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*Fit to Compete* Harvard Business Press

This collection highlights the most important ideas and concepts from Michael E. Porter, recognized worldwide as the leading thinker on strategy. Porter heads The Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness based at Harvard Business School and is the foremost authority on competitive strategy for business, as well as on the competitiveness and economic development of nations, states, and regions. Business readers will recognize Porter's seminal book, *On Competition*, as a classic in the field. This set, curated by Harvard Business Review, includes the full digital edition of the updated and expanded edition of *On Competition*—a must-have for anyone interested in or studying the topic of strategy and for those developing strategy for their own organizations. The collection also includes the digital edition of the popular *Understanding Michael Porter: The Essential Guide to Competition and Strategy*, which offers a concise, accessible summary of Porter's revolutionary thinking and was written with

Porter's full cooperation by Joan Magretta, his former editor at Harvard Business Review. Finally, the set features the newer foundational article "Creating Shared Value," which was published in Harvard Business Review in 2011 to great fanfare and global accolades. This must-have collection is for anyone serious about business, strategy, and competitiveness.

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Climate change is one of the most pressing challenges facing the world today. And increasingly, it's become a crucial business issue. How will you and your company respond? In *Climate Change: What's Your Business Strategy?* Andrew Hoffman and John Woody provide concise and reliable advice to help you answer this question. Drawing from their extensive experience working with organizations to address issues of environmental sustainability, the authors explain the impact of climate change on businesses and present a three-step process for developing an effective climate-change strategy:

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strategic advantages. · Gain a seat at the policy-development table so you can begin influencing policy decisions that will affect your company. Packed with cogent advice and examples of how organizations in a wide range of industries are adopting this process, *Climate Change* is your playbook for strategically addressing a complex problem that no company can afford to ignore. From our Memo to the CEO series -- solutions-focused advice from today's leading practitioners.

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- Figure out what business you're really in
- Create products that perform the jobs people need to get done
- Get a bird's-eye view of your brand's strengths and weaknesses
- Tap a market that's larger than China and India combined
- Deliver superior value to your B2B customers
- End the war between sales and marketing

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**Simple Rules** Harvard Business Press

Simons presents the seven key questions a manager and his team must continually ask. Drawing on decades of research into performance management systems and organization design, "Seven Strategy Questions" is a no-nonsense, must-read resource for all leaders in any organization.

[HBR's 10 Must Reads on Making Smart Decisions \(with featured article "Before You Make That Big Decision..." by Daniel Kahneman, Dan Lovallo, and Olivier Sibony\)](#) Harvard Business Press

A year's worth of management wisdom, all in one place. We've reviewed the ideas, insights, and best practices from the past year of Harvard Business Review to keep you up-to-date on the most cutting-edge, influential thinking driving business today. With authors from Thomas H. Davenport to Michael E. Porter and company examples from Facebook to DHL, this volume brings the most current and important management conversations right to your fingertips. This book will inspire you to:

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- Channel your outrage about sexual harassment in the workplace into effective action
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Examines and explains the revolutionary business frameworks of Michael Porter, with examples to illustrate and update Porter's ideas for achieving and sustaining competitive success.

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- Distinguish your company from rivals
- Clarify what your company will and won't do
- Craft a vision for an uncertain future
- Create blue oceans of uncontested market space
- Use the Balanced Scorecard to measure your strategy
- Capture your strategy in a memorable phrase
- Make priorities explicit
- Allocate resources early
- Clarify decision rights for faster decision making

This collection of best-selling articles includes: featured article "What Is Strategy?" by Michael E. Porter, "The Five Competitive Forces That Shape Strategy," "Building Your Company's Vision," "Reinventing Your Business Model," "Blue Ocean Strategy," "The Secrets to Successful Strategy Execution," "Using the Balanced Scorecard as a Strategic Management System," "Transforming Corner-Office Strategy into Frontline Action," "Turning Great Strategy into Great Performance," and "Who Has the D? How Clear Decision Roles Enhance Organizational Performance."

[HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy \(including featured article "What Is Strategy?" by Michael E. Porter\)](#) Harvard Business Press  
Explains how companies must pinpoint business strategies to a few critically important choices, identifying common blunders while outlining simple exercises and questions that can guide day-to-day and long-term decisions.

**What is Strategy?** HBR's 10 Must Reads

Prepare for an uncertain future with a solid vision and innovative practices. Is your healthcare organization spending too much time on strategy—with too little to show for it? If you read nothing else on strategy, read these 10 articles. We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the most important ones for healthcare professionals to help you catalyze your organization's strategy development and execution. Leading strategy experts, such as Michael E. Porter, Jim Collins, W. Chan Kim, and Renee Mauborgne, provide the insights and advice you need to:

- Understand how the rules of corporate competition translate to the healthcare sector
- Craft a vision for an uncertain future
- Segment your market to better serve diverse patient populations
- Achieve the best health outcomes--at the lowest cost
- Learn what disruptive innovation means for healthcare
- Use the Balanced Scorecard to measure your progress

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[Harvard Business Review on Aligning Technology with Strategy](#)  
John Wiley & Sons

Is your company ready for the next wave of analytics? Data analytics offer the opportunity to predict the future, use advanced technologies, and gain valuable insights about your business. But unless you're staying on top of the latest developments, your company is wasting that potential--and your competitors will be gaining speed while you fall behind. *Strategic Analytics: The Insights You Need from Harvard Business Review* will provide you with today's essential thinking about what data analytics are capable of, what critical talents your company needs to reap their benefits, and how to adopt analytics throughout your organization--before it's too late. Business is changing. Will you adapt or be left behind? Get up to speed and deepen your understanding of the topics that are shaping your company's future with the *Insights You Need from Harvard Business Review* series. Featuring HBR's smartest thinking on fast-moving issues--blockchain, cybersecurity, AI, and more--each book provides the foundational introduction and practical case studies your organization needs to compete today and collects the best research, interviews, and analysis to get it ready for tomorrow. You can't afford to ignore how these issues will transform the landscape of business and society. The *Insights You Need* series will help you grasp these critical ideas--and prepare you and your company for the future.

*Connected Strategy* Harvard Business Press

In this smart, practical, and research-based guide, Harvard Business School professor Frank Cespedes offers essential sales strategies for a world that never stops changing. The rise of e-commerce. Big data. AI. Given these trends (and many others), there's no doubt that sales is changing. But much of the current conventional wisdom is misleading and not supported by empirical data. If you as a manager fail to separate fact from hype, you will make decisions based on faulty assumptions and, in a competitive market, eventually fall behind those with a keener grasp of the current selling environment. In this no-nonsense book, sales expert and Harvard Business School professor Frank Cespedes provides sales managers and executives with the tools they need to separate the signal from the noise. These include how to: Hire and deploy the right talent Pay and incentivize your sales force Improve ROI from your training programs Create a comprehensive sales model Set and test the right prices Build and manage a multichannel approach Brimming with fascinating examples, insightful research, and helpful diagnostics, *Sales Management That Works* will help sales managers build a great sales team, create an optimal strategy, and steer clear of hype and fads. Salespeople will be better equipped to respond to changes, executives will be able to track and accelerate ROI, and readers will understand why improving selling is a social as well as an economic responsibility of business.

*HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategic Marketing (with featured article "Marketing Myopia," by Theodore Levitt)* Harvard

Business Review Press

Now beyond its eleventh printing and translated into twelve languages, Michael Porter's *The Competitive Advantage of Nations* has changed completely our conception of how prosperity is created and sustained in the modern global economy. Porter's groundbreaking study of international competitiveness has shaped national policy in countries around the world. It has also transformed thinking and action in states, cities, companies, and even entire regions such as Central America. Based on research in ten leading trading nations, *The Competitive Advantage of Nations* offers the first theory of competitiveness based on the causes of the productivity with which companies compete. Porter shows how traditional comparative advantages such as natural resources and pools of labor have been superseded as sources of prosperity, and how broad macroeconomic accounts of competitiveness are insufficient. The book introduces Porter's "diamond," a whole new way to understand the competitive position of a nation (or other locations) in global competition that is now an integral part of international business thinking. Porter's concept of "clusters," or groups of interconnected firms, suppliers, related industries, and institutions that arise in particular locations, has become a new way for companies and governments to think about economies, assess the competitive advantage of locations, and set public policy. Even before publication of the book, Porter's theory had guided national reassessments in New Zealand and elsewhere. His ideas and personal involvement have shaped strategy in countries as diverse as the Netherlands, Portugal, Taiwan, Costa Rica, and India, and regions such as Massachusetts, California, and the Basque country. Hundreds of cluster initiatives have flourished throughout the world. In an era of intensifying global competition, this pathbreaking book on the new wealth of nations has become the standard by which all future work must be measured.

**Playing to Win** Harvard Business Press

Do you have the right strategy to lead your company into the future? More of the ideas you want, from the authors you trust. We've combed through hundreds of Harvard Business Review articles and selected the most important ones to help you combat new competitors and ensure that you can define--and execute--the best strategy for your company. With insights from leading experts, this book will inspire you to: Choose a strategy that best meets the demands of your competitive environment Generate economic value for your company, while also producing value for society Create and capture new markets--and break free of old ones See the growing relevance of data analytics in your organization Transform your products and services into platforms Identify the signals of future disruption and take steps to avoid it HBR's 10 Must Reads paperback series is the definitive collection of books for new and experienced leaders alike. Leaders looking for the inspiration that big ideas provide, both to accelerate their own growth and that of their companies, should look no further. HBR's 10 Must Reads series focuses on the core topics that every ambitious manager needs to know: leadership, strategy, change, managing people, and managing yourself. Harvard Business Review has sorted through hundreds of articles and selected only the most essential reading on each topic. Each title includes timeless advice that will be relevant regardless of an ever-changing business environment.

**An Illustrated Guide to Michael Porter** Harvard Business Review Press

If you read nothing else on strategy, read these definitive articles from Harvard Business Review. Defining--and executing--the best strategy for your company is fraught with challenge. Do you have the right strategy to lead your company into the future? HBR's 10

Must Reads on Strategy 2-Volume Collection provides enduring ideas and practical advice on how to accelerate your organization's strategy development and execution. Bringing together HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy, Vol. 1 and HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy, Vol. 2, this collection includes twenty articles selected by HBR's editors and features the indispensable article "What is Strategy?" by Michael E. Porter. From timeless classics to the latest game-changing ideas from thought leaders W. Chan Kim, Renee Mauborgne, Jim Collins, and more, HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy 2-Volume Collection will inspire you to: Distinguish your companies from your rivals Reinvent your business model to keep you on the competitive map Craft a vision for an uncertain future Create and capture new markets--and break free from overcrowded ones Clarify decision roles for faster decision making See the growing relevance of data analytics in your organization Transform your products and services into platforms Identify the signals of future disruption and take steps to avoid it HBR's 10 Must Reads paperback series is the definitive collection of books for new and experienced leaders alike. Leaders looking for the inspiration that big ideas provide, both to accelerate their own growth and that of their companies, should look no further. HBR's 10 Must Reads series focuses on the core topics that every ambitious manager needs to know: leadership, strategy, change, managing people, and managing yourself. Harvard Business Review has sorted through hundreds of articles and selected only the most essential reading on each topic. Each title includes timeless advice that will be relevant regardless of an ever-changing business environment.

