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Two leadership consultants identify three keys to being a more effective leader: knowing your strengths and investing in others' strengths, getting people with the right strengths on your team, and understanding and meeting the four basic needs of those who look to you for leadership.

The book reveals the strengths and weaknesses of four different people styles, providing practical techniques that work both on the job and off. Now including all new chapters on personal relationships, parenting, and more.

PRAISE FOR THE CONFLICT RESOLUTION TOOLBOX SECOND EDITION "I have been using and recommending The Conflict Resolution Toolbox since its first edition. It is rare to find a resource with such practical tools in a field that is so concrete, but often struggles to bridge theory and practice. In this increasingly complex world, it is vital to have models to resort to when we reach impasse in conflict. I recommend The Conflict Resolution Toolbox to anyone engaged in resolving conflicts in any discipline." —Martha E. Simmons, JD, LLM, PHD, Academic Director, Winkler Institute of Dispute Resolution and Director,

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Mediation Clinic and Intensive Program, Toronto, Canada "We all know one thing about conflict: It is messy! Furlong's models offer mediators, facilitators, lawyers, psychotherapists and others 'a leg up' in more swiftly figuring out what is going on and what is needed. Furlong does not offer up a single 'truth', style or theory, so much as a collection of effective tools that professionals, groups and families can use to better understand what they are experiencing and how they can approach achieving better results. Highly recommended!" —James C. Melamed, JD, CEO, Mediate.com "Gary Furlong has done it again! A long-time leader in the conflict resolution field, Gary has added two new 'power tools' to what was already the essential conflict resolution toolkit. His new chapters in this Second Edition deal with 'The Law of Reciprocity' and 'Loss Aversion Bias'. I am proud and thankful to add this book to my already growing conflict resolution bookcase, knowing that this is a volume I will go to again and again. I highly recommend it for anyone in the field." —Rick Weiler, Mediator, Arbitrator, Weiler ADR Inc., Ottawa, Canada "Gary Furlong uniquely provides invaluable, practical tools that help in understanding, preventing, and resolving conflict. This is a must-have reference book for anyone who cares about mitigating the role destructive conflict plays in our professional and personal lives and finding strategic benefit in tools that work. Gary has created a book that is both aspirational and practical. It's so

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challenging to create simple-to-use tools supported by complex concepts and Gary does this better than anyone." —Joshua A. Gordon, JD, MA, Arbitrator for the Court of Arbitration of Sport, Senior Practitioner at the Sports Conflict Institute, and Woodard Family Foundation Fellow Senior Instructor of Sports Business at the University of Oregon Lundquist College of Business

This book is about the little-known fact that there are four different kinds of meditation—Witness Meditation, Transformative Meditation, Discursive Meditation, and Transcendental Meditation. More often, each kind of meditation is promoted and practiced apart from the others. But combined as a process, they lead to cosmic consciousness and more loving attitude toward one's self and planet Earth. Instead of the violence of interpersonal competition and environmental exploitation so prevalent today, the ideals of peace, justice, and harmony can become the new reality given a more integrated approach to life's material, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual realms of experience. But in spite of the enormous advances in technology, we are still caught up in unwinnable wars that cost lives and resources of all the participants; we are still confronted by the injustices of social and economic controls that have most recently resulted in meltdowns; and we are still faced with that seemingly unsolvable environmental problems that are plaguing our planet today . Seemingly, the leadership of our

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global community is failing us. So it's up to us as individuals. Meditation and the Evolution of Cosmic Consciousness is not a how-to book, however. It is an attempt to identify the process in a way that can be imitated. To do so, Don Ayre has reviewed his private practice as a family and child therapist and the writings of a number of historical figures that he recognizes as "great minds" for evidences of cosmic consciousness that can be used to build a living model. Ayre invites his readers to examine their uses of meditation and the writings of their favorite authors to contribute their thoughts and ideas that will assist with the evolution of cosmic consciousness.

