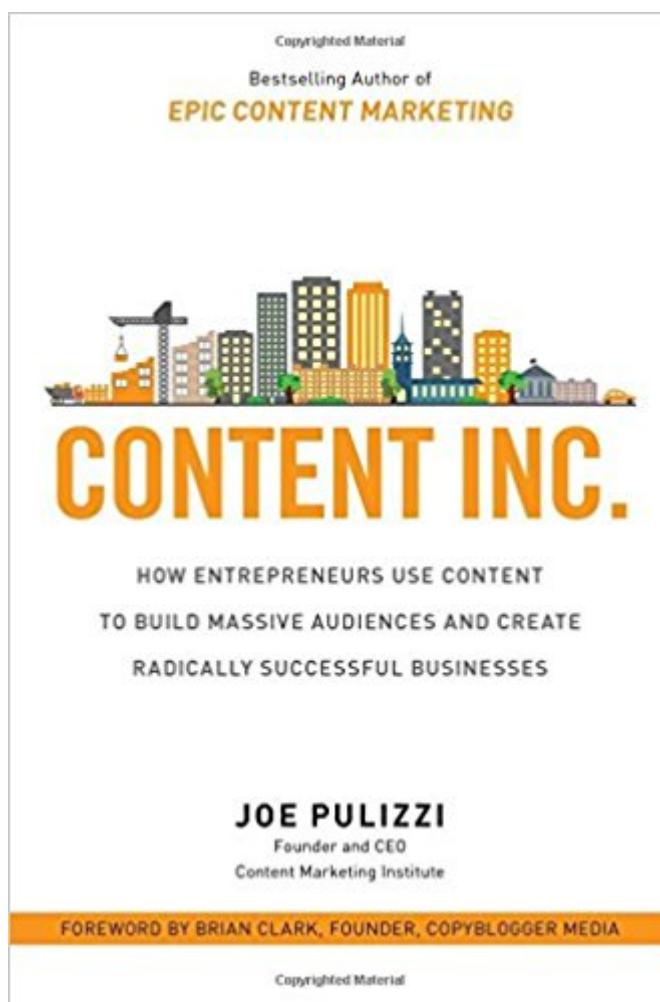


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Content Inc.: How Entrepreneurs Use Content To Build Massive Audiences And Create Radically Successful Businesses (Business Books)



Synopsis

The NEW Rulebook for Entrepreneurial SuccessWhat's the surest way to startup failure? Follow old, outdated rules. In Content Inc., one of today's most sought-after content-marketing strategists reveals a new model for entrepreneurial success. Simply put, it's about developing valuable content, building an audience around that content, and then creating a product for that audience. Notice a shift? Author Joe Pulizzi flips the traditional entrepreneurial approach of first creating a product and then trying to find customers. It's a brilliant reverse-engineering of a model that rarely succeeds. The radical six-step business-building process revealed in this book is smart, simple, practical, and cost-effective. And best of all, it works. It's a strategy Pulizzi used to build his own successful company, Content Marketing Institute, which has landed on Inc. magazine's list of fastest growing private companies for three years straight. It's also a strategy countless other entrepreneurs use to build their own multi-million dollar companies. Build an audience and you'll be able to sell pretty much anything you want. Today's markets are more dynamic and customers are more fickle than ever before. Why would you put all your eggs in one basket before securing a loyal customer base? Content Inc. shows you how to get customers first and develop products later. It's the best way to build a solid, long-lasting business positioned for today's content-driven world. This is the simple but profoundly successful entrepreneurial approach of one of today's most creative business minds. A pioneer of content marketing, Pulizzi has cracked the code when it comes to the power of content in a world where marketers still hold fast to traditional models that no longer work. In Content Inc., he breaks down the business-startup process into six steps, making it simple for you to visualize, launch, and monetize your own business. These steps are:

- The "Sweet Spot": Identify the intersection of your unique competency and your personal passion
- Content Tilting: Determine how you can "tilt" your sweet spot to find a place where little or no competition exists
- Building the Base: Establish your number-one channel for disseminating content (blog, podcast, YouTube, etc.)
- Harvesting Audience: Use social-media and SEO to convert one-time visitors into long-term subscribers
- Diversification: Grow your business by expanding into multiple delivery channels
- Monetization: Now that your expertise is established, you can begin charging money for your products or services

This model has worked wonders for Pulizzi and countless other examples detailed in the book. Connect these six pieces like a puzzle, and before you know it, you'll be running your own profitable, scalable business. Pulizzi walks you step by step through the process, based on his own success (and failures) and real-world multi-million dollar examples from multiple industries and countries. Whether you're seeking to start a brand-new business or drive innovation in an existing one, Content Inc. provides everything you

need to reverse-engineer the traditional entrepreneurial model for better, more sustainable success. Joe Pulizzi is an entrepreneur, professional speaker, and podcaster. He is the founder of several startups, including the Content Marketing Institute (CMI), recognized as the fastest growing business media company by Inc. Magazine in 2014. CMI produces Content Marketing World, the world's largest content marketing event, and publishes the leading content marketing magazine, Chief Content Officer. Pulizzi's book Epic Content Marketing was named one of Fortune magazine's Five Must Read Business Books of the Year.

