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## **Enterprising Initiatives in the Experience Economy**

The must-read summary of B. Joseph Pine II and James Gilmore's book: "The Experience Economy: Work is Theatre and Every Business a Stage". This complete summary of B. Joseph Pine II and James Gilmore's book "The Experience Economy" shows that every company is based on what they choose to charge money for. In their book, the authors explain the benefits of the Experience Economy and how to transition your business into it. By following their advice, your company will combine entertainment with knowledge or skill, offering your customers excellent added-value and making you successful. Added-value of this summary: • Save time • Understand key concepts • Expand your business knowledge To learn more, read "The Experience Economy" and find out how you can add value to your products with the Experience Economy.

## **Handbook on the Experience Economy**

Offers advice on developing solutions that avoid blame to address such issues as how to improve a situation, recognize individual contributions, and emphasize personal solutions in order to improve service, teamwork, and adaptability.

## **Look**

Why, when traditionally organized religious groups are seeing declining membership and participation, are networks of independent churches growing so explosively? Drawing on in-depth interviews with leaders and participants, *The Rise of Network Christianity* explains the social forces behind the fastest-growing form of Christianity in the U.S., which Brad Christerson and Richard Flory have labeled "Independent Network Charismatic." This form of Christianity emphasizes aggressive engagement with the supernatural—including healing, direct prophecies from God, engaging in "spiritual warfare" against demonic spirits—and social transformation. Christerson and Flory argue that macro-level social changes since the 1970s, including globalization and the digital revolution, have given competitive advantages to religious groups organized as networks rather than traditionally organized congregations and denominations. Network forms of governance allow for experimentation with controversial supernatural practices, innovative finances and marketing, and a highly participatory, unorthodox, and experiential faith, which is attractive in today's unstable religious marketplace. Christerson and Flory hypothesize that as more religious groups imitate this type of governance, religious belief and practice will become more experimental, more orientated around practice than theology, more shaped by the individual religious "consumer," and authority will become more highly concentrated in the hands of individuals rather than institutions. Network Christianity, they argue, is the future of Christianity in America.

## **Authenticity**

To survive in today's complex economies, it is imperative for companies to understand their consumers in terms of how and why they like to use their products. Distinction based on quality no longer provides competitive advantage. Imagineers use design methods to create meaningful experiences that connect consumers to brands, employees to companies and consumers to consumers. This book explains the background of the need for experiences and then focusses on how to design them. Bringing theory into practice for students of tourism marketing, event planning and business, it provides a window into the creative world of Imagineering.

## **Spatial Dynamics in the Experience Economy**

The New York Times bestselling authors of *Switch* and *Made to Stick* explore why certain brief experiences can jolt us and elevate us and change us—and how we can learn to create such extraordinary moments in our life and work. While human lives are endlessly variable, our most memorable positive moments are dominated by four elements: elevation, insight, pride, and connection. If we embrace these elements, we can conjure more moments that matter. What if a teacher could design a lesson that he knew his students would remember twenty years later? What if a manager knew how to create an experience that would delight customers? What if you had a better sense of how to create memories that matter for your

children? This book delves into some fascinating mysteries of experience: Why we tend to remember the best or worst moment of an experience, as well as the last moment, and forget the rest. Why “we feel most comfortable when things are certain, but we feel most alive when they’re not.” And why our most cherished memories are clustered into a brief period during our youth. Readers discover how brief experiences can change lives, such as the experiment in which two strangers meet in a room, and forty-five minutes later, they leave as best friends. (What happens in that time?) Or the tale of the world’s youngest female billionaire, who credits her resilience to something her father asked the family at the dinner table. (What was that simple question?) Many of the defining moments in our lives are the result of accident or luck—but why would we leave our most meaningful, memorable moments to chance when we can create them? *The Power of Moments* shows us how to be the author of richer experiences.

