

## What The Ceo Wants You To Know Ram Charan

Now Updated and with New Success Tips for Everyone, at Any Level! Vision, persistence, integrity, and respect for everyone in the workplace--these are all qualities of successful leaders. But Jeffrey J. Fox, the founder of a marketing consulting company, also gives these tips: never write a nasty memo, skip all office parties, and overpay your people. These are a few of his key ways to climb the corporate ladder.

Profiles one hundred top-selected business books in a reference complemented by informative sidebars that recommend movies, novels, and children's books that can impart insights comparable to the lessons in the profiled business books. Learn how top companies solve the problem of leadership succession from corporate America's leading consultant. A serious crisis looms in American management today. More and more CEOs are failing; there remains an acute shortage of capable replacements. The true dilemma in leadership is the stagnant state of corporate leadership development. Because companies fail to hone their unit managers' leadership abilities, they are never able to fill their succession pipelines. With unit managers stagnating, companies have difficulty executing at every level, compounding the crisis. In *Leaders at All Levels*, bestselling author Ram Charan shows how top companies approach leadership development as a core competency, recognizing that an adaptable leadership pool is a competitive advantage, and focusing their attention on bringing out the best in the leaders they have. Charan reveals exactly what's wrong with corporate leadership development and tells how to make it right. He explains the concept of a leadership "gene pool" and shows how companies can discover just what "DNA" they need to succeed. He also details how to uncover the hidden leaders in a company, when and where to bring in fresh talent, how to coach, measure, and reward leadership, and much more. For CEOs, directors, and anyone involved in leadership development, *Leaders at All Levels* is an eye-opening guide on how to get succession right.

A Wall Street Journal Bestseller Named a Financial Times top title How to unleash "human magic" and achieve improbable results. Hubert Joly, former CEO of Best Buy and orchestrator of the retailer's spectacular turnaround, unveils his personal playbook for achieving extraordinary outcomes by putting people and purpose at the heart of business. Back in 2012, "Everyone thought we were going to die," says Joly. Eight years later, Best Buy was transformed as Joly and his team rebuilt the company into one of the nation's favorite employers, vastly increased customer satisfaction, and dramatically grew Best Buy's stock price. Joly and his team also succeeded in making Best Buy a leader in sustainability and innovation. In *The Heart of Business*, Joly shares the philosophy behind the resurgence of Best Buy: pursue a noble purpose, put people at the center of the business, create an environment where every employee can blossom, and treat profit as an outcome, not the goal. This

approach is easy to understand, but putting it into practice is not so easy. It requires radically rethinking how we view work, how we define companies, how we motivate, and how we lead. In this book Joly shares memorable stories, lessons, and practical advice, all drawn from his own personal transformation from a hard-charging McKinsey consultant to a leader who believes in human magic. *The Heart of Business* is a timely guide for leaders ready to abandon old paradigms and lead with purpose and humanity. It shows how we can reinvent capitalism so that it contributes to a sustainable future.

"This book is a most important contribution for both new and experienced directors, addressing contemporary corporate governance. The 14 practical questions represent the most vital issues that boards need to proactively address and are particularly crucial now as boards deal with the aftermath of the global financial tsunami." —Thomas J. Neff, chairman, U.S., Spencer Stuart "If Corporate America's board members had answered these questions, the crisis of '08 would have been avoided. The book is that powerful. It should be required reading in every boardroom, executive suite, and business school on the planet. This book with its singular wisdom could change the face of corporate governance—with huge dividends to shareholders and society." —Ralph Whitworth, principal, Relational Investors LLC "Ram Charan always seems to get it right. *Owning Up* not only asks the right questions, it gives answers that can make a real difference for improving board performance." —James M. Kilts, former chairman and CEO, The Gillette Company "As always, well-reasoned, insightful, and thought-provoking. A work that every director will find of value, particularly given the intense pressure of these unprecedented economic times." —Professor Charles M. Elson, director of the John L. Weinberg Center for Corporate Governance at the University of Delaware "Here is the book that every corporate director needs today. With his decades of insider experience, Ram Charan brings more wisdom and insight to this subject than anyone else I know." —Geoff Colvin, Fortune editor and author, *Talent Is Overrated: What Really Separates World-Class Performers from Everybody Else*

Andy Grove, founder and former CEO of Intel shares his strategy for success as he takes the reader deep inside the workings of a major company in *Only the Paranoid Survive*. Under Andy Grove's leadership, Intel became the world's largest chip maker and one of the most admired companies in the world. In *Only the Paranoid Survive*, Grove reveals his strategy for measuring the nightmare moment every leader dreads--when massive change occurs and a company must, virtually overnight, adapt or fall by the wayside--in a new way. Grove calls such a moment a Strategic Inflection Point, which can be set off by almost anything: mega-competition, a change in regulations, or a seemingly modest change in technology. When a Strategic Inflection Point hits, the ordinary rules of business go out the window. Yet, managed right, a Strategic Inflection Point can be an opportunity to win in the marketplace and emerge stronger than ever. Grove underscores his message by examining his own record of success and

failure, including how he navigated the events of the Pentium flaw, which threatened Intel's reputation in 1994, and how he has dealt with the explosions in growth of the Internet. The work of a lifetime, *Only the Paranoid Survive* is a classic of managerial and leadership skills.

