

No Ego How Leaders Can Cut The Cost Of Workplace Drama End Entitlement And Drive Big Results

Consider how the nature of work has shifted over the past 50 years. With increased globalization, rapid technological advancement, and a shift in economic composition, the average jobs of today look very little like the average jobs 50 years ago. What will the jobs and organizations of tomorrow look like? Moreover, what does this all mean for organizational leaders? What are the core competencies and capabilities of organizations and their leadership that are prepared for continued disruption and geo-political and socio-economic shifts? Regardless of what the future holds, increasingly leaders need to be socially-minded, data-driven, decisive, champions of talent, and disruptors of the traditional notions of leadership, teams, organizations, and work. The *Alchemy of Truly Remarkable Leadership* will help you to explore your own leadership competencies and capabilities and consider ways to apply and implement them into your workplace and personal life.

Backed by five years of research, David Marcum and Steven Smith's *Economics* informs readers that the key to great leadership is understanding exactly what ego is - and what it should not be. With the aid of real-life examples and persuasive writing, *Economics* argues that while most people believe ego is negative, it is actually a healthy, necessary element to management effectiveness and business leadership. Marcum and Smith illustrate that the distinction between a good and a great leader is how humility affects their ambition, and *Economics* is full of ideas that help both upper and middle management keep their egos in balance. With a compelling combination of business and psychology expertise, these two specialists explain how (a) being too competitive can make you less competitive, (b) seeking respect and recognition dilutes effectiveness and (c) humility, curiosity and veracity are the essential components to outstanding leadership. Full of the best advice from the experts in the field, *Economics* is poised to be the blockbuster business bestseller of the season.

Did you know that a compulsive entity might be running your life and your decisions? Discover how to take your life back. How many times have you tried to take control of your behavior and the way you interact with others and with yourself, it doesn't matter how good you can be doing, you always go back to your old ways. You always thought that as you get older, you'll be able to take control of your behavior and the way others think about you affect you. The ego is a complex part of your life, is the main reason humanity had to come up with multiple religions and medical solutions. How can you control something that you can't see or understand? Is the ego bad or good? Does it want to hurt me or help me? Before you can start changing your behavior you need to start understanding the complexity of the ego. It sounds more complex than it is but once you know what the ego really wants and how you can work around it you can see the results in as little as 12 days. Controlling your emotions and having control of all your decisions shouldn't be a mystery but your birth right. This is only a select sample of the amazing inside you'll discover in *The Ego Is Your Enemy: How the ego is being tricking you for most of your life without you even realizing it*. The essential techniques on how to spot the ego in all aspects of your life. The main thing the ego hates the most (this can change your life) The 8 habits that will guarantee total control of your life (and how to apply it) How helping others is one of the best kept secrets ever. The 4 pillars to keep the ego in balance. The horrible habits of people who mistakes the ego with something is not. A powerful inside that will help you discover your true self giving you back the freedom you have been looking for all your life. You don't have to keep living your life in fear, pain and anger while not knowing how to control those emotions, is time to live a life of authentic peace and freedom. Do you want to stay the same way and live your life full of negative emotions, if the answer is yes then this book is not for you. If you want to control your compulsive self and change your life as well of the people around you, scroll up and click the "Add to Cart" button right now.

With 13 contributors, and edited by Dr. Kerrie Fleming and Roger Delves, *Inspiring Leadership* showcases the best of leadership development practice and the most effective leadership styles that have evolved in recent years or are currently gaining attention. Enhanced by a perspective and vision of the types of leaders and leadership skills that will be needed to meet future global demand, the book has three distinctive characteristics: - it will help leaders to translate the latest thinking and offers a simple way of applying this to their current role; - it offers leaders a means by which to develop themselves and their teams, while assessing how their organization may need to evolve in the changing business environment around them; and - it offers a diverse view of leadership perspectives, from which readers can choose in order to enhance their own leadership style and practice. By mapping out the context of the past, present and future of leadership, including a focus on values, *Inspiring Leadership* looks at developing authenticity and using emotional intelligence to better cultivate a high level of self-awareness in every leader. The book offers invaluable insights on how best to 'practise' leadership, using the techniques and leadership perspectives that are most commonly used in business school interventions around the world.

