

Featured in *Your Weekly Staff Meeting eNews*
John Pearson's Book Reviews

Master List: 2006 to 2025

- Leadership & Management Books**
- Board Governance Books**
- Inspirational & Spiritual Formation Books**



**DINOSAURS
DIDN'T READ.
NOW THEY
ARE EXTINCT.**

2025 Index: List #2 by Issue Number

ATTACHED:

- List #2: Books by eNews Issue Number (Issues 1 to 668)**

3 ADDITIONAL LISTS:

managementbuckets.com/book-bucket

- List #1: Books by Management Buckets Category (updated 12/31/2025)
- List #3: John's Top-100 Book List (updated 12/31/2022)
- List #4: Mastering 100 Must-Read Books List (9/14/2022)



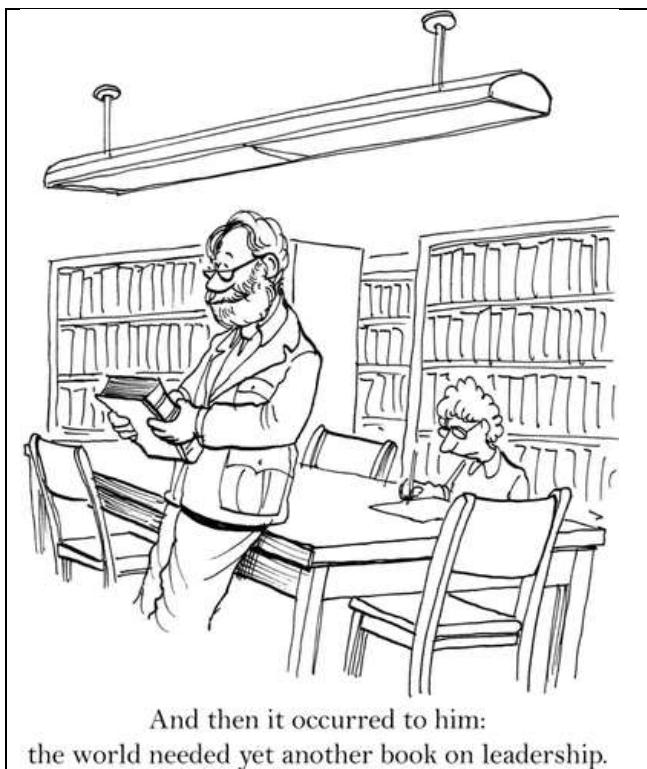
Your Weekly Staff Meeting eNews

Subscribe: <https://www.managementbuckets.com/general-5>

Archives: <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>

- John Pearson's Buckets Blog
- Pails in Comparison Blog
- ECFA Governance Blog

About John Pearson's Book Lists



These lists represent an assortment of well-known and lesser-known leadership, management, and board governance books (plus inspirational and spiritual formation books) that John has recommended to clients over the years. We add to the list every year.

For John's original list of his Top-20 books, read the "Book Bucket" chapter in *Mastering the Management Buckets*.

Peter Drucker would ask, "Are you a reader or a listener?" What's your learning style? (What's the learning style of your boss or board chair?) If you're a listener, check out the audio book options at Libro.fm audio books: <https://libro.fm/>



Libro.fm
Audiobooks

Listen to the 2025 Book-of-the-Year!
<https://tidd.ly/4f3YuYX>

Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers, by Dane Ortlund
(5 hours, 16 minutes)



Effective Sept. 30, 2025, the blogsite for *John Pearson's Buckets Blog* and *Pails in Comparison Blog* went out of business. Those blogs are slowly (!) being moved over to the new blog sites here:

- John Pearson's Buckets Blog*: <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
- Pails in Comparison Blog*: <https://pailsincomparison.blogspot.com/>

John Pearson's Book Reviews as featured in *Your Weekly Staff Meeting eNews*

CONTENTS

LIST #2 BY ISSUE NUMBER	PAGE
How to Read a Book	4
Book-of-the-Year Honors (2006 to 2025)	6
The 20 Management Buckets & Master List of Book Reviews	16
Your Weekly Staff Meeting eNews: 2006-2007 Book Reviews	18
2008 Book Reviews	20
2009 Book Reviews	22
2010 Book Reviews	23
2011 Book Reviews	25
2012 Book Reviews	27
2013 Book Reviews	28
2014 Book Reviews	29
2015 Book Reviews	30
2016 Book Reviews	32
2017 Book Reviews	33
2018 Book Reviews	35
2019 Book Reviews	37
2020 Book Reviews	39
2021 Book Reviews	46
2022 Book Reviews	50
2023 Book Reviews	54
2024 Book Reviews	58
2025 Book Reviews	62
Pails in Comparison: 2022 Book Reviews	67
Pails in Comparison: 2023 Book Reviews	70
Pails in Comparison: 2024 Book Reviews	73
Pails in Comparison: 2025 Book Reviews	76
Index to Over 400 Board Governance Blog Posts	79
Books and Workbooks by John Pearson	80
Free Subscription Info – <i>Your Weekly Staff Meeting eNews</i>	82
Your Ideal Bookshelf: What's on Your All-Time Top-10 Book List?	83
About John Pearson	84

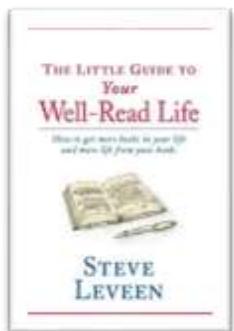


Effective Sept. 30, 2025, the blogsite for *John Pearson's Buckets Blog* and *Pails in Comparison Blog* went out of business. Those blogs are slowly (!) being moved over to the new blog sites here:

- John Pearson's Buckets Blog*: <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
- Pails in Comparison Blog*: <https://pailsincomparison.blogspot.com/>

Excerpted from [*Mastering 100 Must-Read Books*](#) (Book #1 of 100):

1



HOW TO READ A BOOK

The Little Guide to Your Well-Read Life How to Get More Books in Your Life and More Life from Your Books

by Steve Leveen
Levenger Press, 2005, 123 pages

Reviewed August 10, 2020
Your Weekly Staff Meeting Issue No. 445

“Give Yourself the Gift of Empty Shelves”

[Aug. 10, 2020] This is funny! Next month I'll begin the 15th year of publishing *Your Weekly Staff Meeting*. The first issue was August 28, 2006, and I recommended Jim Collins' easy-to-read 35-page booklet, *Good to Great and the Social Sectors*.

So after reviewing more than 450 books (some issues have highlighted multiple books), I took time to read a book about how to read a book!

“Do not set out to live a well-read life but rather *your* well-read life. No one can be well-read using someone else's reading list.”

Wham! Immediately, author and entrepreneur Steve Leveen lets you off the hook—no guilt. Just a boatload of ideas on navigating your own well-read life. The book features dozens of PowerPoint-worthy quotations, including this from Atwood H. Townsend:

**“Never force yourself to read a book that you do not enjoy.
There are so many good books in the world
that it is foolish to waste time on one that does not give you pleasure.”**

To uncover the books that will change your life (the big idea of the book), the author suggests you have two libraries:

- #1. The Library of Candidates (based on your List of Candidates)
- #2. The Living Library (your library of well-read friends)

Leveen did massive research and one-on-one interviews with readers and book clubs before writing this book. He notes that John Armato, a PR executive, “cherishes his growing Library of Candidates. When people ask him if he's actually read all those books, he asks if they've actually eaten all the food in their kitchen. ‘It is good to put up a supply of books; it increases the odds that you'll have what you want when you're hungry for it,’ he says.” Leveen adds: **“Give yourself the gift of empty shelves. Like an open road, they hold the promise of your future examined life.”**

The chapter, “Seizing More from Your Reading,” gave me several new ideas—and affirmed several of my best practices. “The advice-givers all agree that you should not

start by reading the first sentence of a book and then plow your way through to the end.” His practical suggestions (start at 35,000 feet and conduct three tours of the book) include this: “Then take a third tour, and read a few introductory and concluding paragraphs from each chapter. That is where most writers sum up their major points.”

When should you give up on a book? “**A few years ago I gave up on *Crime and Punishment*. I found it not enough crime and too much punishment.**” Generally, Leveen votes for the 50-page rule: “...if you don’t like it after fifty pages, close the book and move on.”

Where do you find the meat of a book? Usually in the middle, but don’t forget my rule-of-thumb for striking gold on page 25 also. In Leveen’s book on page 25, you’ll find his generous recommendations of other books on how to read a book, including a classic, *Good Reading: A Helpful Guide for Serious Readers*.

I ordered *The Little Guide to Your Well-Read Life* for the five scholars/grandchildren in my life. (Three are ready to begin their senior year in high school—whatever that might look like at Covid High.) Students and serious readers will appreciate Leveen’s “proven techniques for remembering” content. Example: In the 1940s, Ohio State University professor Francis Robinson conducted the psychological research that created the system, SQ3R: Survey, Question, Read, Recite, and Review.

One granddaughter keeps a list of the books she’s read. So far in 2020, she’s knocked off 130 books! She affirms Leveen’s suggestion: “Another way to help your long-term retention is by keeping a reader’s journal or annotated Bookography.” He also notes that “Some of the most satisfying reading of all is re-reading. The Bible is the most re-read book of all in the West.”

Every year, my friend and mentor, George Duff, re-reads Peter Drucker’s *The Effective Executive*. Be sure to read Jim Collins’ foreword to the 50th anniversary edition, “Ten Lessons I Learned from Peter Drucker.”

► https://www.jimcollins.com/article_topics/articles/Ten-Lessons-I-Learned-from-Peter-Drucker.html

If you love books—and love the lifelong nourishment that good books deliver—you’ll feast on *The Little Guide to Your Well-Read Life* (123 delicious pages), including a tempting bibliography of 86 books. (I borrowed a few titles for my List of Candidates and my Library of Candidates.)

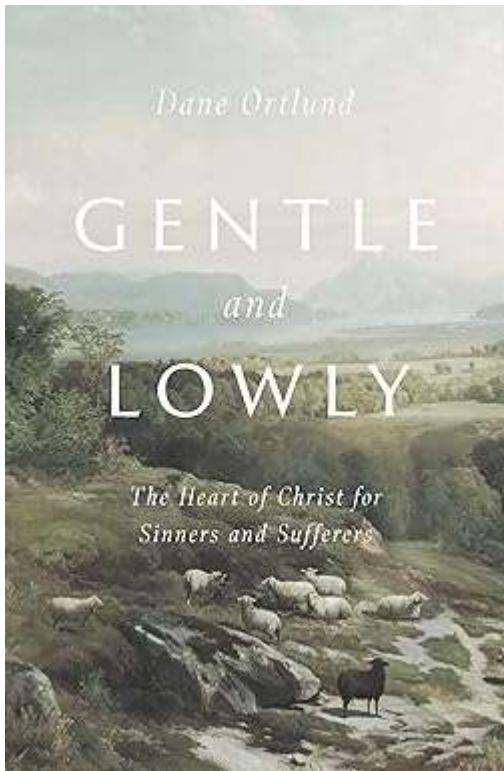
Footprint Leaver or Preservationist? Don’t miss the pros and cons of Footprint Leavers (those who write in books—I’m in the marginalia camp) and the opposing group, Preservationists (no writing allowed). Leveen received more than 2,000 responses to his blog on this Big Argument, including “A book unmarked is a book unloved.”

Also, learn why speed reading isn’t that important (the difference between reading speed versus thinking speed).

He quotes Mortimer Adler, coauthor of *How to Read a Book*: “Whereas a bookplate indicates financial ownership...writing in a book indicates intellectual ownership.” Leveen is encouraging. “If you have led an active reading life, your reading power at age eighty will tower over your reading power at age thirty.” And this: “**If you are not setting some books aside unfinished, you are not sampling enough books.**”

BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR HONORS

John Pearson has been selecting the “Book-of-the-Year” honors since 2006.



2025 Book-of-the-Year

□ 653. **Gentle and Lowly:
The Heart of Christ for Sinners
and Sufferers**

by Dane Ortlund

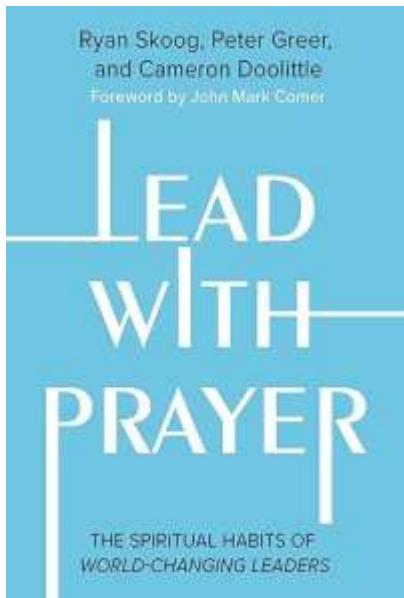
Add this to your next PowerPoint: “If his grace in kindness is ‘immeasurable riches’—as opposed to measurable, middle-class grace—then our sins can never exhaust his heart. On the contrary, the more weakness and failure, the more his heart goes out to his own.”

I read this book twice in 2025—and have gifted copies to others. I will read it again. *Oh, my.*

And LOL! Ortlund adds that **if Jesus hosted his own personal website**, the most prominent line of the “About Me” dropdown menu would read:

“GENTLE AND LOWLY IN HEART.”

[Read John Pearson's review.](#)



2024 Book-of-the-Year

591. **Lead with Prayer: The Spiritual Habits of World-Changing Leaders**

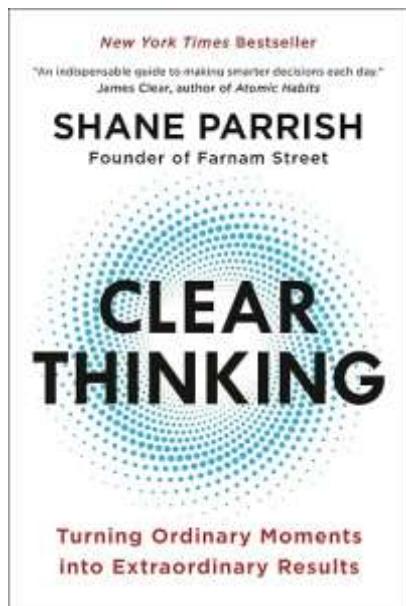
by Ryan Skoog, Peter Greer, and Cameron Doolittle

The authors invested three years in research and over 100 hours of interviews with leaders across the globe. (I love the international stories.) They asked leaders about their very personal and private prayer habits. *How? When? Where? Why?*

You've never read anything like this. And Ryan, Peter, and Cameron transparently share their own missteps in prayerlessness. (*Amazing.*) The reality: none of us are spiritual giants. And this I affirm: learning more about the spiritual habits of God-honoring leaders—*it changed me.*

[Read John Pearson's review.](#)

Favorite Quote: Ryan Skoog writes about being at the National Prayer Breakfast “in a breakout session for business leaders. A French Canadian businessman stood up to pray. He was a wise and accomplished leader with thousands of employees. But what most affected the room was his prayer—more specifically, the single word he prayed.”



2023 Book-of-the-Year

□ 587. Clear Thinking: Turning Ordinary Moments into Extraordinary Results

by Shane Parrish

The author of *Clear Thinking* mentions this memorable story about former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (1923-2023):

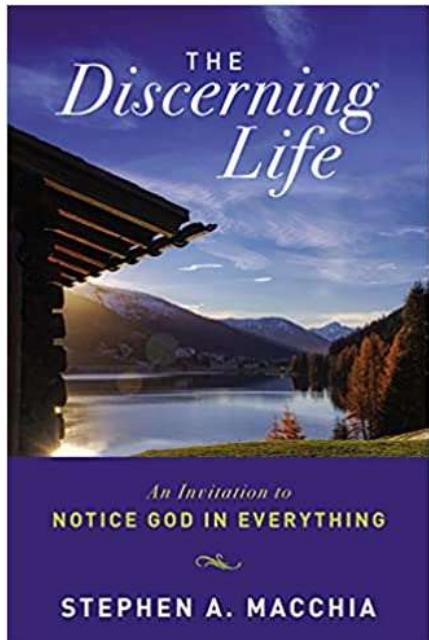
- “A staffer had drafted a memo and left it on Kissinger’s desk for him to read. A while later, Kissinger approached him and asked if it was his best work. The staffer said no and rewrote the entire memo.
- The next day the staffer ran into Kissinger again and asked what he thought. Kissinger asked him again if this was the best he could do. The staffer took the memo and rewrote it yet again.
- The next morning, the same scenario played out, only this time the poor staffer stated that yes indeed it was his best work.
- Kissinger replied, **‘Okay, now I’ll read it.’”**

That insight—and dozens more from a former intelligence agent—is from this *New York Times* bestseller. Read my review and you’ll see why you could read just this one book—or read 20 books! (Your decision!)

[Read John Pearson’s review.](#)

Here’s my question for you today:

Would you rather read ONE book or read 20 books? If you could scan my copy of *Clear Thinking*, you’d see more than 20 book titles written in the margins. Much like Patrick Lencioni summarized his 20 years of thinking and writing in *The Advantage* (my 2012 book-of-the-year), so Shane Parrish summarizes, with an extraordinary grasp, any of the must-read leadership and management books.



2022 Book-of-the-Year

□ 509. **The Discerning Life: An Invitation to Notice God in Everything**

by Stephen Macchia

This is a hopeful book. *The Discerning Life: An Invitation to Notice God in Everything* emits the same respectful tone that oozes out of Macchia's other books (see *Crafting a Rule of Life* and others). Steve writes with high regard and aspirations for readers and leaders—fellow pilgrims. He confesses, "The older I get, the harder it is to pray." Steve admits he's "just a beginner" in this discernment journey, and so with that honest humility, he invites me in. *I love this book!*



THE DISCERNING LEADER PODCAST

Listen in as Steve Macchia interviews John Pearson on "Your Discerning Life Story, Episode 4," April 21, 2022.

"Once you taste spiritual discernment, you won't want to go back to the old way of decision-making."

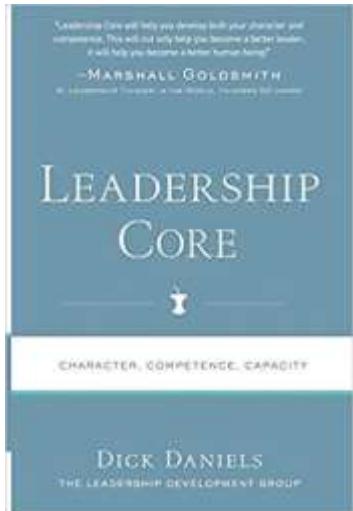
PODCAST (45 minutes)

<https://www.leadershiptransformations.org/podcast/2022/04/21/john-pearson-your-discerning-life-story-episode-4/>

JOHN'S BOOK REVIEW:

<https://urgentink.blogspot.com/2025/12/the-discerning-life.html>

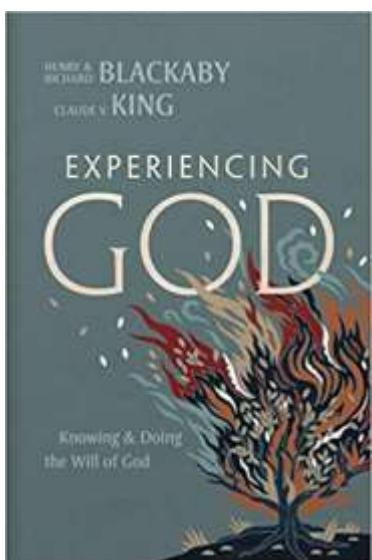
Years 2020 & 2021 were crazy, right? So...we selected TWO books each year!



2021 Book-of-the-Year

460. **Leadership Core: Character, Competence, Capacity (Leadership Multipliers)**, by Dick Daniels

Daniels cautions: "Every leader will face at least one impossible situation during their leadership tenure. That time is described as having your back against the wall, with no way out, completely alone, and the feeling of gloom you have when it seems like the end is near." (*Don't despair: Dick Daniels has deep insights and wisdom for you.*)



2021 Book-of-the-Year

496. **Experiencing God (2021 Edition): Knowing and Doing the Will of God**, by Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, and Claude King

"Nowhere in the Bible does God promise to stop us from making mistakes!" The authors list four inappropriate ways for discerning God's voice. (Even well-meaning people make these mistakes! Yikes!) These are serious mistakes—because people are misunderstanding what the Bible teaches. They include: 1) Asking for a miraculous sign, 2) Seeking a method, 3) The 'name it and claim it' method, and 4) Open and closed doors."

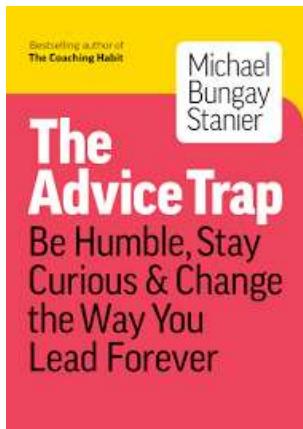
Read John's reviews:

► **Leadership Core**

<https://urgentink.blogspot.com/2025/12/leadership-core.html>

► **Experiencing God (2021 Edition)**

<https://urgentink.blogspot.com/2025/12/experiencing-god.html>

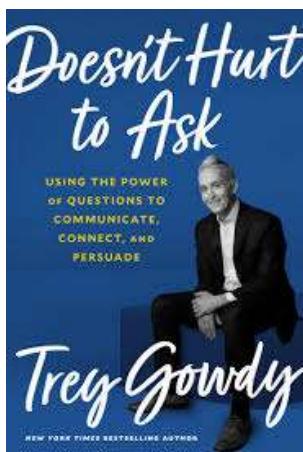


2020 Book-of-the-Year

- 432. ***The Advice Trap: Be Humble, Stay Curious & Change the Way You Lead Forever***,
by Michael Bungay Stanier

John began his book review with this:

"Hello. My name is John and I'm an Advice Monster." Yikes! If you've got the guts to read this book, you won't come out unscathed.



2020 Book-of-the-Year

- 450. ***Doesn't Hurt to Ask: Using the Power of Questions to Communicate, Connect, and Persuade***,
by Trey Gowdy

John listed 10 "favorites" in his book review:

#9. Favorite short course on questioning: Brilliant explanations and examples of Leading Questions and Non-Leading Questions—and when to use them. (This reminded me of the AWE question in *The Advice Trap*.)

Read John's reviews:

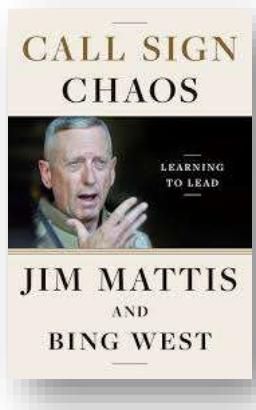
► ***The Advice Trap***

<https://urgentink.blogspot.com/2025/12/the-advice-trap.html>

► ***Doesn't Hurt to Ask***

<https://urgentink.blogspot.com/2025/12/doesnt-hurt-to-ask.html>

BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR HONORS



2019 Book-of-the-Year

- 416. *Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead*
by Jim Mattis and Bing West

“If you haven’t read hundreds of books, learning from others who went before you, you are functionally illiterate—you can’t coach and you can’t lead.”

LEARNING TO LEAD!

According to Jim Mattis...

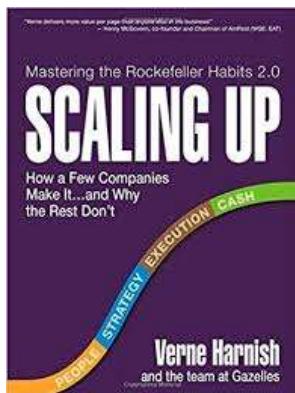
...the Commandant of the Marine Corps maintains a list of required reading for every rank. “All Marines read a common set; in addition, sergeants read some books, and colonels read others. Even generals are assigned a new set of books that they must consume. At no rank is a Marine excused from studying.”

- “Praise in public, criticize in private.”
- “Operational tempo is a state of mind. I’ve always tried to be hard on issues but not on spirits.”
- “We learn more about ourselves when things go wrong.”
- To his one-star generals and admirals: “...protect our mavericks. That’s your job. If you’re uncomfortable dealing with intellectual ambushes from your own ranks, it’ll be a heck of a lot worse when the enemy does it to you.”