In what has become a bible for the business world, the successful former CEO of Herman Miller, Inc., explores how executives and managers can learn the leadership skills that build a better, more profitable organization. *Leadership Is an Art* has long been a must-read not only within the business community but also in professions ranging from academia to medical practices, to the political arena. First published in 1989, the book has sold more than 800,000 copies in hardcover and paperback. This revised edition brings Max De Pree's timeless words and practical philosophy to a new generation of readers. De Pree looks at leadership as a kind of stewardship, stressing the importance of building relationships, initiating ideas, and creating a lasting value system within an organization. Rather than focusing on the "hows" of corporate life, he explains the "whys." He shows that the first responsibility of a leader is to define reality and the last is to say thank you. Along the way, the artful leader must:

- Stimulate effectiveness by enabling others to reach both their personal potential and their institutional potential
- Take a role in developing, expressing, and defending civility and values
- Nurture new leaders and ensure the continuation of the corporate culture

*Leadership Is an Art* offers a proven design for achieving success by developing the generous spirit within all of us. Now more than ever, it provides the insights and guidelines leaders in every field need.

Describes how corporations work and reviews the critical elements of business success--growth, return on assets, rate of inventory turnover, understanding customers, and taking advantage of the changing marketplace.

There are many books on leadership. *What the CEO Really Wants from You* is one of the few to address the question that is uppermost in the mind of any manager: What he should be doing to make his or her boss his partner rather than his opponent. We spend most of our lives at work or thinking about it. Starting from a young age, fired by boundless energy and optimism, we launch into our careers sure of our abilities. Yet, things do not always turn out as we expect they would. It is not our abilities alone. The business environment is one of change and ambiguity. It is no easy task for any manager to negotiate the journey to success. As Paul Polman, CEO of Unilever, points out in his foreword, partnerships with others, but above all with your direct boss and organization, are more important than ever before. Not only that, a good boss has an instinct for the right people, and getting them to do better. A good manager, by eliciting his help, helps himself. Few people are better qualified to guide on this journey than R. Gopalakrishnan. He brings forty-five years of experience to this subject in some of the most challenging jobs. In this immensely practical book informed by the wisdom he has gleaned over the years, he offers the reader the benefit of all he has learnt, summarized in the four As - Accomplishment, Affability, Advocacy and Authenticity. This is a book that will be of immense use to any manager, and one that just might bring him the answers it takes years to find - what the CEO really expects from him.

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The classic on the universal laws of business success, completely revised and updated for today's leaders Completely rewritten for today's business world, What the CEO Wants You to Know, expanded and updated, written by bestselling author Ram Charan, describes the fundamentals behind every business, from street vendors in Mumbai, to Fortune 500 companies. Drawing on stories from Uber, Amazon, Apple, Toyota, Netflix, Lyft, The Limited, Walmart, GE and Starbucks, Charan, in the most accessible language imaginable, explains the ins and outs of how companies work, from gross revenue and operating costs, to inventory and cash flow, from turnover, profits and margins, to return on capital and accounts payable and receivable, from product quality to sales. A classic in the business literature, with hundreds of thousands of copies in print, this short and engaging book is like a miniature MBA course between covers. For everyone who wants to master and understand the levers that drive a successful business, What the CEO Wants You to Know is the perfect answer.

Matt Mochary coaches the CEOs of many of the fastest-scaling technology companies in Silicon Valley. With The Great CEO Within, he shares his highly effective leadership and business-operating tools with any CEO or manager in the world. Learn how to efficiently scale your business from startup to corporation by implementing a system of accountability, effective problem-solving, and transparent feedback. Becoming a great CEO requires training. For a founding CEO, there is precious little time to complete that training, especially at the helm of a rapidly growing company. Now you have the guidance you need in one book.

A business leadership book written in story format. Haunting the CEO follows the story of failing CIO Brian Kagey, who must learn what it means to become a true business leader in order to save his job and career.

To lead others successfully, you must first lead yourself. This book presents incisive insights gathered through exclusive interviews with nine of India's leading CEOs. The many revelations made in each interview have been condensed into value statements and best practices which existing CEOs can use to become better leaders and aspiring CEOs can use to follow their vision. Featuring leading CEOs including: - Nadir Godrej - Godrej industries -Subhash Chandra - Zee entertainment - Anu Aga - Thermax - Lalit Kumar Kanodia - Datamatics - Ajay Piramal - Piramal Enterprises - Ayaz Menon - CEO coach .....and many more.

