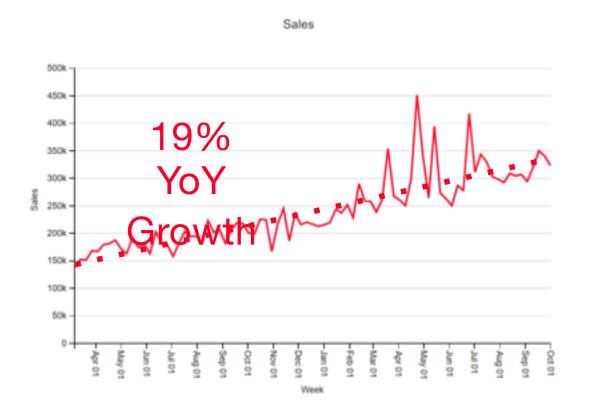


### Lessons from Digitally Native Brands May 2018 spencer@oneclickretail.com

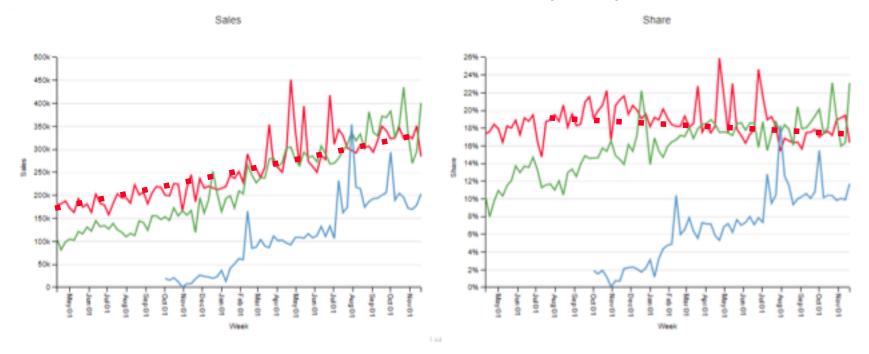
#### Example: Many companies are growing sales on Amazon



#### ...But losing in market share as competition grows even faster

19% YoY Growth

(7%) YoY Loss





#### We serve some of the best brands in the world



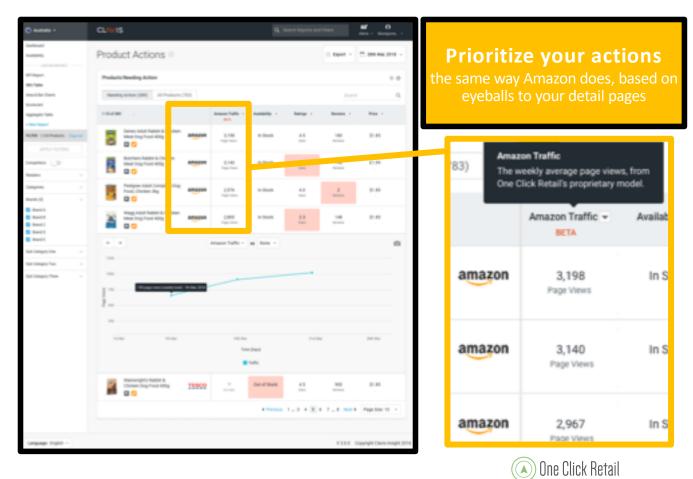


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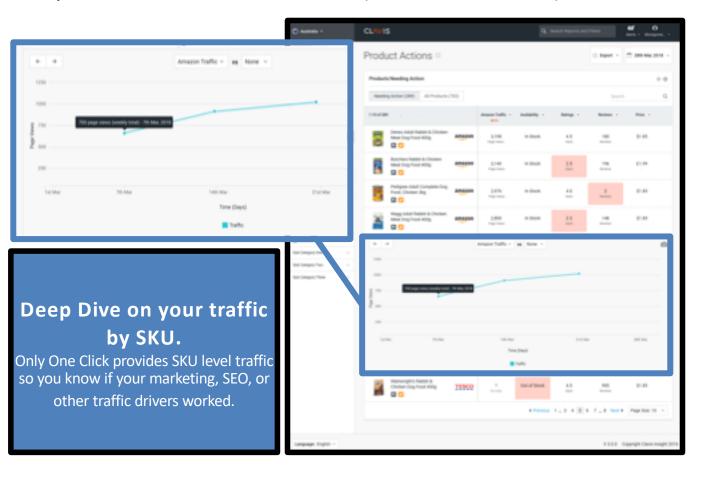




