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trying to understand how influencers affect purchase decisions in business. I've tried to read other books on influence but they proved too dry and science-based. This is a much better read, whether you're new to the subject or experienced. It also has case studies of actual examples showing how companies have identified and worked with influencers. I'd recommend it. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great Investment for BOTH Sales and Marketing Professionals By Giovanna Villanueva I am a big fan of books that actually include case studies of companies that implemented the techniques taught. This is one of those books. With the rise of blogs, wikis and social media, old school marketing is nowhere near what it used to be. No matter what industry you're in or size of business, this book offers gems of knowledge you can immediately apply. It may also have you re-consider your marketing budget.

Influencer Marketing is the most important new approach to marketing in a decade for those professionals at the leading edge of purchasing decision making. It shows that key decision makers in all major markets operate within communities of influencers- because major decisions are too complex and risky to taken in isolation. The 'ecosystems' this creates are full of these critically important people, whose impact on purchasing decisions is both pivotal and misunderstood. This new book demonstrates that- As mass media impact wanes so the role of influencers grows - marketers need to know why and how to use this knowledge; The impact of blogs, wikis and other social media is that they enable new influencers to emerge, and disperse traditional sources of influence; Large and small businesses worldwide pour billions of pounds each year into influencing what they think are their influencers. This book shows you that most of that money is being spent on the wrong people, leaving the real influencers all too often untouched; Influencers do not do the buying, are not obvious, cannot be bought, and start off neutral - which is why their potential to affect sales is so great; Influencers are not all equal - they can be assessed, ranked and prioritised to be used effectively; Influencers can be influenced - the question is how to get to them to generate market awareness, leads and address sales barriers Influencer marketing is closely related to the relentless rise and success of word of mouth (WOM) and relationship marketing, and is now established as one of the armoury of new techniques professionals must use. For all those involved in marketing and sales this book will be an essential analysis of how to identify who has influence, how they apply it, and how you can turn it to your advantage.

Brown and Hayes have written a wonderful, well structured and easy to read page turner about a fascinating idea that should affect the way every thinking marketer should see the world. Christoph Kaderli, Vice President EMEA Marketing, Performance Management Alliances at Cognos Ltd CMO Council Europe Advisory Board Member. "Today's market is truly 'always on'. This is having a dramatic impact on the way that we market and sell to our existing customers and prospects. Influencer Marketing provides an excellent reference on how you can drive and achieve significant change in your traditional mindset to ensure that you can address the new and dynamic challenges that now appear every day'. Ask yourself, 'Do I change or do more of the same? There is only one correct answer' ". Jim Cassidy VP Marketing EMEA, BEA Systems A thought provoking book that challenges the way we think and who we target. A must for any skilled marketer wishing to beat his competitor." Dr Anthony Marsella, Chief Marketing Officer Samsung Electronics and co-author "Marketing Revolution". "Cutting Edge Marketing at its best. This is a must read for any Technology Marketer" James Hart, Marketing Director, EMEA, Research In Motion (Blackberry) "If you think you know about marketing in the 21st century, press analyst relations, the value of conferences, the buying cycle - think again. Influencer Marketing will make you question even your basic understanding of marketing, and who really wields power in the market place." Joe Barrett, Director, Strategic Marketing, Qualcomm Europe "This book explains why today's marketing model is a very different playing field. ROI is high on the agenda. The power of the network enables emphasis on 1:1 conversations and choice, dialogues and communities, which in turn leads to honesty and transparency in messaging." Jon Tutchter Head of Marketing, Sun Microsystems UK Ireland "Influencer Marketing brings together common sense with some insightful ideas in a book that provides marketers with useful tips for extending their own influence." Ruth Mortimer, Editor, Brand Strategy Magazine "It is rare to find a marketing book which is useful from page one. Most provide useful maxims to include in presentations, but few back this up with practical approaches to use in anger in the workplace. Influencer Marketing has been invaluable in focusing my organisation on the invisible influencer". Robert Posner, European Marketing Director, Harte-Hanks From the Back Cover Influencer Marketing is the most important new approach to marketing in a decade for those professionals at the leading edge of purchasing decision making. It shows that key decision makers in all major markets operate within communities of influencers- because major decisions are too complex and risky to taken in isolation. The 'ecosystems' this creates are full of these critically important people, whose impact on purchasing decisions is both pivotal and misunderstood. This new book demonstrates that-. As mass media impact wanes so the role of influencers grows - marketers need to know why and how to use this knowledge. The impact of blogs, wikis and other social media is that they enable new influencers to emerge, and disperse traditional sources of influence.. Large and small businesses worldwide pour billions of pounds each year into influencing what they think are their influencers. This book shows you that most of that money is being spent on the wrong people, leaving the real influencers all too often untouched..

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