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As co-author of *The Experience Economy: Updated Edition* (Harvard Business Review Press, 2011), Jim Gilmore literally wrote the book that spawned worldwide interest in experience design, customer experience management, and experiential marketing. Tom Peters has called *The Experience Economy* “a brilliant, absolutely original book,” and 800-CEO-READ named it one of “The 100 Best Business Books of All Time.” The volume is now published in nineteen languages.

Gilmore’s book, *Authenticity: What Consumers Really Want* (Harvard Business School Press, 2007), contends that businesses must learn to manage authenticity as a distinct business discipline. In March 2008, *Time* magazine featured the core of this thinking on authenticity in its cover story on “10 Ideas That Are Changing the World.”

His most recent book is *Look: A Practical Guide for Improving Your Observational Skills* (Greenleaf Book Group, 2016). A prequel to Edward de Bono’s *Six Thinking Hats*, the book describes a similar metaphorical tool using “Six Looking Glasses” to foster greater innovation through improved observation.

Gilmore is co-editor of *Markets of One: Creating Customer-Unique Value through Mass Customization* (Harvard Business School Press, 2000). The book’s selection of ten HBR articles serves as a primer on the subject of “efficiently serving customers uniquely” via mass customization capabilities.

Gilmore’s ideas have been featured in numerous articles on business strategy and innovation for such publications as *Harvard Business Review*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Investors Business Daily*, among others.

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