DESCRIPTION

A comprehensive look at creating pricing strategies that work in both good economic times and bad

Written by three preeminent pricing experts at McKinsey & Company, the Second Edition of The Price Advantage is a practical pricing guide for the executive or pricing practitioner who wants to identify, capture, and sustain substantial pricing gains in their business.

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- Includes new topics such as software and information products pricing, lifecycle pricing, custom-configured products pricing, pricing of high-count product lines, pricing in distributed sales environments, "razor/razor blades" pricing, and tiered products and services pricing
- Revisits the full range of classic McKinsey pricing tools, including the pocket price waterfall and value maps
Engaging and informative, the Second Edition of The Price Advantage will put this essential discipline in perspective.

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