Do librarians 'rock the boat'? Do they challenge those around them to win influence and advantage? Why is it that librarians are little found on the 'influence' grid of personality assessment tests? The Machiavellian Librarian offers real life examples of librarians who use their knowledge and skill to project influence, and turn the tide in their, and their library's, favor. Authors offer first hand and clear examples to help librarians learn to use their influence effectively, for the betterment of their library and their career. Opening chapters cover visualizing data, as well as networking and strategic alignment. Following chapters discuss influence without authority-making fierce allies, communicating results in accessible language and user-centered planning. Closing chapters

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address using accreditation and regulation reporting to better position the library, as well as political positioning and outcome assessment. Throws the spotlight on librarian's professional and personality traits, many of which are deleterious to the long-term viability of library funding Shows how best to boost the value proposition of libraries, through enhanced influence Includes how-to chapters on influencing others in the organization

Discusses the best methods of learning, describing how rereading and rote repetition are counterproductive and how such techniques as self-testing, spaced retrieval, and finding additional layers of information in new material can enhance learning.

Annotation.

Customer Service For Dummies, Third Edition integrates the unbeatable information from Customer Service For Dummies and Online Customer Service For Dummies to form an all-in-one guide to customer loyalty for large and small businesses alike. The book covers the fundamentals of service selling and presents up-to-date advice on such fundamentals as help desks, call centers, and IT departments. Plus, it shows readers how to take stock of their customer service strengths and weaknesses, create useful customer surveys, and learn from the successes and failures of businesses just like theirs. Karen Leland and

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Keith Bailey (Sausalito, CA) are cofounders of Sterling Consulting Group, an international consulting firm specializing in quality service consulting and training for such clients as Oracle, IBM, Avis, and Lucent.

This Handbook provides an up-to-date discussion of the central issues in nonverbal communication and examines the research that informs these issues. Editors Valerie Manusov and Miles Patterson bring together preeminent scholars, from a range of disciplines, to reveal the strength of nonverbal behavior as an integral part of communication.

As a manager, you aren't truly successful unless your employees are as well. Helping them establish compelling, actionable performance goals is the first and most important step, and *2600 Phrases for Setting Effective Performance Goals* is there to lend a hand. A natural follow-up to the bestselling *2600 Phrases for Effective Performance Reviews*, this quick-reference guide provides readers with ready-to-use performance goals organized by the characteristics and core competencies used most often in the appraisal process. From attendance and attitude to teamwork and time management, managers will find the language they need to inspire exceptional results. The book also includes wording tailored to many of the most common positions in sales and marketing, accounting and finance, HR, IT, legal, manufacturing, operations, and more. Comprehensive and

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organized for ease of use, this book enables managers to lay the groundwork necessary for phenomenal achievement on the part of their people.

You make the right calls all day, you deliver your pitches flawlessly, and you donate to every one of your potential client's kid's school fundraisers. But you still aren't closing deals. What gives? Well, you're clearly screwing something up, and it's time you find out what it is. It's frustrating. Day in and day out, you are putting in the work with twelve-hour days and trips across town to meet clients. You study up on your competitors and rehearse your pitches every chance you get. But still, you aren't anywhere near your sales targets, and your bottom line hasn't budged since your started. Chances are it's not about what you're doing right--it's about what you're doing wrong. *How Not to Sell* is filled with interviews and stories of people who were being held back by the things they didn't realize were working against them. The workplace is a minefield filled with politics and unspoken rules. This book is here to teach you: How you're screwing it up and what to do about it How other people screwed it up before figuring it out What you should stop doing immediately What you should be doing more of Now, stop panicking and letting frustration hold you back. This book is the tool you need to get out of your sales slump and make your numbers!

The New York Times bestseller that gives readers a paradigm-shattering new

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way to think about motivation from the author of *When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing* Most people believe that the best way to motivate is with rewards like money—the carrot-and-stick approach. That's a mistake, says Daniel H. Pink (author of *To Sell Is Human: The Surprising Truth About Motivating Others*). In this provocative and persuasive new book, he asserts that the secret to high performance and satisfaction—at work, at school, and at home—is the deeply human need to direct our own lives, to learn and create new things, and to do better by ourselves and our world. Drawing on four decades of scientific research on human motivation, Pink exposes the mismatch between what science knows and what business does—and how that affects every aspect of life. He examines the three elements of true motivation—autonomy, mastery, and purpose—and offers smart and surprising techniques for putting these into action in a unique book that will change how we think and transform how we live.

