Reading List of Leadership Books

Remember, I'm only interested in the best of the best books ... each read by me and recommended after a thorough review. This is a list of over 100 books that I've previewed in my blog.

- 1. 100 Decisive Battles: From Ancient Times to the Present. Paul K. Davis, 1999
- 2. **12** Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos. Jordan B. Peterson
- 3. 19 Stars: A Study in Military Character and Leadership. Edgar F. Puryear Jr.
- 4. **24/7: The First Person Y Must Lead is You**. Rebecca "Becky" Halstead
- 5. A Higher Standard: Leadership, Strategies from America's First Female Four-Star General. Ann Dunwoody
- 6. America in Retreat: The New Isolationism and the Coming Global Disorder. Bret Stephens
- 7. American Soldier. General Tommy Franks
- 8. Antifragile: Things That Gain from Disorder. Nassim Nicholas Taleb
- 9. Band of Brothers: E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne from Normandy to Hitler's Eagle's Nest. Stephen E. Ambrose
- 10. Becoming a Better You: 7 Keys to Improving Your Life Every Day. Joel Osteen
- 11. Black Flags: The Rise of ISIS. Joby Warrick
- 12. Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead. Jim Mattis and Bing West
- 13. Churchill's Trial: Winston Churchill and the Salvation of Free Government. Larry P. Amn
- 14. Corps Commanders of the Bulge, Harold R. Winton,
- 15. *Credibility: How Leaders Gain and Lose It, Why People Demand It.* James M. Kouzes and Barry Z. Posner
- 16. *Cyrus the Great.* Jacob Abbott
- 17. **Discrimination and Disparities**. Thomas Sowell
- 18. Duty: Memoirs of a Secretary at War. Robert Gates
- 19. Endless War: Middle-Eastern vs. Western Civilization. Ralph Peters
- 20. Essentials of Classic Italian Cooking. Marcella Hazan
- 21. Exceptional: Why the World Needs a Powerful America. Dick Cheney and Liz Cheney
- 22. Extreme Ownership: How U.S. Navy SEALS Lead and Win. Jocko Willink and Leif Babin
- 23. False Idol: Barack Obama and the Continuing Cult of the Presidency. Gene Healy
- 24. Finding a Way to Win. Bill Parcels
- 25. *Flags of our Fathers*. James Bradley
- 26. Flyboys: A True Story of Courage. James Bradley
- 27. From Pusan to Panmunjom: Wartime Memoirs of the Republic of Korea's First Four-Star General. Paik Sun Yup
- 28. Front Burner: Al Qaeda's Attack on the USS Cole. Kirk S. Lippold, USN (Ret)
- 29. Funding Evil. Rachel Ehrenfeld
- 30. Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap ... And Others Don't. Donald Mitchell
- 31. *Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance*. Angela Duckworth

- 32. *Hal Moore on Leadership: Winning When Outgunned and Outmanned*. Hal Moore and Mike Guardia
- 33. How Children Succeed: Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character. Paul Tough
- 34. How Successful People Think. John C. Maxwell
- 35. It Worked for Me. Colin Powell
- 36. Joe Torre's Ground Rules for Winners. Joe Torre
- 37. Lead On: A Practical Approach to Leadership. Rear Admiral Dave Oliver, Jr.
- 38. *Leadership*. Rudolph W. Giuliani
- 39. Lincoln and His Generals. Thomas Harry Williams
- 40. *Lincoln the Unknown.* Dale Carnegie
- 41. Make Today Count. John C. Maxwell
- 42. *Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life ... And Maybe the World*. U.S. Navy Admiral William H. McRaven
- 43. Manliness. Harvey C. Mansfield
- 44. Men Against Fire: The Problem of Battle Command in Future War. S.L.A. Marshall
- 45. *Mosby's Rangers*. Jeffry D. Wert
- 46. My Share of the Task: A Memoir. Stanley McChrystal
- 47. Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes. Edith Hamilton
- 48. Nineteen Stars: A Study in Military Character and Leadership. Edgar Puryear
- 49. On Grand Strategy. John Lewis Gaddis
- 50. Outliers: The Story of Success. Malcolm Gladwell
- 51. **Please Stop Helping Us: How Liberals Make it Harder for Blacks to Succeed.** Jason L. Riley
- 52. Principles: Life and Work. Ray Dalio
- 53. **Quiet Strength: The Principles, Practices, and Priorities of a Winning Life.** Tony Dungy and Nathan Whitaker
- 54. **Resilience: Hard-Won Wisdom for Living a Better Life**. Eric Greitens
- 55. **Return with Honor.** Captain Scott O'Grady with Jeff Coplon
- 56. Rumsfeld's Rules: Leadership Lessons in Business, Politics, War, and Life. Donald Rumsfeld
- 57. Sacred Duty: A Soldier's Tour at Arlington Cemetery. Tom Cotton
- 58. Six Frigates: The Epic History of the Founding of the U.S. Navy. Ian W. Toll
- 59. Start with Why: How Great Leaders Inspire Everyone to Take Action. Simon Sinek
- 60. Stonewalled: My Fight for Truth Against the Forces of Obstruction, Intimidation, and Harassment in Obama's Washington. Sharyl Attkisson
- 61. Strategic Failure: How President Obama's Drone Warfare, Defense Cuts, and Military Amateurism Have Imperiled America. Mark Moyar
- 62. **Team of Teams: New Rules of Engagement for a Complex World**. Stanley McChrystal, et al.
- 63. The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lesson in Personal Change. Stephen
- 64. The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader. John C. Maxwell
- 65. *The Advantage: Why Organizational Health Trumps Everything Else in Business.* Patrick Lencioni