The key to understanding how your manager calculates your real value—and how to boost it More than anything else, you need to understand exactly how your employer evaluates you, and your annual performance review doesn't tell the whole story. In *The Reality-Based Rules of the Workplace*, Cy Wakeman shows how to calculate how your true value to your organization by understanding your current and future potential against your "emotional expense"—the toll your actions and attitudes take on the people around you. With Cy's clear, straight-to-the-point advice, you can confront and reduce your emotional costliness, become an invaluable member of your team, and even learn to love your job again. Reveals a formula for measuring your current performance, future potential, and the biggest detractor, your emotional expense Shares real-world advice for quickly boosting your value and becoming a highly-valued, sought after employee and teammate Builds on the lessons in *Reality-Based Leadership*, Cy Wakeman's first book for leaders and managers *The Reality-Based Rules of the Workplace* is the essential guide for boosting your value, owning your career, and becoming

the kind of employee no organization can afford to lose.

A Gallup study found that 50% of resigning employees did so "to get away from their manager...." The ones who don't quit become disengaged; creating a negative work environment costing U.S. companies billions in lost productivity each year. Leaders in the 21st century need to understand that technical skills are not enough to be an effective manager. They need to be able to demonstrate Tactical Empathy to create a more productive environment. This book introduces readers to the fundamentals of Hostage Negotiator-Leadership (HNL) which has, as its foundation, Tactical Empathy. Inside, you'll learn 12 simple-to-execute skills that, if applied immediately, will have you operating at a level higher than most. *Ego, Authority, Failure* was written for leaders who want actionable techniques to build trust-based influence in order to motivate and inspire. It also shares cautionary tales for those in denial about the damage their ego and authority has on their organization.

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Don't wait for that promotion! Start leading NOW...right where you are! What's the number one question leadership expert John C. Maxwell is asked while conducting his leadership conferences? "How can I implement what you teach when I'm not the top leader?" Is it possible to lead well when you're not the top dog? How about if the person you work for is a bad leader? The answer is a resounding yes! Welcome to *The 360° Leader*. People who desire to lead from the middle of organizations face unique challenges. And they are often held back by myths that prevent them from developing their influence. Dr. Maxwell, one of the globe's most trusted leadership mentors, debunks the myths, shows you how to overcome the challenges, and teaches you the skills you need to become a 360° leader. If you have found yourself trying to lead from the middle of the organization, as the vast majority of professionals do, then you need Maxwell's insights. You have a unique opportunity to exercise influence in all directions—up (to the boss), across (among your peers), and down (to those you lead). The good news is that your influence is greater than you know. Practice the disciplines of 360° leadership and the opportunities will be endless . . . for your organization, for your career, and for your life.

An updated edition of the blockbuster bestselling leadership book that took America and the world by storm, two U.S. Navy SEAL officers who led the most highly decorated special operations unit of the Iraq War demonstrate how to apply powerful leadership principles from the battlefield to business and life. Sent to the most violent battlefield in Iraq, Jocko Willink and Leif Babin's SEAL task unit faced a seemingly impossible mission: help U.S. forces secure Ramadi, a city deemed "all but lost." In gripping firsthand accounts of heroism, tragic loss, and hard-won victories in SEAL Team Three's Task Unit Bruiser, they learned that leadership—at every level—is the most important factor in whether a team succeeds or fails. Willink and Babin returned home from deployment and instituted SEAL leadership training that helped forge the next generation of SEAL leaders. After departing the SEAL Teams, they launched Echelon Front, a company that teaches these same leadership principles to businesses and organizations. From promising startups to Fortune 500 companies, Babin and Willink have helped scores of clients across a broad range of industries build their own high-performance teams and dominate their battlefields. Now, detailing the mind-set and principles that enable SEAL units to accomplish the most difficult missions in combat, *Extreme Ownership* shows how to apply them to any team, family or organization. Each chapter focuses on a specific topic such as Cover and Move, Decentralized Command, and Leading Up the Chain, explaining what they are, why they are important, and how to implement them in any leadership environment. A compelling narrative with powerful instruction and direct application, *Extreme Ownership* revolutionizes business management and challenges leaders everywhere to fulfill their ultimate purpose: lead and win.

