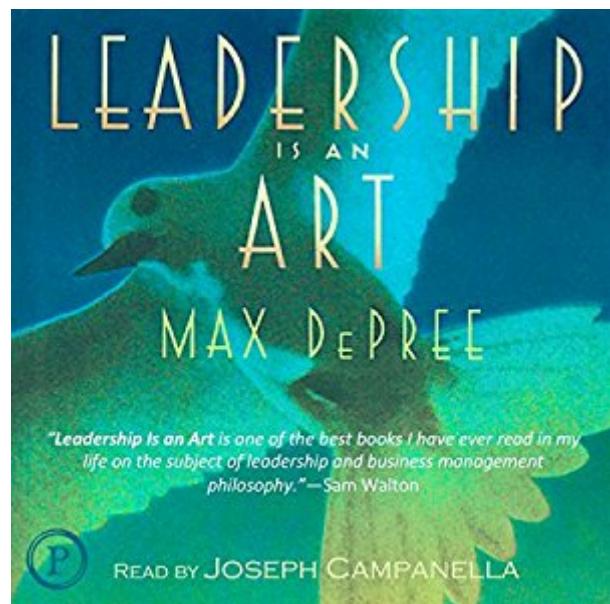


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# Leadership Is An Art



## Synopsis

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. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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This is a book for motivation and inspiration, not necessarily a guide to leadership practices. What makes it important is that motivation and inspiration can apply to many circumstances while practices must always be applied to specific challenges, but with the overriding inspiration providing the cultural envelope.

Mr. DePree in *Leadership Is an Art* makes his title's point--truly good leadership is an art. It's not simply "plug-and-play" like running a machine. Rather it's an art form of treating people, especially those you have responsibility, with family-like kindness, sharing opportunity for personal growth and accomplishment. My favorite chapter is "Tribal Storytelling" -- we define our families and our institutions by reciting our histories, the things that make us who we are. It has as much application in an actually family or church family as it does in business.

My husband greatly dislikes reading overall, but he really enjoyed this book! I'm even planning to read it because of how much he liked it and encouraged me to read it.

Good book! Overall theme is christian oriented principle-centred approach to leadership with a spiritual/theological tinge to it (stewardship that is). Teaches inspiring, gentle and empowering leadership with the bible as the core foundation. Well written!.. Except for blowing the horn of the company he worked at lol

Best leadership book with timeless principles. Our presidential candidate would do well to read it and live by it!!

Great concept in this book. The beginning of the book can be engaging. However the chapters start creating lists of different items. You start losing interest in the concepts that the author is trying to express. The lists really start to take away from appreciating and understanding the concepts behind the lists

Overall, I liked this book. It could have been a little less repetitive, but it had great examples of true leadership and caring. The author should have explained that the company used through out the book, Herman Miller, was a furniture company earlier in the book.

Best book on leadership. I found the principles described by Max Depree to be very useful. With all

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