PRAISE FOR THE MENTEE'S GUIDE "The Mentee's Guide inspires and guides the potential mentee, provides new insights for the adventure in learning that lies ahead, and underscores my personal belief and experience that mentoring is circular. The mentor gains as much as the mentee in this evocative relationship. Lois Zachary's new book is a great gift." —Frances Hesselbein, chairman and founding president, Leader to Leader Institute "Whether you are the mentee or

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mentor, born or made for the role, you will gain much more from the relationship by practicing the fun and easy A-to-Z principles of *The Mentee's Guide* by the master of excellence, Lois Zachary." —Ken Shelton, editor, *Leadership Excellence*

"With this deeply practical book filled with stories and useful exercises, Lois Zachary completes her groundbreaking trilogy on mentoring. Must-reading for those in search of a richer understanding of this deeply human relationship as well as anyone seeking a mentor, whether for new skills, job advancement, or deeper wisdom." —Laurent A. Parks Daloz, senior fellow, the Whidbey Institute, and author, *Mentor: Guiding the Journey of Adult Learners*

Although the theory and methods of organization development (OD) assessment and diagnosis have been covered in other books, there is a lack of practitioner-focused guides that introduce real-world case studies and tools rooted in the methodology. This book will fill that gap, providing practical perspective and insight from practitioners and consultants currently practicing OD assessment and diagnosis. Organization Development (OD) differs from management consulting in that OD assessment and diagnosis is not a prescriptive consulting engagement. Instead, OD methods include engaging clients to build change leadership initiatives customized to their particular situation. OD is not about a consultant telling a client company what to do. It is about an OD professional

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guiding client companies on their journey towards the best end point for their particular situation. This book will address that journey. The theory and foundational principles of OD are covered, but the primary focus is on providing practical applications to businesses. While the book is grounded in sound academic theory, its strength is its practitioner-focused methodology containing vignettes and tools that individuals can use to help guide the assessment and diagnosis efforts in their own or their client organizations.

The first edition introduced the newly emerging field called Positive Organizational Scholarship. Rather than focusing on organizational dysfunction, Positive Organizational Scholarship looks at organizations that are functioning at an unusually high level. Learning from such successful groups about what they did right forms the backbone of the strategy, because strategies that capitalize on the positive tend to produce life-giving, flourishing outcomes in organizations. The four strategies discussed in the first edition included the cultivation of positive climate, positive relationships, positive communication, and positive meaning. Each strategy is explained and illustrated. In this revised edition, the author will add the following materials: Chapter 1: Outlining three outcomes associated with positive leadership and one more example. Chapter 2: Adding some empirical findings linking attributes of climate with physiological benefits.

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Chapter 3: A brief discussion of temporary encounters with positive or negative outcomes. Chapter 4: Additional research on the results of the positive-to-negative-communication-ratio. Chapter 5: Elaboration on the issue of meaningfulness in work. Chapter 6: More ideas for implementation

The highly successful four-part strategy for raising your performance at work and home so that you can thrive in a busy, challenging world, from the experts who have worked with Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies across the globe. Do you wish you could be more focused and productive? Would you like to ensure your most confident performance when the stakes are high and your stress levels are even higher? The way your body reacts in any given situation determines your ability to think clearly and your capacity for managing your emotions. When you understand the way your body reacts and how to manage it, your physical intelligence, you can handle that stressful presentation, the make-or-break meeting and the important pitch. Claire Dale and Patricia Peyton have spent the past thirty years helping business leaders, top performers and professional athletes improve their physical intelligence in order to achieve outstanding success and a deeper sense of fulfillment. This practical guide contains the effective techniques you need to develop your strength, flexibility, resilience and endurance, leaving you feeling confident and fully equipped to deal with whatever

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comes your way. Each step-by-step strategy can be easily integrated into a busy day and is combined with useful tips and inspiring stories of people who have turned their lives around through physical intelligence.