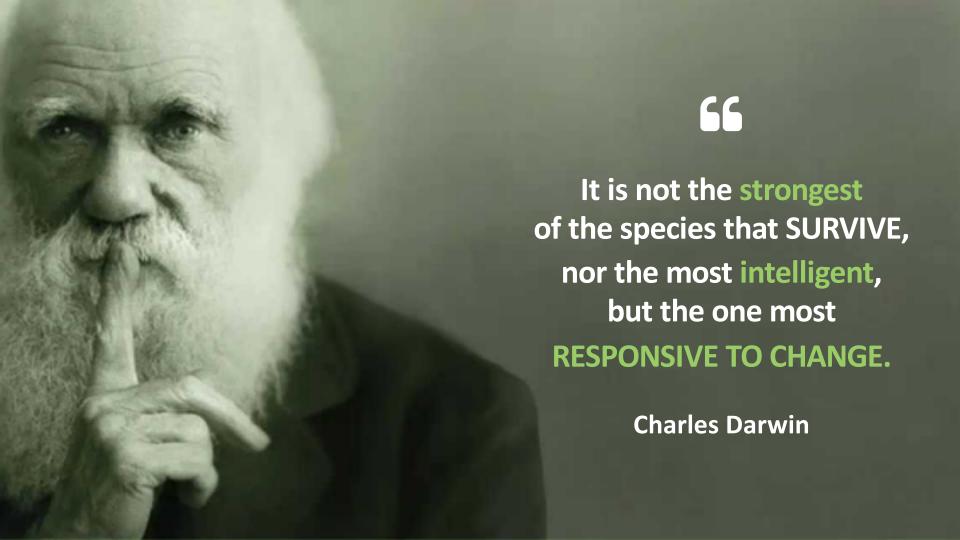
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#### Small upstart brands are now beating many large incumbents

#### Incumbents losing on Amazon



Honeywell

Beiersdorf











#### **Digital Natives winning on Amazon:**























#### Competitive threats are changing



- 1. Branded Competition (1P Sales)
  - ex. Coke vs. Pepsi
- 2. Store / Private Brand
  - ex. Great Value, Amazon Elements, etc.
- 3. Other 3P Sellers / Distributors of Your Items
  - ex. Gray market sells unauthorized product
- 4. Small "No Name" Brands
  - ex. "mPow" vs. Bose

# So... what are these digitally native brands are doing?

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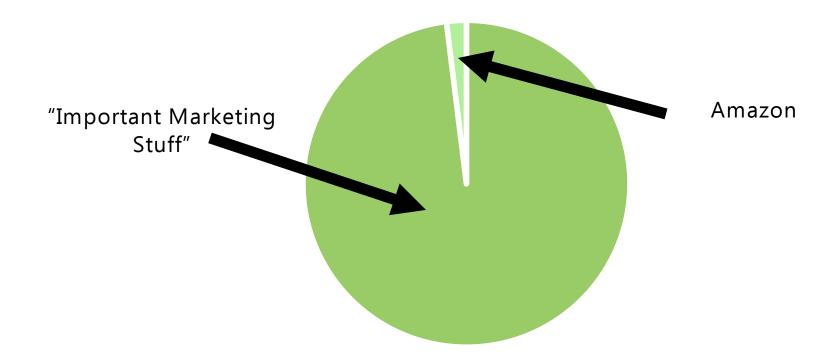
#### The Perception:

"Amazon is just another sales channel like Target or Walmart, and in fact has lower sales.

