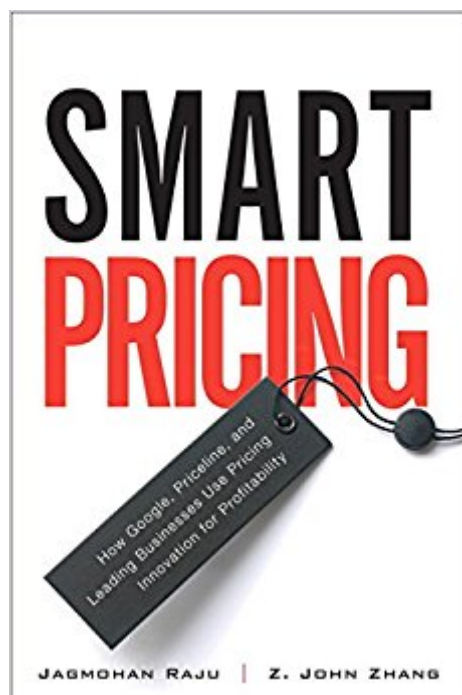


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In *Smart Pricing: How Google, Priceline and Leading Businesses Use Pricing Innovation for Profitability*, Wharton professors and renowned pricing experts Jagmohan Raju and Z. John Zhang draw on examples from high tech to low tech, from consumer markets to business markets, and from U.S. to abroad, to tell the stories of how innovative pricing strategies can help companies create and capture value as well as customers. They teach the pricing principles behind those innovative ideas and practices. *Smart Pricing* introduces many innovative approaches to pricing, as well as the research and insights that went into their creation. Filled with illustrative examples from the business world, readers will learn about restaurants where customers set the price, how Google and other high-tech firms have used pricing to remake whole industries, how executives in China successfully start and fight price wars to conquer new markets. *Smart Pricing* goes well beyond familiar approaches like cost-plus, buyer-based pricing, or competition-based pricing, and puts a wide variety of pricing mechanisms at your disposal. This book helps you understand them, choose them, and use them to win.

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best practices from different companies across industries. Smart Pricing does provide an adequate, instructive primer on less conventional approaches to price decision making. Summing Up: Recommended. General readers; undergraduate students at all levels; professionals. S. M. Mohammed, SUNY Fredonia. Reprinted with permission from CHOICE, copyright by the American Library Association.

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I purchased this book for my Pricing Strategy class within the Marketing department at the University of California Riverside. This book goes in depth into different pricing strategies and clearly shows different examples of current day companies that are utilizing all of the different pricing strategies. Definitely a good read for any business student or someone looking to learn pricing strategy.

Great book intended to build company profits through innovative pricing strategies. Not to simply charge more for a product or service (although sometimes that works), there are ways to increase your market as well as increase retention and frequency of purchasing through strategies. So if you're looking to improve your company profits and don't know where to begin, well... focus on the pricing.

Very good, arrived on time

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