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LGBT Stories from Red States

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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 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.

Deception, Magic and the Paranormal

Candlewick Press

Journalist Leander Kahney reveals how CEO Tim Cook has led Apple to astronomical success after the death of Steve Jobs in 2011. The death of Steve Jobs left a gaping void at one of the most innovative companies of all time. Jobs wasn't merely Apple's iconic founder and CEO; he was the living embodiment of a global megabrand. It was hard to imagine that anyone could fill his shoes—especially not Tim Cook, the intensely private executive who many thought of as Apple's "operations drone." But seven years later, as journalist Leander Kahney reveals in

this definitive book, things at Apple couldn't be better. Its stock has nearly tripled, making it the world's first trillion dollar company. Under Cook's principled leadership, Apple is pushing hard into renewable energy, labor and environmentally-friendly supply chains, user privacy, and highly-recyclable products. From the massive growth of the iPhone to lesser-known victories like the Apple Watch, Cook is leading Apple to a new era of success. Drawing on access with several Apple insiders, Kahney tells the inspiring story of how one man attempted to replace someone irreplaceable, and—through strong, humane leadership, supply chain savvy, and a commitment to his values—succeeded more than anyone had thought possible.

The J. Willard Marriott Story Little, Brown

A lavishly illustrated book that explores the complex behavioural characteristics of North America's largest land carnivores by examining the bear-human relationship from the bear's perspective. From the first moment Sarah Elmeligi came eye to eye with a grizzly bear, her life changed. In a moment that lasted mere seconds, she began to question everything she thought she knew about bears. How could this docile creature be the same one with a fearsome reputation for vicious attacks? Through years of research, Elmeligi grew to appreciate that bears are so much more than data points, stunning photos, and sensational online stories. Elmeligi expertly weaves the science of bear behaviour with her passionate account of personal encounters. Dive into the life of a bear biologist as Sarah's colleagues recount their own "stories from the field" - intimate moments with bears where they were connected to an animal with personality, decision-making capabilities, and a host of engaging behaviours. Join Elmeligi and Marriott on a journey that examines and shares the behaviour of black, grizzly, and polar bears in North America in a way you've never seen before. What Bears Teach Us will surprise you, inspire you, foster your curiosity, and teach you something new about bears and maybe even yourself.

The Spirit to Serve Penguin
In 'The Spectacle of Illusion', professional

magician-turned experimental psychologist Dr. Matthew L. Tompkins investigates the arts of deception as practised and popularised by mesmerists, magicians and psychics since the early 18th century. Organised thematically within a broadly chronological trajectory, this compelling book explores how illusions perpetuated by magicians and fraudulent mystics can not only deceive our senses but also teach us about the inner workings of our minds. Indeed, modern scientists are increasingly turning to magic tricks to develop new techniques to examine human perception, memory and belief. Beginning by discussing mesmerism and spiritualism, the book moves on to consider how professional magicians such as John Nevil Maskelyne and Harry Houdini engaged with these movements? particularly how they set out to challenge and debunk paranormal claims. It also relates the interactions between magicians, mystics and scientists over the past 200 years, and reveals how the researchers who attempted to investigate magical and paranormal phenomena were themselves deceived, and what this can teach us about deception. Exhibition: Wellcome Collection, London, UK (11.04.-15.09.2019). *Perfecting the Art of Customer Service* Name of the Blade A leadership and career manifesto told through the narrative of one of today's most inspiring, admired, and successful global leaders. In *Winners Dream*, Bill McDermott—the CEO of the world's largest business software company, SAP—chronicles how relentless

optimism, hard work, and disciplined execution embolden people and equip organizations to achieve audacious goals. Growing up in working-class Long Island, a sixteen-year-old Bill traded three hourly wage jobs to buy a small deli, which he ran by instinctively applying ideas that would be the seeds for his future success. After paying for and graduating college, Bill talked his way into a job selling copiers door-to-door for Xerox, where he went on to rank number one in every sales position he held and eventually became the company's youngest-ever corporate officer. Eventually, Bill left Xerox and in 2002 became the unlikely president of SAP's flailing American business unit. There, he injected enthusiasm and accountability into the demoralized culture by scaling his deli, sales, and management strategies. In 2010, Bill was named co-CEO, and in May 2014 became SAP's sole, and first non-European, CEO. Colorful and fast-paced, Bill's anecdotes contain effective takeaways: gutsy career moves; empathetic sales strategies; incentives that yield exceptional team performance; and proof of the competitive advantages of optimism and hard work. At the heart of Bill's story is a blueprint for success and the knowledge that the real dream is the journey, not a preconceived destination.