Read John’s review:

<https://urgentink.blogspot.com/2025/12/call-sign-chaos.html>

BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR HONORS



2018 Book-of-the-Year

- 395. *Scaling Up: How a Few Companies Make It...and Why the Rest Don't*
Mastering the Rockefeller Habits 2.0
by Verne Harnish

Scaling Up is one of the most complete books I've ever read. The alignment with the great leadership and management experts (Drucker, Collins, Lencioni, Gerber, Blanchard, and many more) is stunning.

Faith-based organizations will enhance their study of *Scaling Up* with occasional dips into the 20 core competencies in *Mastering the Management Buckets*, including the Book Bucket.

REMINDER: LEADERS ARE READERS!

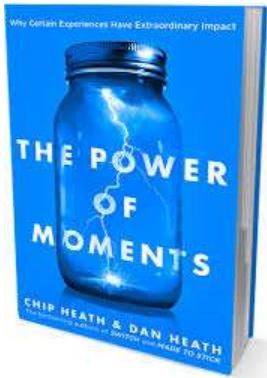
According to Verne Harnish:

“Mark Cuban, the outspoken owner of the Dallas Mavericks, reads three hours per day. His goal is to find just one idea he can use to give him and the over 150 companies in which he’s invested an edge in the marketplace.”

Read John's review:

<https://urgentink.blogspot.com/2025/12/scaling-up.html>

BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR HONORS



2017 Book-of-the-Year

- 372. *The Power of Moments: Why Certain Experiences Have Extraordinary Impact*, by Chip Heath and Dan Heath

The Big Idea:

Defy “the forgettable flatness of everyday work and life by creating a few precious moments.”

Read John's review:

<https://urgentink.blogspot.com/2025/12/the-power-of-moments.html>



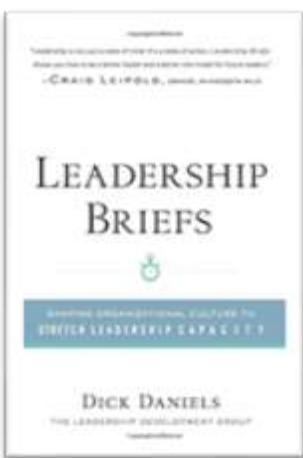
2016 Book-of-the-Year

- 342. *The ONE Thing: The Surprisingly Simple Truth Behind Extraordinary Results*, by Gary Keller with Jay Papasan

"What's the ONE Thing you can do this week such that by doing it everything else would be easier or unnecessary?"

Read John's review:

<https://urgentink.blogspot.com/2025/12/the-one-thing.html>



2015 Book-of-the-Year

- 318. *Leadership Briefs: Shaping Organizational Culture to Stretch Leadership Capacity*, by Dick Daniels

Gimme a break, Dick! I've written a whole chapter on the Delegation Bucket, so how come I just learned a new insight that's going right into my PowerPoint?

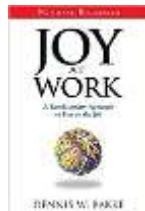
"Leaders have three options: (1) Not delegating, (2) Delegating prematurely, or (3) Delegating developmentally."

Read John's review:

<https://urgentink.blogspot.com/2025/12/leadership-briefs.html>

BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR HONORS

<https://urgentink.blogspot.com/search/label/Book-of-the-Year>



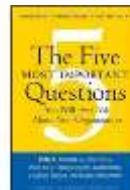
2006

7. *Joy at Work: A Revolutionary Approach to Fun on the Job*, by Dennis W. Bakke



2007

22. *The Best Question Ever: A Revolutionary Approach to Decision Making*, by Andy Stanley
See his 2020 updated book with five questions, *Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets*.



2008

87. *The Five Most Important Questions You Will Ever Ask About Your Organization*, by Peter Drucker (plus Collins, Kotler, Kouzes, Rodin, Rangan and Hesselbein)



2009

- 168 & 181. *Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry*, by Ruth Haley Barton



2010

- 191 & 328. *The First 90 Days: Proven Strategies for Getting Up to Speed Faster and Smarter (Updated and Expanded)*, by Michael Watkins



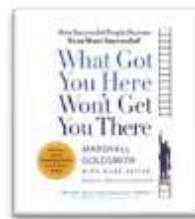
2011

208. *Necessary Endings: The Employees, Businesses, and Relationships That All of Us Have to Give Up in Order to Move Forward*, by Dr. Henry Cloud



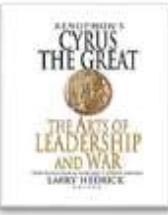
2012

245. *The Advantage: Why Organizational Health Trumps Everything Else in Business*, by Patrick Lencioni



2013

269. *What Got You Here Won't Get You There: Discover the 20 Workplace Habits You Need to Break*, by Marshall Goldsmith and Mark Reiter



2014

301. *Xenophon's Cyrus the Great: The Arts of Leadership and War*, by Xenophon (Larry Hedrick, Editor)

Read insights from all 20 buckets every year!

Mastering the Management Buckets 20 Critical Competencies for Leading Your Business or Nonprofit



<https://www.managementbuckets.com/20-management-buckets>

Cause ♦ Community ♦ Corporation

The 20 Management Buckets are organized into three arenas—think three-legged stool. So when you read (or clip or download an article), categorize the resource into one of these 20 buckets. See the book or the website for the core competency statement/description for each bucket.

OUR CAUSE

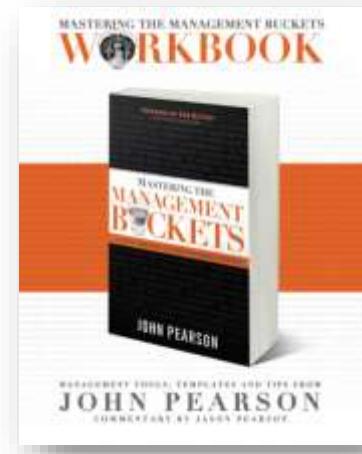
- #1: The Results Bucket
- #2: The Customer Bucket
- #3: The Strategy Bucket
- #4: The Drucker Bucket
- #5: The Book Bucket
- #6: The Program Bucket

OUR COMMUNITY

- #7: The People Bucket
- #8: The Culture Bucket
- #9: The Team Bucket
- #10: The Hoopla! Bucket
- #11: The Donor Bucket
- #12: The Volunteer Bucket
- #13: The Crisis Bucket

OUR CORPORATION

- #14: The Board Bucket
- #15: The Budget Bucket
- #16: The Delegation Bucket
- #17: The Operations Bucket
- #18: The Systems Bucket
- #19: The Printing Bucket
- #20: The Meetings Bucket



<https://amzn.to/2ErXYpd>



<http://amzn.to/2Cw0LcS>

Your Weekly Staff Meeting eNews

John Pearson's Book Reviews

Master List: 2006 – 2025

Leadership, Governance, Management

BOOK REVIEW ARCHIVES. Over 600 book reviews have been featured in John Pearson's eNews, *Your Weekly Staff Meeting*. Read them in the Book Review Archives at: ➔ <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>

SUBSCRIBE. Sign up for your complimentary subscription at:
➔ <https://www.managementbuckets.com/general-5>

DOWNLOAD. Download four book lists at:
➔ <https://www.managementbuckets.com/book-bucket>

4 Book Lists are posted:

- List #1: Books by Management Buckets Category (updated 12/31/2025)
- List #2: Books by eNews Issue Number (updated 12/31/2025)
- List #3: John Top-100 Book List (updated 12/31/2022)
- List #4: Mastering 100 Must-Read Books (9/14/2022)

SEARCH FOR A BOOK REVIEW. To read a book review and/or order the book:
➔ <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>

**CFO asks CEO:
“What happens if
we invest in
developing our
people and then
they leave us?”**

**CEO:
“What happens
if we don’t
and they stay?”**

Leaders Are Readers (and Listeners!). DELEGATE YOUR READING!

- Each month, give your direct reports one book to read.
- Ask for a 5- to 10-minute “book review” from one person each week.
- Your team will be inspired, motivated and their learning will be enriched from reading...
...4 books x 11 months = 44 books per year!
- Then...file the book on your staff resource shelf with your marked-up copies so your managers can mentor their people with niche chapters.

For more ideas on creating a lifelong learning culture, read the Book Bucket chapter in *Mastering the Management Buckets*

ISSUE	DATE	BUCKET	BOOK	AUTHOR(S)
1	8/28/06	Strategy	Good to Great and the Social Sectors	Collins, Jim
2	9/4/06	Team	A Tale of Three Kings: A Study in Brokenness	Edwards, Gene
3	9/11/06	Book	You Can't Win a Fight With Your Boss & 55 Other Rules For Success	Markert, Tom
4	9/18/06	Team	Now, Discover Your Strengths	Buckingham, Marcus & Clifton, Donald
5	9/25/06	Book	A Diary of Private Prayer	Baillie, John
6	10/2/06	Customer	Applebee's America: How Successful Political, Business and Religious Leaders Connect With the New American Community	Sosnik, Douglas B., Dowd, Matthew J., and Fournier, Ron
7	10/9/06	Book-of-Year!	Joy at Work: A Revolutionary Approach to Fun on the Job	Bakke, Dennis
8	10/16/06	Customer	Versatile Selling: Adapting Your Style So Customers Say "Yes!"	Wilson Learning
9	10/23/06	Budget	The Minister's MBA: Essential Business Tools for Maximum Ministry Success	Babbes, George S. and Zigarelli, Michael
10	10/30/06	Donor	40 Day Spiritual Journey to a More Generous Life	Kluth, Brian
11	11/6/06	Board	The Imperfect Board Member: Discovering the Seven Disciplines of Governance Excellence	Brown, Jim
12	11/13/06	Delegation	The One Minute Manager Meets the Monkey	Blanchard, Ken and Oncken Jr., William
13	11/20/06	Book	TrueFaced: Trust God and Others With Who You Really Are	Thrall, Bill; McNicol, Bruce and Lynch, John
14	11/27/06	Donor	Major Donor Game Plan: Rounding 3rd and Heading Home	McLaughlin, Patrick
15	12/4/06	Team	Becoming a Healthy Team: 5 Traits of Vital Leadership	Macchia, Stephen A.
16	12/11/06	Book	Taking the Lead: Following the Example of Paul, Timothy and Silvanus	Jenson, Ron
17	12/18/06	Book	Fit After 40: 3 Keys to Looking Good & Feeling Great	Nava, Don
18	1/2/07	Book	The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People	Ortberg, John
19	1/8/07	Customer	Citizen Brand: 10 Commandments for Transforming Brands in a Consumer Democracy	Gobe, Marc
20	1/15/07	Drucker	The Effective Executive: The Definitive Guide to Getting the Right Things Done	Drucker, Peter
21	1/22/07	Operations	The Starfish and the Spider: The Unstoppable Power of Leaderless Organizations	Brafman, Ori and Beckstrom, Rod A.
22	1/29/07	Book-of-Year!	The Best Question Ever: A Revolutionary Approach to Decision-making	Stanley, Andy
23	2/5/07	Results	Stop Setting Goals If You Would Rather Solve Problems	Biehl, Bobb
24	2/12/07	Customer	Sales Autopsy: 50 Postmortems Reveal What Killed the Sale (and What Might Have Saved It)	Seidman, Dan
25	2/19/07	Book	Balancing Life's Demands: A New Perspective on Priorities	Howard, J. Grant
26	2/26/07	Donor	The Treasure Principle: Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving	Alcorn, Randy
27	3/5/07	Printing	How to Get Your Point Across in 30 Seconds--or Less	Frank, Milo O.
28	3/12/07	Board	Nonprofit Board Answer Book	Andringa, Robert and Engstrom, Ted
29	3/19/07	Results	Execution: The Discipline of Getting Things Done	Bossidy, Larry and Charan, Ram
30	3/26/07	Book	Winning: The Answers--Confronting 74 of the Toughest Questions in Business Today	Welch, Jack and Suzy

To read a book review (and order the book), search at <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
 or visit the book reviews by John W. Pearson at Amazon: <http://bit.ly/4sgDGDO>

31	4/2/07	Drucker	The Temptation to Do Good	Drucker, Peter
32	4/9/07	Systems	The E-Myth Revisited: Why Most Small Businesses Don't Work and What to Do About It	Gerber, Michael E.
33	4/16/07	Team	For Your Improvement: A Guide for Development and Coaching	Lombardo, Michael M. and Eichinger, Robert W.
34	4/23/07	Volunteer	Halftime: Changing Your Game Plan From Success to Significance	Buford, Bob
35	4/30/07	Donor	The 7 Deadly Sins of Christian Fundraising	Rodin, R. Scott
36	5/7/07	Team	The Carrot Principle: How the Best Managers Use Recognition to Engage Their People, Retain Talent, and Accelerate Performance	Gostick, Adrian and Elton, Chester
37	5/14/07	Culture	The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict	Sande, Ken
38	5/21/07	Operations	If You Haven't Got the Time to Do It Right...When Will You Find the Time to Do It Over?	Mayer, Jeffrey J.
40	6/4/07	Systems	The Organized Executive: The Classic Program for Productivity--New Ways to Manage Time, Paper, People and the Digital Office	Winston, Stephanie
41	6/11/07	Book	Tales from Q School: Inside Golf's Fifth Major	Feinstein, John
42	6/18/07	Book	A Long Obedience in the Same Direction	Peterson, Eugene H.
43	6/25/07	Operations	The Unnatural Act of Management: When the Great Leader's Work Is Done, the People Say "We Did It Ourselves"	Suters, Everett T.
44	7/9/07	Results	Leaving Microsoft to Change the World: An Entrepreneur's Odyssey to Educate the World's Children	Wood, John
45	7/16/07	Book	Zing! Five Steps and 101 Tips for Creativity on Command	Harrison, Sam
46	7/23/07	Team	StrengthsFinder 2.0	Rath, Tom
47	7/30/07	Strategy	What Were They Thinking? Unconventional Wisdom About Management	Pfeffer, Jeffrey
48	8/6/07	Team	Cure for the Common Life: Living in Your Sweet Spot	Lucado, Max
49	8/13/07	Customer	The Marketing Mavens	Capon, Noel
50	8/20/07	Board	Good Governance for Nonprofits: Developing Principles and Policies for an Effective Board	Laughlin, Frederic L. and Andringa, Robert C.
51	8/27/07	Results	The Three Signs of a Miserable Job: A Fable for Managers	Lencioni, Patrick
52	9/3/07	Program	Marketing Your Ministry: 10 Critical Principles	Pearson, John W. and Hisrich, Robert
53	9/10/07	Results	Effectiveness by the Number: Counting What Counts in Church	Hoyt, William R.
54	9/18/07	Team	Twelve O'clock High	1949 Film (DVD)
55	9/24/07	Team	Ten Thousand Horses: How Leaders Harness Raw Potential for Extraordinary Results	Stahl-Wert, John and Jennings, Ken
56	10/1/07	Book	Gilead	Robinson, Marilynne
57	10/8/07	Results	Confronting Reality: Doing What Matters to Get Things Right	Bossidy, Larry and Charan, Ram
58	10/15/07	Board	Nonprofit Board Answer Book: A Practical Guide for Board Members and Chief Executives (Second Edition)	BoardSource
59	10/22/07	Operations	Wikinomics: How Mass Collaboration Changes Everything	Tapscott, Don and Williams, Anthony D.
60	10/29/07	Volunteer	Forces for Good: The Six Practices of High-Impact Nonprofits	Crutchfield, Leslie R. and Grant, Heather McLeod
61	11/5/07	Drucker	Breakfast With Fred	Smith, Sr., Fred

Page 19 of 86 ◆ John Pearson's Book Reviews ◆ Dec. 31, 2025 ◆ LIST #2: BY ISSUE NUMBER

Your Weekly Staff Meeting eNews ◆ John Pearson's Buckets Blog ◆ Pails in Comparison Blog

Free Subscription: <https://www.managementbuckets.com/>

To read a book review (and order the book), search at <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
 or visit the book reviews by John W. Pearson at Amazon: <http://bit.ly/4sgDGDO>

62	11/12/07	Team	Choosing to Cheat: Who Wins When Family and Work Collide	Stanley, Andy
63	11/19/07	Book	The Mulligan: Everyone Needs a Second Chance in Golf and in Life	Armstrong, Wally and Blanchard, Ken
64	11/26/07	Operations	Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change	Bridges, William
65	12/4/07	Team	Leadership Is an Art	De Pree, Max
66	12/10/07	Team	Building Successful Teams	Butterworth, Bill
67	12/17/07	People	How to Deal With Annoying People: What to Do When You Can't Avoid Them	Phillips, Bob and Alyn, Kimberly
68	12/24/07	Results	Reveal: Where Are You?	Hawkins, Greg and Parkinson, Cally
69	12/31/07		<i>Note: Issue 69 is an alpha listing of books from Issues 1-68</i>	
2008		* = Top-10 Books in 2008		
70	1/8/08	Results	Mastering the Management Buckets: 20 Critical Competencies for Leading Your Business or Nonprofit	Pearson, John
71	1/14/08	People	Life's a Campaign: What Politics Has Taught Me About Friendship, Rivalry, Reputation and Success	Matthews, Chris
72	1/21/08	Results	* The Five Temptations of a CEO	Lencioni, Patrick
73	1/28/08	Team	Leaders at All Levels: Deepening Your Talent Pool to Solve the Succession Crisis	Charan, Ram
74	2/4/08	Culture	Heroic Leadership: Best Practices From a 450-Year-Old Company That Changed the World	Lowney, Chris
75	2/11/08	Culture	Coach Wooden One-on-One: Inspiring Conversations on Purpose, Passion and the Pursuit of Success	Wooden, John and Carty, Jay
76	2/18/08	Book	Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God	Blackaby, Henry T. and King, Claude V.
77	2/25/08	Team	Fired Up or Burned Out: How to Reignite Your Team's Passion, Creativity and Productivity	Stallard, Michael Lee
78	3/3/08	Crisis	Judgment: How Winning Leaders Make Great Calls	Tichy, Noel M. and Bennis, Warren G.
79	3/10/08	Book	Brain Rules: 12 Principles for Surviving and Thriving at Work, Home and School	Median, John
80	3/17/08	Book	Devotional Classics: Selected Readings for Individuals and Groups (2005 Revised Edition)	Foster, Richard J. and Smith, James Bryan
81	3/24/08	Book	The Contrarian's Guide to Leadership	Sample, Steven
82	3/31/08	Team	It's Your Ship: Management Techniques from the Best Damn Ship in the Navy	Abrashoff, Capt. D. Michael
83	4/7/08	Budget	Cents & Sensibility: How Couples Can Agree About Money	Palmer, Scott and Bethany
84	4/14/08	Meetings	Leadership Gold: Lessons I've Learned From a Lifetime of Leading	Maxwell, John C.
85	4/21/08	Strategy	Simply Strategic Stuff: Help for Leaders Drowning in the Details of Running a Church	Stevens, Tim & Morgan, Tony
87	5/5/08	Book-of-Year!	*The Five Most Important Questions You Will Ever Ask About Your Organization	Drucker, Peter (and co-authors)
88	5/12/08	Board	The Perfect Search: What Every Nonprofit Board Member Needs to Know About Hiring Their Next CEO	Stevens, Tim & Morgan, Thomas, Tommy with Isbister, Nick & Andringa, Robert C.
89	5/19/08	Donor	*Revolution in Generosity: Transforming Stewards to Be Rich Toward God	Willmer, Wesley K (general editor)

To read a book review (and order the book), search at <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
 or visit the book reviews by John W. Pearson at Amazon: <http://bit.ly/4sgDGDO>

90	5/27/08	Book	*Same Kind of Different As Me: A Modern-Day Slave, an International Art Dealer, and the Unlikely Woman Who Bound Them Together	Hall, Ron and Moore, Denver
91	6/2/08	Budget	Zone of Insolvency: How Nonprofits Avoid Hidden Liabilities and Build Financial Strength	Mattocks, Ron
92	6/9/08	Results	Know Can Do! Put Your Know-How Into Action (Part 1)	Blanchard, Ken; Meyer, Paul J.; Ruhe, Dick
93	6/16/08	Results	Know Can Do! Put Your Know-How Into Action (Part 2)	Blanchard, Ken; Meyer, Paul J.; Ruhe, Dick
94	6/30/08	Strategy	The Prince (translated by Peter Constantine)	Machiavelli, Niccolo
95	7/8/08		Put Down the Duckie (Sesame Street DVD) – Book Bucket	Sesame Street
96	7/14/08	Team	*The Prince of Darkness: 50 Years Reporting in Washington	Novak, Robert D.
97	7/21/08	Results	Managing the Nonprofit Organization: Principles and Practices	Drucker, Peter F.
98	7/29/08	Team	LeaderShift: Letting Go of Leadership Heresies	Cousins, Don
99	8/4/08	Customer	*Duct Tape Marketing: The World's Most Practical Small Business Marketing Guide	Jantsch, John
100	8/11/08	Strategy	*Six Disciplines® Execution Revolution: Solving the One Business Problem That Makes Solving All Other Problems Easier	Harpst, Gary
102	8/25/08	Meetings	Beyond Bullet Points: Using Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2007 to Create Presentations That Inform, Motivate and Inspire	Atkinson, Cliff
103	9/1/08	Meetings	The Bucket List (DVD) - Starring: Jack Nicholson & Morgan Freeman	
104	9/8/08	Donor	Made to Stick: Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die	Heath, Chip
105	9/16/08	People	The Great Connection--A Story That Reveals Life's Most Important Lesson: How to Connect With Others--Especially Yourself	Warren, Arnie
106	9/22/08	Budget	The Best Investment Advice I Ever Received	Claman, Liz
107	9/29/08	Results	Squawk! How to Stop Making Noise and Start Getting Results	Bradberry, Travis
108	10/8/08	Book	The Essential Bible Guide: 100 Readings Through the World's Most Important Book	Kuniholm, Whitney
109	10/14/08	Meetings	*You've Got to Be Believed to Be Heard: The Complete Book of Speaking in Business and in Life	Decker, Bert
110	10/20/08	Team	The Truth About Managing People and Nothing But the Truth	Robbins, Stephen P.
111	10/27/08	Team	Margin: Restoring Emotional, Physical, Financial and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives	Swenson M.D., Richard A.
112	11/4/08	Book	Operation World: When We Pray God Works (21st Century Edition)	Johnstone, Patrick
113	11/10/08	Donor	The One Year Mini for Leaders	Seybert, Jim
114	11/17/08	Operations	The Essential Engstrom: Proven Principles of Leadership	Engstrom, Ted W.

