

My favourite leadership books for now...

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I share the following books as my favourites "for now" principally because I keep reading new ones regularly. Some might call me a "leadership study geek" - for me, it is a bit of a hobby.

Learning about leadership gives me both comfort and energy. Comfort because I see my leadership most often for what it is, not *rather than* for what it is. This does not mean that I lack confidence or positive attributes. I am constantly affirmed for my leadership style from funders and staff. But, I am very critical - I want to be a leader that has it all. This means for people to be intrinsically motivated and happy, seeing me as their buddy and their boss at the same time. I want to be able to lead without leading. Of course, there is no such leader or leadership.

The study of leadership energizes me. I am partial to books that expound wisdom more than I care for books about techniques. When I find great wisdom, I cannot stop reading and then feel the need to read everything those authors have ever written.

So, here is a listing of a few of my favourite books and authors:

Collaborative Leadership:

Westley, Frances, Zimmerman, Brenda, and Michael Patton. *Getting to Maybe: How the World Is Changed*. Toronto: Random House Canada, 2006.

Chrislip, David D, and Carl E Larson. *Collaborative Leadership: How Citizens and Civic Leaders Can Make a Difference*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1994.

Lansdale, Bruce M. *Cultivating Inspired Leaders: Making Participatory Management Work*. West Hartford: Kumarian Press, 2000.

Luke, Jeffrey S. *Catalytic Leadership: Strategies for an Interconnected World*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1998.

Stacey, Ralph D. *Complexity and Creativity in Organizations*. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler, 1996.

Leadership Inspiration:

Cashman, Kevin. *Leadership From The Inside Out: Becoming a Leader for Life*. Provo: Executive Excellence, 1999.

DePree, Max. *Leadership Is An Art*. New York: Dell, 1989.



DePree, Max. *Leadership Jazz*. New York: Dell, 1993.

DePree, Max. *Leading Without Power: Finding Hope in Serving Community*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1997.

Shore, Bill. *Revolution of the Heart: A New Strategy for Creating Wealth and Meaningful Change*. New York: Riverhead Books, 1995.

Leadership:

Hesselbein, Frances, et al., eds. *Leading for Innovation: And Organizing For Results*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2002.

Kouzes, James M, and Barry Z Posner. *Credibility: How Leaders Gain and Lose It, Why People Demand It*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2003.

Kouzes, James M, and Barry Z Posner. *The Leadership Challenge* (2nd ed.). San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1997.

Senge, Peter M, et al. *The Fifth Discipline Fieldbook*. New York: Currency Doubleday, 1994.

Senge, Peter M. *The Fifth Discipline: The Art & Practice of the Learning Organization*. New York: Currency Doubleday, 1990.

Wheatley, Margaret J. *A Simpler Way*. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler, 1996.

Wheatley, Margaret J. *Finding Our Way: Leadership for an Uncertain Time*. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler, 2005.

Wheatley, Margaret J. *Leadership and the New Science: Learning about Organization from an Orderly Universe*. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler, 1992.