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â€œInstead of throwing money away and sucking up to A-listers, now there is a better way to promote your business. Itâ€œs called content marketing, and this book is a great way to master this new technique.â€œ-Guy Kawasaki, Chief evangelist of Canva and author of The Art of the Start 2.0 "How do you take the maximum amount of risk out of starting a business? Joe Pulizzi shows us.â€œ Fascinate your audience, then turn them into loyal fans.â€œ Content Inc. shows you how.â€œ Use it as your roadmap to startup success.â€œ-Sally Hogshead, New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestselling author, How the World Sees You "If you're serious about turning content into a business, this is the most detailed, honest, and useful book ever written." -Jay Baer, New York Times bestselling author of Youtility "The approach to business taught all over the world is to create a product and then spend a bunch of money to market and sell it. Joe

outlines a radically new way to succeed in business: Develop your audience first by creating content that draws people in and then watch your business sell themselves!" -David Meerman Scott bestselling author of ten books including *The New Rules of Sales and Service* "The digital age has fundamentally reshaped the cost curve for entrepreneurs.Ã Joe describes the formula for developing a purpose-driven business that connects with an engaged and loyal audience around content.Ã With brand, voice and audience, building and monetizing a business is easy." -Julie Fleischer, Sr. Director, Data + Content + Media, Kraft Foods "What if you launched a business with nothing to sell, and instead focused first on serving the needs of an audience, trusting that the 'selling' part would come later? Crazy? Or crazy-brilliant? I'd say the latter. Because in today's world, you should serve before selling." -Ann Handley, author of the *Wall Street Journal* bestseller *Everybody Writes* and *Content Rules* "Today, anyone, anywhere with a passion and a focus on a content niche can build a multi-million dollar platform and business.Ã I did it and so can you.Ã Just follow Joe's plan and his *Content Inc.* model." -John Lee Dumas, Founder, *EntrepreneurOnFire* "The Internet doesn't need more content. It needs amazing content. *Content Inc.* is the business blueprint on how to achieve that. If you're in business and are tired of hearing about the need for content marketing, but want the how and the proof, *Content Inc.* is your blueprint." -Scott Stratten, bestselling author and President of *UnMarketing Inc.* "Content marketing is by far the best marketing strategy for every company and Joe is by far the best guru on the topic.Ã I wish this book was available when we started our content marketing initiative.Ã It would have saved us a huge amount of time and effort!" -Scott Maxwell, Managing Partner/Founder *OpenView Venture Partners*

I got the book because of the catchy title. Yes, I want to create more attractive content to be more visible. I liked reading specific examples about what worked and what didn't for online businesses, which focused on delivering content. I knew about Pro Blogger ventures but I didn't know he had a camera selling site. We usually only see and hear about the successful sites so it was a great reminder that Darren did make some mistakes along the way. I appreciated the emphasis on the content tilt, so many sites create content that doesn't resonate and doesn't stick. "Just because you build it, does not mean they will come" was a good reminder as well.

As a content marketer myself I get questioned on the business value of true content marketing. Joe gives actual examples of successes and how to actually get there. Fantastic read. Some of the common characters are all included. Some variety would be nice - a minor and only constructive

piece. Great read. Buy it!

Frankly, this was one of the better nonfiction books I've read in the last year, and I read 30-40 books each year. I was somewhat skeptical of the topic, purely because of the number of pages, but Joe totally comes through in *Content, Inc.* I didn't think a book of this topic could keep my attention, but it did. (Boy, did it!) I read it from cover to cover--in four days. It was that good. I've highlighted so much stuff I plan to implement. If you want to take your business to the next level, read this book. It is the new standard for Content Marketing.

Concise, skimmable, actionable, and surprisingly scholarly look at content marketing and how to apply it to creating value in business - in an ethical way. I've read several books on content marketing - this is the best. On marketing more broadly, I also recommend "Marketing Lessons from the Grateful Dead" and Jonah Berger's "Contagious."

I really liked this book, and will be referring back to it, I'm sure. I've been stuck trying to figure out what my audience needs- is it a book? a course? a membership site? - without a good and consistent way to gather feedback on where they are stuck. I was trying to define what (I think) they NEED, when I should be listening to what they WANT by utilizing a platform to talk about, discuss, and listen to their problems and sticking points.

Great book on the topic. Should be a standard of anyone doing content marketing. easy to absorb the info and turn it into actionable thought patterns.

As a long-time writer, I've understood content development. What I didn't know was how to build a scalable business around content. Joe's book pulls back the veil, offering candid, real-world stories and actionable tips, which have transformed my thinking about content marketing and spurred me on to pursue (and develop) new revenue possibilities for my own business.

Thoroughly enjoyed this read. Extremely well-written and filled with case studies and rationale behind a mentality, not just an inflexible set of standards that worked for one business. I would highly recommend for anybody interested in content marketing, or digital marketing in general.

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