SUSTAINABILITY DEMYSTIFIED!

A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR BUSINESS LEADERS AND MANAGERS

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Sustainability Demystified! is a practical guide that details the steps necessary to create business success.

Christopher removes the speculation and mystery surrounding applied sustainability best practices, leaves home the politics and instead features actual case studies from within a single geographic area to show how businesses of all sizes can improve their bottom line, while being good stewards of the environment and good corporate citizens.

Organized by department and functions taking place within all businesses, this guide helps business owners, executives and departmental managers learn how to maximize their bottom line by creating an environment of sustainable business practices that provide cost savings, create value, and improve competitiveness.

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