The #1 New York Times bestseller. Over 3 million copies sold! Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results No matter your goals, Atomic Habits offers a proven framework for improving--every day. James Clear, one of the world's leading experts on habit formation, reveals practical strategies that will teach you exactly how to form good habits, break bad ones, and master the tiny behaviors that lead to remarkable results. If you're having trouble changing your habits, the problem isn't you. The problem is your system. Bad habits repeat themselves again and again not because you don't want to change, but because you have the wrong system for change. You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems. Here, you'll get a proven system that can take you to new heights. Clear is known for his ability to distill complex topics into simple behaviors that can be easily applied to daily life and work. Here, he draws on the most proven ideas from biology, psychology, and neuroscience to create an easy-to-understand guide for making good habits inevitable and bad habits impossible. Along the way, readers will be inspired and entertained with true stories from Olympic gold medalists, award-winning artists, business leaders, life-saving physicians, and star comedians who have used the science of small habits to master their craft and vault to the top of their field. Learn how to: • make time for new habits (even when life gets crazy); • overcome a lack of motivation and willpower; • design your environment to make success easier; • get back on track when you fall off course; ...and much more. Atomic Habits will reshape the way you think

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about progress and success, and give you the tools and strategies you need to transform your habits--whether you are a team looking to win a championship, an organization hoping to redefine an industry, or simply an individual who wishes to quit smoking, lose weight, reduce stress, or achieve any other goal.

A guide to putting cognitive diversity to work Ever wonder what it is that makes two people click or clash? Or why some groups excel while others fumble? Or how you, as a leader, can make or break team potential? Business Chemistry holds the answers. Based on extensive research and analytics, plus years of proven success in the field, the Business Chemistry framework provides a simple yet powerful way to identify meaningful differences between people's working styles. Who seeks possibilities and who seeks stability? Who values challenge and who values connection? Business Chemistry will help you grasp where others are coming from, appreciate the value they bring, and determine what they need in order to excel. It offers practical ways to be more effective as an individual and as a leader. Imagine you had a more in-depth understanding of yourself and why you thrive in some work environments and flounder in others. Suppose you had a clearer view on what to do about it so that you could always perform at your best. Imagine you had more insight into what makes people tick and what ticks them off, how some interactions unlock potential while others shut people down. Suppose you could gain people's trust, influence them, motivate them, and get the very most out of your work relationships. Imagine you knew how to create a work environment where all types of people excel, even if they have conflicting perspectives, preferences and needs. Suppose you could activate the potential benefits of diversity on your teams and in your organizations, improving collaboration to achieve the group's collective potential. Business Chemistry offers

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all of this--you don't have to leave it up to chance, and you shouldn't. Let this book guide you in creating great chemistry!

In IT Services, the businesses are managed with a customer-centric approach. This book, through various concepts, processes and stages, explores the need and framework of IT Services business, and how they are managed to deliver services par excellence. The book comprehensively explains how ITSE (IT Services Enterprises) strategies are analyzed and formulated with the help of three-dimensional cube—customer-centricity, niche vs. end-to-end offering and disruptive innovation vs. gradual innovation. The book further teaches that a good marketing must start with an integrative vision of the ITS Enterprise, and reveals how a customer plays a dominant role in co-creating IT Services. It also details on the various stages of sales cycle called Sales funnel, and how the sales team manages the sales opportunity's progress. The concluding chapters discuss the aspects needed for the survival and growth of the ITSE firms; the factors that propel growth—Demand, Quality of the business environment and Supply response of an enterprise. It also shows how the future of the IT Services depend on the combination of—Business environment, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) trends, IT Services business model trends and IT governance trends. The book is well-supported with the diagrams and illustrations to explain the concepts clearly. The Review Questions are also incorporated to analyze the students' learning skills. The book is intended for the postgraduate students of business administration, MCA and MSc (IT). Besides, the book will also be beneficial for the IT Services executives and managers.