## **The Age of Experiences**

In 1999, Joseph Pine and James Gilmore offered this idea to readers as a new way to think about connecting with customers and securing their loyalty. As a result, their book *The Experience Economy* is now a classic, embraced by readers and companies worldwide and read in more than a dozen languages. And though the world has changed in many ways since then, the way to a customer's heart has not. In fact, the idea of staging experiences to leave a memorable—and lucrative—impression is now more

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## **Infinite Possibility**

Over the last decade, the close relationship between culture and economy - or "the experience economy" - has risen on the agenda. Although there is an established research field for analysing the economic impact of entrepreneurship, there is currently a limited amount of research that analyses the cultural impact and opportunity of entrepreneurship. Linking experience economy with enterprising behavior moves the term away from businesses' competitiveness and consumer behavior towards a more value-focused business in general. This groundbreaking book integrates entrepreneurship and empowerment into one central theme, drawing on research from both the social sciences (innovation, entrepreneurship, empowerment and activism) and the humanities (participatory culture, user-generated designs, creative networks). Enterprising Initiatives expands the definition of entrepreneurship beyond a

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primarily economic profit-seeking phenomenon to a broader understanding of enterprising behaviour based on an individual-opportunity nexus. Beyond social entrepreneurship, it explores a broad range of individual, collective and cooperative citizen initiatives under the umbrella of enterprising action. This innovative approach will be of great interest to scholars in entrepreneurship, social entrepreneurship, cultural entrepreneurship, cultural studies, and consumer culture, as well as for policy makers in public and local government, regional development and cultural event management.

## **The Experience Economy**

We are no longer an economy of products and services. The digital transformation demands that we focus our attention on experiences and outcomes. Business leaders and their organizations must shift to keeping promises—no matter how their customers interact with them. But organizations no longer control the conversation. In this era of social and mobile technology, customers, employees, suppliers, and partners are in direct communication with one another. Those personal networks and the brands they're passionate about influence their decision making and their spending. The workforce has changed too. Employees expect to be able to determine when and how they will work, the technology they'll use, and the values their company will espouse. Organizations can take part in this conversation only if they recognize how and where it's happening. Resisting these changes will leave

executives, managers, and their companies powerless. Organizations must pivot with and ahead of these social, organizational, and technological shifts or risk being left behind. Technology guru Ray Wang shows how organizations can surf the waves of change—how they can keep their promises. Current trends, when taken seriously, require a new way of thinking about business that includes five key areas:

1. Consumerization of technology and the new C-suite
2. Data's influence in driving decisions
3. Digital marketing transformation
4. The future of work
5. Matrix commerce

Digital disruption has changed how we do our work. But by mastering these trends you'll delight your customers with every interaction.

## **The Great Stagnation**

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business administration, services, culture and tourism.

## **The Experience Economy**

Service quality is at the forefront of how the leisure, events, tourism and sport (LETS) sectors operate. An important consideration for any business, and therefore any student of the subject, this new edition of a successful textbook addresses the key points and principles of managing service quality across the industry sector. Considering the underpinning theory of service quality, this book informs the reader of the practical application of service quality management tools and techniques in an industry with distinctive features and challenges. An invaluable read for students within the LETS sectors, it also provides a useful refresher for practitioners working in the industry.

## **Creating Experiences in the Experience Economy**

This illuminating Handbook presents the state of the art in the scientific field of experience economy studies. It offers a rich and varied collection of contributions that discuss different issues of crucial importance for our understanding of the exp

## **Entrepreneurship and the Experience Economy**

Contemporary architecture of theme-based design is

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examined in this book, leading to a new understanding of architecture's role in the increasingly diversified consumer environment. It explores the 'Experience Economy' to reveal how everyday environments strategically and opportunistically blur our leisure, work, and personal life experiences. Considering scientific design research, consumer psychology, and Hollywood storytelling techniques, the book looks at how the design of theme parks, casinos, and shopping malls has influenced our more unexpectedly themed spaces, from the city to the hospital. Widely taking architecture as a social practice, this text is of relevance to all cultural and sociological studies in the built and material environment.

## **Service Quality in Leisure, Events, Tourism and Sport, 2nd Edition**

Bogen beskriver en samfundsudvikling, hvor oplevelsesøkonomi er et symptom og et udtryk for denne udvikling

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## **The Relationship Economy**

Hundreds of millions of people in China, India, Indonesia, and Brazil are eager to enter the marketplace. Yet multinational companies typically pitch their products to emerging markets' tiny segment of affluent buyers, and thus miss out on much larger markets further down the socioeconomic pyramid—which local rivals snap up. By applying the authors' recommendations, you can position yourself to compete innovatively in developing countries—and to unlock major new sources of revenue for your business. Since 1922, Harvard Business Review has been a leading source of breakthrough ideas in management practice. The Harvard Business Review Classics series now offers you the opportunity to make these seminal pieces a part of your permanent

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management library. Each highly readable volume contains a groundbreaking idea that continues to shape best practices and inspire countless managers around the world.

