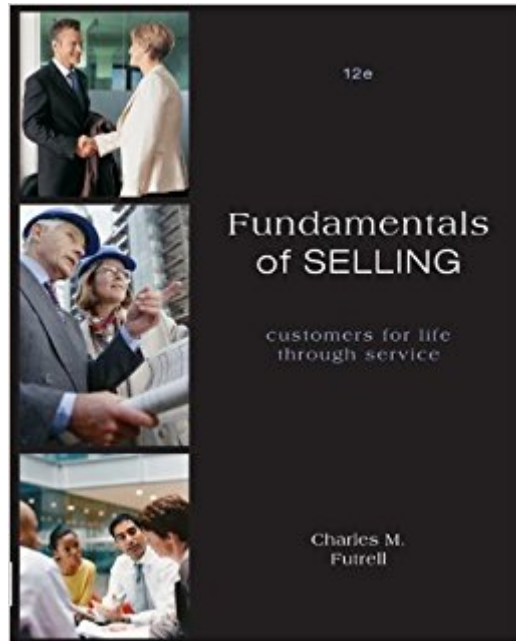




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# Fundamentals Of Selling



## Synopsis

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recognized in Marketing Education, Summer 1997, as one of the top 100 best researchers in the marketing discipline. Professor Futrell served as the American Marketing Association as Chair of the Sales and Sales Management Special Interest Group (SIG) for the 1996â “97 academic year. He was the first person elected to this position. Charles was elected Finance Chair for the Sales SIG's 1998â “99 term. In 2005, this AMA group presented Charles with its Lifetime Achievement Award for commitment to excellence and service in the area of sales. Mu Kappa Tau, the National Marketing Honor Society, recognized Charles for exceptional scholarly contributions to the sales profession in 2000. This is only the fourth time this recognition has been bestowed since its creation in 1988. Dr. Futrell has written or cowritten eight successful books for the college and professional audience. Two of the most popular books are Fundamentals of Selling: Customers for Life, Sixth Edition, and ABC's of Relationship Selling through Service, Ninth Edition, both published by McGraw-Hill Ltd. These books are used in hundreds of U.S. and international schools. More than 300,000 students worldwide have benefited from Professor Futrell's books. In 1997 Dr. Futrell began using his website and group e-mails in his sales classes, which often have 100 students in each section. Students sign up for both a lecture period and lab time. In each semester's six labs, students are videotaped in activities such as making a joint sales call, panel interview, selling oneself on a job interview, product sales presentations, and various experiential exercises. TAMU's College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Business is one of the largest business programs in the U.S., with more than 6,000 full-time business majors. Approximately 50 percent of the marketing department's 800 majors are in Charles's personal selling and/or sales management classes at various times. He has worked with close to 10,000 students in sales-related classes. Professor Futrell's books, research, and teaching are based on his extensive work with sales organizations of all types and sizes. This broad and rich background has resulted in his being invited to be a frequent speaker, researcher, and consultant to industry.

I absolutely love this book! Ive been in sales for 20 years and required this text for a class. This book is in very conversational language, and seems a bit simplistic at times. But the book is sprinkled constantly with ethical reading and emphasis on "the golden rule". This is a definat thumbs up book.I have enjoyed every chapter read this semester. It does offer some great Q&A's , essay reading for class discussion, and crosswords to emphasise terms. It also has the page numbers becide each term listed at the end of the chapter.The author writes with a passion for sales which I appreciate and each chapter has segments of selling senarios to reinforce the text.For those going into sales..... read this book!!

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