To read a book review (and order the book), search at <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
 or visit the book reviews by John W. Pearson at Amazon: <http://bit.ly/4sgDGDO>

115	11/24/08	People	The Social Styles Handbook: Find Your Comfort Zone and Make People Feel Comfortable With You	Wilson Learning Library
116	12/1/08	Customer	*Outliers: The Story of Success	Gladwell, Malcolm
117	12/8/08	Systems	*Getting Things Done: The Art of Stress-Free Productivity	Allen, David
118	12/15/08	Results	The 80/20 Principle: The Secret to Achieving More With Less	Koch, Richard
119	12/22/08	Delegation	Mastering the Management Buckets: 20 Critical Competencies for Leading Your Business or Nonprofit	Pearson, John
120	12/29/08	Book	YEAR-END ISSUE: 2008 SUMMARY AND TOP-10 BOOKS	
	2009		* = Top-10 Books in 2009	
121	1/6/09	Book	The Message/Remix: Solo: An Uncommon Devotional	Peterson, Eugene H.
122	1/12/09	Team	*Strengths Based Leadership: Great Leaders, Teams and Why People Follow	Rath, Tom and Conchie, Barry
123	1/20/09	Board	The Leader's Legacy	McKenna, David L.
124	1/27/09	Team	Not Quite What I was Planning: Six-Word Memoirs by Writers Famous and Obscure	Fershleiser, Rachel and Smith, Larry (editors)
125	2/2/09	Donor	Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money	Emerson, Michael O. and Snell, Patricia
126	2/9/09	Culture	The Character of Leadership: Nine Qualities That Define Great Leaders	Iorg, Jeff
127	2/16/09	Customer	Tribes: We Need You to Lead Us	Godin, Seth
128	2/24/09	Donor	The Giving Journey: A Guide to the Joy of Generosity	MacDonald, Gordon and Johnson, Patrick
129	3/3/09	Hoopla!	Monday Morning Leadership: 8 Mentoring Sessions You Can't Afford to Miss	Cottrell, David
130	3/10/09	Printing	Barack, Inc. - Winning Business Lessons of the Obama Campaign	Libert, Barry and Faulk, Rick
131	3/17/09	Budget	First Comes Love, Then Comes Money: A Couple's Guide to Financial Communication	Palmer, Scott and Bethany
132	3/23/09	Culture	Lessons From San Quentin: Everything I Need to Know About Life I Learned in Prison	Dallas, Bill with Barna, George
133	3/31/09	Customer	*The King of Madison Avenue: David Ogilvy and the Making of Modern Advertising	Roman, Kenneth
134	4/6/09	Donor	*The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us? The Answer That Changed My Life and Might Just Change the World	Stearns, Richard
135	4/13/09	Culture	The Short List: In a Life Full of Choices, There Are Only Four That Matter	Butterworth, Bill
136	4/22/09	Book	The CIA World Factbook 2009	CIA
137	4/27/09	Crisis	The Noticer: Sometimes, All a Person Needs Is a Little Perspective	Andrews, Andy
138	5/6/09	Team	Leadership RE:Vision - Looking at Leadership With a New Set of Eyes	Seybert, Jim
139	5/12/09	Book	*The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith	Keller, Timothy
140	5/19/09	Strategy	101 Mission Statements From Top Companies: Plus Guidelines for Writing Your Own Mission Statement	Abrahams, Jeffrey

141	5/26/09	Culture	Humility	Murray, Andrew
142	6/2/09	Book	*The 100 Best Business Books of All Time: What They Say, Why They Matter, and How They Can Help You	Covert, Jack and Sattersten, Todd
143	6/10/09	Book	What Are You Living For? Investing Your Life in What Matters Most	Williams, Pat
144	6/16/09	Customer	*Wired to Care: How Companies Prosper When They Create Widespread Empathy	Patnaik, Dev with Mortensen, Peter
145	6/25/09	Team	Transforming Together: Authentic Spiritual Mentoring	Parrott, Ele
146	6/30/09	Meetings	The Hamster Revolution for Meetings: How to Meet Less and Get More Done	Halsey, Vicki and Burress, Tim
147	7/16/09	Strategy	Being Indian: The Truth About Why the 21st Century Will Be India's	Varma, Pavan K.
148	7/21/09	Customer	The Church & the Parachurch: An Uneasy Marriage	White, Jerry
149	7/28/09	Results	*How the Mighty Fall: And Why Some Companies Never Give In	Collins, Jim
150	8/4/09	Book	Life Among the Lutherans	Keillor, Garrison
151	8/12/09	Strategy	Harvard Business Review on Managing Through a Downturn	Harvard Business Review
152	8/19/09	Operations	Success Scenarios (24 core professional skills training sessions)	Russell, David
153	8/26/09	Delegation	Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer	Sanders, J. Oswald
154	9/2/09	Drucker	Myself and Other More Important Matters	Handy, Charles
155	9/14/09	Crisis	Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear	Lucado, Max
156	9/25/09	Team	Bo's Café: A Novel	Lynch, Bill; Thrall, Bill and McNicol, Bruce
157	9/30/09	Donor	The Hole in Our Gospel: Personal Action Journal	CrossSection
158	10/5/09	Results	*Master Leaders: Revealing Conversations With 30 Leadership Greats	Barna, George with Dallas, Bill
159	10/14/09	Strategy	Well Connected: Releasing Power, Restoring Hope Through Kingdom Partnerships	Butler, Phill
160	10/23/09	Strategy	The Longview: Lasting Strategies for Rising Leaders	Parrott, Roger
161	10/31/09	Team	The Joseph Road: Choices That Determine Your Destiny	White, Jerry
162	11/7/09	Systems	You're Not the Person I Hired! A CEO's Survival Guide to Hiring Top Talent	Boydell, Janet; Deutsch, Barry and Remillard, Brad
164	11/20/09	Results	Missional Renaissance: Changing the Scorecard for the Church	McNeal, Reggie
165	11/25/09	Book	What Difference Do It Make? Stories of Hope and Healing	Hall, Ron and Moore, Denver (and Vincent, Lynn)
166	12/4/09	Donor	Being Generous	Malloch, Theodore Roosevelt
167	12/14/09	Results	The Most Effective Organization in the U.S.: Leadership Secrets of The Salvation Army	Watson, Robert A. and Brown, Ben
168	12/23/09	Book-of-Year!	*Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry	Barton, Ruth Haley
169	12/28/09		YEAR-END ISSUE: 2009 TOP-10 BOOKS & INDEX	
	2010		* = Top-10 Books in 2010	
170	1/11/10	Board	*Owning Up: The 14 Questions Every Board Member Needs to Ask	Charan, Ram

To read a book review (and order the book), search at <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
 or visit the book reviews by John W. Pearson at Amazon: <http://bit.ly/4sgDGDO>

171	1/20/10	Donor	Spiritual Enterprise: Doing Virtuous Business	Malloch, Theodore Roosevelt
172	1/28/10	Program	PastorPreneur: Pastors and Entrepreneurs Answer the Call	Jackson, John
173	2/8/10	Systems	*The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right	Gawande, Atul
174	2/22/10	Results	Churchill	Johnson, Paul
175	3/3/10	Customer	*Getting Naked: A Business Fable About Shedding the Three Fears That Sabotage Client Loyalty	Lencioni, Patrick
176	3/9/10	Printing	The Best of Success: A Treasury of Inspiration	Anderson, Mac & Kelly, Bob
177	3/20/10	Culture	Leading Across Cultures: Effective Ministry and Mission in the Global Church	Plueddemann, James E.
178	3/25/10	Drucker	The Daily Drucker: 366 Days of Insight and Motivation for Getting the Right Things Done	Drucker, Peter F. Maciariello, Joseph A.
179	4/1/10	Strategy	Driving Strategic Planning: A Nonprofit Executive's Guide (Second Edition)	Waechter, Susan A.
180	4/11/10	Hoopla!	In Search of Excellence: Lessons from America's Best-Run Companies	Peters, Thomas J. & Waterman, Robert H.
181	4/17/10	Team	Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry (Note: <i>This was my 2009 Book-of-the-Year. See Issue 168. I reviewed it twice for emphasis.</i>)	Barton, Ruth Haley
182	4/26/10	Strategy	Visioneering: God's Blueprint for Developing and Maintaining Personal Vision	Stanley, Andy
183	5/6/10	Customer	Muslims, Christians, and Jesus: Understanding and Building Relationships	Medearis, Carl
184	5/14/10	Customer	Managing the Millennials: Discover the Core Competencies for Managing Today's Workforce	Espinosa, Chip Ukleja, Mick Rusch, Craig
185	5/24/10		In the Shadow of the Moon (DVD – documentary) – Strategy	Sington, David (director)
186	6/7/10	Culture	*The Speed of Trust: The One Thing That Changes Everything	Covey, Stephen M.R.
187	6/16/10	Culture	*Delivering Happiness: A Path to Profits, Passion, and Purpose	Hsieh, Tony
188	6/28/10	Strategy	Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap...and Others Don't	Collins, Jim
189	7/6/10	Program	Creators: From Chaucer and Durer to Picasso and Disney	Johnson, Paul
190	7/17/10	Results	The Nonprofit Dashboard: A Tool for Tracking Progress	Butler, Lawrence M.
191	7/23/10	Team	2010 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR *The First 90 Days: Critical Success Factors for New Leaders at All Levels	Watkins, Michael
192	7/30/10	Culture	Kiss, Bow or Shake Hands: The Bestselling Guide to Doing Business in More than 60 Countries	Morrison, Terri Conaway, Wayne A.
193	8/13/10	Book	Leadership Prayers	Kriegbaum, Richard
194	8/24/10		King Vidor's Our Daily Bread (DVD) – Team Bucket	Vidor, King
195	9/7/10	Operations	*Operation Mincemeat: How a Dead Man and a Bizarre Plan Fooled the Nazis and Assured an Allied Victory	Macintyre, Ben
196	9/16/10	Culture	*The Steward Leader: Transforming People, Organizations and Communities	Rodin, R. Scott
197	9/27/10	Donor	*The Sower: Redefining the Ministry of Raising Kingdom Resources	Rodin, R. Scott Hoag, Gary G.

To read a book review (and order the book), search at <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
or visit the book reviews by John W. Pearson at Amazon: <http://bit.ly/4sgDGDO>

198	10/9/10	Board	Governance as Leadership: Reframing the Work of Nonprofit Boards	Chait, Richard P. Ryan, William P. Taylor, Barbara E.
199	10/18/10	Results	Leading Without Power: Finding Hope in Serving Community	De Pree, Max
200	10/27/10	Printing	Keys to Great Writing	Wilbers, Stephen
201	11/8/10	People	Managing Your Boss	Gabarro, John J. Kotter, John P.
202	11/24/10	Delegation	A Message to Garcia	Hubbard, Elbert
203	12/3/10	Culture	The Inner Ring	Lewis, C.S.

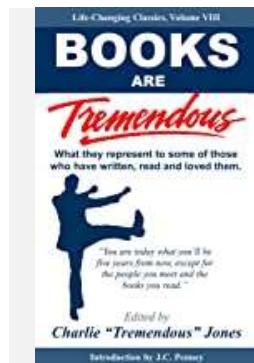
Issue	Date	Bucket	Book	Author(s)
205	12/23/10	Program	Entrepreneurship	Hisrich, Robert D. Peters, Michael P. Shepherd, Dean A.

	2011		* = Top-10 Books in 2011	
206	1/3/11	Book	Top 10 Books of 2010 (Happy New Year!)	
207	1/28/11	Board	Stewards of a Sacred Trust: CEO Selection, Transition and Development for Boards of Christ-centered Organizations	McKenna, David L.
208	2/7/11	Results	*Necessary Endings: The Employees, Businesses, and Relationships That All of Us Have to Give Up in Order to Move Forward	Cloud, Dr. Henry
209	2/22/11	Team	*The Talent Masters: Why Smart Leaders Put People Before Numbers	Conaty, Bill Charan, Ram
210	3/4/11	Customer	It's the Customer, Stupid! 34 Wake-up Calls to Help You Stay Client-Focused	Aun, Michael A.
211	3/12/11	Systems	Poke the Box: When Was the Last Time You Did Something for the First Time?	Godin, Seth
212	3/22/11	Board	The Hero's Farewell: What Happens When CEOs Retire	Sonnenfeld, Jeffrey
213	4/6/11	Book	*Chasing Francis	Cron, Ian Morgan
214	4/14/11		Waiting for "Superman" (DVD) – Printing Bucket	Guggenheim, David (director)
215	4/21/11	Drucker	Leadership Smarts: Inspiration and Wisdom from the Heart of a Leader	Blanchard, Ken
216	5/4/11	Printing	*15 Minutes Including Q&A: A Plan to Save the World From Lousy Presentations	Asher, Joey
217	5/13/11	Strategy	*Little Bets: How Breakthrough Ideas Emerge From Small Discoveries	Sims, Peter
218	5/19/11	Donor	*The Third Conversion	Rodin, R. Scott
219	6/14/11	Book	Rules to Live By: 52 Principles for a Better Life	White, Jerry
220	6/22/11	Book	The Ambition	Strobel, Lee
221	6/30/11	Crisis	Eisenhower 1956: The President's Year of Crisis—Suez and the Brink of War	Nichols, David A.
222	7/8/11	Printing	Hitler in the Crosshairs: A GI's Story of Courage and Faith	Woodbridge, John and Possley, Maurice
223	7/14/11	Team	(Article from Harvard Business Review): Managing Your Boss	Gabarro, John J. and Kotter, John P.

To read a book review (and order the book), search at <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
or visit the book reviews by John W. Pearson at Amazon: <http://bit.ly/4sgDGDO>

224	7/25/11	Book	Besides the Bible: 100 Books That Have, Should or Will Create Christian Culture	Gibson, Dan Green, Jordan and Pattison, John
225	8/4/11	Strategy	Jesus Calling: Enjoying Peace in His Presence	Young, Sarah
226	8/12/11	Board	Boards That Make a Difference: A New Design for Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations	Carver, John
227	8/20/11	Systems	*Smart Moves for People in Charge: 130 Checklists to Help You Be a Better Leader	Deep, Sam and Sussman, Lyle
228	8/26/11	Systems	(Vacation Repeat Issue!) Smart Moves for People in Charge: 130 Checklists to Help You Be a Better Leader	Deep, Sam and Sussman, Lyle

Issue	Date	Bucket	Book	Author(s)
229	9/2/11	Culture	*The Company Culture Challenge	Betzel, Robert and Russell, David
230	9/12/11	Operations	The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People	Covey, Stephen R.
231	9/22/11	Team	The Gift of Rest: Rediscovering the Beauty of the Sabbath	Lieberman, Joe
232	10/3/11	Results	I Want to Make a Difference Now: Your Bridge to Global Impact	Parrott, Don
233 1 of 2	10/13/11	Team	What You Do Best in the Body of Christ: Discover Your Spiritual Gifts, Personal Style and God-Given Passion	Bugbee, Bruce
233 2 of 2	10/13/11	Team	Discover Your Spiritual Gifts: The Easy-to-Use Guide That Helps You Identify and Understand Your God-Given Spiritual Gifts (including the spiritual gifts inventory)	Wagner, C. Peter
234	10/24/11	Donor	Igniting a Life of Generosity	McDaniel, Chris
235	11/8/11	Strategy	*Great by Choice: Uncertainty, Chaos, and Luck—Why Some Thrive Despite Them All	Collins, Jim Hansen, Morten T.
236	12/2/11	Meetings	Death by Meeting: A Leadership Fable...About Solving the Most Painful Problem in Business	Lencioni, Patrick
237	12/13/11	Book	Invisible Neighbors: If You Don't See Them, You're Not Looking	Ashmen, John
238	12/23/11	Team	*The Cure: What If God Isn't Who You Think He Is and Neither Are You	Lynch, John McNicol, Bruce Thrall, Bill
239	12/30/11	Book	Top-10 Books for 2011 (Happy New Year!)	



“Setting aside just 15 minutes a day
will enable you to read up to two dozen books in a year.
Keep it up and you will have read 1,000 books in your lifetime. That's the equivalent of going through college five times.”

G. Gordon, American Library Association

Books Are Tremendous: What They Represent to Some of Those Who Have Written, Read and Loved Them (Life-Changing Classics), by Charlie “Tremendous” Jones (64 pages)
<https://amzn.to/32MvQun>

Page 26 of 86 ◆ John Pearson's Book Reviews ◆ Dec. 31, 2025 ◆ LIST #2: BY ISSUE NUMBER

Your Weekly Staff Meeting eNews ◆ John Pearson's Buckets Blog ◆ Pails in Comparison Blog

Free Subscription: <https://www.managementbuckets.com/>

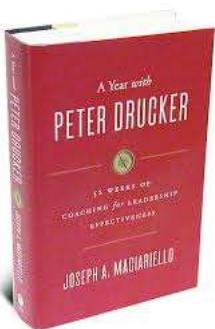
Issue	Date	Bucket	Book	Author(s)
	2012		(*) = TOP-10 BOOKS OF 2012	
240	1/6/12	Board	Boost! 52 Infusions of Wisdom to Revolutionize the Way You Think and Live.	Curry, Dean
241	1/19/12	Team	*Eat That Frog! 21 Great Ways to Stop Procrastinating and Get More Done in Less Time	Tracy, Brian
242	1/31/12	Results	Tales from the Top: 10 Crucial Questions from the World's #1 Executive Coach	Alexander, Graham
243	2/10/12	Drucker	A Class With Drucker: The Lost Lessons of the World's Greatest Management Teacher	Cohen, William
244	3/15/12	Boards	What Makes Great Boards Great (Article in <i>Harvard Business Review</i>)	Sonnenfeld, Jeffrey
245	3/23/12	Culture	2012 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR *The Advantage: Why Organizational Health Trumps Everything Else in Business	Lencioni, Patrick
246	4/6/12	Book	Crafting a Rule of Life: An Invitation to a Well-Ordered Way	Macchia, Stephen A.
247	4/16/12	Customer	The Mindset List of American History: From Typewriters to Text Messages—What Ten Generations of Americans Think Is Normal	McBride, Tom Nief, Ron
248	5/9/12	Donor	*The Million-Dollar Dime (A Novelette)	Rodin, R. Scott
249	5/22/12	Board	The Nonprofit Board Answer Book: A Practical Guide for Board Members and Chief Executives (3 rd Edition)	BoardSource
250	5/31/12	Team	Heroes: From Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar to Churchill and De Gaulle	Johnson, Paul
251	6/12/12	Strategy	Beyond Performance Management: Why, When and How to Use 40 Tools and Best Practices for Superior Business Performance	Hope, Jeremy Player, Steve
252	7/5/12	Crisis	*The Presidents Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity	Gibbs, Nancy Duff, Michael
253	7/12/12	Board	Board Member Orientation: The Concise and Complete Guide to Nonprofit Board Service	Batts, Michael E.
254	7/24/12	Culture	*Pursuing God's Will Together: A Discernment Practice for Leadership Groups	Barton, Ruth Haley
255	8/13/12	Results	Corporate Entrepreneurship: How to Create a Thriving Entrepreneurial Spirit Throughout Your Company	Hisrich, Robert D. Kearney, Claudine
256	9/5/12	Printing (Speaker Bucket)	*How to Deliver a TED Talk: Secrets of the World's Most Inspiring Presentations	Donovan, Jeremy
257	9/30/12	Strategy	*Nonprofit Financial Sustainability: Making Strategic Decisions for Financial Viability	Bell, Jeanne Masaoka, Jan Zimmerman, Steve
258	10/9/12	Culture	<i>Harvard Business Review</i> article, "Make Your Values Mean Something" (Reprint R0207J)	Lencioni, Patrick
259	10/19/12	Meetings	Read This Before Our Next Meeting: The Modern Meeting Standard for Successful Organizations	Pittampalli, Al
260	10/30/12		*ECFA Governance Toolbox Series No. 1: Recruiting Board Members (DVD, Viewing Guide & Facilitator Guide) – Board Bucket	ECFA
261	11/26/12	Strategy	*Thinkpak: A Brainstorming Card Deck	Michalko, Michael
262	12/8/12	People	*7 Seconds to Success: How to Effectively Relate to People in an Instant	Coffey, Gary Phillips, Bob

Issue	Date	Bucket	Book	Author(s)
263	12/15/12	Donor	Giving & Getting in the Kingdom: A Field Guide	Dillon, R. Mark
264	12/24/12	Team	First Aid for Enablers: Ten Treatments for Enablers and the Addicts They Love	Curry, David
265	1/2/2013	TOP-10	TOP-10 BOOKS FOR 2012 (Happy New Year!)	
2013			★= TOP-10 BOOKS FOR 2013	
266	1/16/13	Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zondervan 2013 Church and Nonprofit Tax & Financial Guide • Zondervan 2013 Minister's Tax & Financial Guide 	Busby, Dan Martin, J. Michael Van Drunen, John
267	1/22/13	Team	*I've Got Your Back: A Leadership Parable — Biblical Principles for Leading and Following Well	Galvin, James C.
268	1/31/13	Book	A Stroke of Grace	Zander, Dieter Witmer, LaDonna
269	2/18/13	Culture	2013 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR *What Got You Here Won't Get You There: Discover the 20 Workplace Habits You Need to Break	
270	2/28/13	Strategy	The Pope & The CEO: John Paul II's Leadership Lessons to a Young Swiss Guard	Widner, Andreas
271	3/11/13		We Have a Pope (<i>Habemus Papam</i>): DVD, English subtitles) – People Bucket	Moretti, Nanni (director)
272	3/28/13	Delegation	*The Decision Maker: Unlock the Potential of Everyone in Your Organization One Decision at a Time	Bakke, Dennis
273	4/2/13	Delegation	How to Delegate (Audio, 39 min.)	Mackenzie, Alec
274	4/12/13	Culture	*The Leader's Palette: Seven Primary Colors	Enlow, Jr., Ralph E.
275	4/19/13	Book	My Ideal Bookshelf	Mount, Jane (art) La Force, Thessaly (ed.)
276	5/8/2013		*ECFA Governance Toolbox Series No. 2: Balancing Board Roles (DVD, Viewing Guide & Facilitator Guide) - Board	ECFA
277	5/22/2013	Strategy	Spiritual Discernment Retreat Guide	Macchia, Stephen A.
278	5/31/2013	Strategy	*Rumsfeld's Rules: Leadership Lessons in Business, Politics, War, and Life	Rumsfeld, Donald
279	6/10/2013	Results	*Entrepreneurial Leadership: Finding Your Calling, Making a Difference	Goossen, Richard J. and Stevens, Paul
280	6/24/2013	Strategy	What Is Strategy? (1 of 10 <i>Harvard Business Review's</i> Must-Read Articles on Strategy)	Porter, Michael E.
281	7/8/2013	Drucker	The Temptation to Do Good (Summer Classic Book Series, repeated from Issue 31)	Drucker, Peter
282	7/18/2013	Customer	Outliers: The Story of Success (Summer Classic Book Series, repeated from Issue 116)	Gladwell, Malcolm
283	8/2/2013	Drucker	Wisdom from Lyle E. Schaller: The Elder Statesman of Church Leadership	Bird, Warren
284	8/26/2013	Board	Policy vs. Paper Clips: How Using the Corporate Model Makes a Nonprofit Board More Efficient & Effective (3rd Edition)	Fram, Eugene H. with Brown, Vicki
285	9/9/2013	Systems	*Manage Your Day-to-Day: Build Your Routine, Find Your Focus, and Sharpen Your Creative Mind	Glei, Jocelyn K. (Editor)
286	10/8/2013	Book	*On My Worst Day: Cheesecake, Evil, Sandy Koufax and Jesus	Lynch, John
287	10/18/2013	Donor	Stewardship as a Lifestyle: Seeking to Live as a Steward and Disciple	Frank, John

Issue	Date	Bucket	Book	Author(s)
288	11/9/2013	Drucker	Bring TIM: Time Is Money—the Meeting Cost Calculator	Bring TIM! LLC (Manufacturer)
289	12/4/2013	Strategy	*David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants	Gladwell, Malcolm
290	12/23/2013	Book	The Messiah: An Oratorio for Four-Part Chorus of Mixed Voices, Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass Soli and Piano	Handel, G.F.
291	12/31/2013		*TOP-10 BOOKS FOR 2013	
	2014		* = TOP-10 BOOKS OF 2014	
292	1/15/2014	Drucker	The Practical Drucker: Applying the Wisdom of the World's Greatest Management Thinker	Cohen, William
293A	2/12/2014	Budget	Zondervan 2014 Minister's Tax & Financial Guide (for 2013 returns)	Dan Busby, CPA J. Michael Martin, JD John Van Drunen, JD, CPA
293B	2/12/2014	Budget	Zondervan 2014 Church and Nonprofit Tax & Financial Guide (for 2013 returns)	Dan Busby, CPA J. Michael Martin, JD John Van Drunen, JD, CPA
293C	2/12/2014	Budget	The 5 Money Personalities: Speaking the Same Love and Money Language	Palmer, Scott & Bethany
294	3/3/2014	Hoopla!	A Nice Little Place on the North Side: Wrigley Field at One Hundred	Will, George F.
295	3/28/14	Board	*Boards That Lead: When to Take Charge, When to Partner, and When to Stay Out of the Way	Ram Charan Dennis Carey Michael Useem
296	4/9/14	Team	*To Be a Friend: Building Deep and Lasting Relationships	White, Jerry & Mary
297	4/13/14	Results	*The Choice: The Christ-Centered Pursuit of Kingdom Outcomes	Gary G. Hoag R. Scott Rodin Wesley K. Willmer
298	4/24/14	Drucker	*Drucker & Me: What a Texas Entrepreneur Learned from the Father of Modern Management	Buford, Bob
299	5/20/14	Book	Leadership Prayers (See Issue #193)	Kriegbaum, Richard
300	5/29/14	People	Jesus: A Biography from a Believer	Johnson, Paul
301	6/11/14	Drucker	2014 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR *Xenophon's Cyrus the Great: The Arts of Leadership and War	Xenophon (Larry Hedrick, Editor)
302	6/30/14	Culture	The Student Leadership Challenge: Five Practices for Becoming an Exemplary Leader	James M. Kouzes Barry Z. Posner
303A	7/12/14	Strategy	Nonprofit Kit for Dummies® (4th Edition) - includes a CD-ROM with 100+ documents	Stan Hutton Frances N. Phillips
303B	7/12/14	Culture	Leadership for Dummies®	Marshall Loeb Stephen Kindel
303C	7/12/14	Team	Managing for Dummies®	Bob Nelson Peter Economy
304	8/11/14	Culture	Tales from the Top: 10 Crucial Questions from the World's #1 Executive Coach, by Graham (See Issue #242)	Alexander, Graham
305	8/15/14	Customer	Muslims, Christians, and Jesus: Understanding and Building Relationships (See Issue #183)	Medearis, Carl

