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Those ignorant of the mistakes of the past are bound to lose a lot of money. That's why Bob McMath founded the New Products Showcase and Learning Center--a "Smithsonian for Stinkers," *Business Week* dubbed it. There, executives from top corporations pay huge amounts of money to rummage through some 80,000 products gone awry. Their mission: to avoid the misguided, expensive, and occasionally ludicrous mistakes that trip up even top companies.

In **What Were They Thinking?**, McMath shows you how to avoid such mistakes, with more than eighty marketing lessons he's learned from his long experience with clods and clunkers. As *People* magazine put it "McMath knows his goods--and his uglies, too"--and here he shows you how to:

Steer clear of the number one killer of new products (page 129)

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