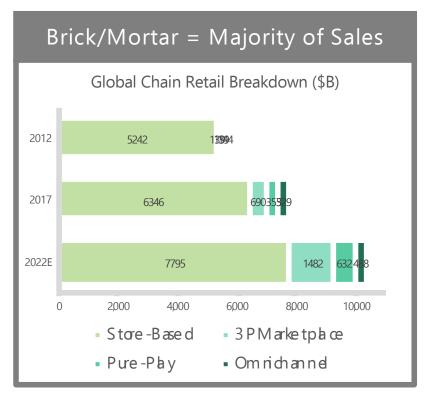
Take care of the base. If we have left over budget, we can test these new channels"

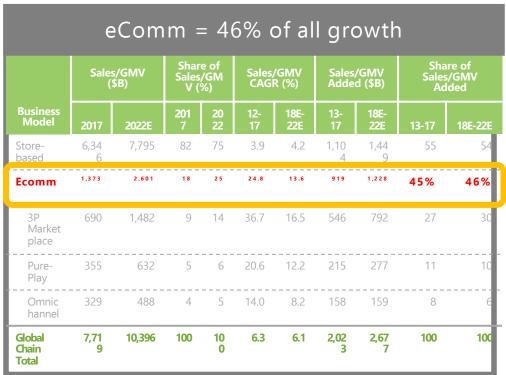


#### Old School Budgeting: Amazon is an afterthought



#### The data:





Source: PlanetRetail RNG database

## 78% of customers have purchased while in a store on a mobile device

#### When in store, customers:

- Price compare other retailers
- 2. Research product *ratings* and reviews
- 3. Read *product details*

Source: Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences; February 2, 2017; Source 2: http://fortune.com/2017/04/28/5-reasons-amazon-physical-stores/ Information customers viewed most frequently on Amazon WHILE in store:

#### Digital Natives: "fish where the fish are"

**Budgets follow** customers Not legacy



#### Build orgs to support data, not relationships



#### Digitally Native Companies:

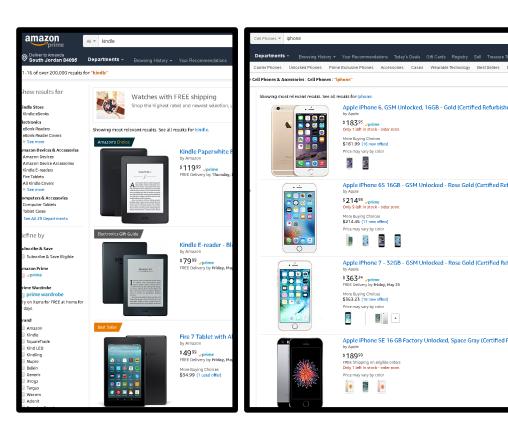
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#### First: Age your ASINS

#### **Better with Age:**

The longer a product is online, the more relevant it becomes

Cheese, wine, and detail pages get better with age

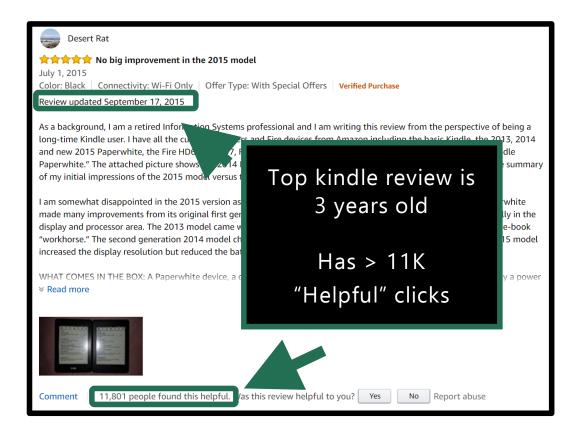


#### Your algorithm results get better with age

#### UPC $\rightarrow$ ASIN $\rightarrow$ tied to:

- Search History
- Sales History
- Order History
- Variation Details
- Image Details
- 3P Sellers
- URL / Links
- Marketing / Bloggers
- A9 Seeding
- Personalization Widgets
- EPC Emails
- And More...

#### **Example: Reviews**



Second: Add to your ASINS (don't take away)

#### **And not Or:**

The long tail strategy is critical on Amazon.



Introduce the new, but keep the old.

#### Who is the best at this? Amazon private brands



54

Discontinued:

Added SKUs:

2



Added SKUs:

114

Discontinued:

4





Added SKUs:

986

Discontinued:

14

Added SKUs:

136

Discontinued:

64



#### Other Examples

3<sup>rd</sup> Parties created a fast selling variety pack.

