

The Heart Of Hospitality Great Hotel And Restaurant Leaders Share Their Secrets

Freddy is torn between her need for a normal adolescent dating life and the responsibility she has always felt for her mentally challenged Uncle Joey. When Joey is accused of the murder of a local 6 year old girl, Freddy works to clear his name. But can she accomplish this without alienating the man she loves? A real page-turner; you will be riveted to the mystery as well as the circuitous paths Freddy's love life takes on her way to maturity. An excellent choice for a book club!

The success of every business in the hospitality industry depends on maximizing revenues and minimizing costs. This Ninth Edition continues its time-tested presentation of fundamental concepts and analytical techniques that are essential to taking control of real-world accounting systems, evaluating current and past operations, and effectively managing finances toward increased profits. It offers hands-on coverage of computer applications and practical decision-making skills to successfully prepare readers for the increasingly complex and competitive hospitality industry.

Prepare your heart and home to serve not only family and friends, but neighbors and strangers too! Make any space a haven of discipleship, connection, and comfort. As Christians, we sometimes forget the power of an open door to a lost world. Using our homes to live out our faith in the true model of the Great Commission is challenging in our busy, over-scheduled lives. But having a home that is always open and available is key to living in community with others and being missional in our thinking. In this beautiful and inspiring book, wife, mom, and interior design enthusiast Victoria Duerstock offers simple and inspiring ways to prepare our hearts and homes to be open to friends, neighbors, and strangers. You don't need an immaculate or professionally decorated home to be hospitable. In fact, there is beauty in being honest with others about our lived-in spaces, and great value in being humble enough to live life together in the midst of imperfection. But it'll be a blessing to you and to your guests to create a space that reflects the beauty, peace, and joy of life in Christ. Whether you have a tiny apartment or a big old farmhouse, you can learn how to: Declutter common areas Bring hygge to your guest room (or even just to your couch, if that's all you've got!) Create a peaceful, welcoming atmosphere Schedule in regular housecleaning Prepare freezer meals for no-stress last minute dinners More importantly, be encouraged to have your heart in the right place, to engage in meaningful discussion with guests, and to take time to be a "Mary" in our works-driven "Martha" culture. Allow the Holy Spirit to overflow from your heart into your homes and community as you let your guard down and invite people into your lives.

In recent years the brand has moved squarely into the spotlight as the key to success in the hospitality industry. Business strategy once began with marketing and incorporated branding as one of its elements; today the brand drives marketing within the larger hospitality enterprise. Not only has it become the chief means of attracting customers, it has, more broadly, become the chief organizing principle for most hospitality organizations. The never-ending quest for market share follows trend after trend, from offering ever more elaborate and sophisticated amenities to the use of social media as a marketing tool—all driven by the preeminence of the brand. Chekitan S. Dev's award-winning research has appeared in leading journals including Cornell Hospitality Quarterly, Journal of Marketing, and Harvard Business Review. He is the recipient of several major hospitality research and teaching awards. A former corporate executive with Oberoi Hotels & Resorts, he has served corporate, government, education, advisory, and private equity clients in more than forty countries as consultant, seminar leader, keynote speaker and expert witness. Hospitality Branding brings together the most important insights from the author's many years of research and experience, all in a single, affordably priced volume (available in both print and eBook formats). Skillfully blending the knowledge of recent history, the wisdom of cutting-edge research, and promise of future trends, this book offers hospitality organizations the advice they need to survive and thrive in today's competitive global business environment.

In this latest addition to the Spiritual Directors International Series, professional spiritual directors and those in formation programs learn to extend traditional forms of hospitality by living out its deeper meaning as they explore ways in which the spirit of hospitality enriches the spiritual direction experience.

How to offer Christian hospitality without becoming exhausted and overburdened. Generous hospitality is a significant way in which God works through our lives to bring life to others, yet many of us feel ill-equipped and overwhelmed at the prospect, especially if we don't have big houses and we are not wonderful cooks! Carolyn Lacey encourages us to focus on the goal of hospitality, which is to reflect God's welcoming heart, and shows us how we can all do that, regardless of our bank balance or living situation. She explores seven ways in which we can reflect God's character in the way we welcome others into our homes and into our lives, and so point people ultimately to Christ. This practical and realistic book explores how to make generous hospitality part of everyday life without becoming exhausted and overburdened.

