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Ron Zemke is one of today's most sought-after management consultants, The Service Edge is required reading for every executive and manager interested in reaping the benefits of customer care--and in getting one-up on the competition. A Different Perspective on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides a brief history of health insurance within the United States, offering an accessible perspective on the highly contentious Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). This book traces the political and financial conditions that led to the enactment of the Affordable Care Act. Thoroughly researched, A Different Perspective on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act details the drastic increase of health care expenditures in both state legislatures and the federal government, the fiscal strain experienced throughout the nation, and the main objectives of President Barack Obama's 2010 healthcare reform plan. A comprehensive index to company and industry information in business journals. In this essential and illuminating book, top business strategist Dev Patnaik tells the story of how organizations of all kinds prosper when they tap into a power each of us already has: empathy, the ability to reach outside of ourselves and connect with other people. When

people inside a company develop a shared sense of what's going on in the world, they see new opportunities faster than their competitors. They have the courage to take a risk on something new. And they have the gut-level certitude to stick with an idea that doesn't take off right away. People are "Wired to Care," and many of the world's best organizations are, too. In pursuit of this idea, Patnaik takes readers inside big companies like IBM, Target, and Intel to see widespread empathy in action. But he also goes to farmers' markets and a conference on world religions. He dives deep into the catacombs of the human brain to find the biological sources of empathy. And he spends time on both sides of the political aisle, with James Carville, the Ragin' Cajun, and John McCain, a national hero, to show how empathy can give you the acuity to cut through a morass of contradictory information. *Wired to Care* is a compelling tale of the power that people have to see the world through each other's eyes, told with passion for the possibilities that lie ahead if leaders learn to stop worrying about their own problems and start caring about the world around them. As Patnaik notes, in addition to its considerable economic benefits, increasing empathy for the people you serve can have a personal impact, as well: It just might help you to have a better day at work. Even with new health-care policies, one thing is clear: health-care costs will continue to rise dramatically. While individuals may get better

coverage, businesses will have the same problem they've had for the last four decades. Health care, one of corporate America's largest expenses, is growing at double-digit rates, and nothing done in Washington will change that. But one medium-size company set out to tame the beast of rising health-care costs, employing best practices and cutting-edge ideas. The results have caused others to sit up and take notice. Serigraph, Inc., a Wisconsin-based manufacturer of decorative parts, and its chairman, John Torinus, did what Washington can't or won't do: reduce cost increases to less than 2 percent while improving the quality of health care for its employees. The implications for corporate America are staggering--the opportunity for genuine reform in an expense category that has been spiraling out of control. Serigraph began its initiative to control health-care costs in 2003, when its annual health-care bill was \$5 million and another \$750,000 was needed for the projected 15 percent annual increase. The company employed three strategies for reform, each of which can cut the health-care bill by 20 percent to 40 percent--consumer responsibility, the primacy of primary over specialty care and centers of value. Applied in concert with other management methods, these three approaches almost eliminated growth in health-care costs while improving the quality of employee care. The results are documented. They are beyond refute. *The Company That Solved Health Care* describes the

fascinating details of Serigraph's program, and shows how any company can achieve similar results. This book is essential reading for any manager responsible for his or her company's health-care expenses, any academic or thinker involved in the health-care debate and anyone who wants to better understand why health-care costs have been rising and what can be done to achieve price stability while improving patient care. Care is a human ability we all need for growing and flourishing. It implies considering the needs and interests of others, and the quality of how we relate to each other is often defined by care. While the value of care in private life is widely recognized, its role in the public sphere is contested and subject to political debates. In work organizations, instrumentality frequently overrides considerations for colleagues' and co-workers' well-being, while relationships are often sacrificed in the service of performance and meeting organizational targets. The questions this volume attempts to address concerns the organizational conditions that make care flourish and how a caring organization functions in practice. Specifically, we examine what it means to care for each other and what enhances caring behaviours in organizations. The volume ultimately focuses on how caring relations can contribute to making organizations better places. In this perspective, care involves the recognition of, and the limitations of, work as a key aspect of personal and social identity.

Because care exceeds the sphere of individual intimacy, the book will also centre on the necessity for building caring institutions through a political process that considers the needs, contributions, and prospects of many different actors. This book aims to contribute to academic discussions on care in organizations, care work, business and organizational ethics, diversity, caring leadership, well-being in organizations, and research ethics. Managers, consultants, policy-makers, and students will find reflections about the goodness of care in organizations, and guidance about the ethical and practical difficulties of pursuing the project of building caring organizations. This is a guide to product trade names, brands, and product names, with addresses of their manufacturers and distributors. "[This book is] the most authoritative assessment of the advantages and disadvantages of recent trends toward the commercialization of health care," says Robert Pear of The New York Times. This major study by the Institute of Medicine examines virtually all aspects of for-profit health care in the United States, including the quality and availability of health care, the cost of medical care, access to financial capital, implications for education and research, and the fiduciary role of the physician. In addition to the report, the book contains 15 papers by experts in the field of for-profit health care covering a broad range of topicsâ€"from trends in the growth of major