Winners Dream GRIN Verlag

The C.E.O. of Marriot International explains how he built his corporation, offering elementary yet effective principles for motivating employees and cultivating customer loyalty

Real Queer America Penguin

The inspiration for the TV show *At Home with Amy Sedaris*, here is a hilarious, helpful, and informative guide on how to entertain. Are you lacking direction in how to whip up a swanky soiree for lumberjacks? A dinner party for white-collar workers? A festive gathering for the grieving? Don't despair! Take a cue from entertaining expert Amy Sedaris and host an unforgettable fete that will have your guests raving. No matter the style or size of the gathering - from the straightforward to the bizarre - *I LIKE YOU* provides jackpot recipes and solid advice laced with Amy's blisteringly funny take on entertaining, plus four-color photos and enlightening sidebars on everything it takes to pull off a party with extraordinary flair. You don't even need to be a host or hostess to benefit - Amy offers tips for guests, too! (Rule number one: don't be fifteen minutes early.) Readers will

discover unique dishes to serve alcoholics ("Broiled Frozen Chicken Wings with Applesauce"), the secret to a successful children's party (a half-hour time limit, games included), plus a whole appendix chock-full of arts and crafts ideas (from a mini-pantyhose plant-hanger to a do-it-yourself calf stretcher), and much, much more! "In *At Home with Amy Sedaris*, Ms. Sedaris offers deliriously twisted takes on the homemaking skills she skewered in her books *I Like You* and *Simple Times*." -- The New York Times

AmySedarisRocks.com

Instagram.com/AmySedaris

Facebook.com/AmySedarisOfficial

Youtube.com/OfficialAmySedaris

What Bears Teach Us Simon and Schuster

Everything You Need to Know to Feel Go(o)d is Candace Pert's response to the questions she's been asked in her worldwide travels ever since the publication of her book *Molecules of Emotion*, and her appearance in the film *What the Bleep Do We Know?!* She discovered that, at the end of the day, all people really want to know is how to feel good. Within these pages, Dr. Pert shares the answers she's found, both in the biomedical laboratory of mainstream science and in the laboratory of her own evolving life. Her amazing journey documents how mind, body, and spirit cannot be separated; and that we're hard-wired for bliss, which is both physical and divine. Feeling good and feeling God, she believes, are one and the same. From beginning to end, this book takes us on an entertaining romp through the many bodymind avenues, separating the woo-woo from real science and pointing the way toward using new paradigm therapies, detoxing our food and environment, forgiving and healing our relationships, understanding depression, staying young, and creating the reality we want to experience. Consciousness, mind, emotions, and God are all factored into the mix, resulting in a lot of beneficial advice and self-development insights that will empower us toward health, well-being, and feeling . . . Go(o)d.

How Positivity, Passion, and Pineapples Will Transform Your Leadership and Your Life McGraw Hill Professional

LAMBDA LITERARY AWARD FINALIST A transgender reporter's "powerful, profoundly moving" narrative tour through the surprisingly vibrant queer communities sprouting up in red states (New York Times Book Review), offering a vision of a stronger, more humane America. Ten years ago, Samantha Allen was

a suit-and-tie-wearing Mormon missionary. Now she's a GLAAD Award-winning journalist happily married to another woman. A lot in her life has changed, but what hasn't changed is her deep love of Red State America, and of queer people who stay in so-called "flyover country" rather than moving to the liberal coasts. In *Real Queer America*, Allen takes us on a cross-country road-trip stretching all the way from Provo, Utah to the Rio Grande Valley to the Bible Belt to the Deep South. Her motto for the trip: "Something gay every day." Making pit stops at drag shows, political rallies, and hubs of queer life across the heartland, she introduces us to scores of extraordinary LGBT people working for change, from the first openly transgender mayor in Texas history to the manager of the only queer night club in Bloomington, Indiana, and many more. Capturing profound cultural shifts underway in unexpected places and revealing a national network of chosen family fighting for a better world, *Real Queer America* is a treasure trove of uplifting stories and a much-needed source of hope and inspiration in these divided times.