In order to succeed in today's competitive environment, corporate and nonprofit institutions must create a workplace climate that encourages employees to continue to learn and grow.

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From the author of the best-selling *The Mentor's Guide* comes the next-step mentoring resource to ensure personnel at all levels of an organization will teach and learn from each other. Written for anyone who wants to embed mentoring within their organization, *Creating a Mentoring Culture* is filled with step-by-step guidance, practical advice, engaging stories, and includes a wealth of reproducible forms and tools.

Tens of thousands of professionals have attended David W. Merrill's acclaimed "Style Awareness Workshops" The goal: improvement of interpersonal effectiveness skills-inspiring better communication, improved productivity, and a more harmonious working environment. Students preparing for business, management, or sales careers can also benefit from Merrill's techniques, presented in *Personal Styles & Effective Performance*. Merrill's approach emphasizes the interrelationships between behavior and social style-encouraging students to consider how their own actions influence responsiveness from others. Those actions tend to be rooted in one of four primary social styles: Analytical, Amiable, Driving, and Expressive-which readers are invited to compare and contrast with their own styles, as a starting point for potential improvement. First published in 1981, *Personal Styles & Effective Performance* continues to be a popular resource for the self-improvement minded. By learning its lessons now, tomorrow's business professionals can have the edge in interpersonal effectiveness-one of the most important facets of a successful career.

What is social style, and how can you make it work for you in a business situation? Your success at any management level depends largely on your ability to deal with other people. In this business-oriented approach to interpersonal relationships, management experts Robert Bolton and Dorothy Grover Bolton show you how to assess various behavior patterns and how

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to use that knowledge to capitalize on your strengths, minimize your weaknesses, and get the results you want from others. Are you predominantly an Amiable, an Analytical, an Expressive, or a Driver? Nearly everyone, according to Boltons' extensive research, uses one of the four basic social styles more often than the others. No style is better than any other, but each does bring with it a unique pattern of strengths and weaknesses. This book shows you not only how to recognize your particular style but also how to use that knowledge to manage others more effectively, set appropriate life goals and career paths, plan a sound self-improvement plan, increase your creativity, and more. The best managers, claim the Boltons, excel at being what they are rather than at trying to be what they are not. If you feel that your effectiveness at work could be increased by better interpersonal skills but are tired of theories that want you to overhaul yourself to fit some uncomfortable, impersonal "management style," then let Social Style/Management Style improve your dealings with others and still let you be yourself.

Leading Learning and Teaching in Higher Education brings together contemporary ideas on leadership, engagement and student learning into a practical solutions-based resource designed for those undertaking the challenge of leading a university-level teaching module, programme or suite of programmes, particularly through periods of transformation or change. It encourages both first time academic leaders and those who have held teaching leadership roles for some time to review and formalise their development in a systematic, simple way and acts as a framework for navigating the opportunities and challenges involved in inspiring shared purpose, strong commitment and innovation in higher education teaching. With a clear focus on the energy of leadership rather than the practice of management, and with a strong emphasis on collaborative engagement running throughout, this book offers: Insightful

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guidance which is not bound to subject-specific requirements, making it relevant across the spectrum of course offerings at any one institution. An enabling, people-focussed foundation for leadership. Tools and frameworks which can be readily applied or adapted for the reader. A focus on core elements of teaching leadership, such as design, delivery, assessment and building a programme team. A flexible and pragmatic approach to leadership which avoids a definitive approach, instead encouraging a dynamic method of engaging leadership. Values that assert that leadership and learning go hand-in-hand. A wide-ranging discussion of leadership theories, ideas and values related to the university context. This book puts forward a multifaceted model of programme leadership and links this to a scaffolding of key attributes, skills and qualities that fit the environment of leading learning and teaching in the university. Particularly interested readers will be those beginning to lead teaching in a university setting as well as those who have been leading programme teams and the wider provision of teaching for some time wanting to enhance their skills and perspective.