investor-owned hospital companies to the ethical issues in for-profit health care. "The report makes a lasting contribution to the health policy literature." —"Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law. Our love of wild and beautiful places and our determination to save them began outside. We want the same for our children. This visual guide illustrates why Patagonia's on-site child care center is a key component of our corporate mission and why providing high quality on-site child care to working families is essential. In safe and engaging environments we support unstructured play where our children learn hand-eye coordination, balance and mental agility. Anything that can be done indoors is better learned outdoors where physical strength, creativity and confidence develop. True to Patagonia's climbing roots we encourage risk as the children learn and grow in an atmosphere of trust. This book is the visual story of how one corporation provides the support working families need to preserve American ingenuity that begins in early childhood. Love it? Hate it? Or, just don't care? How we feel about something dramatically affects how we interact with it. When we feel, we care. When we care, things happen. Companies that are thriving, not just surviving, are much more than a set of ruthlessly efficient and mechanistic processes — they are a social system operated by people for people. The quality of relationships, both inside and outside the organization is a far more important driver

of sustainable success or failure than the quality of its control systems. The head is important, but it is the heart that matters most. If you want your customers to be brand ambassadors and your employees to brag about you to their friends, you need them to not just think you're great - you need them to feel you're great. You need them to love you - and for that, you need them to feel that you love them. For over a decade Marc Cox has been helping companies whose toxic cultures, miserable employees, and angry customers have all but destroyed them to rebuild their company spirit, discover the business case for love and build an organization that is wonderful to work for, brilliant to do business with and has the mindset of creating memorable employee and customer experiences. Underpinned by fresh insights and perspectives, robustly tested and refined by the real world experience of working with a wide range of companies and over 2,000 senior executives drawn from all parts of the world, and filled with fascinating and illustrative "love stories" the book will help you to make the business case for love. It will help you to find a more rewarding and invigorating way of working - both emotionally and financially. In short, it shows what happens when the love is put back into business. Empathy isn't about being touchy-feely. It's the ability to step outside of yourself and see the world as other people do. Empathy helps to make good leaders into great ones: they see

new opportunities faster than their competitors, have the courage to take a risk on something new, and have the gut-level intuition that they need to make the right decisions when the path ahead is unclear. Fostering empathy in an entire organization, however, is much harder. The thousands of people that make up a large company inevitably accumulate implicit experiences, feelings, and insights about people that affect the way that each of them makes decisions. But that does not, however, create an organization that has a collective, widespread sense of empathy. This book explains how companies can challenge themselves to meet their customers more than halfway. The author's original approach walks helps readers shift their thinking and their companies' thinking beyond the borders of the organization. The author begins by having the reader explore their own mental models and maps; explores how size and distance have disconnected companies from their true customers; shows how we are wired to care in our brains; and provides a way for companies to drive growth by understanding this truth about their customers: We are them, and they are us. The Welfare and Retirement Fund of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) is widely acknowledged as the most innovative effort at group health care in the United States in the twentieth century. Ivana Krajcinovic describes the establishment, operation, and demise of the Fund that brought mining families from the backwater to the

forefront of medical care in less than a decade. Krajcinovic analyzes the success of the Fund over nearly three decades in providing high-quality cost-effective care to miners and their families. She also explains the irony of its dismantlement at the very moment when its innovations gained currency among mainstream commercial plans. *Taking Care of Business* takes you on a raw, real-life journey, showing you how to build a successful business whilst coping with the day-to-day trauma that often comes with it. Paul Cheetham-Karcz shares this no-holds-barred account of how he built one of the largest accountancy firms in the UK. When exploding health care costs threatened Serigraph's solvency, the CEO went outside the box to find a solution. John Torinus Jr. applied innovative, cutting-edge strategies to cut his health care expenses well below the national average while improving his employees' care. Now, across America, leading companies are following Serigraph's example. There is a revolution brewing. A revolution that will dramatically lower health costs nationwide. John Torinus Jr., author of *The Company That Solved Health Care*, the eye-opening book detailing one company's game-changing health care program, now presents *The Grassroots Health Care Revolution*. Featuring examples and interviews with the business leaders who are at the forefront of these innovations, *The Grassroots Health Care Revolution* is a game plan for improving workforce health and radically

lowering health costs. Torinus avoids the politics of health care to focus on what businesses can actually control. He shows how pioneering corporations have engaged their employees to tame the hyper-inflation that has plagued the health care industry for decades. Executives in leading companies are deploying management disciplines and marketplace principles to invent a better business model for health care. These companies are bending the curve, growing profits and improving the health of their employees. Learn how you and your business can join the revolution. The majority of companies, their employees and their leaders navigate a space where competitors appear overnight, customers demand innovations monthly, business plans rarely last a full year and career ladders have been replaced by trampolines. This environment of constant change will only accelerate in the future and traditional business leaders are ill equipped to deal with it. Just as we took our cues from MBAs and the military in casting the ideal CEO of the 20th century, we can look to design - in its broadest form - to model our future leader, the DEO. These leaders possess characteristics, behaviors and mindsets that allow them to excel in unpredictable, fast-moving and value-charged conditions. They are catalysts for transformation and agents of change. A hybrid of strategic business executive and creative problem-solver, the DEO is willing to take on anything as an object of design and looks at ALL

