Acknowledgements

The publication of this book would not have been possible without the funding provided by the Queensland University of Technology in the form of an excellent Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Brisbane Graduate School of Business. I would especially like to thank Per Davidsson for his exceptional mentoring.

Thanks also go to the members of my doctoral committee who advised me so well throughout the genesis of this project. Additional thanks goes to Howard Aldrich for his constant attention to the quality of my work as well as for his patience and support over the years we have worked together. With great affection and appreciation, I also recognize the constant guidance and support provided by Candy Brush and Barbara Entwisle. Their efforts have everything to do with my ongoing interest and persistence in the scholarship endeavour. Finally, I must recognize Francois Nielsen and Andy Perrin for their tremendous wisdom and guidance in the development of the theoretical component of this project.

And finally, with great love and immense gratitude I thank my family. My husband, my children, my parents, and my in-laws have all shown great patience and understanding. Special thanks go to my husband for taking on the primary parenting role for extended periods of time and for being such an amazing partner and champion. Special thanks go to my father for taking such an active role in the final preparation of the manuscript – his assistance was invaluable.