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Our sales team

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We have excellent relations with the head offices of the key bookselling chains such as Waterstones, Blackwell’s and John Smith’s in the UK and Studystore in the Netherlands as well as the major campus stores in Norway and Denmark under the umbrella of Campus Import Group. We also work closely with the major online retailers including Amazon and The Book Depository. SAGE commits to a significant marketing spend with Amazon annually to promote our titles and ensure their discoverability onsite, in print and via Amazon Kindle. We participate in Amazon’s In Stock Protection programme which uses print-on-demand to support and guarantee availability of the majority of titles.

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Our sales representatives pursue a programme of campus visits in the UK, Europe and East Asia, where they speak directly to academics preparing courses. They develop close links with lecturers, finding out about their teaching interests and academic needs, following up regularly and feeding information back to our office. This is essential for securing adoptions and ensuring a wide readership for our textbooks.

We also have a Special Sales representative who proactively seeks sales through private training companies, local authorities, councils, schools, the NHS, health and social services as well as charities, associations and societies. This role also works with our Marketing Managers on supporting orders direct from authors, and arranging copies of your books for resale at events and speaking engagements.

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Pre-Publication Marketing

Six months ahead of publication, advance information for your book will be sent to bibliographic agencies, such as Nielsen BookData, and specialist library suppliers around the world. All of our book data is fed via ONIX - the international standard for representing and communicating book industry product information in electronic form - ensuring that all of the information for your title is accurate and updated regularly.

Once advance information has been disseminated to the major agencies they will send our information to bookshop and library systems across the UK and Europe so that our sales team are able to secure advance stock orders with bookshops, libraries and wholesalers. This advanced information feed is the most efficient way to reach booksellers and libraries in over 100 countries around the world and to provide marketing information about your book to book industry businesses.

The Books Marketing Team

Our Books Marketing Team has a wealth of experience in marketing academic textbooks and professional and reference titles. For textbooks our marketing concentrates primarily on securing reading list adoptions.

Major works and encyclopedias fall within our reference programme and the marketing for these is focused on acquiring library purchases through wholesalers and library suppliers; SAGE Handbooks are promoted to academics and practitioners as well as libraries.

Our professional titles are marketed directly to practitioners through a selection of targeted channels including working closely with authors to support direct sales through their professional networks, consultancy activities, workshops and seminars. There is no one way of marketing a book; each book receives the marketing it requires depending on its target audience.
Direct Marketing

Our industry-leading customer database is extremely comprehensive and maintained by our Marketing Services Department. Records are updated regularly, and customer profiles are gathered from a variety of sources. To accompany our database we have invested in and implemented intelligent marketing technology which enables us to communicate with customers based on their relationship with us, their interests and contact preferences – delivering the right message, about the right product at the right time. This is essential in today’s market where customers expect to receive information tailored to their interests and needs. By doing this we have developed a large dedicated customer-base who are keen to hear from us and purchase our products.

Communication through direct marketing is a key component in the marketing strategy for all of our books. This includes catalogues, brochures, and emails. Every book published will appear in one annual catalogue. Our catalogues are mailed to our database of global contacts, and are available at SAGE conference stands throughout the year.

Inspection Copies

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Social Media

SAGE is always eager to find where our readers are online and communicating with them there. This keeps our authors and content relevant, discoverable and promotes networking and cooperation across different channels and groups.

Indeed using content – whether that be a sample chapter from your book, or a blog piece you have written, for example – is a key marketing tool for us when interacting with potential customers and driving the discoverability of your book.

Social media examples include Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Pinterest and YouTube. You can see an example of SAGE’s involvement in social media by looking at twitter.com/SAGEeducation where we share information from across our education lists.

Why should I use social media to promote my book?

- Reinforce the book title online and increase frequency of citations
- Allow you to engage with new audiences and interact quickly and easily
- Help to create online communities who will share your content with other students or practitioners
- Allow you to build trust with users using a human and interactive approach
- Improve discoverability of your book content - the more places your content is mentioned or posted online, the higher the chance it will be found and read
- Generate discussion and buzz around your book content

SAGE is always eager to find where our readers are online and communicating with them there.
Review Copies

SAGE sends regular news-feeds to relevant industry, professional and academic publications informing them of new and forthcoming books and supplying review copies on their request. We see a much higher conversion rate of reviews published when sent as a response to solicited review copy requests and we will send you a copy of any review we receive for your book. We also use endorsements from any reviews we receive on our website and on future promotional materials.

If you have any ideas about appropriate publications that would be interested in reviewing your book please let us know. We want to utilise any contacts you may have to help generate valuable reviews.

We also want to hear what students have to say. If any of your students would be suitable reviewers and willing to post their thoughts on Amazon, please put us in touch with them so we can offer review copies.

Conferences and Events

SAGE attends key conferences and events worldwide throughout the year. If you have any speaking engagements at conferences or events please get in touch with your Marketing Manager so they can arrange for you to have a copy of your book available. Please note that books will only be available to send to conferences once they are published. If this isn’t an option, contact your marketing manager for a book slide to include in your presentation.

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Public Relations

Your Marketing Manager will work with you to identify the most effective approach for promoting your book, which may include a PR campaign to target selected media. If your book is to have a media campaign, SAGE’s PR team will liaise with you directly to draft information for journalists. This will often be arranged to coincide with the launch of your publication, or to coordinate with other marketing activities, such as a key conference or event. If you are also willing to be involved in general PR regarding your field please let your Marketing Manager know.

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The Rights Department

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Your Ideas

This is just a brief outline of the kind of things we do within the Sales and Marketing Department. We encourage you to make suggestions and like to work as a team to provide the maximum exposure and highest sales possible for your book. We send all of our authors a copy of our Marketing Questionnaire to fill in so that we can use your knowledge and expertise of the market when pulling together the marketing plan for your book.
Ideas for Promoting Your Book

We encourage all of our authors to maximize the exposure of their book through a few simple self-promotion techniques. Here are some ideas for promoting your book:

• Mention your book in your emails by adding it to your email signature. You can link this back to the SAGE website.

• Ask colleagues, contacts and students to review your book on Amazon. The more reviews your book has, the more likely it is to get highlighted on Amazon search categories.

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