problems as design challenges. Readers will learn not only why this form of leadership is essential to the success of modern organizations, but also what characteristics are best suited to this role. Through intimate conversations with leading CEOs, we explore the mindsets, communities, processes and practices common to creative business leaders. The book lays out—graphically and through example—how CEOs run their companies and why this approach makes sense now. We help readers identify these skills in themselves and their colleagues, and we guide them in using these skills to build, revive or reinvent the next generation of great companies and organization. Drawn from conceptual, theoretical and practice perspectives, this work provides guidance through the broad realm of addictions nursing practice. Practical knowledge and skills that can be applied in a variety of settings by any nurse in any area of practice are included. Topics discussed include: prevention; screening/detection; assessment/diagnosis; detoxification; and sobriety-focused care. Common problems and current issues related to addictions nursing practice are also addressed, including ethical issues, cultural consideration, client dropout, and health-care policy and reform. Explains how employers can take control of the increasing burden of health care costs, using the approach taken by Serigraph, a company that focused on consumer responsibility, primary care, and centers of value, as a model for improving

health care while lowering the cost. *Applying Care Ethics to Business* is a multidisciplinary collection of original essays that explores the intersection between the burgeoning field of care ethics and business. Care ethics is an approach to morality that emphasizes relational, particularist, and affective dimensions of morality that evolved from feminist theory and today enjoys robust intellectual exploration. Care ethics emerged out of feminist theory in the 1980's and the greatest contribution to moral analysis among Women' Studies scholars. Today, feminists and non-feminist scholars are increasingly taking care ethics seriously. Applying care to the marketplace is a natural step in its maturity. *Applying Care Ethics to Business* is the first book-length analysis of business and economic cases and theories from the perspective of care theory. Furthermore, given economic turbulence and the resulting scrutiny of market practices, care ethics provides fresh and timely insight into ideal business values and commitments. In many ways, care ethics' emphasis upon connection and cooperation as well as the growth and well-being of the other make it appear to be the antithesis of the corporate character. Nevertheless, many contemporary theorists question if traditional moral approaches based on autonomous agents is adequate to address a shrinking and interconnected world—particularly one that is marked by global markets. *Applying Care Ethics to Business* offers a unique

opportunity to rethink corporate responsibility and business ethics. Do your Customers know you REALLY care? The business world is filled with technology - cell phones, voice mail, blackberries, computers, and laptops. The typical customer can get lost in something as simple as a company's phone routing system. Press 1 if you need information and hours of operation. Press 2 if you need an operator. By the time the customer makes it to a "live" person, they are frustrated or confused! To retain your current customer base and attract new customers, you MUST have a well trained customer service representative on the other end who is well trained. The customer service representative is the "face" of your company and your image is at stake every time the phone is answered. This book will bring everyone in your company, from the chief executive to the front line customer service staff back to the basics of good old fashioned customer service. The type of techniques discussed in this book help you to focus on how to show the customer that you care about them and that they are not just a number. It's simply amazing how common courtesies can make your customer sing praises about your company! Read this book and use these techniques and "cause a revolution in your business"! "This book shows you how to align your entire organization -- people, systems, and processes -- with your organization's purpose, values and goals. It shows you how to get your people engaged and focused. As your people

change, they will change your systems and processes. And then you will see that they have strategically changed your organization to achieve those goals set by your executive team."

--Cover. *Managing Health Care Business Strategy* is the definitive textbook on strategic planning and management for healthcare organizations. It offers all the basic information on strategic planning and management within the unique context of organizations concerned with the delivery and financing of health care. It does this by noting the singular strategic environment in health care, explaining the special procedures and options available to health care organizations, and providing real-life examples in the form of case studies. It includes not only a description of the basic multi-step process of creating and then managing a strategic plan, but also a detailed look at the role played by the key business functions (finance, marketing, human resources, information technology, and law) as well as specific strategic options (merger/acquisition, reorganization, joint venture) and some of the popular tools for analyzing strategic situations (balanced scorecard, Six Sigma, SWOT). - Packed with cases from all sectors - Applicable for small and large brands We live in turbulent times. In the future companies will have to take responsibility and try to provide a solution to social problems. The C A R E principles are precisely designed to help companies to stay relevant and moreover prepare

for the increasingly demanding customer. This book inspires with numerous cases from all sectors, all over the world. From start-ups to multinationals. It shows that everyone, including companies, can show what they really care about. In an age when psychotherapists are subjected to cost-saving measures which run counter to their wish to optimize care for their clients, this book is particularly timely. After chapters on the mechanics of cost containment and the clash between cost containment and client care, the author shows practitioners how to live with the enemy and to provide psychotherapeutic care in these adverse circumstances.

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