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products, and even yourself. By contrasting practices that have worked in the past with those that are more effective in today's skeptical society, Maslansky does exactly what this book is meant to teach; he sells his ideas to the reader. The book's flow is smooth, making it easy to read. The only drawback comes from an abundance of different lists, and lists within lists, sometimes making it hard to link back specific topics to the overarching concept they are supposed to be associated with. At times, the reading sounds repetitive, but such is an effective measure of driving the points home. While reading every word of the book is probably not necessary, the lessons taught are extremely valuable. Whether in sales or not, the book is beneficial in teaching how to earn trust in just about any situation.

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From Publishers Weekly As CEO of his own communications consulting firm, research strategist Maslansky advises clients like Starbucks, Bank of America and Microsoft on successfully communicating with their customers, an effort he admits is far more challenging in the shaky economic aftermath of the 2008 financial collapse: as a nation, we are more distrustful than ever that the government and other major institutions are looking out for the interests of average citizens and customers. To combat rising skepticism, Maslansky's offers a step-by-step strategy for "credible communication" based in quantitative and qualitative research, including input from focus groups and surveys demonstrating people's responses to different forms of messaging, and real-world examples from a number of industries, including finance and politics (contrasting, for example, President Obama's campaign messages with then-Senator Hillary Clinton's). Key to his approach are four messaging principles-being personal, plainspoken, positive, and plausible-and the idea of listening to and prioritizing customers' interests. Along with executives from Van Kampen Investments and Consulting, Maslansky clearly and convincingly demonstrates that words do matter, almost as much as how they're said. Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "Trust has never been more important in the corporate world-because there's so little of it. For years, people have tried to figure out how to communicate trust. Now, finally, Michael Maslansky has unlocked the DNA of trust. Anyone who cares about their employees, their customers, or their reputation has to read this book." -Dr. Frank Luntz, author of *Words That Work* and *What Americans Really Want...Really* "To successfully earn trust in face-to-face or Facebook communication, embrace the proven concepts in *The Language of Trust*-they're as important to your life as involuntary breathing. It's just common sense." -Thomas L. Harrison, LHD, chairman and CEO of Diversified Agency Services division of Omnicom Group Inc. "Michael Maslansky has written the ultimate guide to winning trust in a world that has lost it. He writes with wit, wisdom, and a commendable absence of jargon. If you are concerned about trust, and all of us should be, then this book is an indispensable starting point." -Lord Gould, former polling and strategy advisor to Prime Minister Tony Blair, and Deputy Chairman of Freud Communication "Marketers, financial advisors, and communicators of all types should take note of the lessons in this book....More than most, Michael understands the enormous challenges we face, and this book provides an essential set of tools and practical approaches for reconnecting with customers who may have lost faith in what we offer. It isn't enough for us to have a good story to tell; we must also be able to tell a good- and credible-story. *The Language of Trust* will help any communicator who must win over a skeptical audience." -Cathy Weatherford, CEO of Insured Retirement Institute "Today's polarized discourse makes it hard to understand problems, much less fix them. *The Language of Trust* provides the core principles needed for moving forward." -Philip K. Howard, founder of Common Good and author of *The Death of*

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About the Author Michael Maslansky is one of corporate America's leading communications and research strategists. As CEO of Maslansky, Luntz Partners, the firm that produced the New York Times best-seller Words That Work, he advises leading organizations, such as PepsiCo, eBay, Microsoft, and Pfizer on what to say, how to say it, and most important, why it matters. He has conducted hundreds of research projects in over twenty countries using his firm's proprietary polling and focus group methodology, cited by the New York Times, Washington Post, New Yorker, 60 Minutes, Nightline, and PBS's Frontline, among others.