Charan has seen the business world from both ends of the spectrum. While growing up in India, working in his family shoe business, he came to understand how a business works and the critical elements of success. A powerful lesson in what is really important in business, this remarkable book takes the lessons of the peddler and reveals how they can be used by the rest of us.

Two career and business experts share their eight-point plan on how to succeed in a new job or project, offering helpful guidelines on leadership, decision-making skills, interpersonal relationships, and other key aspects of the corporate environment. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

Many executives don't take full advantage of the assistant who sits right outside their door. This book educates executives about all the ways in which they can streamline and improve the way they work with the help of a great assistant, while teaching them to identify great candidates and maximize the benefits of this special relationship.

Do you ever wonder what goes on in the mind of a startup CEO? What are they thinking? What motivates them? How can I be successful working for one? These are all common questions that if go unanswered make it seem like start-up CEOs are impossible to understand. Start-up CEOs are some of the most unique people you'll ever meet and require a specific relational approach, but don't worry there's hope, and having a true understanding of their mindset is the answer. Dan Slagen, three time start-up executive shares how-to tips and secrets based on years of experience working directly for, advising, and having countless exchanges with start-up CEOs from early stage to IPO. Whether you report directly to your startup's CEO on the executive team or not, want to better understand startup CEOs in general, or you are a start-up CEO and want to gain a better perspective on your employees thought process, this book is for you."

'The most influential consultant alive.' Fortune Have you ever noticed that the best CEOs seem to have a special kind of intelligence, an ability to sense where the opportunities in their industries are and how to take advantage of them? The best have a knack for simplifying the most complex business practices down to the fundamentals – the same fundamentals of the small family business. In *What the CEO Wants You To Know*, Ram Charan explains in clear, simple language how to do what great CEOs do instinctively and persistently – understand the basic building blocks of a company and use them to figure out how to make it work as a total business. Being able to decide what to do when, despite the clutter of day-to-day to-do lists and the complexity of the real world, takes the mystery out of business and offers a clear road map of organisational success. First published in 2001 (with over 300,000 copies sold worldwide) but never before published in the UK, this business classic has been completely rewritten and updated with new stories from today's market leaders and companies, and the latest insights from the cutting edge of management research. 'One of the world's most renowned management consultants and authors.' *Fast Company*

**NEW YORK TIMES AND WALL STREET JOURNAL BESTSELLER • Winner of CMI Management Book of the Year 2019** Based on an in-depth analysis of over 2,600 leaders drawn from a database of more than 17,000 CEOs and C-suite executives, as well 13,000 hours of interviews, and two decades of experience advising CEOs and executive boards, Elena L. Botelho and Kim R. Powell overturn the myths about what it takes to get to the top and succeed. Their groundbreaking research was the featured cover story in the May-June 2017 issue of *Harvard Business Review*. It reveals the common attributes and counterintuitive choices that set apart successful CEOs—lessons that we can apply to our own careers. Much of what we hear about who gets to the top, and how, is wrong. Those who become chief executives set their sights on the C-suite at an early age. In fact, over 70 percent of the CEOs didn't have designs on the corner office until later in their careers. You must graduate from an elite college. In fact, only 7 percent of CEOs in the dataset are Ivy League graduates--and 8 percent didn't graduate from college at all. To become a CEO you need a flawless résumé. The reality: 45 percent of CEO candidates had at least one major career blowup. What those who reach the top do share are four key behaviors that anyone can master: they are decisive; they are reliable, delivering what they promised when the promise it, without exception; they adapt boldly, and they engage with stakeholders without shying away from conflict. Based on this breakthrough study of the most successful people in business, Botelho and Powell offer career advice for everyone who aspires to get ahead. Based on research insights illustrated by real life stories from CEOs and boardrooms, they tell us how to: - Fast-track our career by deploying the career catapults used by those who get to the top quickly - Overcome the hidden

handicaps to getting the job we want. - Avoid the 5 hazards that most commonly derail those promoted into a new role. For everyone who aspires to rise up through the organization and achieve their full potential, The CEO Next Door is an essential guide.

“AN IMPORTANT BOOK ABOUT MOTIVATION FROM A PROVEN MOTIVATOR.” —JACK WELCH  
Yum! Brands CEO David Novak learned long ago that you can't lead a great organization of any size without getting your people aligned, enthusiastic, and focused relentlessly on the mission. But how do you do that? There are countless leadership books, but how many will actually help a Taco Bell shift manager, a Fortune 500 CEO, a new entrepreneur, or anyone in between? Over his fifteen years at Yum! Brands, Novak has developed a trademarked program—Taking People with You—that he personally teaches to thousands of managers around the world. He shows them how to make big things happen by getting people on their side. No skill in business is more important. And Yum!'s extraordinary success (at least 13 percent growth for each of the last ten years) proves his point. Novak knows that managers don't need leadership platitudes or business school theories. So he cuts right to the chase with a step-by-step guide to setting big goals, building strong teams, blowing past your targets, and celebrating after you shock the skeptics. And then doing it again and again until consistent excellence becomes a core element of your culture.