Issue	Date	Bucket	Book	Author(s)
307	9/13/14	Strategy	The Leader's SEEcret: Asking the Right Questions and Embracing God's Answers	Garmo, Skip
308	10/2/14	Meetings	*Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption	Hillenbrand, Laura
309	10/17/14	Team	*Entrepreneurial StrengthsFinder	Jim Clifton and Sangeeta Bharadwaj Badal, Ph.D.
310A	10/27/14	Book	Monday Morning Atheist: Why You Switch God Off at Work	Doug Spada Dave Scott
310B	10/27/14		The Switch: Your Monday Revolution (Six Weeks to God's Power on Monday) – Book + Guide + DVD – Book Bucket	Spada, Doug
311A	11/6/14	Board	Serving as a Board Member: Practical Guidance for Directors of Christian Ministries	Pellowe, John
311B	11/6/14	Board	Best Practices for Effective Boards	Fairbanks, E. LeBron Gunter II, Dwight M. Cauchenour, James R.
311C	11/6/14	Board	Board Essentials: 12 Best Practices of Nonprofit Boards	Coleman, David L.
311D	11/6/14	Board	Ten Basic Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards (Second Edition)	Ingram, Richard T.
311E	11/6/14	Board	ECFA 3 rd Annual Nonprofit Governance Survey	ECFA
312	11/22/14	Book	*Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation	Palmer, Parker J.
313	11/29/14	Team	*The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics	Brown, Daniel James
314	12/22/14	Book	Wellspring: 31 Days to Whole-Hearted Living	Macchia, Stephen A.
315	12/31/14	Book	*TOP-10 BOOKS FOR 2014	
	2015		* = TOP-10 BOOKS OF 2015	
316A	1/6/15	Drucker	*A Year With Peter Drucker: 52 Weeks of Coaching for Leadership Effectiveness – Visit the blog posts of 52 guest writers for their color commentaries on all 52 chapters	Maciariello, Joseph A.
316B	1/6/15	Drucker	The Daily Drucker: 366 Days of Insight and Motivation for Getting the Right Things Done (See Issue #178)	Drucker, Peter Maciariello, Joseph A.
317A	2/4/15	Budget	Zondervan 2015 Minister's Tax & Financial Guide (for 2014 returns)	Busby, Dan Martin, J. Michael Van Drunen, John
317B	2/4/15	Budget	Zondervan 2015 Church and Nonprofit Tax & Financial Guide (for 2014 returns)	Busby, Dan Martin, J. Michael Van Drunen, John
317C	2/4/15	Budget	The 5 Money Conversations to Have With Your Kids at Every Age and Stage	Palmer, Scott & Bethany
318	2/21/15	Results	BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR *Leadership Briefs: Shaping Organizational Culture to Stretch Leadership Capacity	Daniels, Dick
319	3/13/15	Strategy	*Breakthrough: Unleashing the Power of a Proven Plan	Samelson, Randon A.
320	3/20/15	Team	Great Questions for Leading Well	Brown, Steve
321	4/1/15	Hoopla!	Humorists: From Hogarth to Noel Coward	Johnson, Paul
322	4/8/15	Team	*Leaders Eat Last: Why Some Teams Pull Together and Others Don't	Sinek, Simon

Issue	Date	Bucket	Book	Author(s)
323	4/14/15	Customer	*TRUST: The Firm Foundation for Kingdom Fruitfulness	Busby, Dan
324	4/21/15	Culture	The Power of Passion in Leadership: Lead From Your Heart, Not Just Your Head	Finzel, Hans
325A	5/13/15		ECFA Governance Toolbox Series No. 3: Addressing Board and Organizational Conflicts of Interest—Avoiding Trouble, Trouble, Trouble With Related-Party Transactions [Board]	ECFA
325B	5/13/15	Board	The Invisible Gorilla: And Other Ways Our Intuitions Deceive Us	Chabris, Christopher F. Dimons, Daniel
326	6/10/15	Book	*Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important Part of You	Ortberg, John
327A	6/23/15	Donor	Development 101: Building a Comprehensive Development Program on Biblical Values	Frank, John Rodin, R. Scott
327B	6/23/15	Donor	Ignite Your Generosity: A 21-Day Experience in Stewardship	McDaniel, Chris
328	7/7/15	Team	The First 90 Days: Critical Success Factors for New Leaders at All Levels (See Issue #191)	Watkins, Michael
329	7/29/15	Team	*Connection Culture: The Competitive Advantage of Shared Identity, Empathy, and Understanding at Work	Stallard, Michael Lee Pankau, Jason Stallard, Katharine P.
330A	8/26/15	Culture	Invisible Neighbors: If You Don't See Them, You're Not Looking	Ashmen, John
330B	8/26/15	Customer	Gospel Justice: Joining Together to Provide Help & Hope for Those Oppressed by Legal Injustice	Strom, Bruce
330C	8/26/15	Strategy	Better Together: Discovering the Dynamic Results of Cooperation	Fleischmann, Paul
331A	10/14/15	Drucker	*Peter Drucker's Five Most Important Questions: Enduring Wisdom for Today's Leaders	Drucker, Peter F. Hesselbein, Frances Kuhl, Joan Snyder
331B	10/14/15	Budget	ECFA Nonprofit Financial Management Survey 1.0 (download at http://www.ecfa.org/content/surveys)	ECFA
332	11/5/15	Strategy	*The Attacker's Advantage: Turning Uncertainty Into Breakthrough Opportunities	Charan, Ram
333	11/25/15	Culture	Little Victories: Perfect Rules for Imperfect Living	Gay, Jason
334A	12/3/15	Strategy	Playing to Win: How Strategy Really Works	Lafley, A.G. Martin, Roger L.
334B	12/3/15	Strategy	The Big Lie of Strategy Planning (Harvard Business Review)	Martin, Roger L.
335	12/24/15	Culture	*Broken and Whole: A Leader's Path to Spiritual Transformation	Macchia, Stephen
336	12/31/15	Book	*TOP-10 BOOKS FOR 2015	



DRUCKER MONDAYS: every Monday in 2015!

***A Year With Peter Drucker: 52 Weeks of Coaching for Leadership Effectiveness**, by Joseph A. Maciariello

Visit the blog posts of 52 guest writers for their color commentaries on all 52 chapters at

Note: Blogs will be reposted in 2026.

2016 BOOK REVIEWS

*TOP-10 BOOKS

Issue	Date	Bucket	Book	Author(s)
337A	1/20/16	Strategy	5: Where Will You Be Five Years from Today?	Dan Zadra
337B	1/20/16	Team	Listen to My Life: Maps for Recognizing and Responding to God in My Story	Sibyl Towner and Sharon Swing
338	1/27/16	Team	*The Coaching Habit: Say Less, Ask More & Change the Way You Lead Forever	Stanier, Michael Bungay
339	3/5/16	Team	*Leading Me: Eight Practices for a Christian Leader's Most Important Assignment	Steve A. Brown
340A	3/21/16	Customer	*REBRAND: Workbook + Coloring Sheets for Ministry Branding	Jason Pearson
340B	3/21/16	Donor	The Guide to Charitable Giving for Churches and Ministries	Dan Busby, Michael Martin, and John Van Drunen
340C	3/21/16	Budget	Zondervan 2016 Church and Nonprofit Tax & Financial Guide for 2015 Returns	Dan Busby, Michael Martin, and John Van Drunen
340D	3/21/16	Budget	Zondervan 2016 Minister's Tax & Financial Guide for 2015 Returns	Dan Busby, Michael Martin, and John Van Drunen
341	4/13/16	Book	Serve Strong: Biblical Encouragement to Sustain God's Servants	Terry Powell
342	5/2/16	Results	BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR *The ONE Thing: The Surprisingly Simple Truth Behind Extraordinary Results	Gary Keller with Jay Papasan
343	5/26/16	People	Social Style: The Ah Ha's of Effective Relationships	Gerald L. Prince and John R. Myers
344	6/20/16	Team	*The Ideal Team Player: How to Recognize and Cultivate the Three Essential Virtues	Patrick Lencioni
345	6/28/16	Strategy	*Team of Teams: New Rules of Engagement for a Complex World	Gen. Stanley McChrystal with Tantum Collins, David Silverman, and Chris Fussell
346	7/12/16	Drucker	The Presidents Club: Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity (Summer Rerun from Issue 252)	Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duff
347	8/3/16	Operations	Be the Director I Could Follow	Earl D. Taylor
348	8/27/16	Crisis	100 Deadly Skills: The SEAL Operative's Guide to Eluding Pursuers, Evading Capture, and Surviving Any Dangerous Situation	Clint Emerson, Navy SEAL, Ret.
349A	9/1/16	Systems	Church IT: Strategies and Solutions	Nick B. Nicholaou
349B	9/1/16	Team	Video: "Everybody Needs a Coach" (StrengthsFinder)	Gallup Organization
350	9/11/16	Book	*The Time of Our Lives	Peggy Noonan
351	10/27/16	Program	*Outrageous: Awake to the Unexpected Adventures of Everyday Faith	Aaron Tredway
352A	12/7/16	Board	*Called to Serve: Creating and Nurturing the Effective Volunteer Board	Max De Pree
352B	12/7/16	Board	Going for Impact: The Nonprofit Director's Essential Guidebook	Eugene H. Fram with Vicki Brown
353A	12/23/16	Donor	*The Seventh Key: Unlocking the Life God Created You to Live (A Novelette)	R. Scott Rodin
353B	12/23/16	Book	Steward Leader Meditations: Fifty Devotions for the Leadership Journey	R. Scott Rodin

354	12/31/16	Book	*TOP-10 BOOKS FOR 2016	
-----	----------	------	------------------------	--

2017 BOOK REVIEWS

*TOP-10 BOOKS

Issue	Date	Bucket	Book	Author(s)
355A	2/6/17	Budget	Jesus' Terrible Financial Advice	John Thornton
355B	2/6/17	Budget	Zondervan 2017 Church and Nonprofit Tax & Financial Guide for 2016 Returns	Dan Busby, Michael Martin, and John Van Drunen
355C	2/6/17	Budget	Zondervan 2017 Church and Nonprofit Tax & Financial Guide for 2016 Returns	Dan Busby, Michael Martin, and John Van Drunen
356A	3/2/17	Delegation	Time Management Made (Stupidly) Easy: A Modestly Simple Guide to Time Management	Michael R. Clarke
356B	3/2/17	Delegation	How to Delegate (39-minute audio)	Alec Mackenzie
357	4/5/17	Strategy	*Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change	William Bridges
358	4/22/17	Team	*Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life...and Maybe the World	Admiral William H. McRaven (U.S. Navy Retired)
359	5/13/17	Customer	*Barna Trends 2017: What's New and What's Next at the Intersection of Faith and Culture	Barna (Roxanne Stone, Editor-in-Chief)
360	5/20/17	Team	Overcoming Conflict: How to Deal with Difficult People and Situations	Bob Phillips
361	6/13/17	Results	*The Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency (Part 1 of 2 reviews)	Chris Whipple
362	6/21/17	Results	*The Gatekeepers: How the White House Chiefs of Staff Define Every Presidency (Part 2 of 2 reviews)	Chris Whipple
363	6/27/17	Board	*Call of the Chair: Leading the Board of the Christ-centered Ministry	David L. McKenna
364	7/13/17	Hoopla!	*The Cubs Way: The Zen of Building the Best Team in Baseball and Breaking the Curse	Tom Verducci
365	8/8/17	Strategy	Leading the Other Way: How to Change the Church Planting World	JD Pearring
366	8/18/17	People	Top Ten Ways to Be a Great Leader	Hans Finzel
367	8/30/17	Meetings	The Secret to a Good Meeting Is the Meeting Before the Meeting: Lesson 18 from Leadership Gold (Kindle Edition)	John C. Maxwell
368	9/13/17	Program	*Illuminate: Ignite Change Through Speeches, Stories, Ceremonies, and Symbols (Part 1 of 3 reviews)	Nancy Duarte and Patti Sanchez
369A	9/27/17	Program	*Illuminate: Ignite Change Through Speeches, Stories, Ceremonies, and Symbols (Part 2 of 3 reviews)	Nancy Duarte and Patti Sanchez
369B	9/27/17	Results	Mastering the Management Buckets Workbook: Management Tools, Templates, and Tips	John Pearson, and Jason Pearson
370	10/11/17	Program	*Illuminate: Ignite Change Through Speeches, Stories, Ceremonies, and Symbols (Part 3 of 3 reviews)	Nancy Duarte and Patti Sanchez
371	10/17/17	Systems	*Growing Weeders Into Leaders: Leadership Lessons from the Ground Level	Jeff McManus
372	11/25/17	Hoopla!	2017 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR *THE POWER OF MOMENTS: Why Certain Experiences Have Extraordinary Impact	Chip Heath and Dan Heath
373	11/30/17	Board	*Lessons From the Nonprofit Boardroom	Dan Busby and John Pearson

To read a book review (and order the book), search at <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
or visit the book reviews by John W. Pearson at Amazon: <http://bit.ly/4sgDGDO>

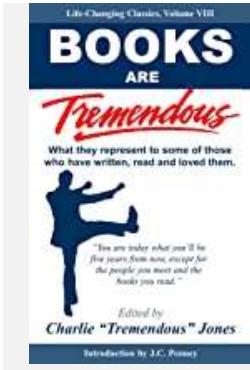
374	12/6/17	Budget	The God Guarantee: Finding Freedom From the Fear of Not Having Enough	Jack Alexander
-----	---------	--------	---	----------------

2017 BOOK REVIEWS

*TOP-10 BOOKS

Continued:

Issue	Date	Bucket	Book	Author(s)
GIFT BUYING OPTIONS FOR YOUR TEAM MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Mini-Reviews				
375A	12/22/17	Results	Don't Step in the Leadership: A Dilbert Book by Scott Adams	Scott Adams
375B	12/22/17	Operations	The Leadership Secrets of Santa: How to Get Big Things Done in YOUR "Workshop"...All Year Long	Eric Harvey, David Cottrell, Al Lucia, and Mike Hourigan
375C	12/22/17	People	Don't Let Jerks Get the Best of You: Advice for Dealing With Difficult People	Paul Meier, M.D.
375D	12/22/17	Strategy	Breakthrough the Ick Factors of Nonprofit Leadership: Discover Your Organization's True Potential	Tom Okarma
375E	12/22/17	Hoopla!	The Big Ideas Notepad: 100 Brainstorming, Mind-Mapping & Awesome Idea-Generating Sheets	Mary Kate McDevitt (Artist)
375F	12/22/17	Hoopla!	Amazon Gift Card (Invest in books for your team members!)	Amazon
375G	12/22/17	Strategy	Change Is Good...You Go First: 21 Ways to Inspire Change	Max Anderson and Tom Feltenstein
375H	12/22/17	Book	How Much Land Does A Man Need (Classics To Go) – Kindle Book	Leo Tolstoy
375I	12/22/17	Team	The Leadership Secrets of Billy Graham	Harold Myra and Marshall Shelley
375J	12/22/17	Book	Raising Your Kids to Love the Lord	Dave Stone
375K	12/22/17	Hoopla!	Cartoons from The New Yorker: 2018 Day-to-Day Calendar	New Yorker Magazine
376	12/22/17	Book	*TOP 10 BOOKS FOR 2017 & BOOK OF THE YEAR	



Pick a page—any page—and you'll strike motivational gold.

This iPhone-size gem is a keeper. Here's a taste:

"Never lend books, for no one ever returns them;
the only books I have in my library
are books that other folk have lent me."

Anatole France

Books Are Tremendous: What They Represent to Some of Those Who Have Written, Read and Loved Them (Life-Changing Classics), by Charlie "Tremendous" Jones (64 pages)
<https://amzn.to/32MvQun>

2018 BOOK REVIEWS

*TOP-10 BOOKS

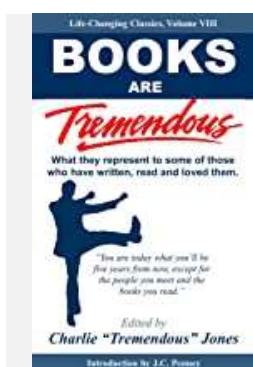
Issue	Date	Bucket	Book	Author(s)
377A	2/14/18	Budget	Dollars and Sense: How We Misthink Money and How to Spend Smarter	Dr. Dan Ariely and Jeff Kreisler
377B	2/14/18	Budget	Zondervan 2018 Church and Nonprofit Tax and Financial Guide: For 2017 Tax Returns	Dan Busby, Vonna Laue, Michael Martin, and John Van Drunen
377C	2/14/18	Budget	Zondervan 2018 Minister's Tax and Financial Guide: For 2017 Tax Returns	Dan Busby, Vonna Laue, Michael Martin, and John Van Drunen
378	2/20/18	Culture	What Got You Here Won't Get You There: Discover the 20 Workplace Habits You Need to Break (Rerun: Issue 269)	Marshall Goldsmith with Mark Reiter
379	2/26/18		*ECFA Governance Toolbox Series No. 4: Succession Planning – 11 Principles for Successful Successions: “Every CEO is an Interim CEO.” - Board Bucket	ECFAPress
380	3/15/18	Results	*Your Best Year Ever: A 5-Step Plan for Achieving Your Most Important Goals	Michael Hyatt
381	3/30/18	Strategy	The Book of Mistakes	Corinna Luyken
382A	4/18/18	Team	*Leadership and Self-Deception: Getting Out of the Box (Second Edition)	The Arbinger Institute
382B	4/18/18	Board	Tools and Templates for Effective Board Governance: Time-Saving Solutions for the Nonprofit Board (Watch for an updated version in 2019, by Dan Busby and John Pearson)	John Pearson
383	4/23/18	Donor	*Joy Giving: Practical Wisdom from the First Christians and the Global Church	Cameron Doolittle
384	5/8/18	Culture	*The Top 10 Leadership Conversations in the Bible: Practical Insights From Extensive Research on Over 1,000 Biblical Leaders	Steve Moore
385	5/16/18	People	*The Softer Side of Leadership: Essential Soft Skills That Transform Leaders and the People They Lead	Eugene B. Habecker
386	5/28/18	Team	Leaders Eat Last: Why Some Teams Pull Together and Others Don't (Rerun: Issue 322)	Simon Sinek
387	6/6/18	Operations	Operation Mincemeat: How a Dead Man and a Bizarre Plan Fooled the Nazis and Assured an Allied Victory (Rerun: Issue 195)	Ben Macintyre
388A	7/10/18	Team	“How CEOs Manage Time” (Harvard Business Review, July-August 2018)	Michael E. Porter and Nitin Nohria
388B	7/10/18	Delegation	“What Do CEOs Actually Do?” (Harvard Business Review, July-August 2018)	Michael E. Porter and Nitin Nohria
388C	7/10/18	Systems	“One CEO’s Approach to Managing His Calendar” (Harvard Business Review, July-August 2018)	Daniel McGinn and Sarah Higgins
389	7/29/18	Book	Hemingway Didn't Say That: The Truth Behind Familiar Quotations	Garson O'Toole
390	8/20/18	Program	*Before and After Babe Ruth: A Story of the New York Yankees Told Through the Lens of Tickets and Passes	Dan Busby
391A	9/28/18	Strategy	Barna Trends 2018: What's New and What's Next at the Intersection of Faith and Culture	Barna
391B	9/28/18	Results	Mastering the Management Buckets Workbook: Management Tools, Templates and Tips From John Pearson (Second Edition)	John Pearson and Jason Pearson
392	10/6/18	Volunteer	*Stories of Sheer Pure Grace	Nancy L. Nelson

Issue	Date	Bucket	Book	Author(s)
393	11/10/18	Team	Living Your Strengths: Discover Your God-Given Talents and Inspire Your Community	Albert L. Winseman, Donald O. Clifton, and Curt Liesveld
394	11/17/18	Book	*Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End	Atul Gawande
395	12/14/18	Strategy	2018 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR *Scaling Up: How a Few Companies Make It...and Why the Rest Don't – Mastering the Rockefeller Habits 2.0	Verne Harnish

GIFT BUYING OPTIONS FOR YOUR TEAM MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY
Mini-Reviews
 ► Watch for full reviews in 2019.

396A	12/19/18	Book	►Trust for Today: 365 Days of Encouragement – A Year With the Trueface Team	Trueface Team
396B	12/19/18	Program	►This Is Marketing: You Can't Be Seen Until You Learn to See	Seth Godin
396C	12/19/18	Printing	The Secret Lives of Color	Kassia St. Clair
396D	12/19/18	Crisis	►Leaders: Myth and Reality	General Stanley McChrystal, Jeff Eggers and Jason Mangone
396E	12/19/18	Meetings	"I Survived Another Meeting That Should Have Been an Email" (Coffee Mugs and assorted branded items)	Jason Pearson
396F	12/19/18	People	►Invitation to Retreat: The Gift and Necessity of Time Away with God	Ruth Haley Barton
396G	12/19/18	Systems	Cartoons from The New Yorker: 2019 Day-to-Day Calendar	New Yorker
396H	12/19/18	Book	42 Seconds: The Jesus Model for Everyday Interactions	Carl Medearis

397	12/31/18	Book	*TOP 10 BOOKS FOR 2018 & BOOK OF THE YEAR	
-----	----------	------	--	--



“Books are the compasses and telescopes and sextants and charts which other men [and women] have prepared to help us navigate the dangerous seas of human life.”