So Keurig made one themselves



#### Other Examples

Bai tests new flavors by creating and selling custom 3P packs on Amazon



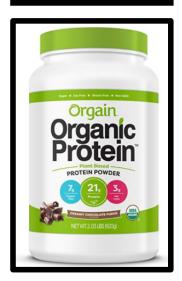
#### Other Examples

Orgain paved the way

Digital Natives followed fast

Incumbent was slow

**Big Success** 



Fast Follow



Slow Follow



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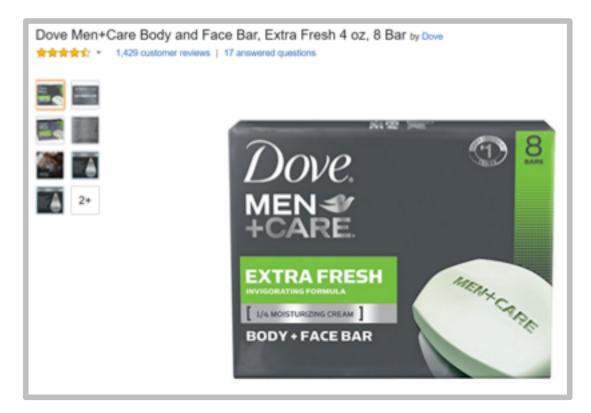
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## Organic > Paid

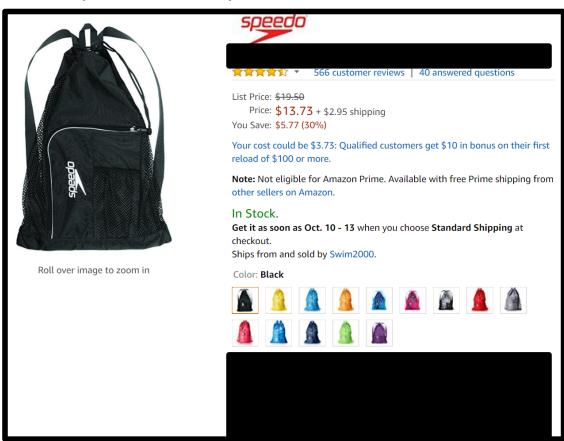
## Organic > Paid



What is this item called?



Search Term	Search Frequency
bar soap	90.26
dove sensitive skin bar soap	87.06
dove soap sensitive skin	86.54
dove mens soap	85.67
dove men soap	83.36
dove soap bar	81.85
dove bar soap	71.53
dove soap	65.26
dove soap men	49.04
dove for men soap	36.75
dove bar soap sensitive skin	33.05
mens bar soap	32.04
mens dove soap	29.96
dove soap bars	25.4
dove men+care	15.98
men soap	4.03
dove mens bar soap	2.06
dove face bar	0.01



What is this item called?



Roll over image to zoom in

#### speedo

#### Speedo Deluxe Ventilator Mesh Equipment Bag

★★★★★ ▼ 566 customer reviews | 40 answered questions

List Price: \$19.50

Price: \$13.73 + \$2.95 shipping

You Save: \$5.77 (30%)

Your cost could be \$3.73: Qualified customers get \$10 in bonus on their first reload of \$100 or more.

Note: Not eligible for Amazon Prime. Available with free Prime shipping from other sellers on Amazon.

#### In Stock.

Get it as soon as Oct. 10 - 13 when you choose Standard Shipping at checkout.

Ships from and sold by Swim2000.

Color: Black















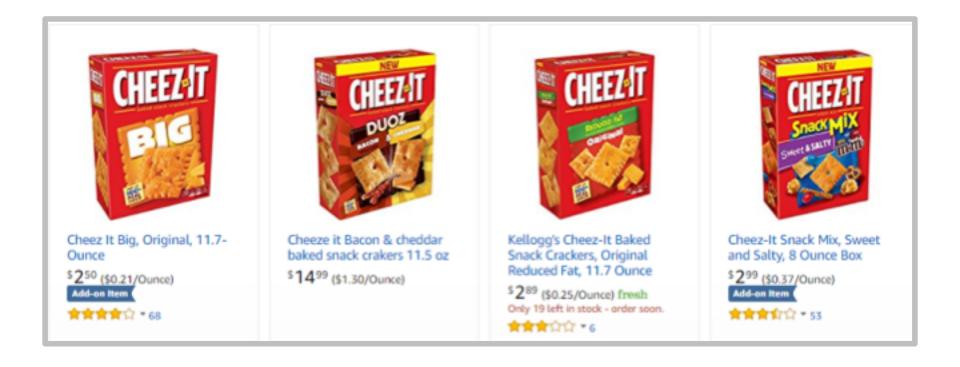




- Medium-sized equipment bag designed to hold all your swimming or beach essentials
- · Open weave mesh for strength and quick drying
- Shoulder straps for backpack carry
- Bag Measures: 24" x 17" & Front zip pocket measures: 13" x 10"
- Pockets: 2 exterior