NEW AGE | VISIONARY FICTION | ALLEGORY | INSPIRATIONAL | SPIRIT. Tormented by the never-ending voices of his inner critic and the 'thought storms' in his mind, a disheartened man travels West on the brink of despair, stopping overnight in a small Nebraska prairie town, where he experiences a surprising inner awakening...Through this allegory, discover and explore a key tool of self-awareness --'The Watcher' (witness consciousness)-- for finding peace on your own inner journey and spiritual path.

Inspired by the profound wisdom of Michael Singer's The Untethered Soul, the author here shares the process of one person's internal struggle to understand--and escape from--the incessant voices of their inner self-critic. Then --moving well beyond the entry point of self-criticism--this simple story delves deeply to explore the very nature of thinking and emotions themselves and our relationship to them as human beings. What is real? What is illusion? Who ARE you? Is it possible to be freed from the "thought maze" that typically entangles a person in their everyday life? Through the protagonist's journey the larger picture of personal identity and its relationship to thoughts and feelings is revealed, as he unknowingly discovers a key tool of self-awareness that the reader will also be able take away for everyday use on their own spiritual path. This transformation evolves over the course of only 24 hours...yet magically, time stretches as the mind of the main character opens and his heart begins to truly flow for the first time. This New Age work falls into the more recently developing genre of Metaphysical & Visionary Fiction. Like James Redfield's The Celestine Prophecy and Paulo Coelho's The Alchemist, the subtle--yet powerful--unfolding of this allegorical journey will both captivate and inspire you!

The Hospitality Edge contains stories that will delight your guests, spark your culture and ignite productivity. Hospitality is the great differentiator in business. The Hospitality Edge will help you connect on an emotional level with your guests and your team. Here is a quote from an reader " Mike, I love the book! From the very beginning, I was hooked and inspired to get out and spread the word. Besides your stories (Which are awesome), the meaning behind your chapters inspired me to re-evaluate my daily action. Truly it put pep back into my step and got me excited to what we do, thank you The thoughts and lessons shared in the book are

my own and are not shared on behalf of my employer.

Hospitality is God's divine design to open the hearts of people, yet something dramatic has happened in our hearts, closing the doors of our homes, causing Christianity Today to ask, Whatever Happened to Hospitality? The POWER of Hospitality will change your life... even your family, church and world, if you will let it."

"Hospitality Management" is a career and life reference for both seasoned executives and new hires. This book positions associates to work comfortably in a global environment and to interpret the cultural expectations of their guests. The author, Lyn Pont, PhD, is a motivational public speaker and educator. She is the president and founder of Manners for Business, Inc. In "Hospitality Management" she discusses service, relationships, integrity, communications, personal image, creativity, the bottom line, and so much more. As a story teller, Dr. Pont weaves into the narrative valuable industry history and tales that support a culture of service and personal excellence. Competition in the hospitality industry is nonstop, and brands are looking for associates who can handle themselves flawlessly both on and off the job. Modern hospitality professionals are correctly concerned about representing their organizations, and themselves, with polish, politeness, confidence, and authority. "Hospitality Management" leads the way by showcasing the soft skills that you can use to amaze your guests with your outstanding attention to customer care. If you believe in remarkable service and have a passion for this great industry, then "Hospitality Management" will delight you with a treasure chest of hands-on, practical information that will assist you throughout your career. "Pont's book is a must-read for anyone considering a career in hospitality." -Isadore Sharp, chairman and founder, Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts "A refreshing, thorough, and necessary read for anyone dealing with the intricacies of the industry. ... A great training tool for the hospitality industry." -Arthur J. Torno, vice president, American Airlines, Inc. "Leave it to business etiquette expert Dr. Lyn Pont to author the most comprehensive guide to providing your guests with the memorable hospitality experience they deserve." -Martin Yang, master chef, author, food consultant, cooking show and travelogue host