### **Agencies & Brands in the Experience Economy: Management Organization**

This book explores the dynamics of place, location and territories from the perspective of an experience-based economy. It offers a valuable contribution to this new approach and the planning and management challenges it faces. This book emphasises three key avenues to understanding the experience economy. First, the book reconsiders innovation processes and the relationship between the consumption and production of experience value. Second, it considers emerging forms of governance related to experience-based development in businesses and cities. Third, it examines the role of place as a value, resource and outcome of experiential innovation and planning. This book will be of interested to researchers concerned with urban and regional development.

### **Pine & Gilmore's Field Guide for the Experience Economy**

Customer experience unlike other business differentiators, has proven to be the biggest competitive advantage of the most successful brands and organizations in the twenty-first century. Why is that so? We are now in what is called the age of the customer. Technology and other socioeconomic

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factors have given customers more choices and power than ever before. This has also given them control over the brand image. After all, studies show that 90 percent of customers trust a recommendation from another customer, but only 4 percent believe the traditional marketing. Additionally, technology has enabled disruptive businesses to change the competitive landscape dramatically and frequently. Organizations can no longer think their competitors are solely in their industry. Anyone is a potential competitor. Just think of how Apple changed the music industry, and how Uber changed the taxi industry - the list goes on and on. So how can businesses survive in the midst of all of this apparent chaos? By focusing on -the single most important factor for business success- - customer experience! But what is customer experience? Is it different from customer service? And how does it help businesses achieve long-term success? Is customer experience just for the service industry or can any industry benefit from it? Does it work for b2b or is it only for b2c? Is it a fad or something for the long run? Is it relevant for mature companies and startups alike? Which companies use it as a competitive advantage? And how can I use it? I have been asked all these questions so frequently, that I decided to share the answers with a broader audience, and this includes you! I wrote this book because it is time for you to know more about customer experience in order to successfully implement it in a one-employee startup or a big global organization. This book is for doers who believe the customer is indeed king. Welcome to the experience economy!

## **Mass Customization**

" Joseph Pine and Jim Gilmore's classic *The Experience Economy* identified a seismic shift in the business world: to set yourself apart from your competition, you need to stage experiences—memorable events that engage people in inherently personal ways. But as consumers increasingly experience the world through their digital gadgets, companies still only scratch the surface of technology-infused experiences. So Pine and coauthor Kim Korn show you how to create new value for your customers with offerings that fuse the real and the virtual. Think of the Xbox Kinect, which combines virtual video games with a powerful physical dimension—you play by moving your own body; new apps that, when you point your smartphone camera at a real street, overlay digital information about the scene onto the image; and virtual dashboards that track the real world, moment by moment. Digital technology offers limitless opportunities—you really can create anything you want—but real-world experiences have a richness that virtual ones do not. So how can you use the best of both? How do you make sense of such infinite possibility? What kinds of experiences can you create? Which ones should you offer? Pine and Korn provide a profound new tool geared to exploring and exploiting the digital frontier. They delineate eight different realms of experience encompassing various aspects of Reality and

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Virtuality and, using scores of examples, show how innovative companies operate within and across each realm to create extraordinary customer value. Follow them out onto the digital frontier to discover the opportunities that abound for your business. "

## **Disrupting Digital Business**

A groundbreaking resource offers companies an abundance of ways to mass produce and individually customize their products and services and shows companies how to analyze their own industries to see if mass customization will work for them. Reprint.

## **Welcome to the Experience Economy**

In *The Age of Experiences*, Benjamin Kline Hunnicutt examines how the advance of happiness science is impacting the economy, making possible new experience-products that really make people happy and help forward-looking businesses expand and develop new technologies. In today's marketplace there is less interest in goods and services and more interest in buying and selling personal improvements and experiences. Hunnicutt traces how this historical shift in consumption to the "softer" technologies of happiness represents not only a change in the modern understanding of progress, but also a practical, economic transformation, profoundly shaping our work and the ordering of our life goals. Based on incisive historical research, Hunnicutt demonstrates that we have begun to turn from material wealth to focus on the enrichment of our

personal and social lives. The Age of Experiences shows how industry, technology, and the general public are just beginning to realize the potential of the new economy. Exploring the broader implications of this historical shift, Hunnicutt concludes that the new demand for experiences will result in the reduction of work time, the growth of jobs, and the regeneration of virtue--altogether an increasingly healthy public life.

