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The Future of Retail:

How to Win Customers in an Era of Endless Disruption with Professor Barbara Kahn

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THE SHOPPING REVOLUTION



How Successful Retailers Win Customers in an Era of Endless Disruption



2017: The Year of the Retail Apocalypse!!

- More than 8,600 stores closed in 2017
- Worst year on record!!

IN 2019

- 9500 stores closed
- UBS Prediction: 75,000 stores would close across North America from now until 2026

2020

- 250,000 stores closed during covid
- Prediction: 15,000 stores will close by EOY





Why? Pre-Covid

















Pre-Covid Trends that are now Accelerated

- Move to customer-centered omni-channel retailing
- Importance of creating an in-store experience that inspires trust
- The dominance of Amazon and Walmart
- Long-term sources of competitive advantage:
 - Brand
 - Customer experience
 - Frictionless
 - Low Price/Value





Two principles

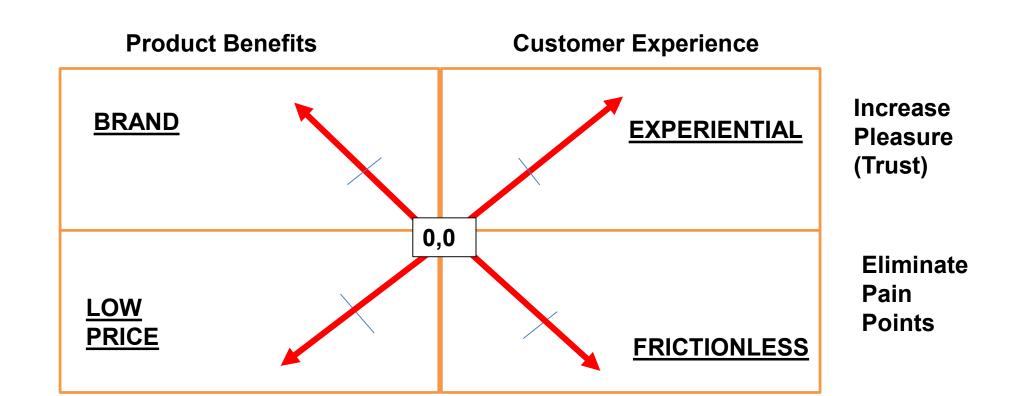
- Customers want to buy something they value from someone they trust=
 Retail Proposition
- They buy from retailers who provide superior value=Superior
 Competitive Advantage



Kahn Retailing Success Matrix



Retail Proposition





Two-Quadrant Winning Strategies

AMAZON



WALMART



WARBY PARKER, ZARA

<u>BRAND</u>	<u>EXPERIENTIAL</u>
LOW PRICE	FRICTIONLES S

TJMaxx, Costco, LUXURY, SEPHORA



Amazon the Disruptor

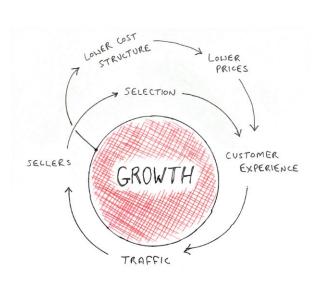
- Started in 1995 as an online book store
- In 2000, Amazon MarketPlace
- Amazon Web Services (AWS)







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Implications of Strategic Choices

- Customers are attracted to different firms depending upon their own needs
- Choose a leadership quadrant based on your strengths, competitive resources and value of the customer segment
- Leverage that strength to be the best at a second quadrant (in very competitive markets)
- Need to keep up with ever advancing customer expectations in other quadrants