This book is based on the premise that being good is just not good enough in today's competitive environment. For hotel owners and managers who want to achieve lasting business success through a root and branch review of key processes, How To Run a Great Hotel is a 'must read'. It will serve as a personal business consultant for the hotel professional, probing and testing their thinking across four critical themes which are proven to drive excellence. The content focuses less on day-to-day operations and more on big picture concerns such as strategy development, enhancing leadership skills, engaging employees and attaining customer focus, all of which are central to building a great hotel. Without clear direction in these important areas to guide activities, ongoing daily effort can be counterproductive. It's easy for hoteliers to lose sight of their goals when, engulfed by operational demands, they are often forced to just do rather than to think about what they are doing. This book provides the reader with an opportunity to step back and take a fresh look at their hotel, no matter where it currently lies in its life cycle. The purpose of the book is to get them to question what it is they are doing, why they are doing it and to offer guidance on how they can make it even better. The book is easy to read, practical, and action oriented. It will help the reader to define clear plans with measurable goals for improved personal and business performance. AUTHOR BIOG: Enda Larkin was born in Dublin, Ireland and has over 25 years experience in the hotel industry having held a number of senior management positions in Ireland, UK and the US. In 1994 he founded HTC Consulting (www.htc-consult.com) which specialises in working with enterprises in hospitality and tourism and since that time has led numerous consulting projects for public and private sector clients throughout Europe and the Middle East. He holds an MBA from ESCP-EAP Paris, a BSc in Management from Trinity College Dublin and a Higher Diploma in Hotel Management from Dublin College of Catering. He currently lives in Geneva, Switzerland and is a member of the Institute of Hospitality. He may be contacted at info@htc-consult.com. CONTENTS: Acknowledgements Foreword Preface Introduction Theme 1 - Define Direction Chapter 1. What is a strategic map and how can it help you to achieve excellence? Chapter 2. How can you create a strategic map for your hotel? Chapter 3. How can you measure the impact of your strategic map over time? Theme 2 - Lead to Succeed Chapter 4. What does leading people actually involve? Chapter 5. How can you improve leadership effectiveness at your hotel? Chapter 6. How can you measure leadership effectiveness over time? Theme 3 - Engage Your Employees Chapter 7. What does engaging your employees actually involve? Chapter 8. What can you do to more fully engage your employees? 9. How can you measure employee engagement levels over time? Theme 4 - Captivate your customers Chapter 10. What is SERVICEPLUSONE and why is it important? Chapter 11. How can you attain SERVICEPLUSONE at your hotel? Chapter 12. How can you measure the impact of SERVICEPLUSONE over time? Make it Happen Theme 1 - Define Direction Theme 2 - Lead to Succeed Theme 3 - Engage Your Employees Theme 4 - Captivate Your Customers Looking ahead Tools and Resources Index.

"Author explores the hospitality industry to learn how managers create successful customer experiences by exceeding the expectations of current generations. Includes anecdotes from interviews with owners, general managers, and chefs of leading lodging and food service organizations"--

In A Wealth of Insight, more than thirty-five of the world's best luxury hoteliers share exactly what it takes to lead and manage some of the most legendary hotels and resorts. Each executive profile includes bite-size insights, stunning photography and real-life examples on recruiting, culture, technology, marketing, branding, personalization, authenticity, anticipation, design, partnerships and more. Hoteliers also detail the most significant trends impacting the sector today, and how those trends will shape the future of luxury hospitality. The sheer scale and scope of this effort--to distill industry wisdom across two dozen countries--is unprecedented. For aspiring and current general managers of luxury hotels, for hospitality executives in search of a practical guide on how best to deliver a world-class guest experience, and for the modern luxury traveler eager to go behind the scenes, A Wealth of Insight is the holy grail of five-star leadership and management.

Professional Spoken English for Hotel & Restaurant Workers, 1st edition is a self-study practical Spoken English training

guide for all nonnative English speaking hotel, restaurant, casino workers and hospitality student who want to accomplish a fast track, lavish career in hospitality industry. www.hospitality-school.com, world's most popular free hotel & restaurant management training blog publishes this book with an aim that after going through this book, a reader will be able to use the language for communication in different day to day life situation in any part of hospitality sector – both orally and written. The book on “Professional Spoken English for Hotel & Restaurant Workers”, 1st edition consists of the subjects that will enable the readers to learn English for the practical usage and at the same time, they will get exposure to the real life experience in different fields related to their current & future job. The language used is very smooth, easy and effortless that anyone using the book will definitely be benefited by using this. The book covers most of the situations someone needs to use English in his job with hotel, restaurants, kitchen, front office, travel agency, tour operator's office, etc. The book will help to improve all communications for the users.

