In this new role, you will empower your people to reach their highest potential by removing obstacles while fostering self and peer coaching, allowing direct reports to take responsibility for their own development. Richardson's broader objective is to help build and sustain a sales culture of continuous improvement and sales excellence. Inside you'll find a clear, practical, five-step approach to sales coaching that will result in dramatic changes in behavior. *Sales Coaching* includes brand new guidance on Maximizing technology Coaching more effectively Remote coaching Coaching in-the-action Quarterly coaching plans Richardson provides the skills and strategies you need to deliver feedback that changes behavior and strengthen relationships with your sales team. This

new edition gives you everything you need to achieve your objectives and build a winning sales culture. You will watch members of your team reach performance heights they would not attain without your guidance. The results will benefit everyone--you, your staff, and ultimately your customers. The choice is yours: Be a manager who makes your salespeople do their jobs, or be a coach who helps your salespeople succeed.

A Tactical Playbook for Managers and Executives John Wiley & Sons

Explains how to make effective sales calls, discusses the importance of preparation, and describes ways to overcome objections, measure progress, and increase sales

Cracking the Sales Management Code: The Secrets to Measuring and Managing Sales Performance John Wiley & Sons

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

performance.

The Essential Leadership Framework to Coach Sales Champions, Inspire Excellence, and Exceed Your Business Goals

Greenleaf Book Group

CSO Insights reported two findings in their 5th annual Sales Enablement study that makes this book a must-read for every sales enablement professional and sales leader.¹ The #1 driver of seller engagement was sales management leadership.² Dynamic coaching showed the greatest impact on performance. This is when the organization follows a formal approach to coaching (one that is documented and fully implemented) plus aligns coaching services to the enablement services provided to sales professionals. This year, organizations that followed a dynamic coaching approach achieved an average win rate of 55.2%, 8.8 points above the study's average. The Level Five Coaching System provides a road map for sales enablement managers and sales leaders to follow when implementing a documented and fully implemented process for coaching and developing preeminent sales teams. This system provides the frontline sales leaders the method, skills, tools, and resources to execute dynamic coaching. This book provides a step by step formula and specific "how to's" for any sized sales organization to improve win rates, reduce turnover, reduce ramp to productivity time, and meet and exceed your top-line revenue targets.

How to Build a Sales Team That Stays, Sells, and Succeeds American Society for Training and Development

From the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York's work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional

conversations—featuring all-new advice!

There's a reason Alison Green has been called "the Dear Abby of the work world." Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career.

You'll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit "reply all" • you're being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party

Praise for *Ask a Manager* "A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work."—Booklist (starred review) "The author's friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers' lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience."—Library Journal (starred review) "I am a huge fan of Alison Green's Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor."—Robert Sutton, Stanford

professor and author of *The No Asshole Rule* and *The Asshole Survival Guide* "Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way."—Erin Lowry, author of *Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together*

Cold Calling Techniques (4th)

Amacom Books

"Coaching is the universal language of learning, development, and change." Imagine a workplace without fear, stress, or worry. Instead, you're acknowledged as a valued, contributing team player who doesn't sacrifice priorities, values, happiness, or your life for your job. Sound ludicrous? Consider this is a reality in many thriving organizations. Most leadership books don't apply to sales leadership. Sales leaders are uniquely and indispensably special and need to be coached in a way that's aligned with their role, core competencies, and individuality to achieve their personal goals and company objectives. What if you can successfully coach anyone in 15, 5, or even 60 seconds using one question? *Sales Leadership* makes delivering consistent, high-impact coaching easy. For busy, caring managers, this removes the pressure and misconception that, "Coaching is difficult, doesn't work, and I don't have time to coach." Since most managers don't know how to coach, they become part of the non-stop, problem-solving legion of frustrated Chief Problem Solvers who habitually do others' work, create dependency, and nourish the seed of mediocrity. Great business leaders shift from doing people's jobs to developing them by learning the language of leadership coaching. In its powerful simplicity, *Sales Leadership* delivers a chronological path

to develop a thriving coaching culture and coaching leaders who develop top performing teams and sales champions. Using Keith's intuitive LEADS Coaching Framework™, the coaching talk tracks for critical conversations, and his Enrollment strategy to create loyal, unified teams, you will inspire immediate change. Now, coaching is easily woven into your daily conversations and rhythm of business so that it becomes a natural, healthy habit. In his award-winning book, *Coaching Salespeople Into Sales Champions*, Keith was the first Master Certified Coach to share his personal coaching playbook that is now the standard for coaching excellence. Ten years later, and one million miles traveled, he reveals the evolution of sales leadership and coaching mastery through his experiences working with Fortune 5000 companies and small businesses worldwide. In the first book ever titled *Sales Leadership*, you'll master the ability to: Ask more questions, give less advice, and build trust and accountability to rely on people to do their job. Reduce your workload and save 20 hours a week on unproductive and wasteful activities. Shatter the toxic myths around coaching to eliminate generational gaps and departmental silos. Achieve business objectives, boost sales faster, and retain more customers. Create buy-in around strategic change and improve daily performance metrics. Assess company readiness and ensure implementation of a successful and sustainable coaching initiative and create a healthy, happy workplace. "People create the mindset, mindset shapes behavior, behavior defines culture, and ultimately, culture determines success. That's why the primary business objective is: To Make Your People More Valuable."