## **The Experience Economy, Updated Edition**

Everyone working in the space of brands, marketing and communications has seen their job change rapidly in recent years. In particular, the agency business has been forced to rethink and redefine its role. As well, the impact of the new economy and the establishment of the experience economy model has changed everything we have known about marketing, brands, customer perspectives and the rules & dynamics defining the relationship between these elements. Multidisciplinary & inclusion have become mandatory requirements for everyone, dethroning traditional "Creatives" from the leadership to a more equal level with other disciplines & practices. Data & Technology have become the new language; Design & Experience are the new religions; a new generation of leadership is rising with a system consciousness as an effect of the digital age. I truly believe in the power of sharing to make changes, and this is the reason why I am sharing this work. After spending the last 20 years in different business contexts as a consultant for private companies and startups; as a chief design

officer for a venture incubator and an executive for agencies, I decided to summarize everything I have observed and discovered about the relationships between companies, teams, operational models, business results, innovation and growth in this blueprint. I do not expect everyone to agree with my work and my vision won't be a fit for all, but I am sure that everyone will find something in these pages useful and different from their perspective capable of stimulating questions or reflections. How can company management organization be more holistic, multidisciplinary, integrated, human-centered, systematic, inclusive and create the conditions to trigger innovation?

## **The Experience Economy, Updated Edition**

Brings together a range of empirical studies, which disclose and substantiate the so-called experience economy with a particular focus on its entrepreneurial aspects. This book elaborates and clarifies the entrepreneurial nature of the experience economy.

## **Be Our Guest**

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## **Designing Experiences**

### **Designing the Digital Experience**

Now, for the first time, one element of the methods behind the magic that is the Walt Disney World Resort--quality service--is revealed. The book outlines proven Disney principles and processes for helping an organization focus its vision and align its people into a strategy that delivers on the promise of exceptional customer service.

### **Global Experience Industries**

Creating Authentic Customer Connections in a High-Tech World In *The Relationship Economy*, author John Dijulius teaches business leaders about the importance of relationship building in the digital age. He argues that in spite of (and because of) the advances in tech, we've become a less connected

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society. We have dramatically evolved away from face-to-face communication, and the skill of building rapport is evaporating. This means that customer personalization and relationships are more important now than ever—and they will be the key to success for businesses moving forward. As he aptly states, “Being able to build true sustainable relationships is the biggest competitive advantage in a world where automation, artificial intelligence, and machine learning are eliminating the human experience, which is what creates the emotional connections that build true customer loyalty.” This book reminds readers of the importance of personal connections and shows them how to attain meaningful, lasting relationships with their customers.

## **Imaginerig: Innovation in the Experience Economy**

In 2016, Google’s Site Reliability Engineering book ignited an industry discussion on what it means to run production services today—and why reliability considerations are fundamental to service design. Now, Google engineers who worked on that bestseller introduce *The Site Reliability Workbook*, a hands-on companion that uses concrete examples to show you how to put SRE principles and practices to work in your environment. This new workbook not only combines practical examples from Google’s experiences, but also provides case studies from Google’s Cloud Platform customers who underwent this journey. Evernote, The Home Depot, The New York Times, and other companies outline hard-won

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experiences of what worked for them and what didn't. Dive into this workbook and learn how to flesh out your own SRE practice, no matter what size your company is. You'll learn: How to run reliable services in environments you don't completely control—like cloud Practical applications of how to create, monitor, and run your services via Service Level Objectives How to convert existing ops teams to SRE—including how to dig out of operational overload Methods for starting SRE from either greenfield or brownfield

## **The Expertise Economy**

Mastering the Way You See the World Inspired by Edward de Bono's Six Thinking Hats method, Jim Gilmore has created a unique and useful tool to help our ability to perceive. In his latest book, *Look: A Practical Guide for Improving Your Observational Skills*, Gilmore introduces the metaphor of "six looking glasses." Each looking glass represents a particular skill to master in order to enhance the way we look at the world. The six skills include binoculars, bifocals, magnifying glass, microscope, rose-colored glasses, and blindfold looking. Each looking glass provides an observational lens through which to see the world differently. This framework will help its users to:

