

"Practical Problem-Solving Advice for Publishers"

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"It all starts with people." "People are our most valuable asset." "We invest in our people." We have all heard these corporate- speak clichés. But in all clichés there is an element of truth. The people first adage has been foremost for me in my professional life Here's why.

Corporations and organizations come and go, get merged or reorganized, downsize, and go out of business. What is a constant is one's relationship with solid, smart, and reliable people.

For that reason, I am a consummate networker eager to learn from others and eager to help others. Forgive me — a cliché — "to get, you got to give."

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