Jesse Lee Bennett

Books Are Tremendous: What They Represent to Some of Those Who Have Written, Read and Loved Them (Life-Changing Classics), by Charlie "Tremendous" Jones (64 pages)
<https://amzn.to/32MvQun>

2019 BOOK REVIEWS

*TOP-10 BOOKS

ISSUE	DATE	BUCKET	BOOK	AUTHOR(S)
398	1/7/19	Meetings	*"Why Your Meetings Stink—and What to Do About It" (<i>Harvard Business Review</i> , January–February 2019)	Steven G. Rogelberg
399	1/15/19	Crisis	Protected! A True Life Story of God's Word Smuggled Behind the Iron Curtain—and the Influence of a "Tremendous" Man	Bob Kelly
400A	1/25/19	Budget	Zondervan 2019 Church and Nonprofit Tax & Financial Guide for 2018 Tax Returns	Dan Busby, Vonna Laue, Michael Martin, and John Van Drunen
400B	1/25/19	Budget	Zondervan 2019 Minister's Tax & Financial Guide for 2018 Tax Returns	Busby, Laue, Martin, and Van Drunen
401	2/8/19	Board	The Council: A Biblical Perspective on Board Governance	Gary G. Hoag, Wesley K. Willmer, and Gregory J. Henson
402	2/20/19	Board	*Lessons From the Church Boardroom: 40 Insights for Exceptional Governance	Dan Busby and John Pearson
403	3/1/19	Culture	*Knight of the Holy Ghost: A Short History of G. K. Chesterton	Dale Ahlquist
404	3/19/19	Strategy	*Turning the Flywheel: A Monograph to Accompany Good to Great (Why Some Companies Build Momentum and Others Don't)	Jim Collins
405	3/28/19		Unplanned: The Dramatic True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader's Eye-Opening Journey Across the Life Line [book and movie] – Culture Bucket	Abby Johnson
406	4/18/19	Book	Knowing God	J.I. Packer
407	5/24/19	Results	Turning Goals Into Results (<i>Harvard Business Review Classics</i>): The Power of Catalytic Mechanisms	Jim Collins
408	6/14/19	Culture	The Four Gifts of the King: A Novel	R. Scott Rodin
409	6/15/19		In the Shadow of the Moon (DVD) - (Rerun: Issue 185) - Results	Ron Howard, Producer
410	8/6/19	Volunteer	*Leaders: Myth and Reality	Gen. Stanley McChrystal (US Army, Ret.), Jeff Eggers & Jason Mangone
411	8/16/19	Strategy	*StrategyMan vs. the Anti-Strategy Squad: Using Strategic Thinking to Defeat Bad Strategy and Save Your Plan	Rich Horwath
412	8/24/19	<i>Hoopla!</i>	Anything for a Golf Ball: The Art of Finding Lost Golf Balls	John Vawter
413	8/29/19	Meetings	Parenting in a Screen Saturated Culture: Teaching Healthy Decision-Making to the Smartphone, YouTube, Instagram, Gaming Generation	Doug Fields and Jonathan McKee
414	9/16/19	Delegation	The ONE Thing: The Surprisingly Simple Truth Behind Extraordinary Results - (Rerun: Issue 342)	Gary Keller with Jay Papasan
415	10/9/19	Board	*ECFA Tools and Templates for Effective Board Governance: Time-Saving Solutions for Your Board	Dan Busby and John Pearson
416	10/18/19	Customer	2019 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR *Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead	
417	11/6/19		The Divine Plan: John Paul II, Ronald Reagan, and the Dramatic End of the Cold War (book/film) – Strategy Bucket	Paul Kengor and Robert Orlando
418	11/11/19	Delegation	*No! A Guide for Busy People: Banish Busyness and Focus on What Matters Most	Doug Fields
419	11/29/19	Book	*Where the Light Divides	Fred Smith

To read a book review (and order the book), search at <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
or visit the book reviews by John W. Pearson at Amazon: <http://bit.ly/4sgDGDO>

ISSUE	DATE	BUCKET	BOOK	AUTHOR(S)
420	12/4/19	People	*Emotional Intelligence 2.0 (The World's Most Popular Emotional Intelligence Test)	Travis Bradberry and Jean Greaves
421	12/9/19	Board	*More Lessons From the Nonprofit Boardroom: Effectiveness, Excellence, Elephants!	Dan Busby and John Pearson
422A	12/16/19	Customer	The Right Choice: Choosing a College and Why It Matters	John J. Jackson, Ph.D.
422B	12/16/19	Team	THIS. 52 Ways to Share Your World With Those You Love	Jason Pearson and Doug Fields
RECOMMENDATIONS				
Leadership Growth Books for 2020				
(including reruns from previous years)				
423.1	12/20/19	Drucker	52 WEEKS: A Year with Peter Drucker: 52 Weeks of Coaching for Leadership Effectiveness	Joseph A. Maciariello
423.2	12/20/19	Drucker	365 DAYS: The Maxwell Daily Reader: 365 Days of Insight to Develop the Leader Within You and Influence Those Around You	John C. Maxwell
423.3	12/20/19	Drucker	366 DAYS: The Daily Drucker: 366 Days of Insight and Motivation for Getting the Right Things Done	Peter F. Drucker with Joseph A. Maciariello
423.4	12/20/19	Culture	40 WEEKS: Leadership Briefs: Shaping Organizational Culture to Stretch Leadership Capacity	Dick Daniels
423.5	12/20/19	Results	20 WEEKS: Mastering the Management Buckets Workbook: Management Tools, Templates and Tips from John Pearson, with commentary by Jason Pearson	John Pearson and Jason Pearson
423.6	12/20/19	Strategy	The Book of Mistakes	Corinna Luyken
423.7	12/20/19	Strategy	The 5 Book: Where Will You Be Five Years From Today?	Dan Zadra
423.8	12/20/19	Book	Oak Street Treehouse: The Day They Messaged God	Dick Daniels and Mollie Bozarth (Illustrator)
RECOMMENDATIONS				
Personal and Spiritual Growth Books for 2020				
(including reruns from previous years)				
424.1	12/28/19	Book	Silencio: Reflective Practices for Nurturing Your Soul	Stephen A. Macchia, Editor
424.2	12/28/19	Book	Trust for Today: 365 Days of Encouragement – A Year With the Trueface Team	Trueface
424.3	12/28/19	Book	Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership: Seeking God in the Crucible of Ministry (Expanded Edition, 2018)	Ruth Haley Barton
424.4	12/28/19	Book	Leadership Prayers	Richard Kriegbaum
424.5	12/28/19	Book	A Diary of Private Prayer: A Devotional Classic	John Baillie
424.6	12/28/19	Book	Steward Leader Meditations: Fifty Devotions for the Leadership Journey	R. Scott Rodin
424.7	12/28/19	Book	Knowing God	J.I. Packer
424.8	12/28/19	Book	The One Year Bible NLT	Tyndale
424.9	12/28/19	Book	The Daily Message: Through the Bible in One Year	Eugene H. Peterson
424.10	12/28/19	Book	The Holy Bible (HCSB) - 73-hour audio version	Holman
424.11	12/28/19	Book	The Life You've Always Wanted: Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People	John Ortberg
425	12/31/19	Book	*TOP-10 BOOKS FOR 2019 & BOOK OF THE YEAR	

*Note: This Top-10 list for 2019 is actually 12 books (but who's counting?). Dan Busby and John Pearson co-authored three books together in 2019 and they were listed on the Top-10 list as 10A, 10B, and 10C. (As John noted, Dan Busby wrote at least half of the content—and Dan's work was and is excellent—so it deserved inclusion on this list!)

2020 BOOK REVIEWS

*TOP-10 BOOKS

Listed by Issue Number, Title, Author, Blog Date, and Management Bucket Category

426. Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know, by Malcolm Gladwell (1/11/2020) – *PEOPLE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

427. The Amazon Management System: The Ultimate Digital Business Engine That Creates Extraordinary Value for Both Customers and Shareholders, by Ram Charan and Julia Yang (1/21/2020) – *SYSTEMS BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

428. Stuff and Soul: Mastering the Critical Connection, by Wesley K. Willmer with Micah Hogan (1/22/2020) – *DONOR BUCKET*

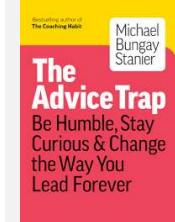
429A. Servant of All: Reframing Greatness and Leadership through the Teachings of Jesus, by Ralph E. Enlow, Jr. (2/16/2020) – *CULTURE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

429B. Zondervan 2020 Church and Nonprofit Tax and Financial Guide: For 2019 Tax Returns, by Dan Busby and Michael Martin (2/16/2020) – *BUDGET BUCKET*

429C. Zondervan 2020 Minister's Tax and Financial Guide: For 2019 Tax Returns, by Dan Busby and Michael Martin (2/16/2020) – *BUDGET BUCKET*

430. What Got You Here Won't Get You There: Discover the 20 Workplace Habits You Need to Break, by Marshall Goldsmith with Mark Reiter (2/28/2020) – **2013 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR**
(Repeat from Issue No. 269) – *CULTURE BUCKET*

431. Fearless Innovation: Going Beyond the Buzzword to Continuously Drive Growth, Improve the Bottom Line, and Enact Change (A No-Nonsense Guide), by Alex Goryachev (3/14/2020) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*



2020 Book-of-the-Year!

Issue No. 432 (3/26/2020)

THE ADVICE TRAP

Be Humble, Stay Curious & Change the Way You Lead Forever

by Michael Bungay Stanier

DELEGATION BUCKET

Michael Bungay Stanier says “Your job is to make your coaching an everyday interaction.” He quotes a colleague, **“Coaching is no longer an event. It’s a way of being with each other.”** And get this: “Coaching is no longer a one-off, occasional, ‘come into my office so I can coach you’ way of managing someone.”

During this current COVID-19 crisis (and the next crisis, and the next crisis...), *The Advice Trap* is absolutely the first book you and your team should read. Now. Today. The author’s coaching principles are easy-to-remember:

1. **Be Lazy** (“...about jumping in and solving other people’s problems for them Just stop it!”)
2. **Be Curious** (Tame your Advice Monster by “staying curious and managing the process of the conversation.” This is the essential principle.)
3. **Be Often** (You can be more coach-like outside of the “hierarchical, formal event.” Think meetings, phone calls, Zoom calls, email—all forms of communication.)

433. 8 LEADERSHIP FLICKS (4/2/2020)



11½ Hours of Movies, Videos & YouTube

Memorable Line:

“Put down the duckie if you wanna play the saxophone.”

#1. **HARRIET (2019)**

PG-13 (2 hours, 5 minutes) - Amazon Prime - - *PEOPLE BUCKET*

#2. **WE HAVE A POPE (2011)**

Original title: “Habemus Papam” (Italian with English subtitles)

Unrated (1 hour, 44 minutes) - Amazon Prime – *CRISIS BUCKET*

#3. **THE SECRET OF SANTA VITTORIA (1969)**

PG-13 (2 hours, 19 minutes) - Amazon Prime – *TEAM BUCKET*

#4. **TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH (1949)**

Not Rated (2 hours, 12 minutes) - Amazon Prime – *STRATEGY BUCKET*

#5. **IN THE SHADOW OF THE MOON (2007)**

PG (1 hour, 39 minutes) - Amazon – *PEOPLE BUCKET*

#6. **SESAME STREET: ERNIE PUTS DOWN THE DUCKIE (2003)**

G-rated – View on YouTube (5 min.) or Amazon Prime – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*

#7. **OUR DAILY BREAD (1934)**

Not Rated: (1 hour, 13 minutes) – Amazon (sometimes on YouTube) – *TEAM BUCKET*

#8. **MAKE YOUR BED (2014)**

Inspirational Talk – View on YouTube

Time: 19 minutes – *OPERATIONS BUCKET*

434. Upstream: The Quest to Solve Problems Before They Happen, by Dan Heath (4/15/2020) – *STRATEGY BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

435. A Life of Listening: Discerning God's Voice and Discovering Our Own, A Memoir by Leighton Ford (4/22/2020) – *Book BUCKET*

436A. Non Obvious Megatrends: How to See What Others Miss and Predict the Future, by Rohit Bhargava (5/6/2020) – *STRATEGY BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

For your next Zoom meeting:

436B. “The Secret to a Good Meeting Is the Meeting Before the Meeting,” from Leadership Gold, by John Maxwell - [Short Chapter on Kindle] (5/6/2020) – *MEETINGS BUCKET*

437. Mentoring Moments with Myself: Letters to My Younger Self about Life, Faith, Love and Leadership, by Michelle Hoverson (5/18/2020) – Book BUCKET

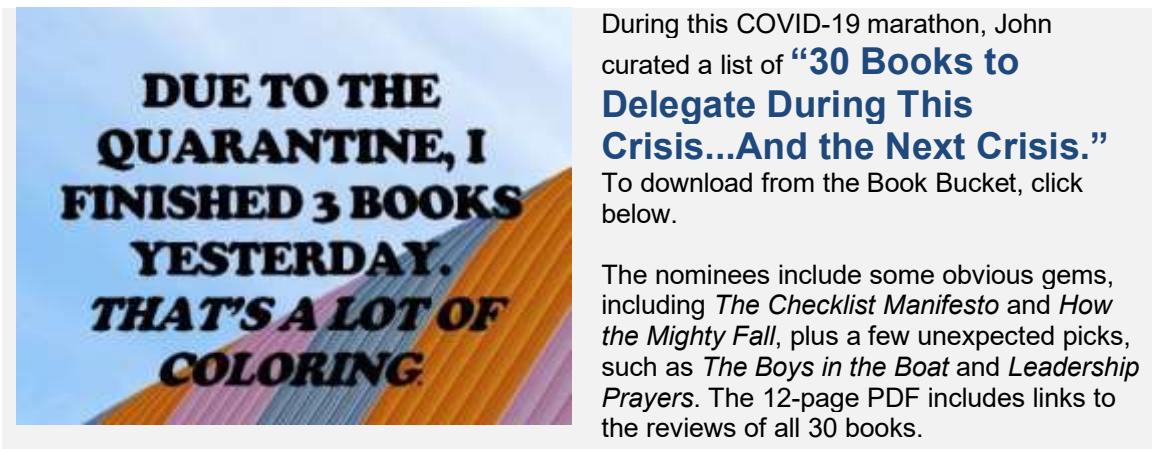


More Coaching/Mentoring Top Picks

Eugene B. Habecker quotes Henri Nouwen about blind spots:
"The interruption...forced me to enter the basement of my soul and look directly at what was hidden there."

- **20 MENTORING SESSIONS:** What Got You Here Won't Get You There: Discover the 20 Workplace Habits You Need to Break, by Marshall Goldsmith with Mark Reiter – **2013 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR** – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
- **11 MENTORING SESSIONS:** The Softer Side of Leadership: Essential Soft Skills That Transform Leaders and the People They Lead, by Eugene B. Habecker – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
- **8 MENTORING SESSIONS:** Monday Morning Leadership: 8 Mentoring Sessions You Can't Afford to Miss, by David Cottrell – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
- **10 MENTORING SESSIONS:** The Top 10 Leadership Conversations in the Bible: Practical Insights From Extensive Research on Over 1,000 Biblical Leaders, by Steve Moore – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
-  **14-MINUTES TEDx TALK!** The Advice Trap: Be Humble, Stay Curious & Change the Way You Lead Forever, by Michael Bungay Stanier – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
- **STOP WORKING SO HARD!** The Coaching Habit: Say Less, Ask More & Change the Way You Lead Forever, by Michael Bungay Stanier – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
- **LEGACY: 60 LIFE REFLECTIONS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION**, by Steve Macchia. The author wrote 60 life lessons upon turning 60. (John Maxwell postponed writing *Leadership Gold* until he was 60. Catch the theme here?) I asked my son, Jason (not yet 60!), for his review of Macchia's mentoring book.
- **THIS. CUSTOMIZABLE JOURNAL: 52 WAYS TO SHARE YOUR WORLD WITH THOSE YOU LOVE**, by Jason Pearson and Doug Fields. While you're in your bunker this month, it's the perfect time to invest in your family (children and grandchildren) by completing this fun and meaningful journal.

“30 Books to Delegate During This Crisis...And the Next Crisis”



During this COVID-19 marathon, John curated a list of **“30 Books to Delegate During This Crisis...And the Next Crisis.”** To download from the Book Bucket, click below.

The nominees include some obvious gems, including *The Checklist Manifesto* and *How the Mighty Fall*, plus a few unexpected picks, such as *The Boys in the Boat* and *Leadership Prayers*. The 12-page PDF includes links to the reviews of all 30 books.

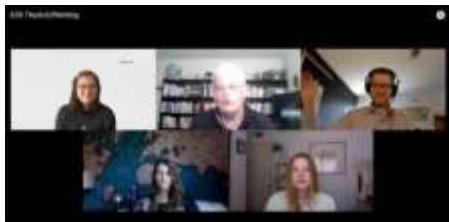
Download the list at: <https://www.managementbuckets.com/book-bucket>

Don't Skip This One! ➔ 438. Faith for Exiles: 5 Ways for a New Generation to Follow Jesus in Digital Babylon, by David Kinnaman and Mark Matlock (5/28/2020) – **CULTURE BUCKET**

439. The Art of Writing: Four Principles for Great Writing that Everyone Needs to Know, by Peter Yang (6/18/2020) - Note: This review features a Zoom call with commentary by four of John's five grandkids! – **PRINTING BUCKET (AKA THE COMMUNICATIONS BUCKET)**



Listen to the “Zoom Review” of *The Art of Writing* with John Pearson and four of his five grandkids.



ONE OF THE BIG IDEAS IN THE PRINTING BUCKET (aka the Communications Bucket) is to “elevate the power of the written and spoken word and leverage communication tools to create synergy and alignment between our mission, BHAG, strategic plans and programs.”

John's grandkids join him for a 23-minute Zoom review on *The Art of Writing*.

When is the last time you've invested one or more hours on improving your writing and speaking? We mentioned these resources in the Zoom Review (above):

- **PUNCH LINE.** Keys to Great Writing, by author and writing coach Stephen Wilbers, notes: “Think of the last part of a sentence as a punch line to a joke: It counts more than the beginning and the middle. Your success—both as a writer and a comedian—depends on it.”
- **BUMPER STICKERS.** Joey Asher, author of *15 Minutes Including Q&A: A Plan to Save the World From Lousy Presentations*, says your talk should have three big ideas and your three points should be like bumper stickers: short and memorable, supported by stories. “Great speakers [and great writers] use lots of stories.”
- **BELIEVABILITY.** “The most important dimension of communication takes place not at the conscious level, but the unconscious level. We’re talking about trust, believability and likeability—the emotional connection.” That’s from Bert Decker, who coaches and trains politicians, Fortune 500 company CEOs and thousands of other people in effective public speaking. Must-read: *You’re Got to Be Believed to Be Heard: The Complete Book of Speaking...in Business and in Life*. Listen to the audio at Libro.fm—just 5 hours and 8 minutes.
- **FACTS = BOREDOM.** In his 107-page quick-read, *How to Deliver a TED Talk: Secrets of the World’s Most Inspiring Presentations*, Jeremy Donovan warns: “If you would like to bore people to tears until they tear out their hair and claw their eyes out, then hammer them with facts for the entire 18 minutes of your TEDTalk.”
- **PAINT A PICTURE.** Which sentence grabs you? “Deficits will badly affect the economy,” or “Deficits will spread a subtle, devastating poison through the economic bloodstream.” Even if you’re not interested in deficits, the “poison” picture has arrested your curiosity. That’s from the “Paint a Picture” chapter in Milo O. Frank’s 128-page power book, *How to Get Your Point Across in 30 Seconds—or Less*.

Note: We also mentioned two other books and a WSJ article on the Zoom Review:

❑ **MY IDEAL BOOKSHELF.** This is a gorgeous coffee table book for your office or home by Thessaly La Force (editor) and Jane Mount (illustrator). One hundred people share their ideal bookshelf in two-page spreads: narrative and color drawings of the book spines. You'll treasure the art and the wisdom, including this from writer David Sedaris: "Sometimes I meet ministers, and I always say to them, 'If I had a church, I'd read a Tobias Wolff story every week, and then I'd say to people, "Go home.''"

❑ **Europe from a Backpack:** *Real Stories from Young Travelers Abroad* (From a Backpack series) by Mark Pearson and Martin Westerman – *PEOPLE BUCKET*

❑ **"Arnold the Grammarian,"** column by Jason Gay in *The Wall Street Journal*, June 13, 2020. – *PEOPLE BUCKET*

440. Practicing the Present: The Neglected Art of Living in the Now, by John Koessler (6/25/2020) – *BOOK BUCKET*

441. It's the Manager: Gallup Finds the Quality of Managers and Team Leaders Is the Single Biggest Factor in Your Organization's Long-Term Success, by Jim Clifton and Jim Harter (7/2/2020) – *RESULTS BUCKET*

442. "Embracing Redemptive Disruption," by David Schmidt, features a 9-page PDF with three pandemic paths for nonprofits (7/9/2020) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*

443. How Will You Measure Your Life? by Clayton M. Christensen, James Allworth, and Karen Dillon (7/18/2020) – *Book BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

444. Win Bigly: Persuasion in a World Where Facts Don't Matter, by Scott Adams (8/1/2020) – *PRINTING BUCKET (AKA THE COMMUNICATIONS BUCKET)*

445. The Little Guide to Your Well-Read Life: How to Get More Books in Your Life and More Life from Your Books, by Steve Leveen (8/10/2020) – *Book BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

446. The Vision Driven Leader: 10 Questions to Focus Your Efforts, Energize Your Team, and Scale Your Business, by Michael Hyatt (8/20/2020) – *STRATEGY BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

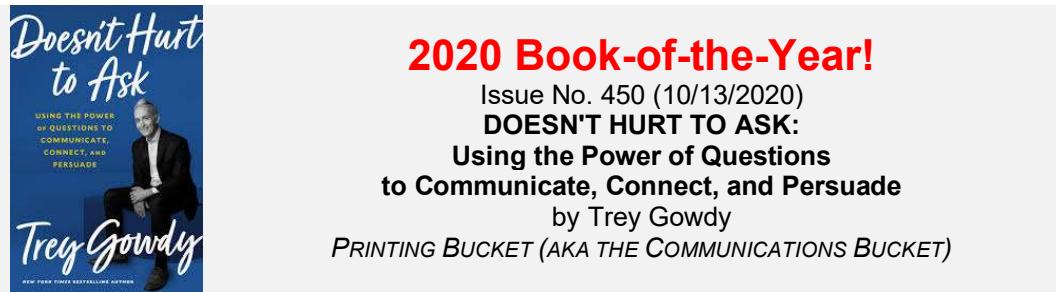
447A. The Goal: A Business Graphic Novel (2017), by Eliyahu M. Goldratt, Dwight Jon Zimmerman (Editor), and Dean Motter (Illustrator) - (9/9/2020) – *CUSTOMER BUCKET*

447B. The Goal: A Process of Ongoing Improvement (30th Anniversary Edition, 2014), by Eliyahu M. Goldratt and Jeff Cox (9/9/2020) – *CUSTOMER BUCKET*

448A. Maximizing Board Effectiveness: A Practical Guide for Adaptive Governance, by James C. Galvin (9/18/2020) – *BOARD BUCKET*

448B. From the Inside Out: Leading Where it Matters Most—The How-to Guide to Leading Nonprofits for Impact, by Tom Okarma (9/18/2020) – *OPERATIONS BUCKET*

449. Citizen Trump (documentary film), by Robert Orlando (10/1/2020) - *Note! Amazon blocked my review of this film!* – *BOOK BUCKET*



Trey Gowdy, who served eight years in Congress (2011-2019), confesses, “**The mistakes made early in my career were many and largely rooted in two areas: not understanding the dynamics of persuasion and not understanding the nature and characteristics of those I was trying to persuade.**”

450B. Connection Culture: The Competitive Advantage of Shared Identity, Empathy, and Understanding at Work (Second Edition), by Michael Lee Stallard, Todd W. Hall, Katharine P. Stallard, and Jason Pankau (10/13/2020) – **CULTURE BUCKET**

451A. Tricks to Appear Smart in Meetings (2021 Day-to-Day Calendar): How to Get by Without Even Trying,
by Sarah Cooper (10/25/2020)
MEETINGS BUCKET



451B. Two Roads: A 4-Part Group Study of The Cure - Check out this resource-rich small group combo of book study, video, and audio—perfectly packaged for this COVID-19 season (10/25/2020) – **BOOK BUCKET**

452. Oh God, I'm Dying! How God Redeems Pain for Our Good and for His Glory, by Terry Powell and Mark Smith (11/16/2020) – **Book BUCKET** ***TOP-10 BOOK**

453. How Ike Led: The Principles Behind Eisenhower's Biggest Decisions, by Susan Eisenhower (11/24/2020) – **CRISIS BUCKET**

454. Ruthless Consistency: How Committed Leaders Execute Strategy, Implement Change, and Build Organizations That Win, by Michael Canic (11/30/2020) – **STRATEGY BUCKET**
***TOP-10 BOOK**

Michael Canic, the creative author of *Ruthless Consistency*, says that “constructive accountability and compassion are not mutually exclusive.” My suggestion: his five powerful principles for holding team members constructively accountable should be posted on every office wall (and visible during Zoom calls!). He urges all leaders and managers to change their mindsets: “**You're Not a Manager; You're a Coach**” (Chapter 11). He preaches, “**Look in the mirror, Coach. It starts with you.**”

