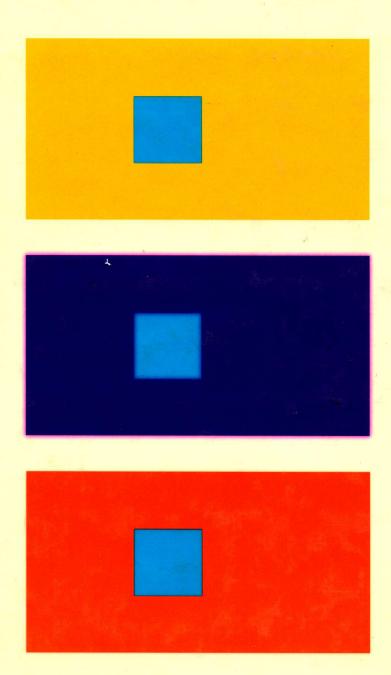
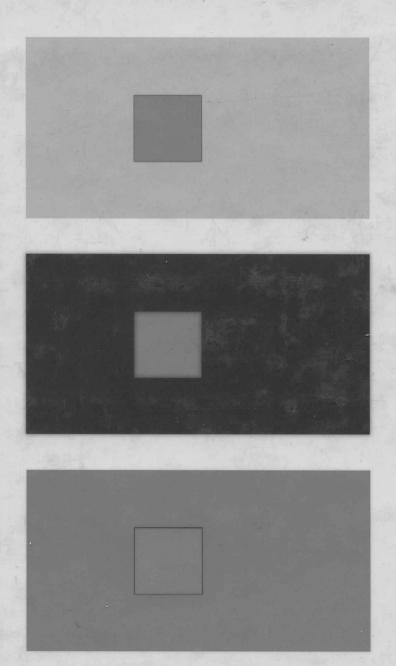
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#### Preface

#### The Sixth Edition: Strategic and Accessible

A marketing textbook must change often to keep pace with new developments in the teaching and practice of marketing. In this edition, we focus on the concepts most relevant to the development and implementation of marketing strategies. To make the sixth edition as informative, accessible, complete, and interesting as possible,

- ▶ We have focused more on strategic marketing, a change signaled by the new subtitle: Concepts and Strategies. The book opens with an overview of strategic marketing. A complete chapter on strategic market planning is included as well. Strategy and decision making are emphasized in cases and examples. A new, detailed strategic case at the end of each of the book's parts helps students integrate the concepts discussed in each part.
- ▶ We have included more examples demonstrating the marketing of real, current products and organizations, from Levi's 501 jeans to Federal Express. Each chapter has two cases, half of which are new, and two new, longer applications that illustrate or extend the discussions in the main text.
- ▶ We have created a more open, attractive visual presentation of the material to stimulate readers' interest in the subject.

In addition, we have made the writing more lively, readable, and concise, and updated the entire book, making major changes and additions including

- ► Expanded coverage of ethics and social responsibility (Chapter 2) and of ethical decisions in marketing research (Chapter 6)
- ► Extended discussion of lifestyle segmentation and regional marketing (Chapter 3)
- ▶ Revised and expanded treatment of social class and subliminal influence (Chapter 4)
- ▶ More complete coverage of criteria for channel selection and of legal issues in channel management (Chapter 9)
- ▶ A reorganized and more substantive look at topics in retailing and physical distribution (Chapters 11 and 12)

- ▶ More detailed discussion of telemarketing, sales-force compensation and motivation, and couponing (Chapter 15)
- ► A new section on centralization and decentralization and a more comprehensive treatment of marketing implementation (Chapter 19)
- ▶ More thorough investigation of international marketing research (Chapter 22)

Despite these changes, we believe that users of earlier editions of *Marketing* will find in this sixth edition the same strengths that have made previous editions so popular. Like its predecessors, this edition explores the depth and breadth of the field, combining detailed real examples with comprehensive coverage of marketing concepts and strategies used widely outside of the business world as well as in it. By focusing on the universal concerns of marketing decision makers, we demonstrate that marketing is a challenging, relevant field of study and a part of our world that influences almost everything we do.

#### Features of the Sixth Edition

As always, our goal is to provide a comprehensive and practical introduction to marketing, easy both to teach and to read. The entire book is structured to excite students about marketing and to make learning comprehensive and efficient.

- ► Learning objectives open each chapter, providing students an overview of new concepts.
- ▶ A *vignette* introduces each chapter's marketing issues.
- ► *Examples* of familiar products and organizations make concrete and specific the generalizations of marketing theory.
- ▶ Two longer *applications* in each chapter, focusing on recognizable firms and products, extend the discussion of marketing topics and decisions.
- ▶ Numerous *figures*, *tables*, *and photographs* augment the text and increase comprehension.
- ▶ A complete chapter *summary* reviews the major topics discussed.
- ► A *list of important terms* (highlighted in the text) provides a study aid, helping students expand their marketing vocabulary.
- ▶ Discussion and review questions encourage further study and exploration of chapter material.
- ► Two concise, stimulating *cases* provoke discussion at the end of each chapter.
- ▶ A diagram of the text's organization at the beginning of each part shows students how material in the upcoming part relates to the rest of the book.
- ▶ A *strategic case* at the end of each part helps students integrate concepts from throughout that part.
- ▶ A *glossary* at the end of the text defines more than 625 important marketing terms.
- ► Appendices discuss career opportunities in marketing and provide additional insights into financial analysis in marketing.
- ▶ A name index and a subject index enable students to find topics of interest quickly.

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#### **Text Organization**

We have organized the seven parts of *Marketing: Concepts and Strategies* to give students a theoretical and practical understanding of marketing decision making. Part I presents an overview of marketing, discusses general marketing concepts, and considers the marketing environment, types of markets, target market analysis, buyer behavior, and marketing research. Part II focuses on the conceptualization, development, and management of products. Part III examines marketing channels, institutions, and physical distribution. Part IV covers promotion decisions and methods, including advertising, personal selling, sales promotion, and publicity. Part V is devoted to pricing decisions and Part VI to marketing management and discussions of strategic market planning, organization, implementation, and control. Part VII explores strategic decisions in industrial, service, nonbusiness, and international marketing.

In addition to numerous instructor support materials (discussed in the front of the instructor's manual), the package for this text includes aids to both teaching and learning:

- ▶ A study guide helps students review and integrate material.
- ▶ *Marketing Cases* supplements the cases in the text with 42 others that demonstrate how marketing decisions are made.
- ► Marketing: A Simulation gives student teams working on microcomputers valuable experience in making marketing decisions.
- ► Microstudy Plus, a self-instructional program for microcomputers, reinforces learning of key concepts.

Through the years, professors and students have sent us many helpful suggestions for improving the text. We invite your comments, questions, or criticisms. We want to do our best to provide materials that enhance the teaching and learning of marketing concepts and strategies. Your suggestions will be sincerely appreciated.

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