For most of church history, hospitality was central to Christian identity. Yet our generation knows little about this rich, life-giving practice.

Master your skills and shape the future of hospitality with Ritz-Carlton executive hotelier Dr. Iwan Dietschi as your guide. The Heart of Hospitality Great Hotel and Restaurant Leaders Share Their Secrets SelectBooks, Inc.

NALI By Esther Henry In an era of darkness, mystery, tropical jungles and cannibalism, Nali tries to buck the ancient traditions, only to find herself deeply entrenched in them. As a young girl full of dreams, she is given to a tribal elder in marriage and quickly learns that her girlhood dreams could be shattered overnight. The rain forest held a secret refuge that only Nali knew, where she took her dreams and her delusions. Will she be forced to succumb to a subservient role the rest of her life, or can she overcome the hopelessness that comes with isolation, ignorance and tradition? Deep in the heart of New Guinea lies the village of Mendoka, beautifully camouflaged from the rest of the world. Although the village has yet to be discovered, the outside world would soon have an influence on their lives. An interruption to their peaceful simplicity would both terrify them and cause them to search for answers. Readers will be able to follow the lives of those who lived in a much simpler time and become immersed in the culture that controlled their everyday existence.

I lived in a world of darkness, never to see the light again. It's been eleven years since my father cursed Crystal City, since he condemned me to a life of loneliness and misery. By taking away everything that my mother loved, he took everything that I knew and cared for. Everything, but the throne. Only what good was being a queen in a city of mindless killers? A city that would never see the sunlight until the day of my death. I truly had nothing to live for... ..Or so I thought. The night that Wolfe was dragged into my palace, I knew that my life would never be the same. We were childhood friends once, but we went our separate ways. He became captain of the pirates, and I ascended to the diamond throne. My once sworn protector had become my enemy, but we were both alone, and the connection we felt was almost unbearable to ignore. My heart only cracked after my father abandoned me, but Wolfe would completely shatter it. For someone that hasn't felt anything for years, that wasn't such a bad thing.

"A humorous memoir by a veteran hospitality employee that reveals what goes on behind the scenes of the hotel business. Includes tips on how to get the most out of your hotel stay"--

This is a Sufi adventure story for children, teenagers, and adults. In the story, a boy loses his heart wings, becomes a normal adult and then goes on a journey as a man to find his heart wings once again!

Daniel Nash struggles to reconcile his feelings of betrayal with his desire to understand his life. His hopes of uncovering the secrets revealed in his father's journals are quickly dashed, and he works with a private investigator to discover the truth. Worry about his wife, Sarah, combines with his efforts to cope with his childhood trauma, an unexpected death, and the recent revelations. His obsession with the past threatens to destroy his stable life. Meanwhile, Sarah and her father, Tristan, continue to combat the lingering discord that developed between them years before but refuse to take their main focus from Daniel. As he reviews his biological father's efforts to be a good man, Daniel searches for a way to comprehend shocking disclosures. He questions his own goodness as he fights not to emotionally withdraw from those around him, especially the two people he knows will always love him, Sarah and Tristan.

From restaurants to resorts, the hospitality industry demands strong operations management to delight guests, develop employees, and deliver financial returns. This introductory textbook provides students with fundamental techniques and tools to analyse and improve operational capabilities of any hospitality organization.

This is the first text that has been developed specifically to examine what revenue managers in the hospitality industry must know and do to be successful. Numerous cases and practical examples are used to illustrate revenue management concepts. Chapter ending questions and problems help them perform the calculations and practice the decision-making skills that are used in the field. RM in Action shows how the revenue management principles can be clearly illustrated using real-world examples reported in various news outlets. RM on the Web offers sites listed on the Internet to provide supplemental information about a topic or issue. Revenue managers will then gain hands-on skills to effectively manage their inventories and prices.

