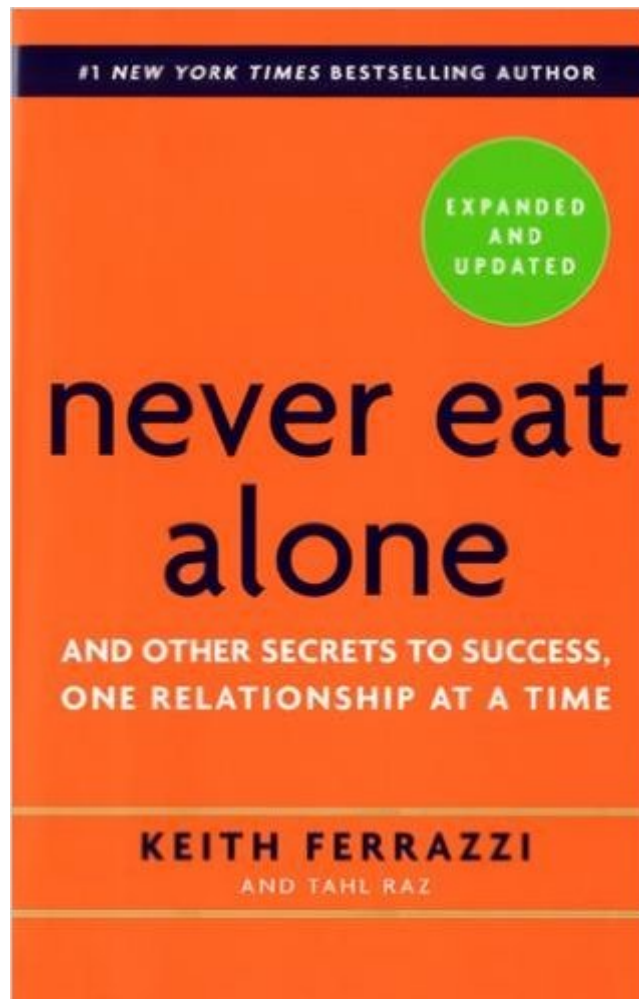


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# Never Eat Alone, Expanded And Updated: And Other Secrets To Success, One Relationship At A Time



## Synopsis

The bestselling business classic on the power of relationships, updated with in-depth advice for making connections in the digital world. Do you want to get ahead in life? Climb the ladder to personal success? The secret, master networker Keith Ferrazzi claims, is in reaching out to other people. As Ferrazzi discovered in early life, what distinguishes highly successful people from everyone else is the way they use the power of relationships—so that everyone wins. In *Never Eat Alone*, Ferrazzi lays out the specific steps—and inner mindset—he uses to reach out to connect with the thousands of colleagues, friends, and associates on his contacts list, people he has helped and who have helped him. And in the time since *Never Eat Alone* was published in 2005, the rise of social media and new, collaborative management styles have only made Ferrazzi's advice more essential for anyone hoping to get ahead in business. The son of a small-town steelworker and a cleaning lady, Ferrazzi first used his remarkable ability to connect with others to pave the way to Yale, a Harvard M.B.A., and several top executive posts. Not yet out of his thirties, he developed a network of relationships that stretched from Washington's corridors of power to Hollywood's A-list, leading to him being named one of *Crain's* 40 Under 40 and selected as a Global Leader for Tomorrow by the Davos World Economic Forum. Ferrazzi's form of connecting to the world around him is based on generosity, helping friends connect with other friends. Ferrazzi distinguishes genuine relationship-building from the crude, desperate glad-handing usually associated with networking. He then distills his system of reaching out to people into practical, proven principles. Among them: Don't keep score: It's never simply about getting what you want. It's about getting what you want and making sure that the people who are important to you get what they want, too. Ping constantly: The ins and outs of reaching out to those in your circle of contacts all the time—not just when you need something. *Never Eat Alone*: The dynamics of status are the same whether you're working at a corporation or attending a social event—invisibility is a fate worse than failure. Become the King of Content: How to use social media sites like LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook to make meaningful connections, spark engagement, and curate a network of people who can help you with your interests and goals. In the course of this book, Ferrazzi outlines the timeless strategies shared by the world's most connected individuals, from Winston Churchill to Bill Clinton, Vernon Jordan to the Dalai Lama. Chock-full of specific advice on handling rejection, getting past gatekeepers, becoming a conference commando, and more, this new edition of *Never Eat Alone* will remain a classic alongside *How to Win Friends and Influence People* for years to come.

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The rise in social networking tools like Facebook and LinkedIn have made it very easy for individuals to make contact with others in their field. Many people, however, are still reluctant to reach out on anything other than a superficial level to others, especially those who might hold a higher position than they do. In the book *Never Eat Alone*, author Keith Ferrazzi stresses the importance of creating a large network of people who can help and be helped by you. By having contacts across many different areas, he argues that you will be creating opportunities for generosity which will ultimately benefit you in ways that might not at first be apparent. The book begins with attempting to overcome the reluctance to reach out that many people have. The author mentions many times that he offered to help people newly starting out in their fields with job interviews, introductions or internships, only to be rebuffed because the recipients of his generosity didn't want to feel indebted to him. He goes on to stress the importance of creating connections precisely so that you will be able to help those who need it when you see an opportunity to do so -- without "keeping score." Although he does also frequently mention how he "keeps up" with how young people he's helped are doing in their careers . . . Once you have accepted that you need to increase your personal and/or professional network, strategies are offered that will help achieve this. He advises how to "do your homework" to make connections as well as keep a list of "aspirational names" of business leaders that you hope to meet one day. He also gives advice on how to make the dreaded "cold call" to make connections and how to get around gatekeepers that are employed precisely to protect their bosses from people like us!

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