Search Frequency
97.67
97.54
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90.62
82.16
78.02
77.34
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70.11
60.67
56.72
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18.4

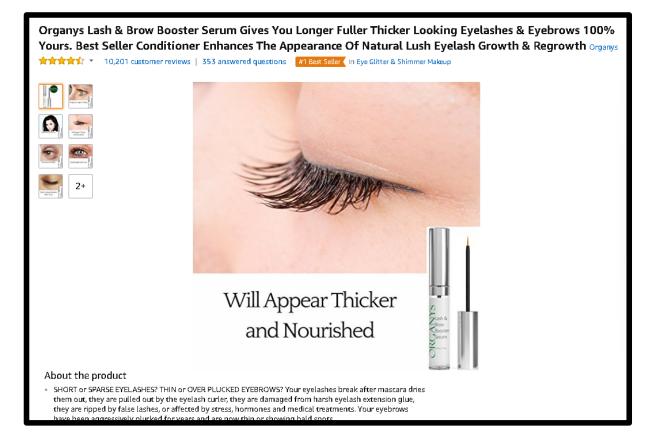
#### Non-Digital Native Brands use brand speak



#### Digital Native Brands use terms customers use

Baebody Retinol Moisturizer Cream for Face and Eye Area - With Retinol, Hyaluronic Acid, Vitamin E. Anti Aging Formula Reduces Look of Wrinkles, Fine Lines. Best Day and Night Cream. 1.7 Fl Oz Baebody \* 3,299 customer reviews | 185 answered questions | Amazon's Choice | Highlights for this product BAEBODY THE ART & SCIENCE OF SKINCARE ANTI-AGING MOISTURIZER • INTENSIVE • FIRMING REDUCE APPEARANCE OF WRINKLES 2.5% Retinol Moist · Hyaluronic Acid Vitamin E • Vitamin B5 • Jojoba Oil • Green Tea 1.7 FL OZ e (50 ml) About the product ACTIVE RETINOL - Our Retinol Cream Fights The Signs Of Aging With Active Retinol, Leaving Your Skin Smooth, Soft, and Glowing. Retinol's Age-Fighting Capabilities Can Help Diminish Most Signs of Aging Such As Wrinkles, Fine Lines, Uneven Skin Tone and Spots With Daily Long Term Use. Improves Skin Tone and

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ChocZero's Keto Bark, Dark Chocolate Almonds with Sea Salt. 100% Stone-Ground, Sugar Free, Low Carb. No Sugar Alcohols, No Artificial Sweeteners, All Natural, Non-GMO (2 Bags) ChocZero ★★★★☆ \* 77 customer reviews | 10 answered questions #1 Best Seller (in Candy & Chocolate Coated Nuts About the product Dark chocolate is good for you, but it's even better when it isn't sweetened with sugar. Sweetened exclusively with monk fruit and soluble corn fiber, our bark uses no sugar alcohols and no artificial sweeteners. Low carb: only 2g net carbs per ounce.

#### Drive sales by responding to customer search behavior

October 2017 Top-Selling Candies	Subcategory	Rank	2016 Rank
MARS Chocolate Halloween Candy Variety Mix 126.3-	Chocolate Candy	1	N/A*
Ounce 400-Piece Bag			
MARS Chocolate Favorite Halloween Candy Bars	Chocolate Candy	2	32
Variety Mix 96.2-Ounce 250-Piece Bag			
MARS Chocolate Minis Size Candy Bars Variety Mix	Chocolate Candy	3	5
67.2-Ounce 240-Piece Bag			
MARS Chocolate and More Favorites Halloween Candy	Chocolate Candy	4	30
Variety Mix 95.1-Ounce 250-Piece Bag			
Hershey Chocolate Candy Bar Variety Pack, HERSHEY'S	Chocolate Candy	5	1
Milk Chocolate REESE'S			

