Learning Leadership. The Five Fundamentals of Becoming an Exemplary Leader

Description: Praise for LEARNING LEADERSHIP

"How heartening it is to see definitive proof that great leaders are made, not born. Learn for yourself how to make critical connections, collect and use constructive feedback, and lead any size of organization with deliberation and success with the wisdom mined, analyzed, and presented by Kouzes and Posner!"

Marshall Goldsmith is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Triggers, MOJO, and What Got You Here Won't Get You There

"So, you want to be a leader? This book shows you how. With fluid writing, comprehensive research, and actionable insights, Kouzes and Posner debunk myths and demonstrate that leadership is comprised of a clear set of skills and abilities that can be learned, practiced, and mastered." Tina Seelig, professor of the practice, Stanford School of Engineering; author of Insight Out, inGenius, and What I Wish I Knew When I Was 20

"Learning Leadership covers the fundamentals of what it takes to become an exemplary leader. Kouzes and Posner have done a wonderful job recognizing and sharing the mindset of leaders as learners and they offer evidence-based tools and techniques that you can put to use right away." Adam Grant, Wharton professor and New York Times bestselling author of Give and Take and Originals

"In my work, people often ask, 'Is there one best book you could recommend on leadership?' In the past, that choice was difficult, but not anymore. Learning Leadership is that one book with widespread appeal and true value. This book gives each of us the ability to set upon a lifelong path of development as leaders." Tom Kolditz, executive director, Doerr Institute for New Leaders, Rice University; Brigadier General, U.S. Army (ret); professor emeritus, Behavioral Sciences and Leadership

"Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner have delivered (yet again!) with Learning Leadership. This relevant and engaging book powerfully demonstrates how leadership is, in fact, a learnable competency. It gives readers a useful framework on how to become a leader, and how to learn and grow as a leader. A wonderful blend of deep insight coupled with immediately practical application, Learning Leadership is indispensable to any current or aspiring leader.

Stephen M. R. Covey, New York Times bestselling author of The Speed of Trust, and coauthor of Smart Trust

"Kouzes and Posner have done it again. Recognizing the dynamic leadership challenges of the 21st century, they have created an essential leadership text that helps aspiring leaders lift their game in an ambitious but practical fashion."

Doug Conant, Chairman, Avon Products; former CEO, Campbell Soup Company; Founder & CEO, ConantLeadership; Chairman, Kellogg Executive Leadership Institute

A compelling and practical read from two of the most trusted thinkers in the field, Learning Leadership is a roadmap to becoming the best leader you can be.

Chip Conley, New York Times bestselling author of Emotional Equations; AirBnB Head of Global Hospitality & Strategy

"Learning Leadership is an excellent guidebook for those who are newer to leadership and the concepts and design also lend themselves to the continuous practice of the seasoned leader as well. I appreciate the concept of the leadership journal and self-coaching actions shared at the end of each chapter as they guide the reader in reflection and practice."

Katya Armistead, Dean of Student Life, University of California, Santa Barbara

"In this wonderful book, Kouzes and Posner have summarized, in a highly engaging and accessible way, the very best lessons from irrefutable research about how to become the best leader you can possibly be. I wish I had it available 30 years ago: I would have recommended it to every single job candidate, as I will do from now on."

Claudio Fernández-Aráoz, Senior Advisor, Egon Zehnder; author, It's Not the How or the What but the Who

Discover your inner leader. Embrace that everyone has leadership potential. Use the resources and practices in this book to tap your inner leader. For young and emerging leaders this is the book for learning leadership and empowering others.

Juana Bordas, best-selling author, award winning book Salsa, Soul, and Spirit: Leadership for a Multicultural Age

We all talk about leadership as a journey and I believe Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner just provided us with the map. Cover to cover Learning Leadership: The Five Fundamentals of Becoming an Exemplary Leader is
exceptional and should become required reading for every leader regardless of their age or experience. A sincere thank you to Jim and Barry for their lifelong commitment to bringing out the leader in all of us.

Mark Fernandes, Chief Leadership Officer, Luck Companies

Hugely inspiring and motivating, Kouzes and Posner show how people at every level can develop as leaders from the inside out by identifying what they uniquely have to bring to their organization, team, or community proactively, without waiting to be singled out. Learning Leadership affirms that every one of us can all make, not just a difference, but also the particular difference we want to make in the world. This is a wonderful and important book.

Sally Helgesen, author, The Female Vision, The Web of Inclusion, The Female Advantage

Every emerging leader needs a great vivid picture of what great leadership looks like. They have a lifetime to mold and shape their future. Jim and Barry provide the map and the landmarks for this crucial leadership journey. They certainly have the background and experience to be the Sherpas!