Why is it so hard to work well with some people? *People Styles at Work...and Beyond* presents a comprehensive, practical, and proven method readers can use to:

- * recognize how they come across to other coworkers
- * read others' body language and behavior to identify the best ways to work with them
- * make small adjustments that will dramatically increase the quality and productivity of their interactions
- * find common ground with different people while retaining their individuality
- * relate less defensively and more effectively-no matter how others act

The book reveals the strengths and weaknesses of four different people styles, providing practical techniques that work both on the job and off. Now including all new material on personal relationships, parenting, and more, this is the ultimate guide anyone can use to enhance even

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the most difficult relationships.

Brimming with punchy, practical ideas to improve your day-to-day effectiveness, *Upskill: 21 keys to professional growth* is the definitive guide to developing the adaptive skills essential for success at work. In *Upskill*, adaptive skills specialist Chris Watson delivers a dynamic snapshot of easy-to-access development possibilities providing you with: 840 user-friendly tools and techniques reflecting the latest thinking on how to extend capability, boost professional growth and take charge of your career; a rich resource of reliable solutions, grouped around the twenty-one adaptive skills most valued by today's employers including creativity, collaboration and communication; an abundance of proven approaches, topical insights, time-saving apps and inspirational videos, as well as helpful signposts to relevant quotes, books and other resources. Each chapter focuses on one of the twenty-one skills, and begins with examples of how the individual skills which can be practised and refined throughout a career, and have all been shown to be associated with greater operational agility may be observed in the work environment. This brief introduction is then followed by forty practical ideas to develop the performance of people. Although there is no formal hierarchy to the list of suggestions, all of the ideas have been categorised into three inter-related clusters for ease of use encompassing ideas for personal

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development, for delivering results and for long-term gain. Within each of the three clusters, all of the ideas for professional growth have been laid out in terms of how they can help you respond and adjust to the requirements of your role and the ever-changing world of work. Some of the suggestions are tools apps, templates, downloads and inventories which can be picked up and used/introduced straightaway. Some of the suggestions are techniques methods, approaches and procedures for you to try out, investigate and explore. The final set of suggestions indicate where to look for further inspiration including films, podcasts, related research and a wide range of suggested reading materials. The majority of the hints, tips and techniques can be actioned without having to access any external support or invest in any additional outlay, and are as useful for new starters in an organisation as they are for experienced managers. Suitable for anyone who is committed to developing themselves and their colleagues, but may not have the time, the resources, the budget or the inspiration to know where to start.

In this entertaining and thought-provoking book, Tony Alessandra and Michael O'Connor argue that the "Golden Rule" is not always the best way to approach people. Rather, they propose the Platinum Rule: "Do unto others as "they'd" like done unto them". In other words, find out what makes people tick and go from

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there.

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No one fully understands how learning works, but educational psychologists understand a great deal about what works. The collaborative team of Klaus Issler and Ronald Habermas has assembled an integration of theology and instructional theory in *Teaching for Reconciliation: Foundations and Practice of Christian Educational Ministry*. Now they expound on one aspect of educational theory/theology to help teachers choose the method that best reaches particular learners in a specific learning situation. *How We Learn* demystifies the principles of educational psychology. The book identifies: --means and barriers in learning - --motivational factors that make learners receptive --learning's outcome in attitudes, spirituality, and behavior Application sections, special exercises and examples, plus dozens of figures and tables aid understanding of learning effectiveness, age-related development, individual learning style, special education, and other issues.

Strong interpersonal skills are a fundamental requirement in all work environments. This book provides expert guidance for IT and other professionals on key skills including: building rapport; team working; leadership; negotiation;

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written communication; managing conflict; presentation skills; coaching and mentoring; problem solving.

