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Note: The historical data (2001-2020) and real-life examples in this book are snap-shots of marketing strategies and outcomes I've encountered over time. They aren't intended to be read as hard facts that still hold true today. Instead, I hope they inspire you to run your own analyses, so you can test, measure, learn, and refine your marketing strategy.



# THE BRAND BUTTERFLY

How to find and keep your High-Value Customers

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#### "What's it gonna be, boy? Will you love me forever?"

Meat Loaf -(Paradise by the Dashboard Light)



#### Prologue

When I worked for The Walt Disney Company, I had a senior marketing colleague at the Disneyland park in Paris. At the end of each working day, he would go into the park and look for a family on their way out. He would walk out with them and listen as they talked about their day. As it turned out, families leaving a Disney park tend to evaluate what they loved, liked, and maybe liked a bit less about their visit.

Every day, he would learn something new about our customers.

By the end of each season, he had collected tons of high-touch insights and quotes. Those helped us determine what to start, stop, continue, and change about what we were doing so we could better meet our customers' needs

Wish upon a star? You bet!

One family at a time, we learned that marketing magic happened when we could infuse our consumer and transactional data with first-hand insights and spontaneous feedback.

Later on, when I worked at Estée Lauder Companies, we also strongly believed in the mix of "high-touch" — almost a brand mantra from Mrs. Estée Lauder herself — and the new "high-tech" world of data.

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In "The Brand Butterfly", using high-touch stories and high-tech insights, I hope to guide you through the ultimate customer journey: the journey of High-Value Customers.

The journey from a newly spun cocoon to a beautiful butterfly in your database. A Brand Butterfly!

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