"How do you gain an edge in the digital age? In this lively, accessible guide, Ram Charan, bestselling author and advisor to some of the world's top CEOs, dissects the changing nature of competitive advantage, illustrating what it takes for companies--old and new alike--to compete against digital giants like Amazon, Alibaba, and Google. In today's business world, good strategy isn't just about preserving market share or building moats to ward off competitors. In the digital age, the most successful companies look at everything through a single lens: How can we create a better end-to-end consumer experience? As Jeff Bezos says, "When given the choice of obsessing over competitors or obsessing over customers, we always obsess over customers." Filled with behind-the-scenes stories of companies like Netflix, Amazon, Fidelity, and Alibaba, Rethinking Competitive Advantage highlights the tools these behemoths have relied on to reimagine customer experience and build competitive advantage: platform, data, and ecosystem. These companies don't just develop channels of distribution, they constantly crunch numbers, use algorithms to improve products, and create an ecosystem with outside sellers and their supply chain, where a stream of new innovations reinvigorates the customer's experience and creates new sources of revenue. Today's companies imagine market spaces that don't yet exist, ones with the potential to grow 10x or 100x--and they are willing to spend cash now on the promise of exponential profits down the road. To execute their objectives, these companies build strong, nimble, team-centered workforces that upend traditional hierarchy, forming a "social engine" that drives innovation under visionary leaders. Whether you're in the C-Suite of a Fortune 500 company or brainstorming the next digital start-up from your garage, Rethinking Competitive Advantage is the ultimate primer on competitive advantage today, revealing the "secret sauce" behind some of the world's leading companies--and showing you what you must do to compete"--

From the bestselling author of What the CEO Wants You to Know? How to rethink sales from the outside in We have to face the truth: the process of selling is broken. Customers have more choices and are under intense pressure. Yet few companies are facing this reality. When they don't, a lingering malaise sets in. More than ever these days, the sales process tends to be a war about price--a frustrating, unpleasant war that takes all the fun out of selling. But there's a better way to think about sales, says bestselling author Ram Charan, who is famous for clarifying and simplifying difficult business problems. What the customer wants you to know is how his or her business works, so you can help make it work better. It sounds simple, but there's a catch: you won't be able to do that with your traditional sales approach. Instead of starting with your product or service, start with your customer's problems. Focus on becoming

your customer's trusted partner, someone he can turn to for creative, cost-effective solutions that are based on your deep knowledge of his values, goals, problems, and customers. This book defines a new approach to selling which Charan calls value creation selling—that while radical is nonetheless practical. VCS has been battle-tested in companies in a variety of industries, such as Unifi, Mead-Westvaco, and Thomson Financial. It will enable you to:

- Gain a deeper knowledge of your customer's problems
- Understand how your customer's company really makes decisions
- Help your customer improve margins and drive revenue growth
- Connect sales with other key functions such as finance and manufacturing
- Come up with new customized offerings
- Make price much less of an issue

VCS gets you out of the hell of commoditization and low prices. It differentiates you from the competition, paving the way to better pricing, better margins, and higher revenue growth, built on win-win relationships that deepen over time. Someday, every company will listen more closely to the customer, and every manager will realize that sales is everyone's business, not just the sales department's. In the meantime, this eye-opening book will show you how to get started.

Confronting Reality will change the way you think about and run your business. It is the first book that shows how to connect the big picture of the new era of business with the nitty-gritty of what to do about it. Through a completely new way to understand and use the business model as the primary tool for confronting reality—a breakthrough that will become the management innovation of this decade—you'll know sooner rather than later whether your fundamental business premise is under assault, where your best opportunities lie, what you should change and what you should leave alone, and how to realistically plan the future of your business. The fundamentals of how a business makes money are being rapidly and permanently altered by sweeping structural changes. With their extraordinary depth and breadth of experience, Larry Bossidy and Ram Charan are the ideal guides for everyone—entrepreneur, mid-level manager, or CEO—about what is to be done so you can get things right in this challenging, radically changed world. They start by showing you how to understand the most fundamental element of any business: whether you can realistically make the money you hope to in the game you're playing. Bossidy and Charan show how to use the business model to develop a robust, reality-based process for thinking about the specifics of your business in a holistic way. They show how to tie together the financial targets you must meet, the external realities you face, and internal activities such as strategy development, operating tactics, and selection and development of people. Through the lens of the business model, as well as the skillful use of initiatives and development of people with the right leadership characteristics, you'll see how Robert Nardelli at Home Depot, Jim McNerney at 3M, Dick Harrington at the Thomson Corporation, Michael Wisbrun at KLM, Joseph Tucci at EMC, and John Chambers at Cisco confronted reality. Whether they faced crisis or opportunity, all made the right kinds of changes through a combination of business savvy (the art of understanding the fundamentals driving a business) and business model thinking. My boss Grant O'Connell, the CEO of O'Connell, Thompson, and Taylor Enterprises, is sexy as sin. Too bad he's also a tyrannical jerk. For the past year and a half, I've worked my ass off for him and obeyed his every command. But one day, out of the blue, he fires me. I later discover it's because he found an unsent letter that I wrote to him – a letter that described all the dirty things I would like him to do to me... \*\*\*The first standalone book in the OTT Enterprises series featuring alpha male businessmen and the women they want to make theirs.\*\*\* WORD COUNT: 6,200

