

How To Create a Living Breathing Corporation

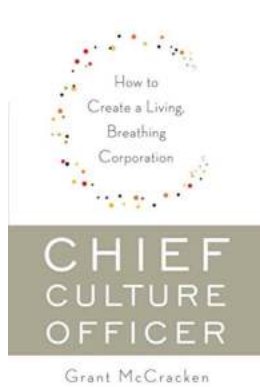


In today's competitive business world, creating a corporation that not only survives but thrives can be a challenging task. Traditional approaches may no longer be sufficient to keep up with the rapidly evolving market dynamics. However, by implementing a few key strategies, it is possible to build a living, breathing corporation that adapts to change, fosters employee growth, and enjoys sustainable success. In this article, we will explore the essential steps to create such a corporation, ensuring longevity and resilience.

Step 1: Establish a Strong Corporate Culture

A living, breathing corporation starts with a strong corporate culture that aligns with the company's values and goals. This culture should encourage collaboration, innovation, and employee empowerment. By fostering an inclusive

environment where every employee feels valued, motivated, and connected to the company's mission, you create the foundation for a corporation that can adapt and thrive in any situation.



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Step 2: Embrace Continuous Learning and Development

To create a living, breathing corporation, it is essential to prioritize continuous learning and development programs for all employees. Encourage a culture of curiosity and provide opportunities for employees to expand their skill sets, knowledge, and expertise. By investing in your employees' growth, you not only enhance their engagement but also create a knowledgeable workforce capable of addressing emerging challenges and driving innovation.

Step 3: Emphasize Adaptability and Flexibility

The ability to adapt and embrace change is crucial for a living, breathing corporation. Encourage a flexible working environment that values creativity, collaboration, and the ability to embrace new ideas. By empowering your

employees to be adaptable and resilient, your corporation can weather any storm and seize new opportunities as they arise.

Step 4: Foster Communication and Collaboration

A living, breathing corporation thrives on effective communication and collaboration among its employees. Implement open-door policies, regular team meetings, and encourage cross-departmental collaboration to break down silos. By establishing a culture of open communication, you enable the free flow of ideas and information, leading to enhanced problem-solving and innovation within your organization.

Step 5: Embody Ethical Leadership

Strong ethical leadership is essential for a living, breathing corporation. Leaders should lead by example, demonstrating integrity, transparency, and accountability. By setting high ethical standards, your corporation builds trust with employees, customers, and stakeholders, creating a solid foundation for sustainable success.

Step 6: Foster a Sense of Purpose

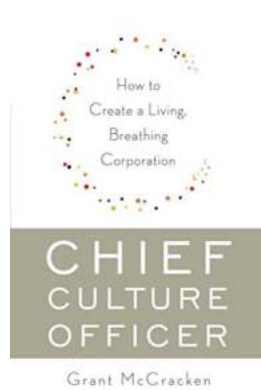
Employees thrive when they feel connected to a greater purpose. Establish a compelling vision and mission statement that resonates with your employees' values. Communicate this purpose clearly, and ensure that every employee understands how their individual contributions contribute to the bigger picture. When employees have a sense of purpose, they become deeply engaged, passionate, and highly motivated, which significantly contributes to a living, breathing corporation's success.

Creating a living, breathing corporation requires much more than traditional business strategies. By establishing a strong corporate culture, promoting continuous learning and development, prioritizing adaptability and flexibility,

fostering communication and collaboration, embodying ethical leadership, and fostering a sense of purpose, you can build a corporation that is equipped to thrive in today's dynamic business landscape. Invest in these essential steps, and your corporation will not only survive but also become a living, breathing entity that embodies the principles of longevity and resilience.

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Trenchantly on point and bursting with insight, anthropologist Grant McCracken shows American corporations how keeping a finger on the pulse of contemporary cultural trends can change their business practices for the better -- and ahead of the curve.

Levi-Strauss, the jeans and apparel maker, missed out on the hip-hop trend. They didn't realize that those kids in baggy jeans represented a whole new -- and

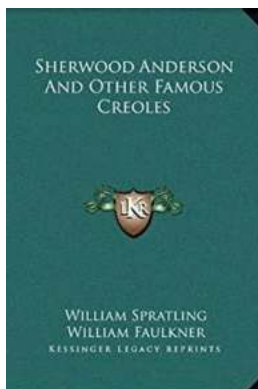
lucrative -- market opportunity, one they could have seen coming if they had but been paying attention to the shape of American culture.

Levi Strauss isn't alone. Too many corporations outsource their understanding of culture to trend hunters, cool watchers, marketing experts, consulting firms, and, sometimes, teenage interns. The cost to Levi-Strauss was a billion dollars. The cost to the rest of corporate America is immeasurable.

The lesson? The American corporation needs a new professional. It needs a Chief Culture Officer.

Grant McCracken, an anthropologist who now trains some of the world's biggest companies and consulting firms, argues that the CCO would keep a finger on the pulse of contemporary cultural trends-from sneakers to slow food to preppies-while developing a systematic understanding of the deep waves of culture in America and the world. The CCO's professionalism would allow the corporation to see coming changes, even when they only exist as the weakest of signals.

Delightfully authoritative, trenchantly on point, bursting with insight and character, Chief Culture Officer is sure to expand your horizons-and your business.



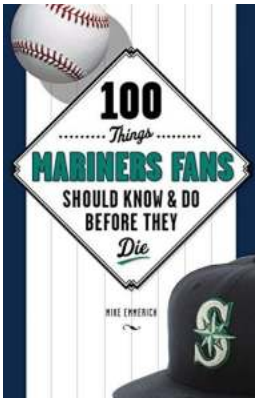
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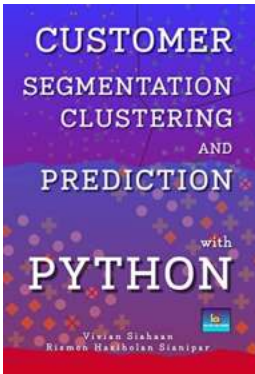
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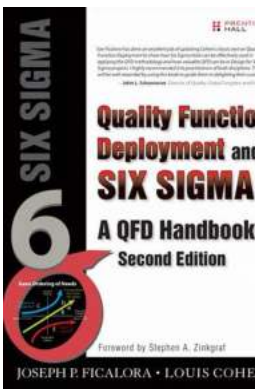
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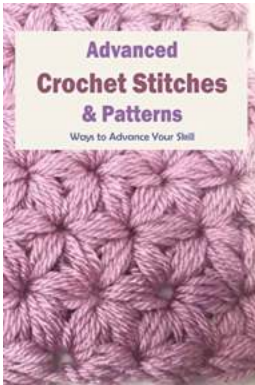
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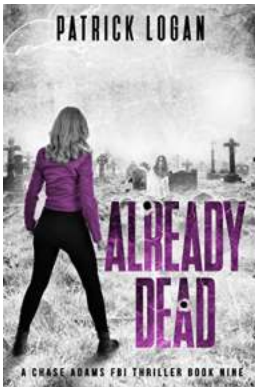
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