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Although our methods of communication have multiplied exponentially, finding connections with our peers, neighbors, and friends within our community has become increasingly elusive. Strategies for networking have changed with the times. As a professional, you need a game plan for building and maintaining relationships with your network of friends, colleagues, and peers. Brimming with savvy insights, fun anecdotes, and practical tips, *Networking Magic* gives you the top strategies for finding the best resources and opportunities.

So many people think of networking as schmoozing or manipulating others. Rick and Jill understand that networking isn't about taking—it's about showing up. This book does a wonderful job of demonstrating how integral networking is to our lives. If you want to get something done, you need other people to help you. This book will help you realize that those people are all around you. *Networking Magic* is a great book. Too bad it wasn't written twenty years ago—it would have saved me a lot of work!

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