- See the big picture
- Overcome personal bias
- Pinpoint significance
- Better scrutinize numerous details
- Uncover potential opportunities
- See what's in the mind's eye

These varying perspectives offer myriad practical applications: They can help any executive, manager, or designer more richly observe customer behavior, philanthropists and policy makers more

keenly identify human needs, and anyone else interested in innovative thinking to first ground their ideation in practical observation. Gilmore helps readers grasp the Six Looking Glasses by including helpful everyday examples and practice exercises throughout. Put into practice, this method of looking will help you see the world with new eyes.

## **Story-Based Inquiry: A Manual for Investigative Journalists**

The book develops a new approach to urban development in which leisure, pleasure or experiences are seen as key drivers. History, authenticity, urban qualities, local culture and leisure offerings or a vibrant retail sector are thus assets in local development also outside of the big cities. Globalization and high mobility are necessary aspects of the development, which entails the development of high urban profiles in a globalized and highly competitive world. Apart from experiential qualities a critical urban size, is also required. Experience qualities can be connected to urban design, where particular designs stimulate citizens' learning and activity in the urban space. They can also be connected to more tourist related large scale projects of experiential mass consumption with fun parks and shopping. A combination of the two approaches has been developed to promote for example car brands and cities through experiential car museums. New stakeholders, new network based forms of cooperation and new entrepreneurial strategies are connected to urban development in 'the experience

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economy'. In particular new network based approaches are needed if small and rural places should also reap the fruits of the experience economy. This book was originally published as a special issue of European Planning Studies.

## **The City in the Experience Economy**

Written for creative, tech-savvy, and business-minded individuals who want to increase the accessibility of their websites, this sensible guidebook explains the concepts behind designing experiences on the internet. From helping customers quickly find information and make their purchases to clearly communicating needs and interests, this resource will not only develop consumer loyalty but will encourage them to spread the word about the sites they frequent. Focusing on the three key areas of structure, community, and customers, designers will enable clients to focus on their own goals rather than on difficulties in navigating. Also included are tips on how to generate conversations with blogs, wikis, and podcasting to create a personal touch.

## **The Power of Moments**

As seen in Fast Company, Inc., Entrepreneur, Quartz at Work, Big Think, Chief Learning Officer, Chief Executive Officer, and featured in the Financial Times, and Forbes Recommended Reading for Creative Leaders. The workplace is going through a large-scale transition with digitization, automation, and acceleration. Critical skills and expertise are

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imperative for companies and their employees to succeed in the future, and the most forward-thinking companies are being proactive in adapting to the shift in the workforce. Kelly Palmer, Silicon Valley thought-leader from LinkedIn, Degreed, and Yahoo, and David Blake, co-founder of Ed-tech pioneer Degreed, share their experiences and describe how some of the smartest companies in the world are making learning and expertise a major competitive advantage. The authors provide the latest scientific research on how people really learn and concrete examples from companies in both Silicon Valley and worldwide who are driving the conversation about how to create experts and align learning innovation with business strategy. It includes interviews with people from top companies like Google, LinkedIn, Airbnb, Unilever, NASA, and MasterCard; thought leaders in learning and education like Sal Khan and Todd Rose; as well as Thinkers50 list-makers Clayton Christensen, Daniel Pink, and Whitney Johnson. The Expertise Economy dares you to let go of outdated and traditional ways of closing the skills gap, and challenges CEOs and business leaders to embrace the urgency of re-skilling and upskilling the workforce.

## **The Experience Economy**

In an increasingly experience-driven economy, companies that deliver great experiences thrive, and those that do not die. Yet many organizations face difficulties implementing a vision of delivering experiences beyond the provision of goods and services. Because experience design concepts and

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approaches are spread across multiple, often disconnected disciplines, there is no book that succinctly explains to students and aspiring professionals how to design them. J. Robert Rossman and Mathew D. Duerden present a comprehensive and accessible introduction to experience design. They synthesize the fundamental theories and methods from multiple disciplines and lay out a process for designing experiences from start to finish. Rossman and Duerden challenge us to reflect on what makes a great experience from the user's perspective. They provide a framework of experience types, explaining people's engagement with products and services and what makes experiences personal and fulfilling. The book presents interdisciplinary research underlying key concepts such as memory, intentionality, and dramatic structure in a down-to-earth style, drawing attention to both the macro and micro levels. *Designing Experiences* features detailed instructions and numerous real-world examples that clarify theoretical principles, making it useful for students and professionals. An invaluable overview of a growing field, the book provides readers with the tools they need to design innovative and indelible experiences and to move their organizations into the experience economy. *Designing Experiences* features a foreword by B. Joseph Pine II.

