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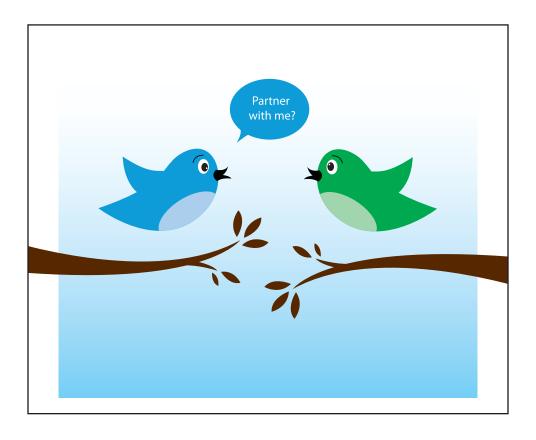
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Partnering is mostly misunderstood among businesspeople. Impatience for getting quick results and lack of commitment to building joint success will lead to a relationship that will not go anywhere. Partnering requires patience, and partnering is not about getting, it is about giving. With patience, partnering will lead to results and provide a platform for local, regional, or international expansion. Partnering is about building a trust between people and businesses, and without trust, there is no such thing as partnering. Trust can be built with time and trust can be torn down with one simple action. Partnering provides the most effective way for entrepreneurs to build their businesses without considerable financial commitments. In this book, Ms. Vedullapalli dives into the core of partnering, providing the keys to success.

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### Section I

Your Partnerships

Smart strategic partnerships can create advantages that lift you above the competition. Access to additional resources, extended reach, and enhanced market reputation are just a few of the advantages that can be gained. Learn how to make the right investments to maximize partnerships.

Smart Partnering will provide you an opportunity to compete against big players.

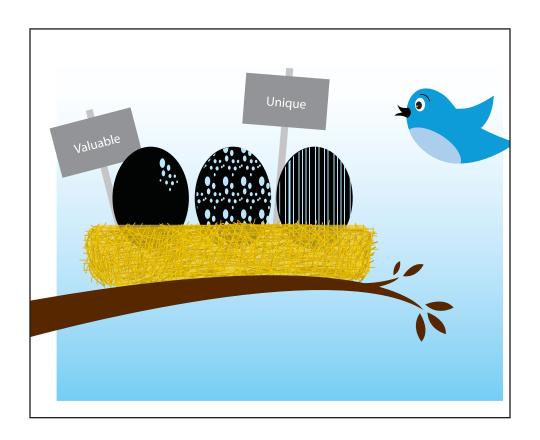
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Smart Partnering provides insurance against your own shortcomings.

Smart Partnering provides gateways for new verticals and industries.

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Smart Partnering helps you to deliver functional solutions.



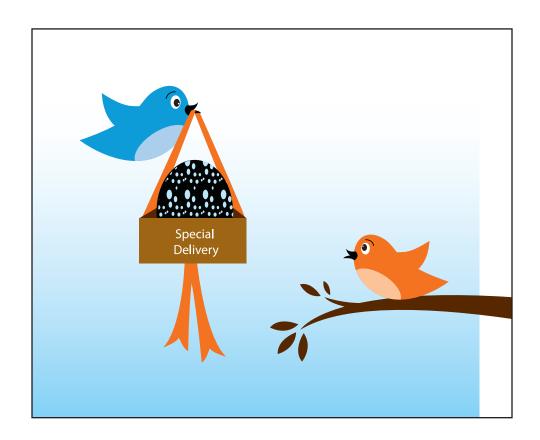
### Section II

Your Offerings

Make your offerings uncommonly valuable and unique and you will take first place in the marketplace. Quality is the number one secret in gaining vendor attention! And, remember, when your vendors find your offerings valuable, they will be happy to support and promote your offerings to their complete customer base.

You have a "problem" if your product is creating "new problems" for your customers.

Too many breakdowns in using your product will create too many breakdowns in managing customer expectations.



### Section III

Your Execution

The promise and success of your service can only become a reality through flawless execution. No company can succeed in the long run without executing on their promises of excellence. Here are some tips on how to deliver.

Plan for quick wins to ensure continued customer engagement.

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Execution excellence is NOT a one-time game.

A good product and a bad implementation are sure to result in a bad customer experience.



# Section VII

Your Community

The communities that you belong to will provide you with your best opportunities for growth and change.

Community conversations provide insights and early warnings on key issues.

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Community helps you to distribute and consume relevant content.

### About the Author



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