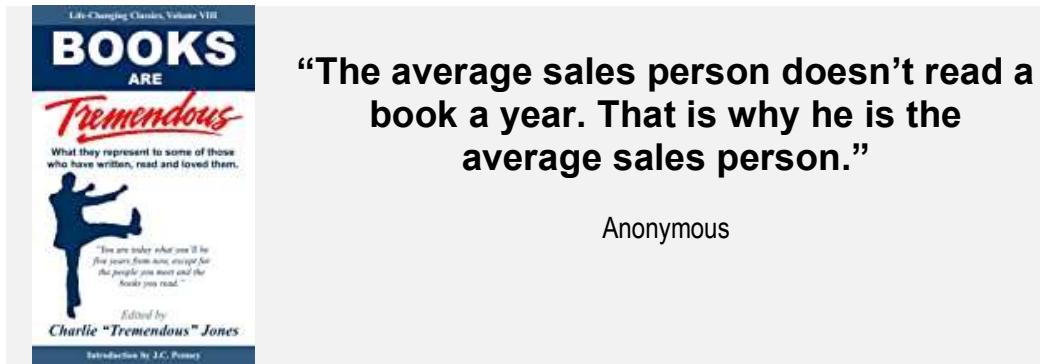
455. The Great Successor: The Divinely Perfect Destiny of Brilliant Comrade Kim Jong Un, by Anna Fifield (12/5/2020) – **CULTURE BUCKET**

456. Money Games: The Inside Story of How American Dealmakers Saved Korea's Most Iconic Bank, by Weijian Shan (12/15/2020) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*

457A. Fast Times: How Digital Winners Set Direction, Learn, and Adapt, by Arun Arora, Peter Dahlstrom, Klemens Hjartar, and Florian Wunderlich (12/28/2020) – *RESULTS BUCKET*

457B. Church IT: Using Information Technology for the Mission of the Church, by Nick B. Nicholaou (2019, 2nd Edition) - (12/28/2020) – *SYSTEMS BUCKET*

458. Top-10 Books of 2020 and Book-of-the-Year (1/2/2021) – *Book BUCKET*



Books Are Tremendous: What They Represent to Some of Those Who Have Written, Read and Loved Them (Life-Changing Classics), by Charlie "Tremendous" Jones (64 pages)
<https://amzn.to/32MvQun>

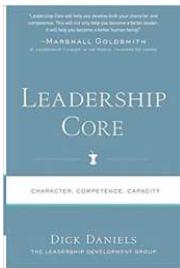
2021 BOOK REVIEWS

*TOP-10 BOOKS

Listed by Issue Number, Title, Author, Blog Date, and Management Bucket Category

458. Top-10 Books of 2020 and 2020 Book-of-the-Year (1/2/2021) – *BOOK BUCKET*

459. 10 Spiritual Growth Books I'm Reading in 2021 (1/8/2021) - *BOOK BUCKET*



2021 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR

460. Leadership Core: Character, Competence, Capacity (Leadership Multipliers)
by Dick Daniels
(1/15/2021)
TEAM BUCKET

461. Fight House: Rivalries in the White House from Truman to Trump, by Tevi Troy (Part 1 of 2 reviews) – (1/21/2021) - *CULTURE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

462. 30 Days Unplugged: How a Catholic Priest Turned Off His iPhone and Took a Call From God, by Father Darrin Merlino, CMF (1/28/2021) - *BOOK BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

463. "POTUS Pop Quiz" - Fight House: Rivalries in the White House from Truman to Trump, by Tevi Troy (Part 2 of 2 reviews) – (2/10/2021) - *CULTURE BUCKET*

464. Succession: Seven Practices to Navigate Mission-Critical Leadership Transitions, by Peter Greer and Doug Fagerstrom (2/23/2021) - *CRISIS BUCKET*

465. Backable: The Surprising Truth Behind What Makes People Take a Chance on You, by Suneel Gupta with Carlye Adler (3/2/2021) - *PEOPLE BUCKET*

466. Foundations of Chaplaincy: A Practical Guide, by Alan T. Baker (3/9/2021) - *PROGRAM BUCKET*

467A. The Tragedy of Patton: A Soldier's Date With Destiny — Could World War II's Greatest General Have Stopped the Cold War? by Robert Orlando (3/27/2021) - *STRATEGY BUCKET*

 467B. Silence Patton (film), directed by Robert Orlando, 2018 (1 hour, 25 minutes) – (3/27/2021) - *STRATEGY BUCKET*

 468. Roe V. Wade (film), Jon Voight (actor) and Nick Loeb (director and actor) - (1 hour, 51 minutes) – (4/2/2021) – *CRISIS BUCKET*

469. L.A. Cop: Peacemaker in Blue, by Bob Vernon, Former L.A.P.D. Assistant Chief of Police (4/9/2021) - *OPERATIONS BUCKET*

470. Quantum Marketing: Mastering the New Marketing Mindset for Tomorrow's Consumers, by Raja Rajamannar (4/16/2021) - *CUSTOMER BUCKET*

471. Remote, Inc.: How to Thrive at Work . . . Wherever You Are, by Robert C. Pozen and Alexandra Samuel (4/27/2021) - *MEETINGS BUCKET*

472. Leadership Success in 10 Minutes a Day, by Bob Phillips (5/6/2021) - *RESULTS BUCKET*

473A. Rooting for Rivals: How Collaboration and Generosity Increase the Impact of Leaders, Charities, and Churches, by Peter Greer and Chris Horst, with Jill Heisey (5/25/2021) - *RESULTS BUCKET*

473B. Rethinking Competitive Advantage: New Rules for the Digital Age, by Ram Charan with Geri Willigan (5/25/2021) - *CUSTOMER BUCKET*

474. Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead, by Jim Mattis and Bing West (Repeat: 2019 book-of-the-year) – (6/7/2021) - *CUSTOMER BUCKET*

475A. Anxiety at Work: 8 Strategies to Help Teams Build Resilience, Handle Uncertainty, and Get Stuff Done, by Adrian Gostick and Chester Elton with Anthony Gostick (6/10/2021) - *TEAM BUCKET*

475B. Mastering Mistake-Making: My 25 Memorable Mistakes—And What I Learned (10 Minutes for Lifelong Learning Workbook), by John Pearson with Jason Pearson (6/10/2021) - *DRUCKER BUCKET* - Note: Download the Introduction and Table of Contents at: <https://www.managementbuckets.com/mistakes>

476A. Citizen Trump: A One Man Show, by Robert Orlando (6/15/2021) - *STRATEGY BUCKET*



476B. Citizen Trump: A One Man Show (film), directed by Robert Orlando (1 hour, 13 minutes) – (6/15/2021) - *STRATEGY BUCKET*

477. No Way Home: The Crisis of Homelessness and How to Fix It with Intelligence and Humanity, by Wayne Winegarden, Joseph Tartakovsky, Kerry Jackson, and Christopher F. Rufo (6/22/2021) - *CRISIS BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

478. Live Large! 7 Lasting Lessons for Navigating Life's Twists & Turns, by Bob Lonac (6/29/2021) - *CRISIS BUCKET*

479. Next Job, Best Job: A Headhunter's 11 Strategies to Get Hired Now, by Rob Barnett (7/6/2021) - *STRATEGY BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

480A. A Comedian's Prayer Book, by Frank Skinner (7/14/2021) - *HOOPLA! BUCKET*

480B. Laughter Therapy: Good Medicine to Make Your Heart Glad, by Jonny Hawkins and Bob Phillips (7/14/2021) - *HOOPLA! BUCKET*

480C. Humorists: From Hogarth to Noel Coward, by Paul Johnson (repeat from 2015) – (7/14/2021) - *HOOPLA! BUCKET*

481. The Motive: Why So Many Leaders Abdicate Their Most Important Responsibilities, by Patrick M. Lencioni (7/22/2021) - *DELEGATION BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

482. The Unspoken Rules: Secrets to Starting Your Career Off Right, by Gorick Ng (7/29/2021) - *PEOPLE BUCKET*



483A. We Have a Pope (film) - (2012, English subtitles, 1 hour, 44 minutes) - (repeat) – (8/5/2021) - *PEOPLE BUCKET*

483B. The Pope & The CEO: John Paul II's Leadership Lessons to a Young Swiss Guard, by Andreas Widmer (repeat) – (8/5/2021) - *DRUCKER BUCKET*

483C. Heroic Leadership: Best Practices From a 450-Year-Old Company That Changed the World, by Chris Lowney (repeat) – (8/5/2021) - *VOLUNTEER BUCKET*

484. Let Us Prey, Revised Edition: The Plague of Narcissist Pastors and What We Can Do About It, by Darrell Puls (8/12/2021) - *BOARD BUCKET*

485A. The Bomber Mafia: A Dream, a Temptation, and the Longest Night of the Second World War, by Malcolm Gladwell (8/19/2021) - *OPERATIONS BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**



485B. Twelve O'Clock High (film) - starring Gregory Peck (2 hours, 12 minutes) - (repeat) – (8/19/2021) - *RESULTS BUCKET*

486. Strategic Reset on Staff Working Remotely: A Framework for Success, by Nick B. Nicholaou, General Editor (9/2/2021) - *SYSTEMS BUCKET*

487. Waiting for the Train: Biblical Food for Growing Before Going, by S. Tolly Teller (foreword by Josh McDowell) – (9/11/2021) - *BOOK BUCKET*

488. Collision Course: Carlos Ghosn and the Culture Wars That Upended an Auto Empire, by Hans Greimel and William Sposato (9/17/2021) - *CULTURE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

489. Public Speaking Laws of Success: For Everyone and Every Occasion, by Richard J. Goossen (9/28/2021) - *PRINTING BUCKET* (AKA *COMMUNICATIONS BUCKET*) ***TOP-10 BOOK**

490. Made From Scratch: The Legendary Success Story of Texas Roadhouse, by Kent Taylor (10/8/2021) - *SYSTEMS BUCKET*

491. Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets: 5 Questions to Help You Determine Your Next Move, by Andy Stanley (10/14/2021) - *BOOK BUCKET*

492. Impact Players: How to Take the Lead, Play Bigger, and Multiply Your Impact, by Liz Wiseman (10/19/2021) - *TEAM BUCKET*

493A. Harsh Grief, Gentle Hope: From the Agony of a Mother's Greatest Loss on Earth, Comes the Divine Comfort and Hope From Heaven, by Mary White (11/8/2021) - *CRISIS BUCKET*

493B. A Woman's Journey: Healing from Domestic Abuse (Oasis Bible Study Book One: Restoring Hope and Dignity), by Diane Schnickels (11/8/2021) - *CRISIS BUCKET*

494. Becoming Trader Joe: How I Did Business My Way and Still Beat the Big Guys, by Joe Coulombe with Patty Civalleri (11/11/2021) – *ALL 20 BUCKETS!* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

495. From Impressed to Obsessed: 12 Principles for Turning Customers and Employees into Lifelong Fans, by Jon Picoult (11/19/2021) - *CUSTOMER BUCKET*

I should have read page one first (what a concept!).

The first sentence of this powerful book is convicting:

**“If you’re aspiring to satisfy your customers,
then you are aspiring to mediocrity.”**

Yikes!



2021 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR

496. Experiencing God (2021 Edition): Knowing and Doing the Will of God by Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, and Claude King (12/1/2021)
DONOR BUCKET¹

497. *Jump: Dare to Do What Scares You in Business and Life*, by Kim Perell (12/8/2021) - *STRATEGY BUCKET*

498. *Brain Rules for Work: The Science of Thinking Smarter in the Office and at Home*, by John Medina (12/14/2021) - *PEOPLE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

499. *Winning on Purpose: The Unbeatable Strategy of Loving Customers*, by Fred Reichheld with Darci Darnell and Maureen Burns (12/20/2021) - *CUSTOMER BUCKET*

500. Top-10 Books of 2021 and 2021 Book-of-the-Year (12/31/2021) - *Book BUCKET*

¹ *Experiencing God (2021 Edition)* is listed under the “Donor Bucket,” but could be categorized under numerous other buckets. Both givers and fundraisers, however, will discover that this book gets to the heart of giving—and it’s not about the money. Surprise!

2022 BOOK REVIEWS

*TOP-10 BOOKS

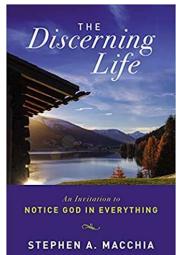
Listed by Issue Number, Title, Author, Blog Date, and Management Bucket Category

- 501. Born to Build: How to Build a Thriving Startup, a Winning Team, New Customers and Your Best Life Imaginable, by Jim Clifton and Sangeeta Badal, Ph.D. (1/7/2022) – TEAM BUCKET
- 502. Making Numbers Count: The Art and Science of Communicating Numbers, by Chip Heath and Karla Starr (1/12/2022) – BUDGET BUCKET *TOP-10 BOOK
- 503. How to Begin: Start Doing Something That Matters, by Michael Bungay Stanier (1/19/2022) – RESULTS BUCKET
- 504. Exponential: Transform Your Brand by Empowering Instead of Interrupting, by Jeff Rosenblum (1/25/2022) – CUSTOMER BUCKET
- 505. The Babylon Bee Guide to Wokeness, by Kyle Mann, Ethan Nicolle, Joel Berry, and Gavin Yee (2/8/2022) – BOOK BUCKET
- 506. Fit at Last: Look and Feel Better Once and for All, by Ken Blanchard and Tim Kearn (2/17/2022) – TEAM BUCKET

2/20/2022 UPDATE!

- Working Remotely: A Framework for Success, by Nick B Nicholaou, General Editor (2nd edition published on Jan. 23, 2022). See Issue No. 486 (9/2/2021) for original review.
– SYSTEMS BUCKET

- 507. Talent: The Market Cap Multiplier, by Ram Charan and Anish Batlaw (2/23/2022) – TEAM BUCKET
- 508. American Happiness and Discontents: The Unruly Torrent, 2008-2020, by George F. Will (3/10/2022) – CULTURE BUCKET



2022 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR

- 509. **The Discerning Life: An Invitation to Notice God in Everything**
by Steve Macchia
(3/15/2022, reposted on 12/31/2022)
BOOK BUCKET

- 510. CEO Excellence: The Six Mindsets That Distinguish the Best Leaders from the Rest, by Carolyn Dewar, Scott Keller, and Vikram Malhotra (3/22/2022) – DRUCKER BUCKET
- 511. The Generosity Factor: Discover the Joy of Giving Your Time, Talent, and Treasure, by Ken Blanchard and S. Truett Cathy (3/31/2022) – DONOR BUCKET
- 512. Ending Human Trafficking: A Handbook of Strategies for the Church Today, by Shayne Moore, Sandra Morgan, and Kimberly McOwen Yim (4/5/2022) – CRISIS BUCKET
- 513. The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions, by Arthur Bennett, Editor (4/13/2022) – Book BUCKET

- ❑ 514. Road to Flourishing: Eight Keys to Boost Employee Engagement and Well-Being, by Al Lopus with Cory Hartman (4/19/2022) – *CULTURE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 515. The Gift of Disillusionment: Enduring Hope for Leaders After Idealism Fades, by Peter Greer and Chris Horst, with Brianna Lapp and Jill Heisey (4/25/2022) – *DRUCKER BUCKET*
SPECIAL MENTION
- ❑ 516. Crazy Ambulance Tales, by Chris Treece (5/3/2022) – *CRISIS BUCKET*

LAUGH-OUT-LOUD!

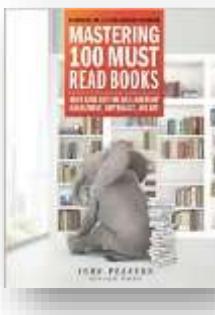
- ❑ 517A. Humor, Seriously: Why Humor Is a Secret Weapon in Business and Life (And how anyone can harness it. Even you.), by Jennifer Aaker and Naomi Bagdonas (5/17/2022) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*
- ❑ 517B. Simple Sabotage Field Manual, by United States Office of Strategic Services (5/17/2022) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*
- ❑ 518. Zero to IPO: Over \$1 Trillion of Actionable Advice from the World's Most Successful Entrepreneurs, by Frederic Kerrest (5/25/2022) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*
- ❑ 519. Dead in the Water: A True Story of Hijacking, Murder, and a Global Maritime Conspiracy, by Matthew Campbell and Kit Chellel (6/9/2022) – *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ 520. Diplomatic Gifts: A History in Fifty Presents, by Paul Brummell (6/14/2022) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*
- ❑ 521. Next Sunday: An Honest Dialogue About the Future of the Church, by Nancy Beach and Samantha Beach Kiley (6/24/2022) – *PROGRAM BUCKET*
- ❑ 522. One Damn Thing After Another: Memoirs of an Attorney General, by William P. Barr (7/9/2022) – *CRISIS BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

4 BOOKS ON STRATEGY: “The Summer Shorts” Issue

- ❑ 523A. The Crux: How Leaders Become Strategists, by Richard P. Rumelt (7/16/2022) – *STRATEGY BUCKET* **SPECIAL MENTION**
- ❑ 523B. What Is Strategy? An Illustrated Guide to Michael Porter, by Joan Magretta and Emile Holmewood, *Illustrator* (7/16/2022) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*
- ❑ 523C. HBR's 10 Must Reads on Strategy (including What Is Strategy? by Michael E. Porter) – (7/16/2022) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*
- ❑ 523D. Talent, Strategy, Risk: How Investors and Boards Are Redefining TSR, by Bill McNabb, Ram Charan, and Dennis Carey (7/16/2022) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*
- ❑ 524. Leading with Heart: Five Conversations That Unlock Creativity, Purpose, and Results, by John Baird and Edward Sullivan (7/27/2022) – *RESULTS BUCKET*

2 THINKING BOOKS

- ❑ 525A. A New Way to Think: Your Guide to Superior Management Effectiveness, by Roger L. Martin (8/9/2022) – *DRUCKER BUCKET*
- ❑ 525B. Both/And Thinking: Embracing Creative Tensions to Solve Your Toughest Problems, by Wendy K. Smith and Marianne W. Lewis (8/9/2022) – *OPERATIONS BUCKET*
- ❑ 526. Paradise Found: A High School Football Team's Rise from the Ashes, by Bill Plaschke (8/29/2022) – *CRISIS BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 527. Before and After Jackie Robinson, A Story of the Brooklyn Dodgers Told Through the Lens of Tickets and Passes, by Dan Busby (9/2/2022) – *CULTURE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 528. Thriving on Overload: The 5 Powers for Success in a World of Exponential Information, by Ross Dawson (9/8/2022) – *SYSTEMS BUCKET*



- ❑ 529. **Mastering 100 Must-Read Books: Brief Book Reviews on Leadership, Management, Governance, and Life**, by John Pearson with Jason Pearson (9/20/2022) – *BOOK BUCKET*

Download the Table of Contents (the list of 100 must-read books): <https://www.managementbuckets.com/100-must-read>

- ❑ 530. The 6 Types of Working Genius: A Better Way to Understand Your Gifts, Your Frustrations, and Your Team, by Patrick M. Lencioni (9/26/2022) – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 531. Blog: “Dan Busby’s Legacy of Books: Brief Mention of 7 Noteworthy Books” (10/10/2022) – *BOARD BUCKET*
- ❑ 532. Angel for Higher, by Robert Hendershot with Trevor (10/21/2022) – *PROGRAM BUCKET*

PART 1 AND PART 2: ***TOP-10 BOOK**

- ❑ 533. Leadership: Six Studies in World Strategy (Part 1 of 2), by Henry Kissinger (10/28/2022) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*
- ❑ 534. Leadership: Six Studies in World Strategy (Part 2 of 2), by Henry Kissinger (11/2/2022) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*
- ❑ 535. One Bold Move a Day: Meaningful Actions Women Can Take to Fulfill Their Leadership and Career Potential, by Shanna A. Hocking (11/8/2022) – *DONOR BUCKET*

TOPIC: "YOU SHOULD WRITE A BOOK!"

- 536A. A Life In The Day Of: A Strategic Air Command Veteran's Memoirs of The Cold War, by Edward D. Sabol (11/15/2022) – *OPERATIONS BUCKET*
- 536B. Faithful: The Robert & Eleanor Palmer Story, by Robert E. Palmer and Eleanor M. Palmer (11/15/2022) – *PROGRAM BUCKET*
- 536C. YOUquation: Living Your Dream—Your Happiness + Your Success, by Thomas M. Dean and Linda B. Awar (11/15/2022) – *CULTURE BUCKET*
- 536D. THIS. 52 Ways to Share Your World With Those You Love, by Jason Pearson and Doug Fields. (11/15/2022) – *Book BUCKET*
- 537. Leadership Not by the Book: 12 Unconventional Principles to Drive Incredible Results, by David Green and Bill High (11/23/2022) – *RESULTS BUCKET* **SPECIAL MENTION**

3 NEW BOOKS ON THE WHY OF OUTDOOR MINISTRY

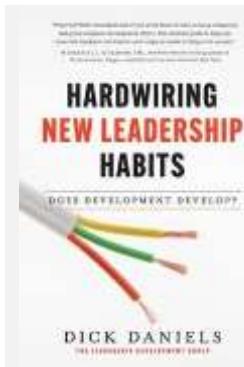
- 538A. Blueprints: Biblical Designs for Christian Camping—Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow, by Dan Bolin (12/6/2022) – *PROGRAM BUCKET*
- 538B. Latin American Voices on Leadership: Their Emergence and Growth, by Lisa Marie Anderson-Umaña (12/6/2022) – *PROGRAM BUCKET*
- 538C. Leaders Yet Discovered: Experiential Development for Emerging Leaders, by Greg Robinson and Rob Ribbe (12/6/2022) – *PROGRAM BUCKET*
- 539. Don't Miss Your Life: The Secret to Significance, by Aaron Tredway (12/14/2022) – *TEAM BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- 540. In the Kingdom of Ice: The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette, by Hampton Sides (12/20/2022) – *STRATEGY BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- 541. 2022 Book-of-the-Year and Top-10 Books of 2022 (12/31/2022) – *Book BUCKET*

2023 BOOK REVIEWS

*TOP-10 BOOKS

Listed by Issue Number, Title, Author, Blog Date, and Management Bucket Category

- ❑ 542. I Wouldn't Do That If I Were Me: Modern Blunders and Modest Triumphs (but Mostly Blunders), by Jason Gay (1/5/2023) – **HOOPLA! BUCKET**
- ❑ 543. Praying With the Early Christians: A Year of Daily Prayers and Reflections on the Words of the Early Christians (Praying With the Bible series), by Eugene H. Peterson (1/12/2023) – **BOOK BUCKET**
- ❑ 544. Fall in Love with the Problem, Not the Solution: A Handbook for Entrepreneurs, by Uri Levine (1/21/2023) – **CUSTOMER BUCKET** ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 545. Miracle Wheels: The Story of a Mission to Bring Mobility to the World, by Don Schoendorfer (2/4/2023) – **VOLUNTEER BUCKET**
- ❑ 546. Hardwiring New Leadership Habits: Does Development Develop? by Dick Daniels (2/10/2023) – **CULTURE BUCKET** ***TOP-10 BOOK**



Hardwiring New Leadership Habits: Does Development Develop? is jam-packed with ready-to-use action steps and insights—coupled with a memorable metaphor: how to connect three “wires” to hardwire new leadership habits. Dick Daniels’ book is short and crisp and brings a holistic clarity to that pesky question: does development develop? *Dick Daniels is also the author of two book-of-the-year picks!*

- ❑ 318. Leadership Briefs: Shaping Organizational Culture to Stretch Leadership Capacity (2015 Book-of-the-Year)
- ❑ 460. Leadership Core: Character, Competence, Capacity (Leadership Multipliers) - (2021 Book-of-the-Year)

- ❑ 547. Burn the Boats: Toss Plan B Overboard and Unleash Your Full Potential, by Matt Higgins (2/18/2023) – **CRISIS BUCKET**
- ❑ 548. Grace Ambassador: Bringing Heaven to Earth, by Dr. John Jackson (2/21/2023) – **STRATEGY BUCKET** ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 549. Rising Together: How We Can Bridge Divides and Create a More Inclusive Workplace, by Sally Helgesen (3/2/2023) – **TEAM BUCKET**
- ❑ 550. The Four Workarounds: Strategies from the World's Scrappiest Organizations for Tackling Complex Problems, by Paulo Savaget (3/9/2023) – **RESULTS BUCKET** ***TOP-10 BOOK**