- 66. *The Age of the Unthinkable*. Joshua Cooper Ramo
- 67. The Amazon Way: 14 Leadership Principles Behind the World's Most Disruptive Company. John Rossman
- 68. The Art of Political War and Other Radical Pursuits. David Horowitz
- 69. *The Art of the Donald: Lessons from America's Philosopher-in-Chief.* Christopher Bedford
- 70. *The Art of War.* Sun Tzu with Thomas Cleary as translator
- 71. The Autobiography of Calvin Coolidge. Calvin Coolidge
- 72. **The Beleaguered City: The Vicksburg Campaign December 1862-July 1863**. Shelby Foote
- 73. *The Book Thief*. Markus Zusak
- 74. **The Civil War and American Art.** Eleanor Jones Harvey
- 75. The Coldest Winter. David Halberstam
- 76. The Compound Effect: Jumpstart your Income, Your Life, Your Success. Darren Hardy
- 77. *The Essential 55*. Ron Clark
- 78. **The Cult of the Presidency: America's Dangerous Devotion to Executive Power.** Gene Healy
- 79. The Five Dysfunctions of a Team: A Leadership Fable. Patrick Lencioni
- 80. The Grand Strategy of the Roman Empire. Edward N. Luttwak
- 81. The Generals: American Military Command from World War II to Today. Thomas E. Ricks
- 82. The Greatest Generation. Tom Brokaw
- 83. *The ISIS Apocalypse: The History, Strategy, and Doomsday Vision of the Islamic State.*William McCants Ph.D.,
- 84. *The Last Lion: Winston Spencer Churchill*. Volumes I, II, and III by William Manchester (Vol. I & II) and William Manchester and Paul Reid (Vol. III)
- 85. *The Mission, The Men, and Me: Lessons from a Former Delta Force Commander.* Pete Blaber
- 86. The Odyssey of Echo Company. Doug Stanton
- 87. *The Past as Prologue: The Importance of History to the Military Professional.* Edited by Williamson Murray and Richard Hart Sinnreich
- 88. The Professional of Arms. John Winthrop Hackett
- 89. The Return of George Washington. Edward J. Larson
- 90. The Second World Wars: How the First Global Conflict Was Fought and Won. Victor Davis Hanson
- 91. The Spirit to Serve: Marriott's Way by J.W. Marriott, Jr. and Kathi Ann Brown
- 92. The Student Leadership Challenge: Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leader.
 James M. Kouzes and Barry Posner
- 93. The Time of Stalin: Portrait of a Tyranny. Anton Antonov-Ovseyenko
- 94. The Tyranny of Experts: Economists, Dictators, and the Forgotten Rights of the **Poor.** William Easterly
- 95. The War on Cops: How the New Attack on Law and Order Makes Everyone Less Safe.

 Heather MacDonald
- 96. **Thunderbolt: From the Battle of the Bulge to Vietnam and Beyond.** Lewis Sorley

- 97. *Turn the Ship Around*. L. David Marquet
- 98. **Twenty Decisive Battles of the World.** Lt. Col. Joseph B. Mitchell and Sir Edward Creasy, 1964 (original by Sir Creasy)
- 99. *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption.* Laura Hillenbrand
- 100. Uncommon: Finding Your Path to Significance. Tony Dungy and Nathan Whitaker
- 101. *Unknown Iacocca*. Peter Wyden
- 102. War at the End of the World: Douglas MacArthur and the Forgotten Fight for New Guinea, 1942-1945. James P. Duffy
- 103. What Got You Here Won't Get You There. Marshall Goldsmith with Mark Reiter
- 104. We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young: Ia Drang—the Battle That Changed the War in Vietnam. Harold G. Moore and Joseph L. Galloway
- 105. What the Dog Saw: and other Adventures. Malcolm Gladwell
- 106. Winning Through Innovation: A Practical Guide to Leading Organizational Change and Renewal. Michael L. Tushman and Charles A. O'Reilly III
- 107. Wooden on Leadership: How to Create a Winning Organization. John Wooden and Steve Jamison
- 108. Work Hard, Study ... and Keep out of Politics. James A. Baker, III and Steve Fiffer