"This book will be one of the most, if not the most, pivotal leadership books you'll ever read." - Andy Stanley "If you're ready to lead right where you are, this book can show you how to start." - Dave Ramsey "Read this book! The marketplace is full of leadership messages, but this one is a stand out." - Louie Giglio Are you letting your lack of authority paralyze you? One of the greatest myths of leadership is that you must be in charge in order to lead. Great leaders don't buy it. Great leaders lead with or without the authority and learn to unleash their influence wherever they are. With practical wisdom and humor, Clay Scroggins will help you nurture your vision and cultivate influence, even when you lack authority in your organization. And he will free you to become the great leader you want to be so you can make a difference right where you are. Even when you're not in charge. X

A top performance expert reveals the secret behind many top athletes and executives: creating a heroic alter ego to activate when the chips are down. There's only one person in the way of you untapping your potential: You. There's also one person who can move you out of the way so you can perform at your peak. That person is already inside you. You just need to unlock them. This other part of you is your Alter Ego. After twenty-one years of working with elite athletes, performers and leaders, Todd Herman has discovered how you can use your alter ego to achieve the seemingly impossible. It all clicked for Todd when he met Bo Jackson. When Herman met Bo Jackson, the professional athlete told him, "Bo Jackson never played a down of football in his entire life." Bo explained that when he was young, he'd get into trouble because chaos caused by his anger issues. Then, he saw Friday the 13th and became fascinated by the cold, calculating nature of Jason Vorhees. In that moment, he resolved to stop being Bo Jackson, and start being Jason the moment he stepped on the field. In this transformative guide, Herman teaches you how to create and control an Alter Ego like Bo—and the thousands of other athletes, business leaders, entrepreneurs, and entertainers who have used this simple tool to change their lives. Herman also shares his own story: he knew that inside was a confident, self-assured, intelligent person who could help others get better results in their lives. When he started using superman's classic trick—putting on a pair of glasses—he learned to trigger the specific traits he needed to achieve his goals. The Alter Ego Effect is not about creating a false mask—it's about finding the hero already inside you. It's a proven way of overcoming the self-doubt, negativity, and insecurity that hold you back, and empowering you to ultimately become your best self.

The New York Times bestselling author of *Reality-Based Leadership* rejects the current fad of "engaging" employees and the emotional drama of "meeting their needs"—returning leadership to leaders and productivity to businesses. For years now, leaders in almost every industry have accepted two completely false assumptions—that change is hard, and that engagement drives results. Those beliefs have inspired expensive attempts to shield employees from change, involve them in high-level decision-making, and keep them happy with endless "satisfaction surveys" and workplace perks. But what these engagement programs actually do, Cy Wakeman says, is inflate expectations and sow unhappiness, leaving employees unprepared to adapt to even minor changes necessary to the organization's survival. Rather than driving performance and creating efficiencies, these programs fuel entitlement and drama, costing millions in time and profit. It is high time to reinvent leadership thinking. Stop worrying about your employees' happiness, and start worrying about their accountability. Cy Wakeman teaches you how to hire "emotionally inexpensive" people, solicit only the opinions you need, and promote self-awareness in your whole team. *No Ego* disposes with unproven HR maxims, and instead offers a complete plan to turn your office from a den of discontent to a happy, productive place.

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Colin Powell, one of America's most admired public figures, reveals the principles that have shaped his life and career in this inspiring and engrossing memoir. A beautiful companion to his previous memoir, the #1 New York Times bestseller *My American Journey*, Powell's *It Worked for Me: In Life and Leadership* is a trove of wisdom for anyone hoping to achieve their goals and turn their dreams into reality. A message of strength and endurance from a man who has dedicated his life to public service, *It Worked for Me* is a book with the power to show readers everywhere how to achieve a more fulfilling life and career.

Although it was first published more than thirty-five years ago, *Up the Organization* continues to top the lists of best business books by groups as diverse as the American Management Association, *Strategy + Business* (Booz Allen Hamilton), and The Wharton Center for Leadership and Change Management. 1-800-CEO-READ ranks Townsend's bestseller first among eighty books that "every manager must read." This commemorative edition offers a new generation the benefit of Robert Townsend's timeless wisdom as well as reflections on his work and life by those who knew and worked with him. This groundbreaking book continues to remind us not to get mired in all those sacred organizational routines that stifle people and strangle both profits and profitability. He shows a way to humanize business and a way to have fun while making it all work better than it ever worked before.