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With a scene-setting historical introduction, this newly translated and illustrated edition of a classic work is an essential addition to any home library. Written in 1512, *The Prince* is the masterpiece by Florentine political philosopher, poet, and playwright Niccolò Machiavelli. Although Machiavelli's book has been frequently misunderstood as a manual for unprincipled manipulators and tyrants, careful reading reveals that it actually identifies freedom as an essential characteristic of a good society. In fact, much of Machiavelli's republican thought can be identified in the American constitution, and many of his ideas—such as the belief that life is subject to change and that the winners will be those flexible enough to adapt—remain as applicable today as they were half a millennium ago.

History Routledge

Hospitality and the Holy Spirit shares stories and perspectives by hotelier Denise Maiatico about what the Bible tells us about taking good care of people. The book draws from Denise's 20-plus-year-career in the hospitality industry, offering anecdotes that are sometimes funny, other times sad, but always fascinating. During her career, Denise has seen some crazy, wonderful, disturbing, and inspirational things. As a Christian, Denise wanted to explore the Bible on a deeper level and through the lens of her experience. Stories and advice about being a good host abound in the Bible. To create this book, Denise researched these Bible stories and married them to her own experiences. During this process, the lessons of the Gospel became both relevant and obvious to her. This book will support your own journey and desire to live a life that reflects hospitality--and the Holy Spirit.

Success Is Never Final--His Life and

the Decisions That Built a Hotel Empire
Harperbusiness

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.

Tim Cook Watkins Media Limited Marriott was recently listed by Fortune magazine as one of "The 100 Best Companies to Work for in America" and the "5th Best Company for Asians, Blacks & Hispanics" and ranked by Business Week as one of the "Top Ten Companies for Work & Family."

10 Best Washington, D.C. Morgan James Publishing

Understanding the global hotel business is not possible without paying specific attention to hotel chain management and dynamics. Chains are big business, approximately 80 percent of hotels currently being constructed around the world are chain affiliated and, in 2014, the five largest brands held over a one million rooms. The high economic importance of the hotel chains and their global presence justifies the academic research in the field however, despite this, there is no uniform coverage in the current body of literature. This Handbook aids in filling the gap by exploring and critically evaluates the debates, issues and controversies of all aspects of hotel chains from their nature, fundamentals of existence and operation, expansion, strategic and operational aspects of their activities and geographical presence. It brings together leading specialists from range of disciplinary backgrounds and regions to provide state-of-the-art theoretical reflection and empirical research on current issues and future debates. Each of the five inter-related section explores and evaluates issues that are of extreme importance to hotel chain management, focusing on theoretical issues, the expansion of hotel chains, strategic and operational issues, the view point of the individual affiliated hotel and finally the current and future debates in the theory and practice of hotel chain management arising from globalisation, demographic trends, sustainability, and new technology development. It provides an invaluable resource for all those with an interest in hotel management, hospitality, tourism and business encouraging dialogue across disciplinary boundaries and areas of study. This is essential reading for students, researchers and academics of Hospitality as well as those of Tourism, Marketing, Business and Events Management.

The Spectacle of Illusion Taylor & Francis

By providing your customers and guests with an unforgettable experience, your business can build customer loyalty and

gain an edge over your competition. But what most managers forget is that great customer service starts with happy employees. To take your organization to the next level, you need to work from the inside out. In *Thanks for Coming In Today*, Charles Ryan Minton, president of CRM Hospitality and Consulting, shows you how to build and retain an all-star customer service team by establishing an environment in which employees can thrive. He explains how to empower your staff so that they can turn complaints into kudos, identify potential problems before they occur, and make even the minutest detail of a patron's experience memorable. With this book, you'll find immediate, low-cost solutions to transform your workplace culture into a customer-centric enterprise. Your employees and customers will be pleased--and so will you.