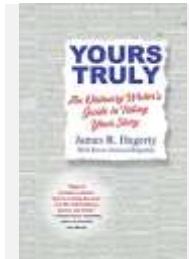


Listen to the “Zoom Review” of *The Four Workarounds* with David Schmidt, Jason Pearson, and John Pearson

- ❑ 551. Good Power: Leading Positive Change in Our Lives, Work, and World, by Ginni Rometty (3/16/2023) – **PEOPLE BUCKET**

- ❑ 552. You're the Leader. Now What? Leadership Lessons from Mayo Clinic, by Dr. Richard Winters (3/24/2023) – *DELEGATION BUCKET*
- ❑ 553. Fool Me Once: Scams, Stories, and Secrets from the Trillion-Dollar Fraud Industry, by Kelly Richmond Pope (4/1/2023) – *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ 554A. The Case for Easter: A Journalist Investigates Evidence for the Resurrection, by Lee Strobel (4/7/2023) – *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ 554B. Contagious Faith: Discover Your Natural Style for Sharing Jesus with Others, by Mark Mittelberg and foreword by Lee Strobel (4/7/2023) – *BOOK BUCKET*
- ❑ 555A. The Screwtape Letters, by C.S. Lewis (4/13/2023) – *CULTURE BUCKET*
-  ❑ 555B. Nefarious (The film by Writer/Directors Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman (4/13/2023) – *MEETINGS BUCKET*
- ❑ 556. The Anxious Achiever: Turn Your Biggest Fears into Your Leadership Superpower, by Morra Aarons-Mele (4/19/2023) – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
- ❑ 557. Built to Beat Chaos: Biblical Wisdom for Leading Yourself and Others, by Gary Harpst (4/26/2023) – *RESULTS BUCKET*
- ❑ 558. Beyond Disruption: Innovate and Achieve Growth without Displacing Industries, Companies, or Jobs, by W. Chan Kim and Renée A. Mauborgne (5/3/2023) – *DRUCKER BUCKET*
- ❑ 559A. Polycentric Mission Leadership: Toward A New Theoretical Model for Global Leadership, by Joseph W. Handley, Jr. (5/11/2023) – *PROGRAM BUCKET*
- ❑ 559B. [Repeat from Issue No. 159, 10/14/2009] Well Connected: Releasing Power, Restoring Hope Through Kingdom Partnerships, by Phill Butler (5/11/2023) – Includes a Tribute to Author Phill Butler (1936-2023) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*
- ❑ 560. Boundless: The Rise, Fall, and Escape of Carlos Ghosn, by Nick Kostov and Sean McLain (5/22/2023) – *BOARD BUCKET*
- ❑ 561. Bridgebuilders: How Government Can Transcend Boundaries to Solve Big Problems, by William D. Eggers and Donald F. Kettl (5/27/2023) – *VOLUNTEER BUCKET*
- ❑ 562. Culture Shock: An Unstoppable Force Has Changed How We Work and Live. Gallup's Solution to the Biggest Leadership Issue of Our Time, by Jim Clifton and Jim Harter (6/2/2023) – *CUSTOMER BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 563. Turning Donors into Partners: Principles for Fundraising You'll Actually Enjoy, by Brad Layland (6/10/2023) – *DONOR BUCKET*

- ❑ 564. Yours Truly: An Obituary Writer's Guide to Telling Your Story, by James R. Hagerty (6/14/2023) – *PRINTING BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**



“No, telling your story is not another irksome task, like making a will or clearing out the attic. Telling your story is less difficult than you may imagine. Telling your story can be amusing. It can pay off in unexpected ways.” As the only fulltime obituary writer for the *WSJ*, Haggerty suggests you ask yourself three questions:

- What were you trying to do with your life?
- Why?
- And how did it work out?

- ❑ 565. The Experience Mindset: Changing the Way You Think About Growth, by Tiffani Bova (6/21/2023) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*

- ❑ 566. Decision Sprint: The New Way to Innovate into the Unknown and Move from Strategy to Action, by Atif Rafiq (6/28/2023) – *MEETINGS BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
➔ See PIC #45A and PIC #45B

- ❑ 567. How to Work with (Almost) Anyone: Five Questions for Building the Best Possible Relationships, by Michael Bungay Stanier (7/3/2023) – *TEAM BUCKET*

- ❑ 568. Finish Line: Dispelling Fear, Finding Peace, and Preparing for the End of Your Life, by Robert Wolgemuth (7/12/2023) – *MEETINGS BUCKET*

- ❑ 569. The One Year® Book of Hymns: 365 Devotions Based on Popular Hymns, compiled and edited by Robert K. Brown and Mark R. Norton; devotions written by William J. Petersen and Randy Petersen (7/19/2023) – *BOOK BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

- ❑ 570. True North: Leading Authentically in Today's Workplace, Emerging Leader Edition, by Zach Clayton and Bill George (7/26/2023) – *DRUCKER BUCKET*

- ❑ 571. Rewired: The McKinsey Guide to Outcompeting in the Age of Digital and AI, by Eric Lamarre, Kate Smaje, and Rodney Zemmel (8/2/2023) – *OPERATIONS BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**



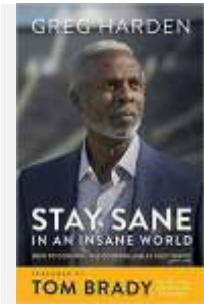
Listen to the “Zoom Review” of *Rewired* with John Reynolds, David Schmidt, and John Pearson.

- ❑ 572. Attitude Is a Choice—So Pick a Good One: Practical Steps to a Positive Outlook, by Bob Phillips (8/8/2023) – *CULTURE BUCKET*

- ❑ 573. Madison Avenue Makeover: The Transformation of Huge and the Redefinition of the Ad Agency Business, by Michael Farmer (8/16/2023) – *RESULTS BUCKET*

- ❑ 574. MoneyZen: The Secret to Finding Your "Enough" by Manisha Thakor (8/30/2023) – *BUDGET BUCKET*

- ❑ 575. Stay Sane in an Insane World: How to Control the Controllables and Thrive, by Greg Harden with Steve Hamilton (9/6/2023) – *CULTURE BUCKET* *TOP-10 BOOK



With 37 short chapters, this is a no-brainer resource for the next 37 weeks of your weekly staff meetings. I couldn't find any fluff in any of the 37 relevant topics. Your coworkers and direct reports will love this book too. Greg Harden's insights will enrich your leadership and your one-on-one coaching. (If you're a wanna-be author, you'll borrow the book's brilliant format.)

- ❑ 576. At the Heart of Management: Process, Tools and the Ubiquitous Exponential Law, by Lino F. Ciceri (9/13/2023) – *SYSTEMS BUCKET*

- ❑ 577. Oak Street Treehouse: The Day They Had a Party, by Dick Daniels and Mollie Bozarth, Illustrator (9/27/2023) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*

- ❑ 578. How Trust Works: The Science of How Relationships Are Built, Broken, and Repaired, by Peter H. Kim, Ph.D. (10/6/2023) – *CULTURE BUCKET*

- ❑ 579. Losing Our Religion: An Altar Call for Evangelical America, by Russell Moore (10/11/2023) – *PROGRAM BUCKET*



Listen to the “Zoom Review” of *Losing Our Religion* with Jerry Butler, David Schmidt, and John Pearson.

- ❑ 580. Belonging Rules: Five Crucial Actions That Build Unity and Foster Performance, by Brad Deutser (10/18/2023) – *TEAM BUCKET*

- ❑ 581. Know What Matters: Lessons from a Lifetime of Transformations, by Ron Shaich, founder and former CEO of Panera Bread (10/30/2023) – *MEETINGS BUCKET*

- ❑ 582. Anansi's Gold: The Man Who Looted the West, Outfoxed Washington, and Swindled the World, by Yepoka Yeebo (11/7/2023) – *CRISIS BUCKET*

- ❑ 583. Be the Unicorn: 12 Data-Driven Habits that Separate the Best Leaders from the Rest, by William Vanderbloemen (11/15/2023) – *BOARD BUCKET*

- ❑ 584A. The Shroud: Face to Face, by Robert Orlando (11/21/2023) – *BOOK BUCKET*

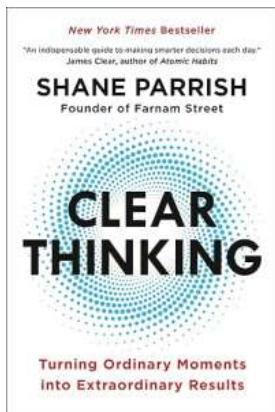


Watch for the film, *The Shroud: Face to Face*, Directed by Robert Orlando (Nov. 2023)

- ❑ 584B. Is God Real? Exploring the Ultimate Question of Life, by Lee Strobel (11/21/2023) – *BOOK BUCKET*

- ❑ 585. The Ins-N-Outs of In-N-Out Burger: The Inside Story of California's First Drive-Through and How it Became a Beloved Cultural Icon, by Lynsi Snyder (11/29/2023) – *ALL 20 BUCKETS!*

- ❑ 586. Anatomy of a Song: The Oral History of 45 Iconic Hits That Changed Rock, R&B and Pop, by Marc Myers (12/5/2023) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*



2023 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR

- 587. **Clear Thinking: Turning Ordinary Moments into Extraordinary Results**
by Shane Parrish
(12/13/2023)
RESULTS BUCKET

BEST PRACTICES? "If you do what everyone else does, you'll get the same results that everyone else gets. Best practices aren't always the best. By definition, they're average." Parrish adds, "The 'zone of average' is a dangerous place when it comes to inertia."

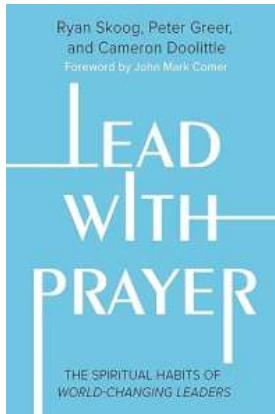
- 588. **Inspirational Books for 2024 - Pick 2!** This issue featured 14 inspirational books to read in 2024. (12/18/2023) – *Book BUCKET*
- 589. **Book-of-the-Year for 2023, Plus Top-10 Book Recommendations of 2023** (12/31/2023) – *Book BUCKET*

2024 BOOK REVIEWS

*TOP-10 BOOKS

Listed by Issue Number, Title, Author, Blog Date, and Management Bucket Category

- 590. **When Everyone Leads: How the Toughest Challenges Get Seen and Solved**, by Ed O'Malley and Julia Fabris McBride (1/10/2024) – *CULTURE BUCKET*
- 591. **Lead with Prayer: The Spiritual Habits of World-Changing Leaders**, by Ryan Skoog, Peter Greer, and Cameron Doolittle (1/17/2024) – *Book BUCKET*



2024 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR

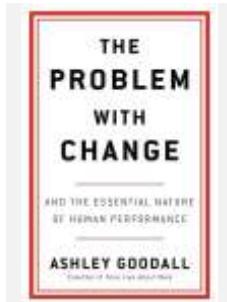
- 591. **Lead with Prayer: The Spiritual Habits of World-Changing Leaders**, by Ryan Skoog, Peter Greer, and Cameron Doolittle (1/17/2024) – *Book BUCKET*

THINK AGAIN. *Lead With Prayer* is not formulaic. *Lead With Prayer* is not a guilt trip. Instead, *Lead With Prayer* will open the doors wide to new possibilities for leaders who know God—and want to summon the Powers of Heaven for their relationships, their to-do lists, and their leadership competencies. Think you know what a book on prayer looks like? Think again. *Oh, my.*

- 592A. **That's Not How We Do It Here! A Story about How Organizations Rise and Fall—and Can Rise Again**, by John Kotter and Holger Rathgeber (1/24/2024) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*
- 592B. **Our Iceberg Is Melting: Changing and Succeeding Under Any Conditions**, by John Kotter and Holger Rathgeber (1/24/2024) - *STRATEGY BUCKET*

- ❑ 593. Jesus: Camp Director—5,000 Campers, 12 Interns, 0 Kitchen Staff, by Dan Bolin (1/31/2024) - *OPERATIONS BUCKET*
- ❑ 594. Saint Valentine the Kindhearted: The History and Legends of God's Brave and Loving Servant, by Ned Bustard (2/7/2024) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*
- ❑ 595. Interviewology: The New Science of Interviewing – Are you a Charmer, Challenger, Examiner, or Harmonizer? by Anna Papalia (2/14/2024) - *PEOPLE BUCKET*
- ❑ 596. The 12-Week MBA: Learn the Skills You Need to Lead in Business Today, by Bjorn Billhardt and Nathan Kracklauer (2/21/2024) – *BUDGET BUCKET*
- ❑ 597. Expecting the Unexpected: What to Anticipate As a Leader, by JD Pearring (2/28/2024) - *TEAM BUCKET*
- ❑ 598. Two Paths: Discover the Way That Leads to Life, by Craig W. Douglas (3/6/2024) - *TEAM BUCKET*
- ❑ 599. Irreplaceable: How to Create Extraordinary Places that Bring People Together, by Kevin Ervin Kelley (3/13/2024) - *CULTURE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 600. Supercommunicators: How to Unlock the Secret Language of Connection, by Charles Duhigg (3/21/2024) – *PRINTING BUCKET (AKA COMMUNICATIONS BUCKET)*
- ❑ 601. Six Hours One Friday: Living the Power of the Cross, by Max Lucado (3/29/2024) – *Book BUCKET*
- ❑ 602 - The Gift of Rest: Rediscovering the Beauty of the Sabbath, by Senator Joe Lieberman (4/3/2024) – *TEAM BUCKET*. Note: This is an updated review of Issue No. 231, with a tribute to Senator Liberman (1942-2024).
- ❑ 603. Lost in Transition: Lessons from the Most Disastrous & Successful Ministry Successions, by Steve Woodworth with James Lund (4/11/2024) - *BOARD BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 604. Survive, Reset, Thrive: Leading Breakthrough Growth Strategy in Volatile Times, by Rebecca Homkes (4/18/2024) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*
- ❑ 605. Uptime: A Practical Guide to Personal Productivity and Wellbeing, by Laura Mae Martin (4/24/2024) - *DELEGATION BUCKET*
- ❑ 606. Moo Hoo: Everything Makes Milton Cry!, by Audrey Perrott and illustrated by Ross Burach (5/1/2024) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*
- ❑ 607. The Illusion of Innovation: Escape "Efficiency" and Unleash Radical Progress, by Elliott Parker (5/10/2024) – *RESULTS BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

- 608. The Problem with Change: And the Essential Nature of Human Performance, by Ashley Goodall (5/17/2024) - *PEOPLE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**



Had the publisher asked me, I would have suggested a new subtitle for this Very Important Wake-Up Call:

THE PROBLEM WITH CHANGE:
Before You Play Office-Layout-Musical-Chairs Again, Reorganize Your Organizational Chart, or Rewrite Another Shiny New Mission Statement—
Read THIS Book!

- 609. May Contain Lies: How Stories, Statistics, and Studies Exploit Our Biases—And What We Can Do About It, by Alex Edmans (5/24/2024) - *PROGRAM BUCKET*

- 610. How Leaders Learn: Master the Habits of the World's Most Successful People, by David Novak with Lari Bishop (6/6/2024) - *CULTURE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

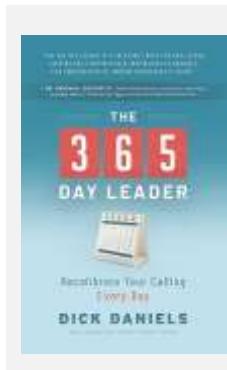
- 611. The Transformational Leader: How the World's Best Leaders Build Teams, Inspire Action, and Achieve Lasting Success, by Matt Mayberry (6/18/2024) - *TEAM BUCKET*

- 612. The Power of One: Reaching Every Person on Earth, by Billy Wilson (6/26/2024) - *STRATEGY BUCKET*

- 613. The Power of Instinct: The New Rules of Persuasion in Business and Life, by Leslie Zane (7/6/2024) - *PRINTING BUCKET (AKA COMMUNICATIONS BUCKET)*

- 614. Mastering AI: A Survival Guide to Our Superpowered Future, by Jeremy Kahn (7/13/2024) - *SYSTEMS BUCKET*

- 615. The 365 Day Leader: Recalibrate Your Calling Every Day, by Dick Daniels (7/24/2024) - *DRUCKER BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**



DAY 3:

LEADERSHIP DELUSION!

“Have You Ever Had a Coach?
The leadership delusion is to assume
everyone needs a coach except you.”

- 616. Behind Closed Doors: In The Room With Reagan & Nixon (Part 1 of 2), by Ken Khachigian (8/7/2024) - *MEETINGS BUCKET*

- ❑ 617. Behind Closed Doors: In The Room With Reagan & Nixon (Part 2 of 2), by Ken Khachigian (8/21/2024) - *MEETINGS BUCKET*
- ❑ 618. The Power and The Money: The Epic Clashes Between Commanders in Chief and Titans of Industry, by Tevi Troy (8/29/2024) - *RESULTS BUCKET*
- ❑ 619. Leadership and Self-Deception, Fourth Edition: The Secret to Transforming Relationships and Unleashing Results, by The Arbinger Institute (9/3/2024) - *CULTURE BUCKET*
- ❑ 620. The Culturally Conscious Board: Setting the Boardroom Table for Impact, by Jennifer M. Jukanovich and Russell W. West (9/9/2024) - *BOARD BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 621. Dynamic Drive: The Purpose-Fueled Formula for Sustainable Success, by Molly Fletcher (9/20/2024) - *RESULTS BUCKET*
- ❑ 622. Faith for the Curious: How an Era of Spiritual Openness Shapes the Way We Live and Help Others Follow Jesus, by Mark Matlock (9/28/2024) - *PEOPLE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 623. Restoring Our Sanity Online: A Revolutionary Social Framework, by Mark Weinstein (10/5/2024) - *CULTURE BUCKET*
- ❑ 624A. The Journey of Leadership: How CEOs Learn to Lead from the Inside Out, by Dana Maor, Hans-Werner Kaas, Kurt Strovink, and Ramesh Srinivasan (Senior Partners at McKinsey & Company (10/10/2024) - *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ 624B. Leading People from the Middle: The Universal Mission of Heart and Mind, by William P. Robinson (10/10/2024) - *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ 624C. Lead Bigger: The Transformative Power of Inclusion, by Anne Chow (10/10/2024) - *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ 624D. Attentive Church Leadership: Listening and Leading in a World We've Never Known, by Kevin G. Ford and Jim Singleton (10/10/2024) - *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ 625. Next Level Nonprofit: Build A Dream Team + Increase Lasting Impact, by Chris Lambert (10/24/2024) - *OPERATIONS BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 626. Becoming a Future-Ready Church: 8 Shifts to Encourage and Empower the Next Generation of Leaders, by Daniel Yang, Adelle M. Banks, and Warren Bird (11/1/2024) - *STRATEGY BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 627. Uncommon Graces: Christlike Responses to a Hostile World, by John Vawter (11/19/2024) - *CULTURE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 628. John Pearson Interviews Jason Pearson on His New Documentary Film, "Spares: Second Chance Stories of Frozen Embryos" (11/26/2024) - *CRISIS BUCKET*

- ❑ 629. When Kingdom Light Shines: Stories That Inspire Faith, by Mark Ellis (12/3/2024) - *CRISIS BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 630. Glad I Didn't Know: Lessons Learned Through Life's Challenges and Unexpected Blessings, by Vonna Laue (12/11/2024) - *CRISIS BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**

❑ 631. The Spy and the Traitor: The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War, by Ben Macintyre (12/17/2024) - *OPERATIONS BUCKET*

❑ 632. The Messiah: An Oratorio, by G.F. Handel (12/25/2024) – *BOOK BUCKET*
John Pearson shares his Christmas meditation on his 1984 experience at a “Do-It-Yourself Messiah Concert.”

❑ 633. Top-10 Books of 2024 and Book-of-the-Year (12/31/2024) – *Book BUCKET*

2025 BOOK REVIEWS

*TOP-10 BOOKS

Listed by Issue Number, Title, Author, Blog Date, and Management Bucket Category

❑ 634. Don't Say Um: How to Communicate Effectively to Live a Better Life, by Michael Chad Hoeppner (1/9/2025) – *PRINTING BUCKET (AKA COMMUNICATIONS BUCKET)*

❑ 635. The Purpose Code: How to Unlock Meaning, Maximize Happiness, and Leave a Lasting Legacy, by Jordan Grumet, MD (1/17/2025) – *CRISIS BUCKET*

❑ 636. Reset: How to Change What's Not Working, by Dan Heath
(Part 1 of 2 reviews: 1/23/2025) – *RESULTS BUCKET* *TOP-10 BOOK

❑ 637. Reset: How to Change What's Not Working, by Dan Heath
(Part 2 of 2 reviews: 2/13/2025) – *RESULTS BUCKET* *TOP-10 BOOK

❑ 638. Anatomy of 55 More Songs: The Oral History of Top Hits That Changed Rock, Pop and Soul, by Marc Myers (2/18/2025) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*

❑ 639. Superhabits: The Universal System for a Successful Life, by Andrew V. Abela
(2/28/2025) – *CULTURE BUCKET* *TOP-10 BOOK

❑ 640. Qualified: How Competency Checking and Race Collide at Work, by Shari Dunn
(3/13/2025) – *CULTURE BUCKET*

❑ 641. The Sodfather: An Extraordinary Journey in the Shadows of Sports' Greatest Fields, by George Toma with Craig Handel (3/18/2025) – *CUSTOMER BUCKET*

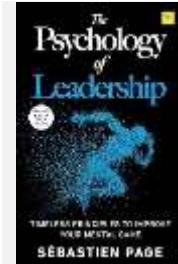
❑ 642. Radical Listening: The Art of True Connection, by Christian van Nieuwerburgh and Robert Biswas-Diene (3/28/2025) – *PEOPLE BUCKET*

❑ 643. There's Nothing Like This: The Strategic Genius of Taylor Swift, by Kevin Evers
(Part 1 of 2: 4/10/2025) – *CUSTOMER BUCKET*

►NOTE! See PIC #97 for Part 2 of 2 and our “Zoom Review” of the Taylor Swift book with Melia Kim and Paul Palmer on the *Pails in Comparison Blog*.

❑ 644. When Culture Hates You: Persevering for the Common Good as Christians in a Hostile Public Square, by Natasha Crain (4/24/2025) – *CULTURE BUCKET*

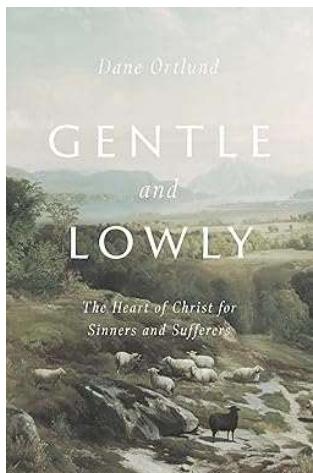
- 645. The Psychology of Leadership: Timeless Principles to Improve Your Management of Individuals, Teams... and Yourself! by Sébastien Page (5/10/2025) – *TEAM BUCKET*



Principle 1 of 18: Don't Die on Everest—Beware of the Side Effects of Measurable Goals.

- Sébastien Page warns that “goal-induced blindness happens when you’re so obsessed with reaching a goal that you don’t see the negative consequences of your actions.” He adds, “like medicine, goals can have side effects.”
- Example: Over the last 30 years, says the author, four of every 100 climbers attempting to reach the summit of Mount Everest have died!

