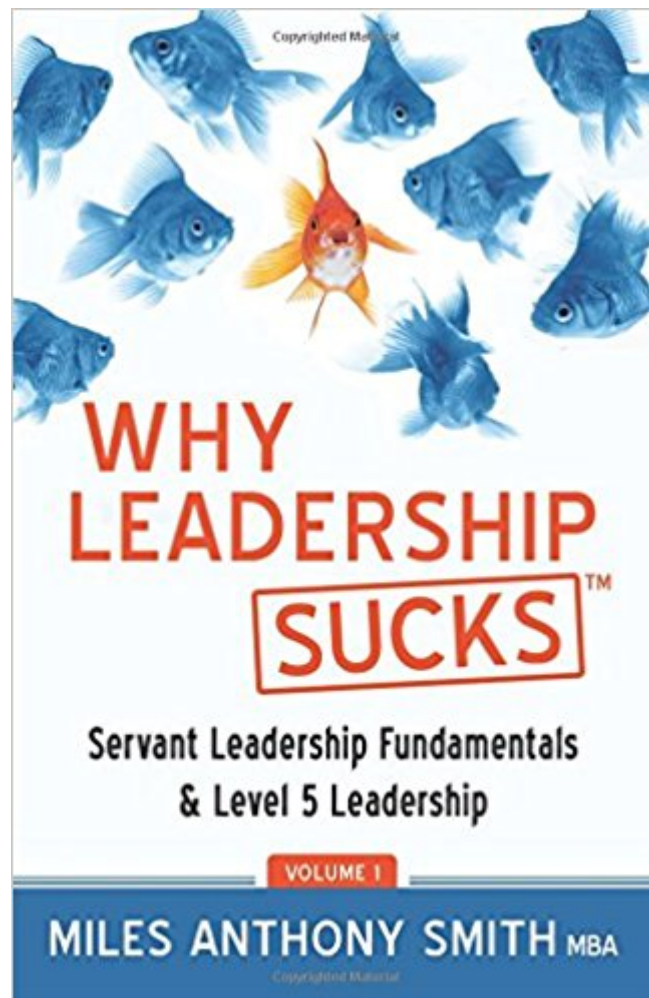




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Why Leadership Sucks™: Fundamentals Of Level 5 Leadership And Servant Leadership



Synopsis

Eliminate Frustration With Leadership What if you could— decrease your stress and flourish? What if the— wisdom you need to succeed— with your team or your boss is within your reach? The good news is, leadership can also be one of the most rewarding and fulfilling endeavors.— What if you could enjoy the rich rewards of leadership, and handle the challenging times with grace and ease? Leadership Can Suck Less So why does leadership suck? It sucks because real leadership is hard, requires selfless service, and because the buck stops here. Servant leadership or Level 5 leadership is uncomfortable, humbling, self-denying, painful, and counter-intuitive;— nonetheless, Christian leadership is the only kind of leadership that brings lasting results, genuine happiness, and true self-fulfillment.— The Joy of Leadership With— 15 years of battle-tested leadership, Miles Anthony Smith delves into the ups and downs of his senior leadership experience,— shares many funny, some sad, and other frustrating stories that will have you laughing and crying— as you earn a leadership degree through his many mistakes and missteps. He paints a picture of leadership that is— worth the fight to make it suck less. Here's What's In Store For You— Define leadership in general and the servant leadership style specifically. Why Christian leadership matters and is— a better long-term strategy. Develop leadership competencies with— practical action steps. Learn from— real world examples— from the author's organizational leadership experience. Quotes on leadership help highlight and introduce sections within each chapter.— It's Laid Out in 4 Simple Parts— Part 1:— To serve or not to serve.— Effective leadership characteristics require servant leadership.— Part 2: Do what's best for your organization. Discusses various aspects of organizational leadership and culture— Part 3:— Humility 101. Leadership principles of self-examination, apologies, authenticity, controlling and displaying emotions, and handling adversity.— Part 4: Specific management situations, focusing on— building business leadership competencies Get this book now to decrease your stress and frustration with leadership. The wisdom in these pages is genuinely worth far more than the simple investment you will make. Pick up your copy of the book by clicking the BUY NOW button at the top of the page.