In *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team* Patrick Lencioni once again offers a leadership fable that is as enthralling and instructive as his first two best-selling books, *The Five Temptations of a CEO* and *The Four Obsessions of an Extraordinary Executive*. This time, he turns his keen intellect and storytelling power to the fascinating, complex world of teams. Kathryn Petersen, Decision Tech's CEO, faces the ultimate leadership crisis: Uniting a team in such disarray that it threatens to bring down the entire company. Will she succeed? Will she be fired? Will the company fail? Lencioni's utterly gripping tale serves as a timeless reminder that leadership requires as much courage as it does insight. Throughout the story, Lencioni reveals the five dysfunctions which go to the very heart of why teams even the best ones-often struggle. He outlines a powerful model and actionable steps that can be used to overcome these common hurdles and build a cohesive, effective team. Just as with his other books, Lencioni has written a compelling fable with a powerful yet deceptively simple message for all those who strive to be exceptional team leaders.

Leadership strategies grounded in reality and focused on results Recent polls show that 71% of workers think about quitting their jobs every day. That number would be shocking-if people actually were quitting. Worse, they go to work, punching time clocks and collecting pay checks, while completely checked out emotionally. In *Reality-Based Leadership*, expert Fast Company blogger Cy Wakeman reveals how to be the kind of leader who changes the way people think about and perceive their circumstances-one who deals with the facts, clarifies roles, gives clear and direct feedback, and insists that everyone do the same-without drama or defensiveness. Filled with dynamic examples, innovative tools, and diagnostic tests, this book shows you how to become a Reality-Based Leader, revealing how to: Uncover destructive thought patterns with yourself and others Diffuse drama and lead the person in front of you Stop managing and start leading, empowering others to focus on facts and think for themselves Equipped with a facts-based, confident approach, you will free yourself from the frustrations you face at work and transform yourself into a Reality-Based Leader, with the ability to liberate and inspire others.

In recent years, scholars have focused more on the "dark sides of leadership." Both the negative and positive aspects of the relationship between leaders and followers are considered. But the relationship between leaders and followers is also influenced by the context in which the relationship occurs. Organizational aspects such as culture and structures are studied in relation to how negative leadership develops. Organizations, just like humans, are able to develop justifications for their actions, to self-aggrandize by claiming their exclusivity. In this book, the dark sides of organizational behaviors and leadership are considered from different aspects and contexts. The book contributes knowledge of how negative leadership develops, what part organizational structures play, and what the consequences are for the leader, the subordinates and the organization.

For more than three decades, award-winning leadership and communication expert David Grossman has helped scores of leaders become great leader communicators who drive impressive results for their organizations. Naturally, the global pandemic and mounting racial unrest of 2020 handed leaders one of their biggest challenges yet, with a level of social and economic tumult not seen in more than a century. Despite the upheaval, many leaders rose to the occasion, and often by drawing not just from experience and wise counsel, but from being human as they led - what Grossman calls Heart First leadership. In *Heart First*, Grossman explores the many aspects of being more authentic in leadership and how that can profoundly inspire a team and move them to achieve remarkable things, especially in times of change or crisis. *Heart First* also features interviews with CEOs and guest columns from senior leaders inside a variety of organizations, each of whom share extraordinarily candid insights and unique lessons learned from a year that changed everything.

"Contains strategies to avoid and reverse the troubling trends of tension and mistrust. Learn why trust and connectedness slips through our fingers, despite our yearnings for workplaces grounded in collaboration and success. The solutions in this book are compelling answers to universal problems, and often individuals ask, "Why didn't someone tell me this before?!" Stop common missteps before they walk out the door with your most valuable assets - trust, morale, and productivity. You can create the environments you desire and deserve with these proven skills grounded in neuroscience"--

The instant Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and international bestseller "While the history books are filled with tales of obsessive visionary geniuses who remade the world in their image with sheer, almost irrational force, I've found that history is also made by individuals who fought their egos at every turn, who eschewed the spotlight, and who put their higher goals above their desire for recognition." —from the prologue Many of us insist the main impediment to a full, successful life is the outside world. In fact, the most common enemy lies within: our ego. Early in our careers, it impedes learning and the cultivation of talent. With success, it can blind us to our faults and sow future problems. In failure, it magnifies each blow and makes recovery more difficult. At every stage, ego holds us back. *Ego Is the Enemy* draws on a vast array of stories and examples, from literature to philosophy to history. We meet fascinating figures such as George Marshall, Jackie Robinson, Katharine Graham, Bill Belichick, and Eleanor Roosevelt, who all reached the highest levels of power and success by conquering their own egos. Their strategies and tactics can be ours as well. In an era that glorifies social media, reality TV, and other forms of shameless self-promotion, the battle against ego must be fought on many fronts. Armed with the lessons in this book, as Holiday writes, "you will be less invested in the story you tell about your own specialness, and as a result, you will be liberated to accomplish the world-changing work you've set out to achieve."