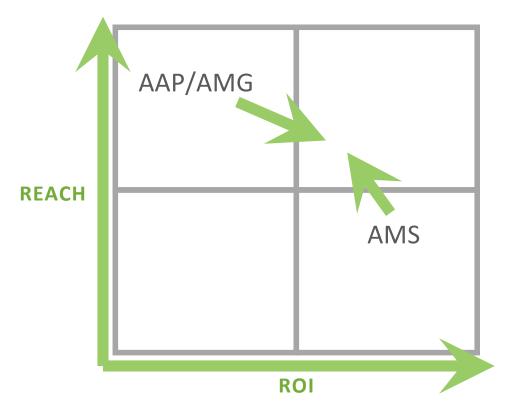
# Top candy keywords in

#### October

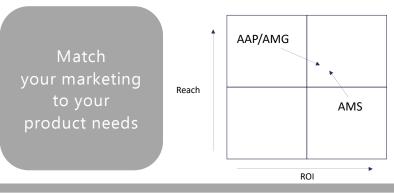
- 1. halloween candy
- 2. Candy
- 3. chocolate

# Organic > Paid

## Pick your method based on your needs



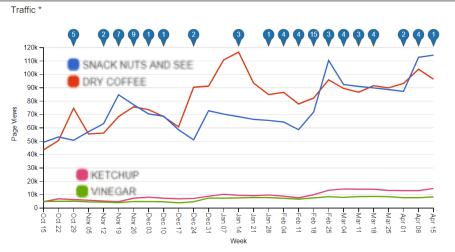
#### Test and learn with Traffic



You're making your marketing plan.

AMS is best for ROI AMG is best for reach

But how do I match the marketing vehicle to the category?



High traffic categories → need more ROI (Use more AMS)

VS

Low traffic categories → need more reach

(Use more AMG)

#### Better organic search lowers paid search cost

#### Winning Ad = Bid Price \* Relevance \* CTR



Bidding Ads	Bid Price	Relevance (A9 Search/Organic)	CTR PAID history AMS	Winning Ad
	\$2			
	\$10	-	-	

#### How is Amazon search different than Google?

# Users Search Differently

On Google people ask questions, on Amazon people query on attributes



Keyword	Avg. Monthly Searches
sleep	110000
insomnia	246000
sleep apnea	201000
how to fall asleep	49500
sleep deprivation	40500
apnea	33100
can t sleep	27100
sleeping	27100
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natural sleep aids	18100
no sleep	18100
sleep apnea symptoms	14800
sleep study	14800
sleep mask	14800

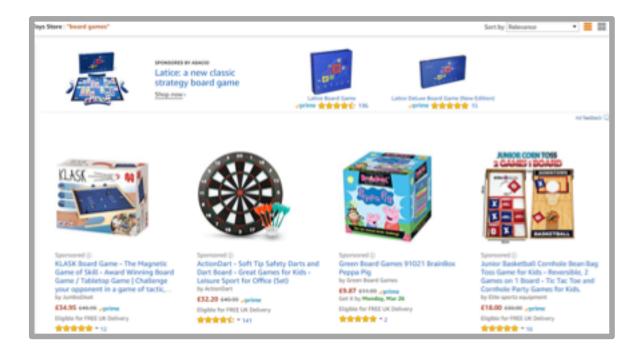


Search Term	Frequency
melatonin	99.48
melatonin 10mg	97.60
sleep aid	95.52
melatonin 5mg	95.19
zzzquil	94.51
melatonin 3mg	93.46
unisom	91.99
melatonin gummies	90.77
sleeping pills	90.26
advil pm	88.94
natural sleep aid	84.61
melatonin 1 mg	84.09
calms forte	75.46
liquid melatonin	67.69
sleep	66.37



Oct 2015 sleep searches. Sources: Google Keyword Planner and Amazon Internal data