This cutting edge and comprehensive book—with contributions from the star faculty of Cornell University's School of Hotel Administration—offers the latest thinking on the best practices and strategies for hospitality management. A must for students and professionals seeking to enter or expand their reach in the hospitality industry, The Cornell School of Hotel Administration on Hospitality delivers the authoritative advice you need to: Develop and manage a multinational career and become a leader in the hospitality industry Maximize profits from franchise agreements, management contracts, and leases Understand and predict customer choices, and motivate your staff to provide outstanding service Manage hospitality businesses and the real estate underlying the businesses Control costs, coordinate branding strategy, and manage operations across multiple locations

After centuries alone, can a vampire king trust the woman who's woken his heart? Jordan MacDougal, laird and vampire King, walks a thin line of civility between protecting his clan, and handling the conflict from the local shifter pack. When some of his people disappear, and the wolves accuse his newest, intriguing vampire of being evil, Jordan discovers that the traitor in his midst may be closer than he dared believe.

A newly turned vampire, Dalia Jensen wakes to an unusual and frightening new world, with no memory of the past year of her life. Accused of working with the Master Vampire who held her prisoner, her inability to remember the truth leaves her reeling under allegations of vicious past actions. Uncertain of her culpability, she's unable to trust her own instincts as the reigning Vampire King turns her world upside down. When the wolves call for her trial, demanding her life for those killed and tortured, Jordan and Dalia must work together to find the truth, and save the love blooming between them. Praise for Amber Kallyn "Ms. Kallyn takes the paranormal world and adds a dangerous twist of dragons, fires, and a mysterious past to make this an intense read..." ~ Coffee Time Romance "if it is at all possible for a dragon to become stronger or more alpha in general than Ms Kallyn has managed it..." ~ The Romance Studio "intense and incendiary..." ~ Whipped Cream Reviews Miss watching Moonlight? Love The Vampire Diaries? Hungerstorm will take you on a thrilling ride of love and justice. And if you like your paranormal romance HOT, HOT, HOT, check out Amber Kallyn's 5 STAR Reviewed erotic romances ~ Dragos Series, Book 1: Burned What happens when a dragon falls in love with a fireman? Someone's bound to get... burned. ~ Red's Wolf An incendiary short story series. Who said Red's afraid of the big bad wolf?

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Everything you need to know to look after yourself to bring about and maintain perfect health, prosperity, wealth, happiness, quality of life and longevity. It reveals that we are, without realising, not doing enough or the right things to protect our health and prosperity which is equally extremely damaging to nature, wildlife, oceans, sea-life, fresh springs, waterways and air, and us. The Book by Linde utilises new and ancient knowledge from around the world, over the millennia identifying what changes we need to make to enhance every aspect of our lives with simple solutions for almost every situation. It is your most powerful contribution to protecting, nurturing and saving our planet. In summary, 'THE BOOK' Consists of Six Chapters which incorporates a summary within each one: Lifestyle; Food & Nutrition; Medical Care; Mind; Water; and Now Live the final chapter which you can cast your eye over first as it is a synopsis of the complete works. It is highly recommend to read from cover to cover but, it is packed with valuable information to just use as a Reference Manual on a day to day basis. Teaches you how to look after your body and mind to ultimately prevent illness, but also to help regain and maintain perfect health; Provides countless number of practical, realistic & simple tips to easily adopt into your day to day lifestyle improving quality of life, saving time & money and gaining longevity; Fuses together specialised areas in health & mind, lifestyle & environment under one cover; Identifies our day to day toxic exposures that we are unaware of and provides successful resolutions; Gives you complete fundamental knowledge and awareness, to use your courage to take responsibility for your life enhancing your health, prosperity and happiness; Provides you with ancient knowledge and practices to new, from science including quantum physics, to philosophy, psychology, and important detail on nutrition, exercise, energies and medicine; Is very current, answering all the conflicting hype about diets, the next super food or the bad effects of conventional drugs or sugar that are in the media weekly, even daily; For more information please visit www.thebookbook.co.uk

