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A proven three-step process for building and leveraging vital business relationships

The Relationship Edge shows you exactly how to build powerful, profitable business relationships. Jerry Acuff provides real-world principles for developing strong and lasting personal relationships with the key people in your business life, helping you become more effective and persuasive while maintaining meaningful, truthful dialogues with those around you. He shows you how to really connect with those important people in your life who are not easy to connect with.

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"Jerry Acuff is the Dale Carnegie of the twenty-first century. In today's social media environment, it's tough figuring out how to develop, maintain, and leverage important business relationships. The good news is the answers you need are in this book." —Paul Cherry, author of *Questions That Sell* and *Questions That Get Results*

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"The Relationship Edge will help you build and leverage important business relationships using technology and social media. Simply put, the ideas in this book are powerful regardless of what you do for a living." —Duggar Baucom, Head Basketball Coach, Virginia Military Institute

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Jerry Acuff is CEO of Delta Point, Inc., a Scottsdale, Arizona-based consultancy that helps market-leading companies find new and innovative ways to market products. Over the last fifteen years, he has spoken and consulted extensively on the issues of sales excellence, change leadership, and customer-focused organizations. A graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, he has also served as Executive in Residence at the Amos Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

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