The Anatomy of a Quality Sales Call Revealed! Kogan Page

Put buyer experience and selling resources front-and-center to boost revenue Sales Enablement is the essential guide to boosting revenue through smarter selling. A thorough, practical introduction to sales enablement best practices, this book provides step-by-step approaches for implementation alongside expert advice. In clarifying the sales enablement space and defining its practices, this invaluable guidance covers training, content, and coaching using a holistic approach that ensures optimal implementation with measureable results. Case studies show how enablement is used effectively in real-world companies, and highlight the essential steps leaders must take to achieve their desired sales results. Smarter buyers require smarter selling, and organizations who have implemented enablement programs attain revenue goals at a rate more than eight percent higher than those that do not. This book provides a 101 guide to sales enablement for any sales professional wanting to enhance sales and boost revenue in an era of consumer choice. Understand sales enablement and what it can do for your company Implement enablement using techniques that ensure sustainable, measureable performance impact Adopt proven best practices through step-by-step advice from experts Examine case studies that illustrate successful implementation and the impact of sales enablement on revenue Consumers are smarter, more connected, and more educated than ever before. Traditional sales strategies are falling by the wayside, becoming increasingly less effective amidst the current economic landscape. Companies who thrive in this sort of climate know

how to speak to the customer in their own terms, and sales enablement keeps the customer front-and-center by providing sales people with the resources buyers want. Sales Enablement provides a scalable, sales-boosting framework with proven results.

Sales Coaching: Making the Great Leap from Sales Manager to Sales Coach

Sales Coaching Making the Great Leap from Sales Manager to Sales Coach PRAISE FOR NEXT LEVEL SALES

COACHING "Steve Johnson and Matthew Hawk have created the most

comprehensive, actionable, step-by-step guide for successful sales management I've seen in 25 years as a corporate training and development professional.

Creating sales teams that stay, sell, and succeed is a lesson in successful sales leadership that is packed with case

studies, scripts, planning tools, and resources that will be invaluable resources to sales managers both new

and experienced." —Corey Rewis, Learning & Development Executive, Fortune Top 100 Most Profitable Company, Fortune 100 Best Place to

Work® Company "Management is dead. Ask any professional or salesperson if

they want to be managed, and they'll tell you, 'I'm good.' Professionals want to grow and develop. They want someone

to work with them on an individual basis to help them identify their gaps and build a plan to sharpen skills and close

those gaps. That's what Steve Johnson is an expert at and what this book will help managers do at a high level. Managers

can use this book to evolve their skills and migrate from being managers to becoming coaches. The 'coaching gap' is

the biggest opportunity for businesses today. If managers have not yet developed coaching skills, this book will

have an enormous return for those that

buy it, read it, and put it to use. Our team can attest to this from firsthand experience." —David Patchen, Senior Vice President, Education and Practice Management, Raymond James Private Client Group "I loved this book as it covered all the sales processes and coaching strategies that helped us drive strong, double-digit growth over the last ten years. A must-read for sales leaders!" —Tom Chelew, Senior Vice President, Enterprise Fleet Management, Enterprise Rent-A-Car "Having implemented the sales coaching techniques described in Next Level Sales Coaching over the last decade and a half at several different companies, I've consistently seen immediate and sustained improvement on key performance metrics in both customer satisfaction and overall conversions. The 'secret sauce' is in the defined coaching processes." —Michael Hatt, Principle Program Manager, Go Learning Development Team, Amazon "Next Level Sales Coaching provides comprehensive guidance for developing and executing core sales management activities that drive predictable and profitable sales. This is a must-read and an excellent reference for those who lead—or aspire to lead—sales teams." —Dario F. Priolo, Former Executive Vice President, Miller Heiman Group

The Sales Assassin Gerard Assey
Four years ago, the bestselling authors of *The Challenger Sale* overturned decades of conventional wisdom with a bold new approach to sales. Now their latest research reveals something even more surprising: Being a Challenger seller isn't enough. Your success or failure also depends on who you challenge. Picture your ideal customer: friendly, eager to meet, ready to coach you through the sale and champion your

products and services across the organization. It turns out that's the last person you need. Most marketing and sales teams go after low-hanging fruit: buyers who are eager and have clearly articulated needs. That's simply human nature; it's much easier to build a relationship with someone who always makes time for you, engages with your content, and listens attentively. But according to brand-new CEB research—based on data from thousands of B2B marketers, sellers, and buyers around the world—the highest-performing teams focus their time on potential customers who are far more skeptical, far less interested in meeting, and ultimately agnostic as to who wins the deal. How could this be? The authors of *The Challenger Customer* reveal that high-performing B2B teams grasp something that their average-performing peers don't: Now that big, complex deals increasingly require consensus among a wide range of players across the organization, the limiting factor is rarely the salesperson's inability to get an individual stakeholder to agree to a solution. More often it's that the stakeholders inside the company can't even agree with one another about what the problem is. It turns out only a very specific type of customer stakeholder has the credibility, persuasive skill, and will to effectively challenge his or her colleagues to pursue anything more ambitious than the status quo. These customers get deals to the finish line far more often than friendlier stakeholders who seem so receptive at first. In other words, Challenger sellers do best when they target Challenger customers. *The Challenger Customer* unveils research-based tools that will help you distinguish the "Talkers" from the "Mobilizers" in any organization. It also provides a

blueprint for finding them, engaging them with disruptive insight, and

equipping them to effectively challenge their own organization.