Beverly Kaye, Founder, Career Systems International; Co-Author: Love Em or Lose Em: Getting Good People to Stay and Hello Stay Interviews Goodbye Talent Loss

"Learning Leadership is a practical and wonderful roadmap for anyone in leadership considering leadership or afraid they were not good enough for leadership. Jim and Barry challenge and motivate the reader every step of the way to reach inside for the latent capabilities for great leadership. The research and case studies are undeniable proof that there is opportunity for greatness in each and every one of us."

Kory Kogon, Global Productivity Practice Leader, Franklin Covey, and co-author: The 5 Choices: The Path to Extraordinary Productivity

"Learning Leadership captures the essence of being lifelong learners striving to be the best that one can be. The big ideas in this book reaffirm why effective leaders, both students and educators, must be learning leaders and why they inspire engagement, make a difference, and must believe in themselves as having the power and capacity to be exemplary. Learning Leadership will no doubt be the valuable foundational resource that will fuel my leadership work for the next decade."

Wendy Lim, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada

"Jim and Barry’s insightful book reminds young professionals that their education does not stop with graduation. They must continue to learn, to practice and to develop as leaders, and the five fundamental lessons of leadership in the book guide and inspire this new generation into becoming the leaders of tomorrow."

Susan Luchey, Leadership and Career Consultant; Directs Leadership Program, University of Delaware

"The conversational and optimistic tone of Learning Leadership belies the serious leadership culture shift that Kouzes and Posner highlight in this rich addition to the leadership bookshelf. Readers are invited to evaluate their capacity to lead and that of those around them in the context of upending the social belief that only certain individuals belong in the leadership pipeline. The growth-and-the-greater-good mindset the authors emphasize for preparing everyone to lead is an easy and welcome mantra to embrace. The earlier this philosophy can be introduced to young adults and their mentors, the better; and Learning Leadership is an excellent springboard."

Mariam G. MacGregor, Professional Development Center, Neeley School of Business, Texas Christian University, author of the award-winning Building Everyday Leadership curriculum

In a leadership development space that is often full of sizzle and "revolutionary" new ideas that lack real substance, Kouzes and Posner offer sound advice that is incredibly valuable for emerging leaders and existing leaders looking to sharpen their skills alike. Kouzes and Posner offer a perfect combination of hard facts and analysis derived from deep research and anecdotes that are both practical and relatable. They don't focus on the one-in-a-billion success stories of celebrity entrepreneurs and business people that are often rooted in inapplicable circumstance—instead they make leadership development tangible, sharing stories from everyday people, making their sage advice more achievable. Each chapter's Self-Coaching Actions bring their core leadership principles to life, leading you to not only think through how each applies to you, but also to implement what you have learned.

Aaron McDaniel, Millennial Expert, Speaker, Entrepreneur, and Author of The Young Professional’s Guide Series

"It's time to stop looking outside for answers, to wake up to the divine brilliance that each of us represents. Life is too short to be a follower of someone else's dream, to keep playing small by giving away our power. It's up to each of us to lead, to smash through the threshold of fear and to rise up and make our mark in our own unique way. With Learning Leadership, Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner have created an excellent road map to help us on this journey, offering practical tips and examples to help you realize your innate greatness."

Ruairí McKiernan, award winning social entrepreneur and Presidential appointee to Ireland's Council of State

"How many times do people get told they simply "aren't a leader"? More often than not, it's because there's one mold that we're trying to fit people into. But leadership comes in all shapes and forms, and needs this multitude. It needs the onlyness --- that unique perspective born of your history and experience visions and hopes that only you can bring. This book shows you how."
Nilofer Merchant, former Apple, and high tech executive and entrepreneur; Winner of Thinkers50 award of Future Thinkers: the #1 person in the world most likely to influence the future of management in both theory and practice. It has always been valuable to bring Jim and Barry’s work to my students and young leaders. With Learning Leadership, they continue to impress, giving new insights, captivating stories, and practical tips, ultimately revitalizing our perceptions of what it means to be a leader, helping others to grow and to learn, and discover exactly what leadership is and how to achieve it.

Bill Shannon, former Executive, Duke Clinical Research Institute
Learning Leadership is another jewel from leadership gurus Kouzes and Posner. Whether you are a new leader or have many years of experience, I guarantee you will find valuable development ideas for you and your organization in this book.

Steve Skarke, President, The Kaneka Foundation
Learning Leadership is like having your own personal leadership coach. Or make that coaches. Top leadership thinkers Jim Kouzes and Barry Posner distill thirty years of hands-on research into a book so filled with practical tips that you’re guaranteed to become a better leader.

Bill Treasurer, CEO, Giant Leap Consulting; Author, Leaders Open Doors

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