### Digital Native Brands capture key terms

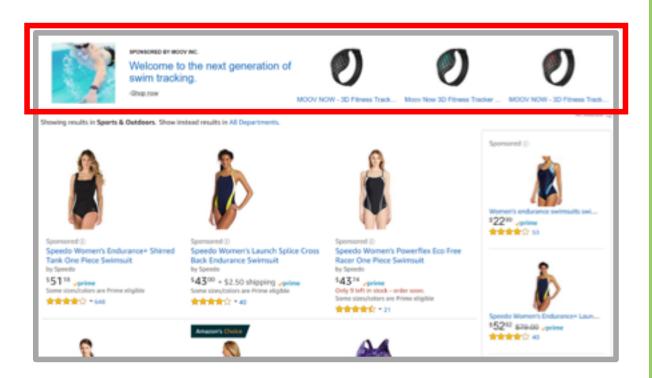


**SEARCH TERM:** 

board games

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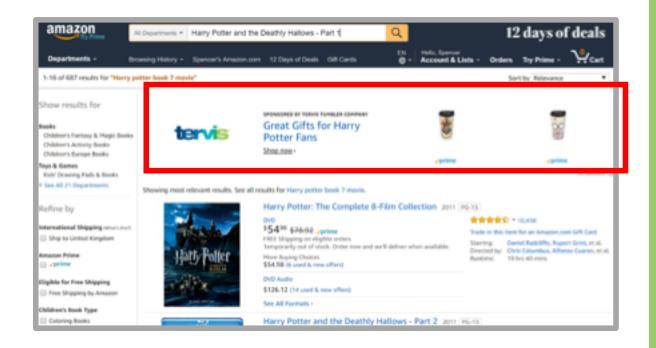
#### Digital Native Brands extend their reach



**SEARCH TERM:** 

speedo womens swimsuit

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**SEARCH TERM:** 

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows...

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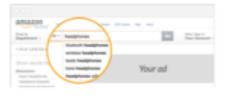




amazon.com Lightning Deals



amazonmarketingservices



You're testing different promotion & marketing tactics and want to know what works



Did people come to your page but didn't buy?

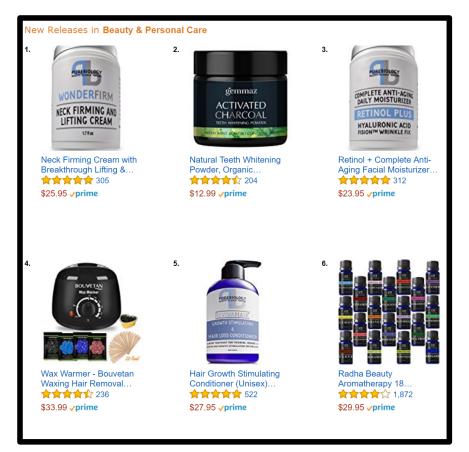
If so, you have effective marketing (SEO, AMS, Promos, etc)

conversion needs work (out of stock, price, images, etc)

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## Digital Native brands get reviews before launch

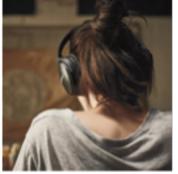


All these new releases have >200 reviews at launch!

## Images: Bose headphones







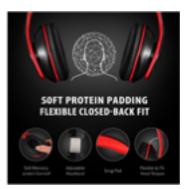
What images do I have from the brand I can put on my detail page?

Built in assumption:
Online is an after thought.

### Images: MPOW headphones

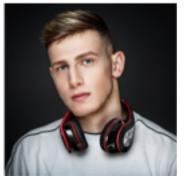












What are the best images to showcase my product?

Built in assumption: Online IS my store and my packaging.

Of course I design for that.

#### Conversion: How do I use it? (Updated images example)

# You're testing updated content to improve Detail Page conversion

# Sales doesn't tell your story. Conversion does.

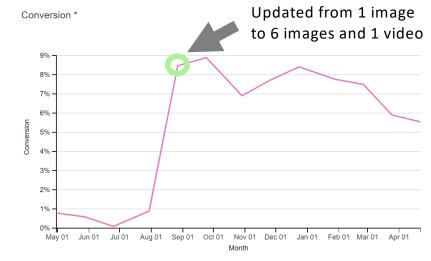
#### Why?

On page content helps convert once the customer is already on the page. If you test using sales, you don't account for increases or decreases in traffic to the page.

#### Also use conversion as a test for:

- A+ content
- Out-of-Stock
- Price
- Images
- etc





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