The Spirit of Hospitality takes readers on a journey of passion for purpose that empowers the missing ingredients of hospitality into a proven leadership style that works. Time has sped up to the point where technology has surpassed the last few thousand years by only a generation. What happened to kindness, humility and the human touch vs. having our face buried into a laptop or iPhone? A life dedicated to excellence does not come by chance, or with age, but by choice and commitment. Larry Stuart strives to give *The Spirit of Hospitality* to others who are called to a life of prosperity and significance. He provides the tools, attributes and real-life examples of what works when it comes to serving up a memorable guest service delivery and describes the necessary ingredients of hospitality. There is hope only if individuals bring back the missing ingredients of kindness, humility, integrity, encouragement, generosity, team and accountability. Only then is the spirit of hospitality empowered to provide the right leadership approach in building relationships to a new level of expectation, and allows those who embrace that spirit to accomplish whatever they strive to achieve.

Engaging worship and intentional follow-up processes are important, but what compels guests to return to our churches is the warmth of our welcome and hospitality that goes beyond their expectations. *The Art of Hospitality*, a new comprehensive program developed by hospitality experts from the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection, promises to guide a local church in exactly what the program's title implies: the artform of creating radical hospitality that infiltrates the heart and culture of the entire church. Complete with techniques and strategic planning throughout, *The Art of Hospitality* will effectively change how you do church, leaving guests surprised, delighted, and eager to return. Complementing the program study for leaders is a companion guide meant to prepare the congregations' hearts and minds for a new way of doing church with radical hospitality. Broken into three chapters, this study is designed to coincide with pastor sermons and provide further reading and learning away from the pews. Free downloadable sermon starters will be available online (and in the Implementation Guide) for pastors as they design their sermon series. The three chapters are divided into the following: Biblical Hospitality The Ministry of Notice Three Questions: Why do people need Jesus?; Why do people need the Church?; Why do people need this church? Additional components purchased separately include: *The Art of Hospitality: A Practical Guide for a Ministry of Radical Welcome* Book: A foundational guide targeting pastors, staff, and lay leaders across all ministry areas of a church. *The Art of Hospitality: Implementation Guide*: Includes step-by-step implementation strategies for leadership teams tasked with developing and leading hospitality ministry. *The Art of Hospitality: Implementation DVD*: A supplemental DVD to accompany Implementation with visual training in all areas of hospitality. This compelling and practical program has been created by two hospitality leaders with credentials to claim their expertise: Debi Nixon is the Executive Director of ShareChurch, and Yvonne Gentile is the Senior Director of Guest Connections at The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection—the largest United Methodist Church in the United States with more than 22,000 members and 13,000 average weekly attendees across its campuses.

Change a generation with something as simple as an invitation. For many of us, inviting people into our lives and homes feels more like inviting judgment on our entertaining skills and stress on our already maxed-out schedules. But what if you knew that opening your front door

had the power to radically change the world? To make an impact and leave a legacy with everyday invitations? Jen Schmidt has set out to reframe how we think about hospitality and to equip us to walk a road of welcome in our daily lives. Jen knows that every time we choose open-door living—whether in our homes or by taking hospitality on the road just like Jesus—those we invite in get to experience the lived-out Gospel, our kids grow up in a life-lab of generosity, and we trade insecurity for connection. Just Open the Door is a personal yes-you-can guide to offering the life-changing gift of invitation. Whether you're a seasoned host looking for renewed inspiration or a nervous newbie not sure where to begin, these personal stories, practical ideas, and poignant insights will give you the confidence you need to see your home as the most likely location for changing the world around you, one open door at a time.

For courses in hotel administration that focus on front desk operations or hotel management, and as an adjunct to other hotel courses such as housekeeping, hotel accounting, hotel marketing or hotel personnel/human resources. Now in its Ninth Edition, Check-In Check-Out remains the leading guide to managing profitable hotel operations. Extensively revised to reflect the industry's rapid change, it presents rich detail about best practices and future directions, while offering the widest coverage of any book in the field. Students gain an intuitive understanding based on the flow of the guest's experience: through reservation, arrival, registration, service purchasing, departure, billing, and recordkeeping. The entire rooms division is covered thoroughly, and linked to other hospitality functions, related industries, and the broader economy.