Set your sights on High-Potential leadership and help your organization thrive In today's tumultuous and rapidly evolving business environment, High-Potential leaders are in high demand. Do you possess the relationship skills, strategic vision, innovation, and determination needed to thrive as a high-potential leader in your organization? New York Times bestselling author Ram Charan answers that question and helps you hop on the fast-track to leadership

success in this insightful guide. Traditionally, leaders have risen up through the ranks based on their cognitive abilities, analytical skills, thoroughness, and even perfectionist tendencies, but as modern businesses have moved to a more digitally-driven model, the criteria for leaders has markedly changed. The High-Potential Leader explains the modern business climate while highlighting the critical role relationship building, communication style, engagement, and ability to motivate and bring out the best performance in others play in becoming an impactful leader. Whether you're just embarking on your leadership journey or are ready to make the leap to the next leadership level, Charan's real-world lessons and practical advice will help you discover who you are as a leader, chart your path, accelerate your growth, and ultimately, become the high-potential leader your organization needs to succeed.

My friend, I do not believe you are a racist. Melvin Gravely eloquently accomplishes what many have undoubtedly wished to do: talk openly to someone we know about race in the United States today. Gravely uses significant experience as a business and civic leader to express a rare balance in this timely message. Dear White Friend is a forthright, collegial conversation via chapters in the form of letters, each with a combination of personal reflection and meaningful hard facts. Gravely challenges the reader but without judgment or indictment. His depth of thought, deftness of expression, and clear, layman's terms make for an urgent call to begin to close the gap between races in America. The book presents an invitation to understand three questions at the heart of the issue: What is really going on with race in our country? Why must we care? And what can we do about it together? In the end, Gravely calls on us to ask ourselves, "What is my role in all of this?" After reading Dear White Friend, readers will understand why their answer to his question can change everything.

WHO SAYS YOU CAN'T MIX BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE? As the CEO of a large tech company and a semi-reformed bad boy, Ethan Hill is used to calling the shots. But when he's sentenced to work two hundred hours of community service-for reckless driving, of all things--this chief executive needs to keep his real identity under wraps. Which gets increasingly difficult when he can't stop thinking about his sexy new (temporary) boss. The moment Graciela Ramirez meets Ethan, she's tempted to throw all professionalism out the window. She can't afford to get emotionally involved, but after a steamy session behind office doors, a no-strings-attached fling might be exactly what they need. He'll protect his secret. She'll protect her heart. What could possibly go wrong? \*\*\* The Suits Undone series Book 1 - Unbuttoning the CEO (Gracie and Ethan) Book 2 - One Night with the CEO (Karen and Mark) Book 3 - Getting Dirty with the CEO (Mimi and Daniel)

The Mind of the CEO offers unprecedented access to the most dynamic business leaders of our time. Reading this book is like being at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland -- not at the formal presentations but in the hotel bar afterward, where the microphones are turned off and world-famous business leaders say what they really think. Better still, their confidant, Jeffrey Garten, interprets what they say, telling you how their views relate to each other and the world economy, and noting the many important things left unsaid. A revealing glimpse into the future of business, The Mind of the CEO captures as no other book before it what is in the minds of top business leaders and what it means for all of us.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • More than two million copies in print! The premier resource for how to deliver results in an uncertain world, whether you're running an entire company or in your first management job. "A must-read for anyone who cares about business."—The New York Times When Execution was first published, it changed the way we did our jobs by focusing on the critical importance of "the discipline of execution": the ability to make the final leap to success by actually getting things done. Larry Bossidy and Ram Charan now reframe their empowering message for a world in which the old rules have been shattered, radical change is becoming routine, and the ability to execute is more important than ever. Now and for the foreseeable future: • Growth will be slower. But the company that