Everything You Need to Know to Feel Go(o)d
Grand Central Publishing

Discover the secrets of world-class leadership! When it comes to refined service and exquisite hospitality, one name stands high above the rest: The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company. With ceaseless attention to every luxurious detail, the company has set the bar for creating memorable customer experiences in world-class settings. Now, for the first time, the leadership secrets behind the company's extraordinary success are revealed. The *New Gold Standard* takes you on an exclusive tour behind the scenes of The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company. Granted unprecedented access to the company's executives, staff, and its award-winning Leadership Center training facilities, bestselling author Joseph Michelli explored every level of leadership within the organization. He emerged with the key principles leaders at any company can use to provide a customer experience unlike any other, such as: Understanding the ever-evolving needs of customers Empowering employees by treating them with the utmost respect Anticipating customers' unexpressed needs and concerns Developing and conducting an unsurpassed training regimen Sharing engaging stories from the company's employees--from the corporate office and hotels around the globe--Michelli describes the innovative methods the company uses to create peerless guest experiences and explains how it constantly hones and improves them. The *New Gold Standard* weaves practical how-to advice, proven leadership tools, and the wisdom of experts to help you create and embed superior customer-service principles, processes, and practices in your own organization.

A Hotelier's Stories and Perspective on what the Bible Tells Us about Taking Care of People Career FAQs

Demystifying the subject with clarity and verve, *History: An Introduction to Theory, Method and Practice* familiarizes the reader with the varied spectrum of historical approaches in a balanced, comprehensive and engaging manner.

Global in scope, and covering a wide range of topics from the ancient and medieval worlds to the twenty-first century, it explores historical perspectives not only from historiography itself, but from related areas such as literature, sociology, geography and anthropology. Clearly written, accessible and student-friendly, this second edition is fully updated throughout to include: An increased spread of case studies from beyond Europe, especially from American and imperial histories. New chapters on important and growing areas of historical inquiry, such as environmental history and digital history Expanded sections on political, cultural and social history More discussion of non-traditional forms of historical representation and knowledge like film, fiction and video games. Accompanied by a new companion website (www.routledge.com/cw/claus) containing valuable supporting material for students and instructors such as discussion questions, further reading and web links, this book is an essential introduction for all students of historical theory and method.

The Night Itself Luxury Custom Pub Llc A founder of the Four Seasons hotels shares the philosophy and values that he credits with his brand's success, recounting his rise from a disadvantaged child of immigrant parents while describing his commitment to superior design, quality amenities, and excellent service.

Fundamentals of Performance Technology Penguin

The statistics speak for themselves; record numbers of individuals who at one time identified as Christians are deconverting from the faith and identifying as unbelievers. Why is this happening and what can be done to prevent it? *A Recipe for Disaster* seeks to answer those questions by focusing on the four ways churches and parents unwittingly contribute to the deconversion process. By over-preparing, under-preparing, ill-preparing, and painfully preparing those they are responsible to disciple into mature believers, churches and parents instead set them up for a crisis of faith that all too often leads to the loss of faith. In response to each of the four methods of poor preparation, *A Recipe for Disaster* offers a recipe for success, four alternative methods of preparation designed to instill lifelong faith.

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Four Simple Steps. That's all it takes to deliver legendary service and build a thriving team culture. Is negative service impacting your bottom line? Do you find it hard to maintain your confidence when you have to disappoint a customer? Then *Yes Is the Answer* is the leadership book you

need to read. ? Christine Trippi shares her energy and passion for Sweet Hospitality--the key to success in the hospitality industry--by taking readers through the simple steps of responding positively while developing strong relationships. Along the way, she reviews examples that cover all aspects of work and family life with opportunities to test your new skills in the book (or with a downloadable Yes Is the Answer companion workbook). By the end of this fun, quick, and easy read, you'll have the information and skills needed to always say Yes and achieve Sweet Results! The best part is that you'll learn how you can change the world, one Yes at a time! ? Should you read this book? Yes Is the Answer!