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In the tradition of his million-seller "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership," author John C. Maxwell provides a concise, accessible leadership book that helps readers become more effective leaders from the inside out. Daily readings highlight twenty-one essential leadership qualities and include "Reflecting On It" and "Bringing It Home" sections that help readers integrate and apply each day's material.

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David J. Scott says

I'm not even done with it and I've been amazed by what it has been teaching me. Although the book is simplistic in style and open to many types of leadership, it poses many good points on how to be a leader in good and bad times.

What I've learned most is when he tells a story about a leader that achieved great things because of their intuition, drive, passion, listening, and so on and so forth. It allowed me to see deeper into the process of Sam Walton of Wal-Mart and Oprah Winfrey and how they rose to success. Even though I'm not a fan of either one, it gives me an open end to seeing how they were driven toward success in their life and shown all of their efforts did them a lot of good.

I'm reading this book for a class so it's a required book, but I recommend this book to anyone who has the desire to be a leader for others. You can't be a leader without many good things, and Maxwell walks you through 21 short chapters on how to excel in all 21 chapters. Please check this book out and read it!!

William says

I found some of this book to be contradictory, and I didn't really care for many of the examples. However, some of the book was good and thought provoking. I think it just seemed too much like Maxwell had been told he had to have 21 characteristics, and he was really stretching to get them. I also don't think you should quote yourself in a book about leadership... I mean, who is John Maxwell? I had never heard of him before I read this book, and I haven't heard of him since. Perhaps I just don't hang in the right circles, but still...

Tihomir says

It was one of the most interesting books on leadership I read. It contains a lot of useful and practical lessons which will help me to develop my leadership habits. Thanks Mr. Maxwell!

Bill Nelson says

I am an optimistic thinker and have studied the characteristics of successful people for many years. From books like *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, to *The Magic of Thinking Big*, and *Good to Great*, I have read quite a few. I have listened to Tony Robbins, Paul Harvey, Zig Ziglar and countless motivational speakers. With all this background knowledge, I thought I had it down. That is, until I read *The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader* by John Maxwell.

This is an amazing first read for anyone wanting to know what truly sets a leader apart from others. When looking at the 21 points in retrospect to my own business life, I found that Maxwell has definitely hit the nail on the head. This is a great read for anyone wanting to be a leader and is HIGHLY recommended for those just starting in the business world. If only I had this information back then.

As I read each chapter, I found myself yearning to learn more and my Type A personality wanted "action plans". But alas this was only an overview of these qualities as John has other books and programs that cover the how to's. I can say that I am now a John Maxwell follower and will definitely be reading his other books on leadership.

Gbello says

I find the book really helpful...for a busy person this book is a quick read, has great stories of people that are inspiring, it is to the point with the advise on what each quality is and what you need to know on how to improve for each if you need to improve on them, and you can always go back and reflect on this information. Being a leader is constant improvement and maintaining leadership is just constant.

Abdulrahman Alrehan says

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Eeling says

An interesting book on leadership qualities - well-structured content, depicts well through example on why each quality is important for a successful individual / leader. The book also explains on how these qualities can be reflected in our daily activities and how it can be applied to our daily lives.

Jason says

I know, I know. A book about leadership and how great can that actually be. Well, pretty damn great in this case. The book is small (155 pgs) and the synopsis of the "qualities" are short, but what makes the book great is the common sense approach to a subject that some of us really use in everyday life. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a new manager this book will offer a great refresher course or a foundation for what great leadership really is: Developing effective communication.

I have been reading sections of the book to my Executive Staff in our daily stand-up meetings and everyone has commented on how many of the precepts have changed their management style.

Read it and become "the person others will want to follow".

Rebecca says

I'm not a great leader: I speak my mind too freely, I'm not good at delegating, and sometimes I have a hard time hiding the fact that certain people irritate me. Believe me, I know my own weaknesses (most people do.) and I'm working on improving them.

While this book was chalk full of good qualities to have, I couldn't help but feel like I was sitting in some motivational seminar where someone was trying to sell me something. (I dislike the disingenuity of motivational speakers. Rather than feeling motivated I usually feel like I've been walked on.)

I had a sense that Mr. Maxwell was using good virtues as a means to an end, rather than gaining these qualities because we should just be good people. For inspiration in gaining admirable qualities I much prefer Way to Be.

Also of note was the fact that he used a myriad of examples of characteristics for "Great Leadership" in people who clearly did not have every characteristic! Yes, Michelangelo had Commitment... but I'm pretty sure his Charisma scores were low. Just sayin'.

Andrew Vanderlinden says

21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader

This book helped me identify areas of my leadership I have neglected. Its short chapters and engaging stories kept me coming back for more. It helped me recognize personal characteristics that I need to improve If I want to be a truly effective leader.

If you want to be a leader that people want to follow then this book is for you.

Quincy says

Solid principles, Great book!