executes well will have the confidence, speed, and resources to move fast as new opportunities emerge. • Competition will be fiercer, with companies searching for any possible advantage in every area from products and technologies to location and management. • Governments will take on new roles in their national economies, some as partners to business, others imposing constraints. Companies that execute well will be more attractive to government entities as partners and suppliers and better prepared to adapt to a new wave of regulation. • Risk management will become a top priority for every leader. Execution gives you an edge in detecting new internal and external threats and in weathering crises that can never be fully predicted. Execution shows how to link together people, strategy, and operations, the three core processes of every business. Leading these processes is the real job of running a business, not formulating a “vision” and leaving the work of carrying it out to others. Bossidy and Charan show the importance of being deeply and passionately engaged in an organization and why robust dialogues about people, strategy, and operations result in a business based on intellectual honesty and realism. With paradigmatic case histories from the real world—including examples like the diverging paths taken by Jamie Dimon at JPMorgan Chase and Charles Prince at Citigroup—Execution provides the realistic and hard-nosed approach to business success that could come only from authors as accomplished and insightful as Bossidy and Charan.

If talent is the leading indicator of whether a business is up or down, a success or a failure (and it is) . . . do you know how to accurately judge raw human talent? Understand a person's unique combination of traits? Develop that talent? Convert what supposedly are "soft" subjective judgments about people into objective criteria that are as specific, verifiable, and concrete as the contents of a financial statement? The talent masters do. They put people before numbers for the simple reason that it is talent that delivers the numbers. Success comes from those who are able to extract meaning from events and the forces affecting a business, and are able to look at the world and assess the risks to take and the risks to avoid. The Talent Masters itself stems from a unique combination of talent: During a forty-year career at General Electric, Bill Conaty worked closely with CEOs Jack Welch and Jeff Immelt to build that company's worldrenowned talent machine. Ram Charan is the legendary advisor to companies around the world. Together they use their unparalleled experience and insight to write the definitive book on talent—a breakthrough in how to take a business to the next level: • Secrets of the masters. The specifics on how companies regarded as world-class—GE, P&G, Hindustan Unilever (and others)—base their stellar performance decade after decade on their systems for finding and nurturing leadership talent. • Intimate and systemic. Why deep knowledge and intimacy with your talent and a systemic rhythm of reviews are the foundation for creating a steady, selfrenewing stream of leaders for all levels of an organization—from first-line supervisors to the CEO. • The competency that lasts. Financial results, market share, brand, and legacy products all have a half-life that seems to grow shorter by the year. Talent is the only competency that endures. • What to do Monday morning. The Talent Masters tool kit provides the specific guidelines for assessing and improving your company's talent mastery capabilities.

Instant Wall Street Journal Bestseller! Congratulations, you're a manager! After you pop the champagne, accept the shiny new title, and step into this thrilling next chapter of your career, the truth descends like a fog: you don't really know what you're doing. That's exactly how Julie Zhuo felt when she became a rookie manager at the age of 25. She stared at a long list of logistics--from hiring to firing, from meeting to messaging, from planning to pitching--and faced a thousand questions and uncertainties. How was she supposed to spin teamwork into value? How could she be a good steward of her reports' careers? What was the secret to leading with confidence in new and unexpected situations? Now, having managed dozens of teams spanning tens to hundreds of people, Julie knows the most important lesson of all: great

managers are made, not born. If you care enough to be reading this, then you care enough to be a great manager. *The Making of a Manager* is a modern field guide packed everyday examples and transformative insights, including: \* How to tell a great manager from an average manager (illustrations included) \* When you should look past an awkward interview and hire someone anyway \* How to build trust with your reports through not being a boss \* Where to look when you lose faith and lack the answers Whether you're new to the job, a veteran leader, or looking to be promoted, this is the handbook you need to be the kind of manager you wish you had.

In *Don't Mess It Up: How Founders and Their Successors Can Avoid the Clichés That Inhibit Growth*, author and six-time second CEO Les Trachtman offers his expertise on the most effective ways to successfully hand off your company to a worthy successor. He also has advice for those who are inheriting a business and want to take it to the next level, as well as for boards who are dealing with these leadership transitions. In his direct, no-nonsense approach, Les shows readers how seemingly harmless business clichés such as “get it right” and “be careful” can have a detrimental effect on a company’s future by conveying that such imperative ingredients such as risk and innovation are things to now be avoided. Readers will learn how to: • Understand the metamorphosis required to transition from great founder to great CEO • Know when, and if, it’s time to replace yourself • Pick the right successor • Prepare yourself and your company for the fragile transition • Create a successful CEO transition • Separate yourself from the company ?There is likely no one more experienced in founder transitions than Les Trachtman. He has been an innovative and respected successor at six different companies; let his hard-won advice guide you through your transition and toward success.

Thousands of business books are published every year— Here are the best of the best After years of reading, evaluating, and selling business books, Jack Covert and Todd Sattersten are among the most respected experts on the category.