Wakeman believes it is high time to reinvent leadership thinking. His straightforward strategies dispenses with unproven HR maxims and shows how time and energy can be recommissioned and put toward the value that hired talent is intended to provide. Happy employees are accountable-- and productive-- employees.

The last lecture on leadership by the NFL's greatest coach: Bill Walsh Bill Walsh is a towering figure in the history of the NFL. His advanced leadership transformed the San Francisco 49ers from the worst franchise in sports to a legendary dynasty. In the process, he changed the way football is played. Prior to his death, Walsh granted a series of exclusive interviews to bestselling author Steve Jamison. These became his ultimate lecture on leadership. Additional insights and perspective are provided by Hall of Fame quarterback Joe Montana and others. Bill Walsh taught that the requirements of successful leadership are the same whether you run an NFL franchise, a fortune 500 company, or a hardware store with 12 employees. These final words of 'wisdom by Walsh' will inspire, inform, and enlighten leaders in all professions.

The traditional leadership styles of the past are underperforming in a world of continuous transformation. Those that recognise this and learn how to lead beyond their ego will become emotionally intelligent and ethical leaders who are able to build strong, collaborative relationships,

and create a caring, sustainable and performance enhancing environment. This new book is rooted in the experience of senior managers and the latest discoveries in neuroscience. It gives you the tools to overcome the challenges faced by new organisational and commercial structures, technological developments, increased diversity and rapid globalisation and succeed. An essential read for current and aspiring organisational leaders, HR professionals, executive coaches and mentors, *Leading Beyond the Ego* is a vital point of reference for anyone in a leadership position and who wants to embrace this new world and Transpersonal Leadership.

NEW EDITION, REVISED AND UPDATED Harness the Science of Positive Influence Just as the Wright Brothers combined science and practice to finally realize the dream of flight, Ryan and Robert Quinn combine research and personal experience to demonstrate how to reach a psychological state that lifts us and those around us to greater heights of achievement, integrity, openness, and empathy. The updated edition of this award-winning book—honored by Utah State University's Huntsman School of Business, Benedictine University, and the LeadershipNow web site --includes two new chapters, one describing a learning process and social media platform the Quinns created to help people experience lift and the other sharing new insights into tapping into human potential.

This brand new edition of a classic, international bestseller continues to bring keen insight to an important topic--workforce diversity. Written in a charming, engaging style, it is a contemporary corporate fable--a tale for our times. This special 20th anniversary edition includes many new tips, tools, and strategies for peacocks and penguins alike--as well as an entirely new bonus parable. Through the story of Perry the Peacock and his fine feathered friends, the authors bring to life the challenges of birds of different feathers who struggle to be successful in the conformity-minded Land of Penguins. Their travails illuminate the challenges of creating a pluralistic corporate culture in which the talent, energy, and commitment of all employees are fully engaged. --

With Cy Wakeman's *Life's Messy, Live Happy*, a simple shift in thinking can change everything you believe about your own happiness...

"For decades social scientists have observed that Americans are becoming more selfish, headstrong, and callous. Instead of lamenting a cultural slide toward narcissism, *Transcending Self-Interest: Psychological Explorations of the Quiet Ego* provides a constructive framework for understanding--and conducting research on--both the problems of egocentrism and the ways of transcending it. Heidi A. Wayment and Jack J. Bauer have assembled a group of contributors who are helping to reshape how the field of psychology defines the self in the 21st century. In the spirit of positive psychology, these authors call us to move beyond individualistic and pathological notions of self versus other. Their theories and research suggest two paths to this transcendence: (a) balancing the needs of self and others in one's everyday life and (b) developing compassion, nondefensive self-awareness, and interdependent self-identity. At the end of these converging paths lies a quiet ego--an ego less concerned with self-promotion than with the flourishing of both the self and others. Readers will find in this volume inspiration not only for future work in psychology but also for their own efforts toward personal development"--Jacket. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2008 APA, all rights reserved).