Why do you connect easily with some people and not with others? More than two million people use social styles and versatility skills to read and adapt to the natural behavior of others. Simple to learn and apply, social styles skills immediately improve communication and relationships at work and at home. Use them and you'll accomplish more with everyone. The secret is very simple: treat people the way they want to be treated. Learn your own social style, how to read others' styles, discover how to handle conflict with social styles in mind, and begin using versatility to ensure productive, long-term relationships. These proven, life-changing tools have produced measurable results for all people in all types of relationships, jobs and businesses worldwide. If you learn about social styles and practice versatility, you too will see immediate, positive results.

INSPIRE EMPLOYEES AND IMPROVE PERFORMANCE WITH SUPPORTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY LEADERSHIP: Some leaders are too harsh. Some are too lenient. Others are completely disengaged from employee performance management. Striking a delicate balance between supportive leadership and accountability is the key to ensuring employees are as effective and productive as possible. Sylvia Melena is the architect of the Supportive Accountability

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Leadership Model, a simple but powerful framework that helps leaders create a motivating work environment while promoting accountability and improving performance. Through a mix of stories, actionable tips, and tools, you'll learn how to:

- Master the art of supportive leadership
- Inspire employees to advance your organization's vision
- Monitor performance and customer service efficiently
- Lead effective performance improvement conversations
- Pinpoint critical support factors to unleash performance
- Wield the power of employee recognition
- Boost performance through progressive discipline
- Document skillfully

You'll also receive free access to the Performance Documentation Toolkit to help you ease the burden of employee performance documentation.

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?

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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

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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 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?

I had a truly extraordinary career. It is a child-of-farmers tale reflecting discipline, high standards, hard work and high integrity. Today I am viewed as a well respected systems development and implementation leader between my colleagues and team members. Over the years I have dedicated my self to adding value to my employers and team members. I was born on September 25, 1961 in Niekershoop a very small farming community in Northern Cape Province, South Africa to Francois and Martha Jacobs, both from the traditional South Africa farming culture. Twenty-four years since 1985 in business. My international system implementation experience includes countries such as Brazil, Canada, Caribbean, Kazakhstan, Russia, South Africa and United States of America. My biggest value-add is my understanding of Information Systems from both the operational and consulting perspectives. I have management (general, project and business administration management), business analysis

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(business information analysis and business process engineering) and information system (systems and technology) knowledge and experience in the Consulting, Chemical, Metals, Manufacturing, and Agricultural industries. My leadership and coaching ability is driven by high levels of self motivation, analytical capability, people orientation and ability to communicate at all walks of life. My knowledge and experience are strengthened by formal education: PhD, (Price Decision Support Systems), May 2000. M.Com, (Financial Information for the Management Process), 1993. B.Econ. (Hon), (Marketing, Finance, Information & Control Systems), 1987. B.Agric., (Economics, Business & Agricultural Economics), 1983. Operating in a start-up and entrepreneurial environment that is innovative, fast-paced, and requires multitasking brings about the realization that a demonstrable gap exists between what leadership expects of consultants and how they, in reality, work, referred to as the expectation-reality gap (ERG). Whether you have an idea, are ready to initiate, or are building your consulting organization, you will benefit from the content of this book. Once your leadership and consultants grasp the themes, writes Jacobs, they will respond with urgency to become key players and gain significant momentum for your start-up, and consulting business. Jacobs masterfully applied the input-process-output (IPO) model and descriptive attributes to demonstrate and analyze the ERG, and guide readers to gain insight into why the expectation-reality gap occurs, and what inadequacies might exist in terms of culture, capability, and leadership. Jacobs provides for each theme, a checklist of questions to ascertain whether your organization employs practices to avoid or narrow the ERG. Realizing the ERG themes exist and understanding the context is a powerful instrument. For hiring teams during the recruitment process; client-engagement leaders when engaging consultants in business

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development activities; project leaders in assigning and mentoring team members; executive management in starting, leading, and managing consulting organizations; and for individual consultants understanding what leaders expect. *My Expectations Nearly Killed My Dream* is the checklist methodology every entrepreneur needs to build a non-conventional business, an influential culture, and talent that can sustain an environment characterized by client value, speed, and adaptability.

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