Now they have chosen and reviewed the one hundred best business titles of all time—the ones that deliver the biggest payoff for today’s busy readers. *The 100 Best Business Books of All Time* puts each book in context so that readers can quickly find solutions to the problems they face, such as how best to spend *The First 90 Days* in a new job or how to take their company from Good to Great.

Many of the choices are surprising—you’ll find reviews of *Moneyball* and *Orbiting the Giant Hairball*, but not Jack Welch’s memoir. At the end of each review, Jack and Todd direct readers to other books both inside and outside *The 100 Best*.

And sprinkled throughout are sidebars taking the reader beyond business books, suggesting movies, novels, and even children’s books that offer equally relevant insights. This guide will appeal to anyone, from entry-level to CEO, who wants to cut through the clutter and discover the brilliant books that are truly worth their investment of time and money.

Stay relevant, stay connected, **STAY AHEAD OF THE GAME**. When it comes to getting ahead today, your talent and experience matter. The problem is, someone else going for the promotion or business opportunity has a résumé that’s as good as, if not better than, yours. If you want to get ahead, you have to be different. You have to stand out from the crowd. You have to get decision makers to talk about you. No one understands what it takes to succeed in today’s business landscape better than D. A. (Debra) Benton. A globally

recognized consultant, Benton has spent more than 20 years helping business professionals like you perform better and achieve more. In *The CEO Difference*, Benton gives you the insight and tools to make subtle changes in your presentation, attitude, and leadership style that will dramatically increase your leadership effectiveness—and, consequently, help you enjoy work and life. Learn how to differentiate yourself with tangible steps to get where you want to go: Authentically and effectively differentiate yourself in appropriate ways Inspire teams and organizations to be more productive and prosperous Understand yourself, change your mindset, and present yourself in a way that people are receptive to Create, manage, and mentor successful individuals and teams Remain intellectually curious while making meaningful contributions to your organization Competition for the top spot has never been fiercer. “Today, you have to exceed in a group of ‘exceeders,’” Benton writes. But it’s not all about improving your job performance. You are already knowledgeable, competent, and hard-working. It’s about doing typical things in atypical ways. It’s about doing things that add organizational value—without being asked. It’s about having what your competitors don’t: *The CEO Difference*. Praise for *The CEO Difference* “In our competitive world, finding a way to differentiate oneself is a key to success. Benton profiles a range of tried-and-true differentiators that can make all the difference.” —Jim Goldman, President and CEO, Godiva Chocolatier “After reading this book, you’ll understand why D. A. Benton is ranked one of the world’s Top 10 CEO coaches. She provides a succinct, real-world summary of what it takes for senior executives to differentiate themselves in an ever more competitive world.” —Daryl Brewster, CEO, CECF (Committee for Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy); former CEO, Krispy Kreme; and former President, Nabisco “Benton does it again! A great how-to book to boost you the last little way to the top (and be loved while doing it!).” —Reuben Mark, retired Chairman and CEO, Colgate-Palmolive Company “Benton offers practical advice to aspiring leaders to help them authentically and effectively differentiate themselves in the workplace. A very worthy read.” —Doug las R. Conant, Chairman, Avon Products, and former President, CEO, and Director, Campbell Soup Company “D. A. Benton is a trusted advisor for CEOs and leaders. She coaches her clients to not only be the best leader they can be, but also on how they can best create, manage, and mentor successful individuals and teams.” —Deanna Mulligan, President and CEO, The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

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Boosted Dividends. How? A. G. Lafley And His Leadership Team Have Integrated Innovation Into Everything Procter & Gamble Does—Creating New Customers And New Markets. Through Eye-Opening Stories A. G. Lafley And Ram Charan Show How P&G And Companies Such As Nokia, Lego, And Ge Have Become Game-Changers. Their Inspiring Lessons Will Help You Achieve Higher Growth And Higher Margins, Tap In To Abundant Creativity Outside Your Business, Manage Risk And Integrate Innovation Into Your Decision-Making. In A World Of Unprecedented Change And Competitiveness, Innovation Is The Best—And Arguably The Only—Way To Win. Innovation Is Not A Separate Activity, But The Job Of Everyone In A Leadership Position And The Integral Driving Force For Any Business That Wants To Grow And Succeed. This Is A Game-Changing Book That Helps You Redefine Your Leadership.

