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The Webinar Manifesto: Never Design, Deliver, Or Sell Lousy Webinars Again!



Synopsis

Weâ€™re declaring war on bad webinars, and we want you to join us. We are looking for Sales and Marketing Professionals, HR Managers, Trainers, and Instructional Designers (regardless of skill level) who are disgusted with mundane, ineffective and crappy webinars. The Webinar Manifesto provides the seven strategies essential to captivate your audience, push the limits of your technology, and transform webinar design and delivery. Unlike traditional how-to books, this Manifesto digs deep into principles and behaviorsâ”not just tacticsâ”required for a revolutionary change of yesterday’s ugly webinars. If you’re serious about change in this industry then join the movement and never design, deliver, or sell lousy webinars again! Go now to TheWebinarManifesto.com to sign "the" manifesto as well as get some free stuffâ”The Webinar Manifesto poster and audio downloads from our first book, *The Learning Explosion: 9 Rules to Ignite Your Virtual Classroom*.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS For over 20 years, Matt Murdoch has held many strategic management roles, including Head of Corporate Marketing and Global Director of Online Learning. Through extensive travel throughout Asia, Europe, the Middle East and the Americas, Matt spends time helping partners and clients analyze, build, and launch their own social learning and virtual classroom systems. Matt is the co-author of *The Learning Explosion: 9 Rules to Ignite Your Virtual Classrooms* and *The Webinar Manifesto: Never Design, Deliver, or Sell Lousy Webinars Again!* Matt counsels business leaders everywhere that they shouldn’t be frightened by new ideas. They should be more frightened by old ones. A rising generation of workers is coming, bringing with them their own rules for how they choose to learn. He enjoys summer and winter outdoor activities in the Rocky Mountains where he lives with his wife, four children and a spirited dog named Lola.

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Customer Reviews

Webinars offer students an opportunity to learn and interact with others in the comfort of their home. There will be continued demand for high-quality educational opportunities that are delivered on the Internet. This book was written by experts in the field of online learning and instructional technology. They have worked with thousands of individuals and companies in a quest to design a webinar that meets the needs of online students. I think the information in this book could be used to improve the quality of face-to-face presentations as well as online sessions. The authors are passionate about making their lessons relevant, interesting and interactive. This book includes an abundance of fun graphics that make it an easy and pleasant reading experience. The book can be read in one sitting but the information should be studied and applied to your projects. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in transforming your presentations into effective, efficient and productive learning tools.

What a great read for those currently teaching and for those wanting to teach virtually. Having taught many virtual sessions with folks all over the globe, I was excited to uncover what this book was all about. The word that kept coming to mind as I was reading was, YES! My guess is most of us have been on a "Zombie" webinar one time or another. Some of us have maybe even taught a

"Zombie" webinar, and no one likes them! The principles taught in this book cover both design and delivery and I can see how applying these principles can make you, as a presenter, look like a Rock Star! I also enjoyed the "Putting Principle to Practice (key summary points)" at the end of each chapter. This book has inspired me to create my own plan of attack to make my webinars better. Great book!

The authors have collected years of experience on what to do and not to do to ensure a webinar runs smoothly. The book is very well organized and presented and surfaces very quickly the most important points. A must read ahead of your next webinar.

This book shows you how to produce webinars that people will watch. Follow and stick to the 7 principles in the book and you should have a captivating webinar. The best thing was that there were key summaries and action steps at the end of each chapter so you actually put what you learn into practice.

I produced videos, published articles, build websites and all of that other stuff to grow my business, but have got into online webinars yet. I guess I haven't really looked into it in before, so it was time to find out more. This book looked like it was worth a read and it has been a great learning tool. It is extremely entertaining and if you follow the principles you'll be able to start your own webinar or online training course. The hardest thing for me would be to get my first one under the belt. Once I overcome this hurdle, like anything new that you haven't done it takes time, patience and practice.

The Webinar Manifesto is a relatively short book easy to digest in one read. The pages are light on type, have short paragraphs, key points are blindingly in red, and there's a lot of white space and large typed sentences in red print taking up space. The authors cover everything from planning the webinar, how it looks, how it is presented, and how to get feedback afterwards. As well, topics such as getting the right people and delivery are covered. I've taught technical subjects using webinar programs for several years. For me, a lot of what was in here was intuitive - especially for anyone in a marketing discipline. As such, I believe the target audience for the book is those who use webinars as a tool to communicate within corporate environs and who do not have a marketing background. E.g., engineers, etc. Others such as myself, a single-employee business owner who uses the webinar platform to teach, perhaps not so much. I honestly didn't find a lot of insight in there. I wanted to see something that I would not have realized otherwise but the topics covered

were very general. The book is slick and feels like it was written by marketing guys. The key points outlined in boxes, large bold red stamped words for points, anecdotal introductions to the short chapters, copious amounts of white space and very short paragraphs. It felt much more like a webinar printout itself, missing only the presenter speaking the key points. And yet, there were surprisingly few actual examples of their points (right vs wrong or ways to jazz up your webinars). As well, key webinar programs weren't discussed at all. I would have liked to see more actual graphics/screen shots of different type of webinar presentations. As well, because the book was so slick, it did feel kind of shallow - especially with all the plugs for the authors' other books and publishers' other books.

Having worked in eLearning for the last 6 years, I've seen a lot of people (and ideas) come and go. I've seen organizations start virtual campaigns with grand intentions only to end in flames. The common thread is usually a combination of a few things: lack of understanding of objectives and desired outcomes, lack of understanding of the tools (technology), and hubris: believing that "you've got this" when really, you don't. The Webinar Manifesto speaks with voice imperial, providing a clear outline of what you need to know - regardless of the technology you use - to build a solid webinar delivery program. Mr. Muller and Mr. Murdoch really get it, and we all stand to benefit from their experience and insight.

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