John Maxwell does a great job writing a book that connects with readers on multiple levels. He provides historical references of successful leaders who have embodied the traits and characteristics mentioned in each chapter. He further aligns each section with take aways that help the reader gain knowledge on how to incorporate proven methods and techniques to become a better leader.

Kim Tong Lim says

It has provided me guidance as I lead a team in my job. It contains several gems of ideas and qualities which

we should adopt.

Of the 21 indispensable qualities, Character was in the first chapter of the book. Character comes with it Integrity and strong moral values. Several major corporate scandals invariably boil down to leaders who were of dubious or unethical characters. Character also refers to a strong will to stand up for your values and to take courage to defend the weak or right the unjust action imposed on another person.

The author covered this topic with 4 main points.

- 1) Character is more than just talk. It must be demonstrated by your actions and in a sincere manner.
- 2) Talent is a gift, but Character is a choice. A person may be born musically talented or with a high IQ, this is not something you can pick at birth but you can decide on the character you want for yourself. You can choose to cheat or to resist the temptation of easy money.
- 3) Character brings lasting success with people. If you think you are leading and no one is following you, then you are only taking a walk! It is like in the army, when the officer in the field shouted CHARGE forward and you are the only one running forward and your soldiers are not following right beside you, you know where you stand with your men.
- 4) Leaders cannot rise above the limitations of their Character. Even if you are highly talented but have flawed Character, you will be hampered to reach greater success because you are alone without the collective strengths of your team. Such leaders are destined for one or more of the 4 A's: Arrogance; painful feelings of Aloneness; destructive Adventure-seeking; Adultery. (Steven Berglas, a psychologist at Harvard Medical School)

Alex Timberman says

I'm not sure how helpful self-help books really are. Lot of times, they say the things we want to hear, but don't provide any lasting impressions, unlike the power of a good novel.

But for what it is, this was an interesting book. I like his ethical Christian perspective and he put in a lot of research to turn out an easy to read book on leadership. He goes through 21 traits of leadership with some historical examples along with a short summary of the trait at the end of each chapter. He recommends that you focus on each trait and make it a part of your life.

There's a lot of agreeable advice here, but not the kind that really transforms the way you view yourself, others, and society. I recommend it those that want an easy to read, feel-good book.

Tony Jr says

Great book I love even more than the insanely popular book 21 Irrefutable laws of leadership written by the same author. In short, to the point chapters, Maxwell does an excellent job of capturing the heart of each quality.

Each quality is as follows:

1. Character
2. Charisma
3. Commitment
4. Competence
5. Courage
6. Competence
7. Discernment
8. Focus
9. Generosity
10. Initiative
11. Listening
12. Passion
13. Positive Attitude
14. Problem Solving
15. Relationships
16. Responsibility
17. Security
18. Self-Discipline
19. Servanthood
20. Teachability
21. Vision

Complete with application exercises and practical real life examples this is an invaluable resource for every leader.

Estevo Raposo says

El ameno estilo de John C. Maxwell hace que el libro se pueda escuchar casi de un tirón, pero el propio autor nos recomienda al principio, con muy buen criterio, no hacerlo: está pensado para entrar en nuestra vida por “sedimentación”, poco a poco. Una cualidad al día es un buen ritmo. Aunque fue escrito después de The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership, debería ser leído antes, por ser más directo y básico.

Las 21 cualidades que Maxwell disecciona en este libro, con consejos prácticos y directos para adquirirlas son:

- 1 CARÁCTER: Sé un pedazo de roca
- 2 CARISMA: La primera impresión puede ser determinante
- 3 COMPROMISO: Es lo que separa a los hacedores de los soñadores
- 4 COMUNICACIÓN: Sin ella, viajas solo
- 5 CAPACIDAD: Si la desarrollas, ellos vendrán
- 6 VALENTÍA: Una persona con valentía es mayoría
- 7 DISCERNIMIENTO: Pon fin a los misterios no resueltos
- 8 CONCENTRACIÓN: Mientras más aguda sea, más agudo serás tú
- 9 GENEROSIDAD: Tu vela no pierde nada cuando alumbrar a otros
- 10 INICIATIVA: No deberías salir de casa sin ella
- 11 ESCUCHAR: Para conectarte con sus corazones, usa tus oídos

- 12 PASIÓN: Toma la vida y ámala
 - 13 ACTITUD POSITIVA: Si crees que puedes, puedes
 - 14 SOLUCIÓN DE PROBLEMAS: No puedes dejar que tus problemas sean un problema
 - 15 RELACIONES: Si tomas la iniciativa, te imitarán
 - 16 RESPONSABILIDAD: Si no llevas la bola, no puedes dirigir al equipo
 - 17 SEGURIDAD: La competencia nunca compensa la inseguridad
 - 18 AUTODISCIPLINA: La primera persona a la que tienes que dirigir eres tú mismo
 - 19 SERVICIO: Para progresar, pone a los demás primero
 - 20 APRENDER: Para mantenerte dirigiendo, mantente aprendiendo
 - 21 VISIÓN: Puedes conseguir solo lo que puedes ver
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