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"Unlocking the Magic of Facilitation is more than just another book on group dynamics or interpersonal skills. There are no wasted pages; and yet, as packed full of valuable information as it is, **it manages to feel less like a manual and more like a personal conversation with two people who are clearly both knowledgeable and genuinely passionate about the topic.**

With no shortage of memorable analogies and helpful examples, the book is written with refreshing wit, humor, empathy and a compelling voice.

Unlocking the Magic of Facilitation is sure to provide new and seasoned facilitators alike with a good dose of inspiration, focus and solid know-how, along with renewed enthusiasm for facilitation and its endless potential to bring about positive change."

--Erik Tyler, Mentor, Speaker, Facilitator and Author of *The Best Advice So Far*

About the Author

Sam Killermann is a comedian and social justice facilitator who got his start in university orientation and first-year programs. His primary role in life now is as Director of Creativity for *hues*, a global justice collective, in which he writes, performs, speaks, and makes things. Sam is the co-creator of *TheSafeZoneProject.com*, where his favorite way to spend time is training facilitators, and he's the author of *A Guide to Gender*, which opened as a best-seller in gender on Amazon. Sam earned his bachelor's from Purdue and master's from Bowling Green, and enjoys riding his bicycle around sunny Austin, TX, where he counts himself lucky to live.

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