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What did God use to draw a radical, committed unbeliever to himself? Did God take her to an evangelistic rally? Or, since she had her doctorate in literature, did he use something in print? No, God used an invitation to dinner in a modest home, from a humble couple who lived out the gospel daily, simply, and authentically. With this story of her conversion as a backdrop, Rosaria Butterfield invites us into her home to show us how God can use this same "radical, ordinary hospitality" to bring the gospel to our lost friends and neighbors. Such hospitality sees our homes as not our own, but as God's tools for the furtherance of his kingdom as we welcome those who look, think, believe, and act differently from us into our everyday, sometimes messy lives—helping them see what true Christian faith really looks like.

A collection of stories from the Bible and modern Christian icons including Dorothy Day, Mother Teresa, Thomas Merton and John Paul II.

So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shi-loh, and after they had drunk....and she was in bitterness of soul, prayed unto God." 1 Sam. 1:9:10 Hannah represents the weak bullied by the strong, Peninnah. God hears and rescues the Hannahs of the world. Hannah discovered God was always present and ready to help during those moments in life when she felt there was no one she could turn to, no one who would understand and simply feared being judged by the world. Transparency gives us not only an insight into Michelle's heart for God, but reveals how she learned through her caterpillar stage of growing pains, to trust Him with all her imperfections. Daily she turned to Him with her weaknesses, fears, desires, and gratitude, faithfully praying "Lord here I am with You. I surrender my mind, body and soul to You. Lead, guide, and instruct me the way You will have me to go." Many times, we do not understand why things happen, but we can find comfort in knowing God knows each of our stories from the beginning to the end. He knows what He purposed and created us for. His strength is made known through our weakness. He is waiting with outstretched arms to save us. We can give it all to Him! Hannah prayed, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in the Lord." Like Hannah, we must recognize our strength comes from God and not ourselves. God hears our prayers and will show us how He can use our weakness to complete the work He began in us. In the words of Ana Claudia Antunes all we need to do is, "Keep up our faith to go high and fly, even after so many pains and sorrow. You can turn from a caterpillar to a butterfly."

In "A Cup of Cold Water" Debbie Rottier shows that what makes a person or a home hospitable can be as simple as offering a stranger or friend something to drink. Her rich experiences, practical and creative suggestions, and time-tested recipes invite readers around the world to first and foremost consider the love of Jesus Christ in ministering to others. Two women. Born on opposite sides of the world. Both experience catastrophic loss. Until their lives intersect... Laura is a young woman who has it all. A loving husband who has just begun his private medical practice. A beautiful home nestled in the hills north of San Diego. A promising counseling career. Life has given her everything she could ever hope for...but she would give it all up without a second thought. Despite appearances, there is one thing Laura wishes for and desires more than anything else...the one thing that life won't give her. And the pursuit of that one thing nearly destroyed

her. Adrianna, a refugee in a foreign land, has left behind a home ravaged by war. In her arms, she clings to her new baby girl as they travel across the country to their new life. Adrianna has lost her husband, her parents, and the only man she ever truly loved. The only thing the young mother clings to besides her precious baby girl is a glimmer of hope that her life will be better than the one she left behind. Fate brings the two women together and they are drawn to one another as kindred spirits, each recognizing a familiar pain in the other. Can their new friendship heal old wounds and navigate the pitfalls that come with starting over? And what happens when Laura's new best friend makes a choice she will never be able to comprehend?

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.

You may serve great food. You may have a beautiful building and grounds. You may have the hippest decor. You may have all of the newest technology wants and needs. In today's world, though, that's not enough. Because it's not just about all of those things or whether your marketing efforts bring customers to your place of business. It's about whether your hospitality will bring your guests back. Hospitality from the Heart-Part I is an inspiring fable featuring the likable but burned-out and misguided Jim Watts. Jim has the experience and the work ethic that industry professionals admire and believe lead to success, but Jim still feels as if he is missing some-thing. After finding himself and his wife at the quaint Gottschalk Inn for an unplanned weekend, that missing piece begins to appear and he learns the invaluable lessons of customer service, hospitality, and HEART. Hospitality from the Heart--Part II is where the lessons of the story meet the real world. It is a step-by-step guide for you to apply the principles of HEART into your organization and life. The result? Improved employee engagement, better morale, extraordinary service, greater customer loyalty, and increased profits. And best of all? A better place to work — for your team and for you.

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