Chapters include, among others, "9 Non-threatening Leadership Strategies for Women," "How to Ace Your Job Interview Without Over-acing It," and "Choose Your Own Adventure: Do You Want to Be Likable or Successful?" It even includes several pages to doodle on while men finish what they're saying. Each chapter also features an exercise with a set of "inaction items" designed to challenge women to be less challenging. And, when all else fails, a set of wearable mustaches is included to allow women to seem more man-like. This will cancel out any need to change their leadership style. In fact, it may even lead to a quick promotion!

If you take a chain, pile it up and then push it, what direction will it go? Nowhere you can predict and not very far. If you take it by the end and pull it, which way will it go? It will follow you. Leadership is not about what sets you apart from those you lead—it's about what binds you together. It is not about controlling others—it's about trusting others. It's not about your achievements—it's about unleashing your team's greatness. In short, leadership really isn't about you—it's about your people. Take Bob Davids, co-author of this book and successful leader of six businesses in fields as diverse as engineering and winemaking. His achievements often came thanks to being able to refrain from acting when others might have found intervening irresistible. By trusting his employees to be better than him in their area of responsibility and letting them act, Bob unleashed the human greatness that no one else—including employees themselves—suspected. Yet to lead without acting does not mean doing nothing. It means creating conditions in which things happen by themselves. *Leadership Without Ego* is about a transformation of the concept of leadership in the past two decades: a change of beliefs about how best to lead, along with radically different leadership practices. The ideas in this book have already changed the fortunes of hundreds of businesses and the lives of tens of thousands of employees. They can do the same for your business, your people—and you.

Do people see you as the kind of leader you want to be? Are your strongest leadership qualities getting in the way of your greatness? After decades of advising and inspiring some of the most eminent chief executives in the world, Lolly Daskal has uncovered a startling pattern: within each leader are powerful abilities that are also hidden impediments to greatness. She's witnessed many highly driven, overachieving leaders rise to prominence fueled by well-honed skill sets, only to falter when the shadow sides of the same skills emerge. Now Daskal reveals her proven system, which leaders at any level can apply to dramatically improve their results. It begins with identifying your distinctive leadership archetype and recognizing its shadow: ? The Rebel, driven by confidence, becomes the Imposter, plagued by self-doubt. ? The Explorer, fueled by intuition, becomes the Exploiter, master of manipulation. ? The Truth Teller, who embraces candor, becomes the Deceiver, who creates suspicion. ? The Hero, embodying courage, becomes the Bystander, an outright coward. ? The Inventor, brimming with integrity, becomes the Destroyer, who is morally corrupt. ? The Navigator, trusts and is trusted, becomes the Fixer, endlessly arrogant. ? The Knight, for whom loyalty is everything, becomes the Mercenary, who is perpetually self-serving. Using psychology, philosophy, and her own experience, Daskal offers a breakthrough perspective on leadership. She'll take you inside some of the most cloistered boardrooms, let you in on deeply personal conversations with industry leaders, and introduce you to luminaries who've changed the world. Her insights will help you rethink everything you know to become the leader you truly want to be.

Achieve long-term business success—without sacrificing quarterly profits Triple Crown Leadership provides a step-by-step model for building organizations that are Excellent (high performing), Ethical (transparent), and Enduring (stands the test of time). It explains how to protect your organization's values, reputation, and profitability by focusing not only on culture, but organizational character; seeking solutions to challenges from all levels of personnel; and skillfully blending a "hard-edged" demand for results with a "soft-edged" spirit of collaboration.