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Customer Reviews

Miles uses the first person throughout to personalize the account, which is based upon not only his perspective, but his successful experiences as such a leader. As he explains, a leader role is less forgiving, with organizational leaders held to a much higher standard and less able to recover from mistakes. While Miles' book isn't the only guide available, it is the most succinct, hard-hitting survey on the market, linking personal ideals and ethics to business and spiritual pursuits

alike.-Diane Donovan, Midwest Book ReviewA young business senior may find it much more palatable than many out on the market today, and I am pretty sure if I was starting out and had read it, I would have made a lot fewer mistakes and have had a much better rep as a leader, maybe. Because it's all exactly that - bite sized and accessible without reading like a tome on business theory from a knowledgeable and entertaining author...a smart choice for a speedy, easy read to get your chops down pat for business leadership.-Catherine Tosko, Self Publishing Review

Born a Hoosier, raised an Okie, and currently residing in the Frozen Tundra of Green Bay, Wisconsin, Miles Anthony Smith is a happily married husband of Carolyn and a proud father of three. Now in his mid-30s, he was fortunate to have been given a significant leadership opportunity by his father at the age of 25. He is a classically trained violist, violinist, and composer, with passion in the fields of small-business management, marketing, macroeconomics, servant leadership, Classical education, and Christian apologetics. Miles, a Gen X'er leader and author, cares enough about organizational health to make the tough decisions, hire and coach the right people, set clear expectations, develop a strong team culture, and strengthen organizational cash flow, exhibiting both humility and fierce resolve. His mission in life is "To Chart the Course, Pave the Pathway, and Light the Lane for Others to Eclipse My Own Success in Leadership."

There is a lot of helpful advice in this book for leaders. I especially liked the sections on empowering others and modesty (specifically humility). There is quite a lot to unpack in this book that will take some time to re-read and apply all the habits and principles outlined in it. If you are seeking to be a better servant leader this book is a great resource and compilation of practical usable advice in doing so. The book is divided into four parts: Part 1: To serve or not to serve. Effective leadership characteristics require servant leadership. Part 2: Do what's best for your organization. Discusses various aspects of organizational leadership and culture. Part 3: Humility 101. Leadership principles of self-examination, apologies, authenticity, controlling and displaying emotions, and handling adversity. Part 4: Specific management situations, focusing on business leadership competencies. Here is what you will learn from Miles and experience in *Why Leadership Sucks?* Define leadership in general and the servant leadership style specifically. Why Christian leadership matters and is a better long-term strategy. Develop leadership competencies with practical action steps. Learn from real world examples from the author's organizational leadership experience. Quotes on leadership help highlight and introduce sections within each chapter.

As anyone who has served in a leadership role will tell you, leadership is hard work - and even when things go right, it can be challenging. Miles Anthony Smith gives leaders a resource to raise their effectiveness. He calls it Level 5 Leadership and Servant Leadership. While some of the principles are not new, Smith gives them a new fresh look. In four sections, the book explores the choices we make in service, serving your organization, humility (often lacking in today's leaders), and then finally, how these play out in the real world. How you serve is your choice, but remember that people in your organization are watching. This book will help you serve right.

Not knowing what to expect from Miles' first book, I was very happily surprised to find a book on leadership that was not bloated with non-actionable platitudes. *Leadership Sucks* is actually a meld of leadership and management the author discusses in a straightforward, pragmatic style. The book is filled with good content throughout, not just the first 60 pages. His chapter on Team Culture: Hiring and Coaching People Who Fit is loaded with value and in the controversy over whether leaders can actually create or mold culture, Miles explains not only the "can you?" but also the "how to." Servant leadership is a trendy topic, but in *Leadership Sucks*, Miles gives some great insights into how to be a true servant when it comes to messy issues like firing employees. A good solid read and study. Quite remarkable for a first book.

A very well-written book that confirms so many things I have learned over the years about being a true Leader--it's "lonely" at the top, and especially so, when you're the only one who has the courage to make the harder and unpopular decisions that come with this burden of responsibility that every TRUE Leader carries. I enjoyed reading this book--thanks for writing it.

I've seen effective leaders and ineffective leaders. Smith has nailed down many qualities of effective leaders, and explains just why it's so hard to be an effective leader, writing in a style I found easy to read. There is some reference to his Christian faith, which I did not find to be overwhelming here. I'd recommend this book to anyone in a leadership position. For those who are not doing well at it, this will point them in the direction to figure out more effective ways to lead. For those who are already good leaders, they will at least find the sympathy the author has for those doing what it takes to lead well.

Miles Anthony captures principles in his book that will transform you and your organization. This great read is filled with personal and practical insights that will challenge you and help you to develop others. The Author shows how to stay true to servant leadership principles when handling daily management situations. He brings a wealth of information on leadership that he lives out in his own life; and he encourages the reader to take one section a week to practice each new concept. This is a must read reference manual that I only wish I had studied years ago. I will keep it close by and read it repeatedly.

This book not only talks about strategies to make yourself a leader/manager/executive people will want to follow (and the steps to get there) but also the very real personal costs of those choices. It is the book I wish I had when I took my first supervisory role, as it gave much better form to my vague instincts. As the book wrapped up, I felt a change in tone. I don't know if it was just warming to the topic, but it jarred the overall consistency. Otherwise 5 stars. Regardless, highly recommended.

This a challenging book that will make you think and laugh. I enjoyed the personal stories and scenarios other great leaders. The section on humility was enlightening and clearly shows how humility is undervalued in our society.

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