### **The Rise of Network Christianity**

Rev. ed. of: *The experience economy: work is theatre & every business a stage*. 1999.

Anna Klingmann looks at the controversial practice of branding by examining its benefits, and considering the damage it may do. She argues that architecture can use the concepts and methods of branding - not as a quick-and-easy selling tool for architects but as a strategic tool for economic and cultural transformation.

## **Brandscapes**

How the history of technological revolutions can help us better understand economic and political polarization in the age of automation The Technology Trap is a sweeping account of the history of technological progress and how it has radically shifted the distribution of economic and political power among society's members. As Carl Benedikt Frey shows, the Industrial Revolution created unprecedented wealth and prosperity over the long run, but the immediate consequences of mechanization were devastating. Middle-income jobs withered, wages stagnated, the labor share of income fell, profits surged, and economic inequality skyrocketed. These trends broadly mirror those in our current age of automation. But, just as the Industrial Revolution eventually brought about extraordinary benefits for society, artificial intelligence systems have the potential to do the same. The Technology Trap demonstrates that in the midst of another technological revolution, the lessons of the past can help us to more effectively face the present.

## **Summary: The Experience Economy**

Tyler Cowen's controversial New York Times bestseller—the book heard round the world that ignited a firestorm of debate and redefined the nature of America's economic malaise. America has been through the biggest financial crisis since the great Depression, unemployment numbers are frightening, media wages have been flat since the 1970s, and it is common to expect that things will get worse before they get better. Certainly, the multidecade stagnation is not yet over. How will we get out of this mess? One political party tries to increase government spending even when we have no good plan for paying for ballooning programs like Medicare and Social Security. The other party seems to think tax cuts will raise revenue and has a record of creating bigger fiscal disasters than the first. Where does this madness come from? As Cowen argues, our economy has enjoyed low-hanging fruit since the seventeenth century: free land, immigrant labor, and powerful new technologies. But during the last forty years, the low-hanging fruit started disappearing, and we started pretending it was still there. We have failed to recognize that we are at a technological plateau. The fruit trees are barer than we want to believe. That's it. That is what has gone wrong and that is why our politics is crazy. In *The Great Stagnation*, Cowen reveals the underlying causes of our past prosperity and how we will generate it again. This is a passionate call for a new respect of scientific innovations that benefit not only the powerful elites, but humanity as a whole.

The authors list the five factors that most directly influence customer perceptions: the operational essence of the enterprise, the nature of its offerings, the effects of the organization's heritage, its sense of purpose and its demonstrable body of values.

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The experience economy is a fourth economic field different from commodities, goods and services. Experiences are an economic value added to a product or identical with the product. When you buy an experience, you pay to spend time enjoying a series of memorable events that a company stages to engage the customer in a personal way. The experience dimension has moved into a predominant place since the 1990s, fueled by an expanding global and digital economy. In developed countries, people get richer and more individualized and having met all basic materiel needs, they focus increasingly on personal development and self realization. Demand for experience-based products increases, such as tourism and sports as well as film, music and other contents of media and interactive technologies. Furthermore, the demand for experience values is extended to include any product and dimension of modern societies, such as the design of houses,

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furniture, clothes, cars, computers, etc. This is not a completely new story. Commercial entertainment and design has been around for a century or so. And in addition, universal values of love, sex, belief, family and the meaning of life have always been vital to human beings. What is new is the fact that capitalism is invading more and more fields of experiences connected with emotions and the extension of life proportions. In all developed countries and increasingly on a global scale, a series of expanding industries have emerged to supply the market with experience-oriented goods. In this book, the business development of markets and industries is covered from tourism, to media and entertainment, and from design to sex, including leading companies and trends in all industries involved.

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