Bob Vanourek has held senior leadership positions at Pitney Bowes, Avery Division, Sensormatic, Recognition Equipment, and Monarch Marketing. Gregg Vanourek is the founder of Far Horizon, a leadership and personnel development firm with offices in the U.S. and Europe. Ego manifests in many forms and can compromise our ability to engage with others. To build trusting relationships, today's leaders need to understand how to manage their own and others' egos. Equipped with these skills, leaders can encourage people to feel engaged and empowered while unlocking innovation and creating positive working environments

2017 Silver Nautilus Winner 2018 Indie Book Award Finalist ? Take your ego out of the equation, and watch your company thrive! "I've got a solution," Encore's CFO tells Brandon, "but it's unorthodox." It's 2005 and Brandon Black has just been promoted to CEO of Encore Capital, a company struggling to navigate an increasingly difficult business environment. Faced with a rapidly declining stock price and low workplace morale, Brandon knows he needs change—and fast. Following his CFO's advice, he and his executive team start working with Learning as Leadership (LaL) and its president, Shayne Hughes. Through their partnership, Encore's executive team learns to root out the unproductive ego habits that undermine collaboration and performance. As they instill these more effective behaviors throughout the organization, Encore begins to solve problems collectively, prioritize resources without infighting, and focus on the initiatives with the greatest

strategic value. When the financial crisis of 2008–09 forces 90 percent of its competitors out of business, Encore thrives, with its profits increasing by 300 percent and its stock price by 1200 percent. Told from two lively first-person perspectives, *Ego Free Leadership* brings readers along for Encore's incredible success story. They'll see a CEO overcome his unconscious resistance to modeling the change he wants in his team and discover a time-tested roadmap for eliminating the destructive effects of the ego in teams and organizations. The CEO of Anaplan explains how a company's character is a critical driver of sustained success. In his career as an executive at IBM, Cisco, and now as CEO of Anaplan, Frank A. Calderoni discovered that character is just as vital for companies as it is for individuals. In *Upstanding: How Company Character Catalyzes Loyalty, Agility, and Hypergrowth*, the author explores the powerful link between corporate strategy, company culture, and individual character, and how activating this link is essential to realizing strong company character—and an essential ingredient for organizations to achieve hypergrowth, agility, and loyalty. This innovative resource features real-life examples of how today's most successful companies are building upstanding character while increasing employee engagement, happiness, and performance. The book is written to help executives, company founders, managers, and other leaders develop strategies that supercharge organizational performance while building a strong and high-engagement culture—providing real-world insights from the author's own career along with a diverse cross-section of business thought leaders and CEOs of companies both small and large, local and global. The author draws upon his experience leading a \$10 billion hypergrowth software company to explain how the fusion of culture and strategy, driven by a company's character, leads to sustained internal and external success. Designed to empower leaders to make character the cornerstone of corporate culture, this invaluable resource: Explores what “upstanding character” means for an organization, and how building a culture based on empathy, courage, authenticity, integrity, respect, and other factors drives higher performance and value creation for employees, customers, partners, and shareholders Reviews research on how culture drives performance, and operational practices for building upstanding organizational character and driving value-aligned behavior Features original interviews with Shantanu Narayen, Cy Wakeman, Eric Hutcherson, Kellie McElhaney, Geoffrey Moore, and other leaders inside and outside the tech sector Provides practical tools and approaches for increasing inclusion and belonging, improving communication, strengthening engagement, and rewarding upstanding character in employees Discusses the “Big 9” cultural values that are essential to creating upstanding company character, such as agility, collaboration, diversity, integrity, and respect With a foreword by Shantanu Narayen, Chairman and CEO of Adobe, *Upstanding: How Company Character Catalyzes Loyalty, Agility, and Growth* is essential reading for executives and business leaders interested in strategy, leadership, organizational culture, and management innovation, as well as leadership teams and HR professionals who are responsible for guiding their organization's culture and developing its character.

Jason Fried and David Heinemeier Hansson, the authors of the New York Times bestseller *Rework*, are back with a manifesto to combat all your modern workplace worries and fears.

THE INSTANT #1 NATIONAL BESTSELLER From the #1 New York Times bestselling authors of *Extreme Ownership* comes a new and revolutionary approach to help leaders recognize and attain the leadership balance crucial to victory. With their first book, *Extreme Ownership* (published in October 2015), Jocko Willink and Leif Babin set a new standard for leadership, challenging readers to become better leaders, better followers, and better people, in both their professional and personal lives. Now, in *THE DICHOTOMY OF LEADERSHIP*, Jocko and Leif dive even deeper into the uncharted and complex waters of a concept first introduced in *Extreme Ownership*: finding balance between the opposing forces that pull every leader in different directions. Here, Willink and Babin get granular into the nuances that every successful leader must navigate. Mastering the Dichotomy of Leadership requires understanding when to lead and when to follow; when to aggressively maneuver and when to pause and let things develop; when to detach and let the team run and when to dive into the details and micromanage. In addition, every leader must:

- Take Extreme Ownership of everything that impacts their mission, yet utilize Decentralize Command by giving ownership to their team.
- Care deeply about their people and their individual success and livelihoods, yet look out for the good of the overall team and above all accomplish the strategic mission.
- Exhibit the most important quality in a leader—humility, but also be willing to speak up and push back against questionable decisions that could hurt the team and the mission.