*On Competition* Harvard Business Review Press

HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy (including featured article "What Is Strategy?" by Michael E. Porter) Harvard Business Press

*What Alibaba's Success Reveals about the Future of Strategy* Harvard Business Review Press

How smart companies are opening up strategic initiatives to involve front-line employees, experts, suppliers, customers, entrepreneurs, and even competitors. Why are some of the world's most successful companies able to stay ahead of disruption, adopting and implementing innovative strategies, while others struggle? It's not because they hire a new CEO or expensive consultants but rather because these pioneering companies have adopted a new way of strategizing. Instead of keeping strategic deliberations within the C-Suite, they open up strategic initiatives to a diverse group of stakeholders—front-line employees, experts, suppliers, customers, entrepreneurs, and even competitors. *Open Strategy* presents a new philosophy, key tools, step-by-step advice, and fascinating case studies—from companies that range from Barclays to Adidas—to guide business leaders in this groundbreaking approach to strategy. The authors—business-strategy experts from both academia and management consulting—introduce tools for each of the three stages of strategy-making: idea generation, plan formulation, and implementation. These are digital tools (including strategy contests), which allow the widest participation; hybrid digital/in-person tools (including a "nightmare competitor challenge"); a workshop tool that gamifies the business model development process; and tools that help companies implement and sustain open strategy efforts. *Open Strategy* has an astonishing track record: a survey of 200 business leaders shows that although open-strategy techniques were deployed for only 30 percent of their initiatives, those same initiatives generated 50 percent of

their revenues and profits. This book offers a roadmap for this kind of success.

*HBR's 10 Must Reads on Leadership 2-Volume Collection* Harvard Business Press

Most companies waste billions of dollars on technology. Don't be one of them. If you need the best practices and ideas for unleashing technology's strategic potential—but don't have time to find them—this book is for you. Here are eight inspiring and useful perspectives, all in one place. This collection of HBR articles will help you: - Clarify corporate strategy with your IT department - Fund only IT projects that support your strategy - Transform IT investments into profits - Build one technology platform for your entire organization - Adopt new technologies only when their best practices are established - Use analytics to make smart decisions at all levels of your company - Integrate social media into your business

**Execution** HBR Guide

Set your company up for long-term success. Every company needs a strategy. A focused strategy aligns decision making throughout the organization and helps establish a competitive edge in the marketplace. But with so many options to consider, how do you define a unique strategy that will ensure growth? Whether you're starting a business from scratch or leading an existing company facing new threats, this book offers the direction you need. The HBR Guide to Setting Your Strategy provides practical tips and advice that break down the process of crafting strategy so you can identify the areas your company should build on to help it thrive long into the future. You'll learn to: Understand what strategy is—and what it isn't Define where you'll play and how you'll win Conduct more-effective strategic discussions with your team Test your strategy before you implement it Communicate your strategy to key stakeholders Ensure your strategy is flexible and adaptable Arm yourself with the advice you need to succeed on the job, with the most trusted brand in business. Packed with how-to essentials from leading experts, the HBR Guides provide smart answers to your most pressing work challenges.

Competitive Strategy Currency

Is Silence Killing Your Strategy? In his thirty years of working in corporations, Harvard Business School professor Michael Beer has witnessed firsthand how organizational silence derails strategic objectives. When employees can't speak truth to power, senior leaders don't hear what they need to hear about their company's fitness to compete, and employees lose trust in those leaders and become less committed to change. In *Fit to Compete*, Beer presents an antidote to silence—principles and a time-tested innovative process for holding honest conversations with everyone in your organization. Used by over eight hundred organizations across the globe, the strategic fitness process has helped leaders in a diverse range of industries—including medical technology, information technology, banking, restaurant chains, and pharmaceuticals—hear the raw but necessary truth about the sources of misalignment between their strategies and their organizations. In addition to step-by-step instructions, Beer offers detailed and illustrative case studies of companies that have conducted honest conversations to great effect. He also shows how to apply the process more broadly to a variety of strategic challenges and at multiple levels throughout the organization. Practical, enlightening, and comprehensive, *Fit to Compete* is the book you should turn to if you want to create winning strategies that your entire company will rally behind.

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