Are you ready to lead? Will you pass the test? Despite all the effort through the years to understand what it takes to be an effective leader, the challenges of leadership remain enormously difficult and elusive; even today, most CEOs don't last five years in the job. The demands to deliver at a consistently high level can be unforgiving. The loneliness. The weight of responsibility. The relentless second-guessing and criticism. The pressure to build all-star teams. The 24/7 schedule that requires superhuman stamina. The tough decisions that often leave no one happy. The expectation to always have the right answer when it can be hard just to know the right question. These challenges are brought into their highest and sharpest relief in the corner office, but they are hardly unique to chief executives. All leaders face their own version of these tests, and the authors draw on the distilled wisdom, stories, and lessons from hundreds of chief executives to show how every aspiring leader can master these challenges and lead like a CEO. These foundational leadership skills will make all aspiring executives more effective in their roles today and lift the trajectory of their careers. The CEO Test is the authoritative, no-nonsense insider's guide to navigating leadership's toughest challenges, brought to you by authors uniquely qualified to tell the stories. Adam Bryant has conducted in-depth interviews with more than 600 CEOs. Kevin Sharer spent more than two decades as president and then CEO of Amgen, where he led its expansion from \$1 billion in annual revenues to nearly \$16 billion. He has served on many boards and is a sought-after mentor for CEOs of global companies. Leadership is getting harder as the speed of disruption across all industries accelerates. The CEO Test will better prepare you to succeed, whether you're a CEO or just setting out to become one. The new grand theory of leadership by Ram Charan . . . The breakthrough book that links know-how—the skills of people who know what they are doing— with the personal and psychological traits of the successful leader. How often have you heard someone with a commanding presence deliver a bold vision that turned out to be nothing more than rhetoric and hot air? All too often we mistake the appearance of leadership for the real deal. Without a doubt, intelligence, vision,

and the ability to communicate are important. But something big is missing: the know-how of running a business—the capacity to take it in the right direction, do the right things, make the right decisions, deliver results, and leave the people and the business better off than they were before. For well over four decades, Ram Charan has been learning in the most visceral way the underlying reasons why leaders succeed and fail. As one of the most influential advisers to top management teams of leading companies around the world, he has had a front-row seat to observe the cause and effect of leadership practices and behaviors. Ram Charan's insight into the real content of leadership provides you with the eight fundamental skills needed for success in the twenty-first century:

- Positioning (and, when necessary, repositioning) your business by zeroing in on the central idea that meets customer needs and makes money
- Connecting the dots by pinpointing patterns of external change ahead of others
- Shaping the way people work together by leading the social system of your business
- Judging people by getting to the truth of a person
- Molding high-energy, high-powered, high-ego people into a working team of leaders in which they equal more than the sum of their parts
- Knowing the destination where you want to take your business by developing goals that balance what the business can become with what it can realistically achieve
- Setting laser-sharp priorities that become the road map for meeting your goals
- Dealing creatively and positively with societal pressures that go beyond the economic value creation activities of your business

Know-How is the missing link of leadership. By showing how the eight know-hows link to, interact with, and reinforce personal and psychological traits, Ram Charan provides a holistic and innovative portrait of successful leaders of the twenty-first century.

What the CEO Wants You to Know How Your Company Really Works Crown Business

What the CEO Wants You to Know takes the mystery out of business and shows you the secrets of success. Have you ever noticed that the business savvy of the world's best CEOs seems like a kind of street smarts? They sense where the opportunities are and how to take advantage of them. And their companies make money consistently, year after year. How different is it to run a big company than to sell fruit from a cart or run a small shop in a village? In essence, not very, according to Ram Charan. From his childhood in India, where he worked in his family's shoe shop, to his education at Harvard Business School and his daily work advising many of the world's best CEOs, Ram understands business as few can. The best CEOs have a knack for bringing the most complex business down to the fundamentals--the same fundamentals that are used to run the family shoe shop. And, they have business acumen--the ability to focus on the basics and make money for the company. What the CEO Wants You to Know captures these insights and explains in clear, simple language how to do what great CEOs do instinctively and persistently:

- \* Understand the basic building blocks of a business and use them to figure out how your company makes money and

operates as a total business. \* Decide what to do, despite the clutter of day-to-day business and the complexity of the real world. Many people spend more than a hundred thousand dollars on an MBA without learning to pull these pieces of the puzzle together. Many others lack a formal business education and feel shut out from the executive suite. What the CEO Wants You to Know provides you with the universal laws of business success, no matter whether you are selling fruit from a stand or running a Fortune 500 company.

Drawing on in-depth interviews with hundreds of the nation's top executives, D. A. Benton explains the 22 vital traits that make a CEO - the leader responsible for making decisions, guiding teams, selling ideas, managing crises, and conquering the mountains before them. You'll penetrate the mystery of why some people make it to the top and some don't, when they're all equally good at their jobs. You'll learn how to avoid getting fired and how to get promoted more quickly, how to enjoy the quality of life you want and deserve, and - if you decide you want to be the Big Boss - how to have the right character traits to get there. These are some of the traits that make a CEO. Are you ready to make them yours? You're gutsy and a little wild - yet modest and in control. You're competitive and tenacious - yet flexible and generous. You're willing to admit mistakes - yet unapologetic. You're secure in yourself - yet constantly improving. You're original and straightforward - yet think before you talk. Make your ascent not only gratifying, but also exhilarating and fun. This is how chiefs run the show - and how you can act like a chief to become a chief, even sooner than you dreamed.

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