With examples from the authors' combat and training experiences in the SEAL teams, and then a demonstration of how each lesson applies to the business world, Willink and Babin clearly explain *THE DICHOTOMY OF LEADERSHIP*—skills that are mission-critical for any leader and any team to achieve their ultimate goal: VICTORY.

We are not positive because life is easy. We are positive because life can be hard. As a leader, you will face numerous obstacles, negativity, and tests. There will be times when it seems as if everything in the world is conspiring against you and your vision seems more like a fantasy than a reality. That's why positive leadership is essential! Positive leadership is not about fake positivity. It is the real stuff that makes great leaders great. The research is clear. Being a positive leader is not just a nice way to lead. It's the way to lead if you want to build a great culture, unite your organization in the face of adversity, develop a connected and committed team and achieve excellence and superior results. Since writing the mega best seller *The Energy Bus*, Jon Gordon has worked and consulted with leaders who have transformed their companies, organizations and schools, won national championships and are currently changing the world. He has also interviewed some of the greatest leaders of our time and researched many positive leaders throughout history and discovered their paths to success. In this pioneering book Jon Gordon shares what he has learned and provides a comprehensive framework on positive leadership filled with proven principles, compelling stories, practical ideas and practices that will help anyone become a positive leader. There is a power associated with positive leadership and you can start benefiting yourself and your team with it today.

The Challenge Built to Last, the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the very beginning. But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? The Study For years, this question preyed on the mind of Jim Collins. Are there companies that defy gravity and convert long-term mediocrity or worse into long-term superiority? And if so, what are the universal distinguishing characteristics that cause a company to go from good to great? The Standards Using tough benchmarks, Collins and his research team identified a set of elite companies that made the leap to great results and sustained those results for at least fifteen years. How great? After the leap, the good-to-great companies generated cumulative stock returns that beat the general stock market by an average of seven times in fifteen years, better than twice the results delivered by a composite index of the world's greatest companies, including Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric, and Merck. The Comparisons The research team contrasted the good-to-great companies with a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to make the leap from good to great. What was different? Why did one set of companies become truly great performers while the other set remained only good? Over five years, the team analyzed the histories of all twenty-eight companies in the study. After sifting through mountains of data and thousands of pages of interviews, Collins and his crew discovered the key determinants of greatness -- why some companies make the leap and others don't. The Findings The findings of the Good to Great study will surprise many readers and shed light on virtually every area of management strategy and practice. The findings include: Level 5 Leaders: The research team was shocked to discover the type of leadership required to achieve greatness. The Hedgehog Concept (Simplicity within the Three Circles): To go from good to great requires transcending the curse of competence. A Culture of Discipline: When you combine a culture of discipline with an ethic of entrepreneurship, you get the magical alchemy of great results. Technology Accelerators: Good-to-great companies think differently about the role of technology. The Flywheel and the Doom Loop: Those who launch radical change programs and wrenching restructurings will almost certainly fail to make the leap. “Some of

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the key concepts discerned in the study,” comments Jim Collins, “fly in the face of our modern business culture and will, quite frankly, upset some people.” Perhaps, but who can afford to ignore these findings?

In his new book H3 LEADERSHIP: Be Humble. Stay Hungry. Always Hustle., Brad Lomenick shares his hard-earned insights from more than two decades of work alongside thought-leaders such as Jim Collins and Malcom Gladwell, Fortune 500 CEOs and start-up entrepreneurs. He categorizes 20 essential leadership habits organized into three distinct filters he calls “the 3 Hs”: Humble (Who am I?), Hungry (Where do I want to go?) and Hustle (How will I get there?). These powerful words describe the leader who is willing to work hard, get it done, and make sure it’s not about him or her; the leader who knows that influence is about developing the right habits for success. Lomenick provides a simple but effective guide on how to lead well in whatever capacity the reader may be in.

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