- 646. The 10-Second Rule: Following Jesus Made Simple, by Clare De Graaf (5/17/2025) – *STRATEGY BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- 647. The Activator Advantage: What Today's Rainmakers Do Differently, by Matthew Dixon, Rory Channer, Karen Freeman, and Ted McKenna (5/26/2025) – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
- 648. How to Get Along with Anyone: The Playbook for Predicting and Preventing Conflict at Work and at Home, by John Eliot and Jim Guinn (6/9/2025) – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
- 649. Founders, Keepers: Why Founders Are Built to Fail, and What It Takes to Succeed, by Richard Hagberg, PhD, and Tien Tzuo, with Gabe Weisert (6/19/2025) – *OPERATIONS BUCKET*
- 650. Speak, Memorably: The Art of Captivating an Audience, by Bill McGowan and Juliana Silva (6/26/2025) – *PRINTING BUCKET (AKA COMMUNICATIONS BUCKET)* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- 651. The Guns of August: The Pulitzer Prize-Winning Classic About the Outbreak of World War I, by Barbara W. Tuchman (7/11/2025) – *DELEGATION BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- 652. The Science of Leadership: Nine Ways to Expand Your Impact, by Jeffrey Hull and Margaret Moore (7/18/2025) – *TEAM BUCKET*



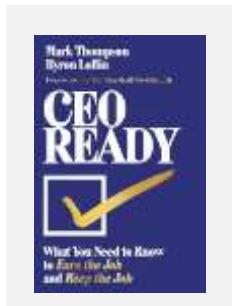
2025 BOOK-OF-THE-YEAR

- 653. Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers, by Dane Ortlund (7/31/2025) – *BOOK BUCKET*

RUNNING ON FUMES? The author affirms: “This book is written for the discouraged, the frustrated, the weary, the disenchanted, the cynical, the empty. Those running on fumes. Those whose Christian lives feel like constantly running up a descending escalator.”

Ever wonder if “God’s patience with us is wearing thin” and more? Maybe we love God, “but suspect we have deeply disappointed him.” This book, writes Ortlund, is “for normal Christians. In short, it is for sinners and sufferers.”

- ❑ 654. In the Right Seat, by Dean Curry
(8/14/2025) – *MEETINGS BUCKET*
- ❑ 655. There's Got to Be a Better Way: How to Deliver Results and Get Rid of the Stuff That Gets in the Way of Real Work, by Nelson P. Repenning and Donald C. Kieffer
(8/28/2025) – *SYSTEMS BUCKET*
- ❑ 656. The Color of Death: A Novel, by Trey Gowdy and Christopher Greysen
(9/9/2025) – *VOLUNTEER BUCKET*
- ❑ 657. How Leaders Lose Their Way: And How to Make Sure It Doesn't Happen to You, by Peter Greer and Jill Heisey (9/17/2025) – *CULTURE BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 658. A CEO for All Seasons: Mastering the Cycles of Leadership, by Carolyn Dewar, Scott Keller, Vikram Malhotra, and Kurt Strovink (10/3/2025) – *DRUCKER BUCKET*
- ❑ 659. Work How You Are Wired: 12 Data-Driven Steps to Finding a Job You Love, by William Vanderbloemen (10/10/2025) – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
- ❑ 660. Choosing the Opposite: How the Sermon on the Mount Helps Us Rethink Our Assumptions, Recalibrate Our Instincts, and Rediscover the Way of Jesus, by Tammy Melchien (10/18/2025) – *BOOK BUCKET*
- ❑ 661. Delivering the WOW: Culture as Catalyst for Lasting Success, by Richard Fain (10/27/2025) – *PROGRAM BUCKET*
- ❑ 662. Time To Stand Up, by Bill Hull
(11/18/2025) – *BOOK BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ 663. CEO Ready: What You Need to Know to Earn the Job—and Keep the Job by Mark Thompson and Byron Loflin (11/25/2025) – *BOARD BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**



YOUR PEERS

“No organization is better than its vice president level”—so how will your peers respond if you get the CEO position? Support you—or bolt?

- ❑ 664. The Shroud of Turin: An Immersive Experience (“review” of my visit to this stunning new museum at the Crystal Cathedral Campus, Garden Grove, Calif.)
(12/4/2025) – *CRISIS BUCKET*

►NOTE! See PIC #110 for the related review of the new book, GOD: The Science, The Evidence—The Dawn of a Revolution, by Michel-Yves Bolloré and Olivier Bonnassies, on the *Pails in Comparison Blog*. ***TOP-10 BOOK**



RATIONAL ARGUMENTS

“The goal of this book is to gather into one volume the most up-to-date rational arguments for the possible existence of a Creator God.”

- ❑ 665. THE QUESTIONS ISSUE! 6 Books & Hundreds of Questions!
(12/10/2025) – *DRUCKER BUCKET*

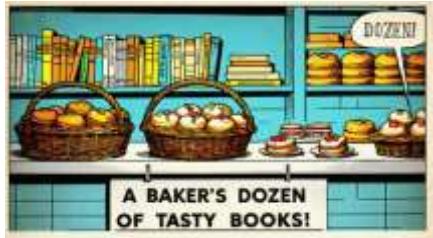


- ❑ 665-1: The Art of Asking Better Questions: Pursuing Stronger Relationships, Healthier Leadership, and Deeper Faith, by J.R. Briggs
- ❑ 665-2: Now That's a Good Question! How to Lead Quality Bible Discussions (Updated and Expanded), by Terry Powell
- ❑ 665-3: Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets: 5 Questions to Help You Determine Your Next Move, by Andy Stanley

- ❑ 665-4: Great Questions for Leading Well, by Steve A. Brown
- ❑ 665-5: God in the Marketplace: 45 Questions Fortune 500 Executives Ask About Faith, Life, and Business, by Henry Blackaby and Richard Blackaby
- ❑ 665-6: The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask (With Answers), by Mark Mittelberg, with a foreword by Lee Strobel

❑ 666. 12 INSPIRATIONAL RESOURCES: 1 Per Month in 2026!

Watch for these reviews in 2026. (12/17/2025) – *Book BUCKET*



- ❑ 666-1: The Path: What If the Way of Jesus Is Different Than You Thought? by Robby Angle, Brittany Coulson, Benjamin Crawshaw, and Bruce McNicol
 - ❑ 666-2: Praying the Parables of Jesus: A 40-Day Devotional Journey in Word and Image, by Stephen A. Macchia and S. K. Skinner
 - ❑ 666-3: Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools: An Invitation to the Wonder and Mystery of Prayer, by Tyler Staton
 - ❑ 666-4: Finding Courage: A Four-Week Devotional Journey, by Steve Brown
 - ❑ 666-5: Lead Like a Saint: Lessons and Values from the Life of Saint Patrick, by Carson Pue
 - ❑ 666-6: Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle, by Ted Loder (40th Anniversary Edition)
 - ❑ 666-7: Wanderings: 40 Days of Faith Devotional, published by Free Wheelchair Mission
 - ❑ 666-8: Discipleship Discussions: 13 Transformative Disciple-making Studies, by Jeremy Matlock
 - ❑ 666-9: Ancient Secrets to Project Management: How to Lead and Thrive in Your Professional and Personal Life, by Robert M. Schraeder
 - ❑ 666-10: Leadership Prayers, by Richard Kriegbaum (Note: Previously reviewed in Issue No. 193, Aug. 13, 2010.)
 - ❑ 666-11: A Diary of Private Prayer, by John Baillie (Updated and revised by Susanna Wright, with an introduction. Note: Previously reviewed in Issue No. 5, Sept. 5, 2006)
 - ❑ 666-12: Your God Is Too Small: A Guide for Believers and Skeptics Alike, by J.B. Phillips
- ❑ 667. Hallelujah! (Christmas issue featuring the “Become New Podcast with John Ortberg,” and a repeat of my 1984 essay singing in the “Do-It-Together Messiah” concert.)
(12/24/2025) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*
- ❑ 668. Top-10 Books of 2025 & the 2025 Book-of-the-Year!
(12/31/2025) – *Book BUCKET*

**“NOT EVERYTHING
YOU READ ON THE
INTERNET IS TRUE.”**
-ABRAHAM LINCOLN

**“My best friend is a person who will
give me a book I have not read.”**

Abraham Lincoln

NEW IN 2022!

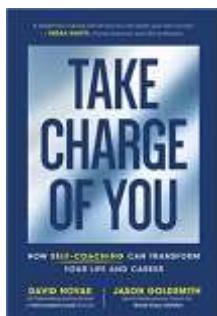
<https://pailsincomparison.blogspot.com/>



New in 2022! **PAILS IN COMPARISON** is the value-added sidekick of John Pearson's Buckets Blog. This blog features my "PICs"—shorter reviews of helpful books—with comparisons to other books in my [20 management buckets](#) (core competencies) filing system.

Listed by Issue Number, Title, Author, Blog Date, and Management Bucket Category

- PIC 1. Books Are Tremendous: What They Represent to Some of Those Who Have Written, Read and Loved Them (Life-Changing Classics), by Charlie "Tremendous" Jones, *Editor* (2/25/2022) – *BOOK BUCKET*
- PIC 2. Roar: Into the Second Half of Your Life (Before It's Too Late), by Michael Clinton (3/1/2022) – *VOLUNTEER BUCKET*
- PIC 3. Connectable: How Leaders Can Move Teams From Isolated to All In, by Ryan Jenkins and Steven Van Cohen (3/1/2022) – *CULTURE BUCKET*
- PIC 4. Converted: The Data-Driven Way to Win Customers' Hearts, by Neil Hoyne (3/8/2022) – *CUSTOMER BUCKET*
- PIC 5. Inside Marine One: Four U.S. Presidents, One Proud Marine, and the World's Most Amazing Helicopter, by Col. Ray L'Heureux and Lee Kelley (3/14/2022) – *OPERATIONS BUCKET*



- PIC 6. **Take Charge of You: How Self-Coaching Can Transform Your Life and Career**, by David Novak and Jason Goldsmith (3/30/2022) – *TEAM BUCKET*

CEILING POWER! Learn why David Novak (former chairman and CEO of Yum! Brands and now a leadership coach) filled his office walls (and home office walls) with pictures of people that mattered to him. He ran out of wall space—so more pictures adorn his ceilings! (Bonus: Listen to Novak's leadership podcast with NFL Super Bowl Champion Tom Brady.)

❑ PIC 7. The Synergy Solution: How Companies Win the Mergers and Acquisitions Game, by Mark Sirover and Jeff Weirens (4/7/2022) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*

❑ PIC 8. The New Extraordinary Leader: Turning Good Managers into Great Leaders (3rd Edition), by John Zenger and Joseph Folkman (4/11/2022) – *CULTURE BUCKET*

TWO CHURCH/MINISTRY FINANCE/TAX BOOKS:

❑ PIC 9A. 2022 Church & Nonprofit Tax & Financial Guide (for 2021 returns), by Michael Martin (4/15/2022) – *BUDGET BUCKET*

❑ PIC 9B. 2022 Minister's Tax & Financial Guide (for 2021 returns), by Michael Martin (4/15/2022) – *BUDGET BUCKET*

❑ PIC 10. Arrive and Thrive: 7 Impactful Practices for Women Navigating Leadership, by Susan MacKenty Brady, Janet Foutty, and Lynn Perry Wooten (5/9/2022) – *TEAM BUCKET*

❑ PIC 11. Access Rules: Freeing Data from Big Tech for a Better Future, by Viktor Mayer-Schönberger and Thomas Ramge (5/26/2022) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*

❑ PIC 12. God Loves Your Work: Discover Why He Sends You to Do What You Do, by Larry Peabody (6/9/2022) – *CULTURE BUCKET*

❑ PIC 13. Evangelical Exodus: Evangelical Seminarians and Their Paths to Rome, by Douglas M. Beaumont, *Editor*, and Francis J. Beckwith, *Foreword* (6/22/2022) – *CRISIS BUCKET*

❑ PIC 14. Tour de France for Dummies®, by Phil Liggett, James Raia, and Sammarye Lewis (7/15/2022) – *TEAM BUCKET*

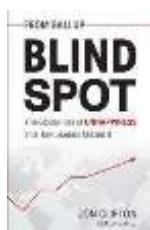
❑ PIC 15. How to Work a Room (25th Anniversary Edition): The Ultimate Guide to Making Lasting Connections—in Person and Online, by Susan RoAne (8/1/2022) – *PRINTING BUCKET (AKA COMMUNICATIONS BUCKET)*

❑ PIC 16. Begin Boldly: How Women Can Reimagine Risk, Embrace Uncertainty & Launch a Brilliant Career, by Christie Hunter Arscott (8/6/2022) – *RESULTS BUCKET*

❑ PIC 17. The Humming Effect: Sound Healing for Health and Happiness, by Jonathan Goldman and Andi Goldman (8/18/2022) – *PEOPLE BUCKET*

❑ PIC 18. Why We Argue and How to Stop: A Therapist's Guide to Navigating Disagreements, Managing Emotions, and Creating Healthier Relationships, by Jerry Manney (8/22/2022) – *PEOPLE BUCKET*

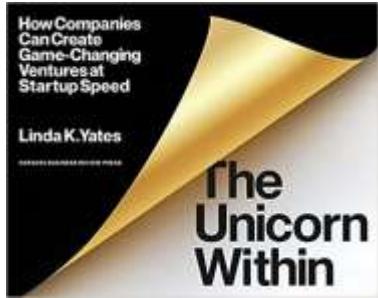
❑ PIC 19. A Game Maker's Life: A Hall of Fame Game Inventor and Executive Tells the Inside Story of the Toy Industry, by Jeffrey Breslow with Cynthia Beebe (9/5/2022) – *PROGRAM BUCKET*



❑ PIC 20. **Blind Spot: The Global Rise of Unhappiness and How Leaders Missed It**, Jon Clifton (9/14/2022) – *CUSTOMER BUCKET*

If...I were a pastor, I would put my current sermon series on pause. Then I'd use my Bible and this hot-off-the-press book from Gallup—with 20 thought-provoking chapters. There's enough meat in this remarkable book for 20 sermons, but maybe you'll just pick your Top-10 favorites.

- PIC 21. Why Can't Church Be More Like an AA Meeting? And Other Questions Christians Ask About Recovery, by Stephen R. Haynes (10/18/2022) – *PROGRAM BUCKET*



- PIC 22. **The Unicorn Within: How Companies Can Create Game-Changing Ventures at Startup Speed**, by Linda K. Yates (10/25/2022) – *SYSTEMS BUCKET*

From Harvard Business Review Press:

“...you can without a doubt incubate growth. With a team of employees and just three months of dedicated work, that team can create a new business initiative—including a robust operating and execution plan to run it—as innovative and customer driven as anything seen in Silicon Valley.”

- PIC 23. When Women Lead: What They Achieve, Why They Succeed, and How We Can Learn from Them, by Julia Boorstin (11/8/2022) – *CULTURE BUCKET*
- PIC 24. YOUquation: Living Your Dream—Your Happiness + Your Success, by Thomas M. Dean and Linda B. Awar (11/15/2022) – *RESULTS BUCKET*
- PIC 25. A Well-Planted Faith in an Uprooted Culture: A 30-Day Devotional with Guided Journal Entries, by Ed McDowell (11/27/2022) – *Book BUCKET*
- PIC 26. The Burnout Challenge: Managing People's Relationships with Their Jobs, by Christina Maslach and Michael P. Leiter (12/12/2022) – *TEAM BUCKET*



- PIC 27. Book Reviews Coming in 2023 (12/19/2022) – *Book BUCKET*

**My Short List of
Book Reviews
Coming in 2023!**



Effective Sept. 30, 2025, the blogsite for *John Pearson's Buckets Blog* and *Pails in Comparison Blog* went out of business. Those blogs are slowly (!) being moved over to the new blog sites here:

- John Pearson's Buckets Blog*: <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
 Pails in Comparison Blog: <https://pailsincomparison.blogspot.com/>

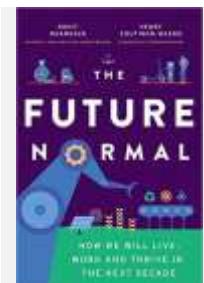


<https://pailsincomparison.blogspot.com/>

New in 2022 & GROWING IN 2023! *PAILS IN COMPARISON* is the value-added sidekick of John Pearson's Buckets Blog. This blog features my "PICs"—shorter reviews of helpful books—with comparisons to other books in my [20 management buckets](#) (core competencies) filing system.

Listed by Issue Number, Title, Author, Blog Date, and Management Bucket Category

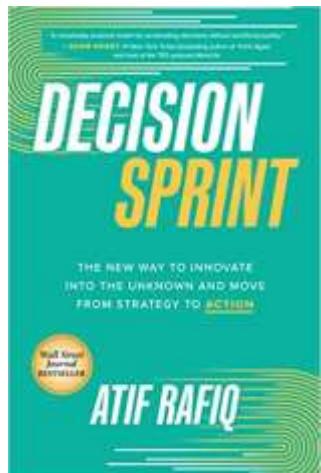
- PIC 28. Cartoons from The New Yorker 2023 Day-to-Day Calendar (1/9/2023) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*
- PIC 29. Wealth Habits: Six Ordinary Steps to Achieve Extraordinary Financial Freedom, by Candy Valentino (1/12/2023) – *SYSTEMS BUCKET*
- PIC 30. Experiential Intelligence: Harness the Power of Experience for Personal and Business Breakthroughs, by Soren Kaplan (1/26/2023) – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
- PIC 31. Culture Is the Way: How Leaders at Every Level Build an Organization for Speed, Impact, and Excellence, by Matt Mayberry (2/2/2023) – *CULTURE BUCKET*
- PIC 32. Come Up for Air: How Teams Can Leverage Systems and Tools to Stop Drowning in Work, by Nick Sonnenberg (2/14/2023) – *SYSTEMS BUCKET*
- PIC 33. Tributes: Black People Whose Names Grace Seattle Sites, by Mary T. Henry and illustrated by Marilyn Hasson Henry (2/23/2023) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*
-  PIC 34. Jesus Revolution (The Movie, 3/3/2023) – *VOLUNTEER BUCKET*
- PIC 35. Future Normal: How We Will Live, Work and Thrive in the Next Decade, by Rohit Bhargava and Henry Coutinho-Mason (3/13/2023) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*



“Indeed, neither of us spends much time looking at futurist scenarios at all. Our energy is focused on the present. As now-ists rather than futurists, we stay on top of business innovations because they so often spark insights into what our future normal will look like. Any new business innovation—whether an entirely new brand or startup, or a new product, service, or initiative from an existing brand—is a bet on the future.”

- ❑ PIC 36. Code Name Blue Wren: The True Story of America's Most Dangerous Female Spy, by Jim Popkin (3/21/2023) – *OPERATIONS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 37. The Fourth Cup: Unveiling the Mystery of the Last Supper and the Cross, by Scott Hahn (3/27/2023) – *BOOK BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 38. The Empathy Advantage: Leading the Empowered Workforce, by Heather E. McGowan and Chris Shipley (3/30/2023) – *CULTURE BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 39. Michelangelo's Sacred Art of the Sistine Chapel Ceiling: A Coloring Book Exploration, by Jason Pearson (4/6/2023) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 40. Three Dimensions of Leadership: Practical Insight on Management, Finance, and Boards of Churches and Christian Organizations, by Olan Hendrix, with the foreword by Ted Engstrom and John Maxwell (4/20/23) – Written as a Special Tribute to Olan Hendrix (1931-2023) – *BOARD BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 41. An Admirable Point: A Brief History of the Exclamation Mark!, by Florence Hazrat (4/29/2023) – *PRINTING BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 42. Turnaround Time: Uniting an Airline and Its Employees in the Friendly Skies, by Oscar Munoz with Brian DeSplinter (5/7/2023) – *CULTURE BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 43. Count Zinzendorf and the Spirit of the Moravians, by Paul Wemmer (6/1/2023) – *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 44. Feherty: The Remarkably Funny and Tragic Journey of Golf's David Feherty, by John Feinstein (6/6/2023) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*

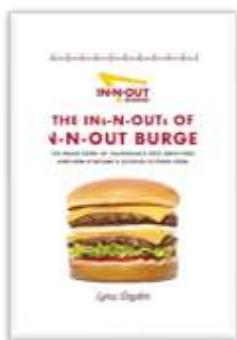
NOTE! With the help of AI (and AI's "humor"), *TOP-10 BOOK
I wrote **three reviews** of *Decision Sprint*.



- ❑ PIC 45A. [PART 1 OF 3 REVIEWS] *Decision Sprint: The New Way to Innovate into the Unknown and Move from Strategy to Action*, by Atif Rafiq (6/20/23) – *MEETINGS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 45B. [PART 2 OF 3 REVIEWS: "AI Mimics John Pearson's Buckets Blog!"] *Decision Sprint: The New Way to Innovate into the Unknown and Move from Strategy to Action*, by Atif Rafiq (6/27/23) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET* 
- ❑ *John Pearson's Buckets Blog* Issue No. 566. [PART 3 OF 3 REVIEWS!] *Decision Sprint: The New Way to Innovate into the Unknown and Move from Strategy to Action*, by Atif Rafiq (6/28/2023) – *MEETINGS BUCKET*

- ❑ PIC 46. Open This Letter in Ten Years: Life Lessons from Dad's Love Letters, by Linda DeHoff and Bill Butterworth (7/10/2023) – *BOOK BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 47. Finishing Well, by Ron Cline (7/11/2023) – *CRISIS BUCKET*

- ❑ PIC 48. Prayer Journal method used by Al Sanders (7/18/2023) – *Book BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 49. 101 Leadership Insights: Practical Tools, Tips, and Techniques for New and Seasoned Leaders, by Bob Phillips and Del Walinga (7/19/2023) – *RESULTS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 50. Managing Our Work, by John W. Alexander (9/8/2023) – *RESULTS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 51. A Failure of Nerve in 52 Weeks: A Yearlong Leadership Planner, based on the book by Edwin H. Friedman (9/26/2023) – *CULTURE BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 52. The Ins-N-Outs of In-N-Out Burger: The Inside Story of California's First Drive-Through and How it Became a Beloved Cultural Icon, by Lynsi Snyder (11/6/2023) – *SYSTEMS BUCKET*



See my 2nd review at John Pearson's Buckets Blog:

- ❑ 585. The Ins-N-Outs of In-N-Out Burger:
The Inside Story of California's First Drive-Through and
How it Became a Beloved Cultural Icon, by Lynsi Snyder
(11/29/2023)

ALL 20 BUCKETS!

- ❑ PIC 53. Unhealthy Church Boards: Bringing Health to Unhealthy Ministries (For Churches in Transition, Book 2 of 3), by Dennis Baker, David C. Fisher, and John Vawter (11/14/2023) – *BOARD BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 54. Church Board Training Manual: For Churches in Transition (Book 1 of 3), by Dennis Baker and John Vawter (11/21/2023) – *BOARD BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 55. Transforming Church Boards (For Churches in Transition, Book 3 of 3), by Dennis Baker, David C. Fisher, and John Vawter (11/27/2023) – *BOARD BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 56. How Not to Age: The Scientific Approach to Getting Healthier as You Get Older, by Michael Greger, M.D., FACLM (12/5/2023) – *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 57. Everyday Influence, by Bill Butterworth (12/16/2023) – *TEAM BUCKET*



Effective Sept. 30, 2025, the blogsite for *John Pearson's Buckets Blog* and *Pails in Comparison Blog* went out of business. Those blogs are slowly (!) being moved over to the new blog sites here:

- ❑ *John Pearson's Buckets Blog*: <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
- ❑ *Pails in Comparison Blog*: <https://pailsincomparison.blogspot.com/>



**2024
PICs**

<https://pailsincomparison.blogspot.com/>

STILL GROWING IN 2024! **PAILS IN COMPARISON** is the value-added sidekick of *John Pearson's Buckets Blog*. This blog features my "PICs"—shorter reviews of helpful books—with comparisons to other books in my [20 management buckets](#) (core competencies) filing system.

Listed by Issue Number, Title, Author, Blog Date, and Management Bucket Category

- ❑ PIC 58. **CALENDAR:** Cartoons from The New Yorker 2024 Day-to-Day Calendar (1/2/2024) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 59. How to Make a Few Billion Dollars, by Brad Jacobs (1/16/2024) – *MEETINGS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 60. Venture Meets Mission: Aligning People, Purpose, and Profit to Innovate and Transform Society, by Arun Gupta, Gerard George, and Thomas Fewer (1/27/2024) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 61. A Well-Planted Faith in an Uprooted Culture: Praying in the Now (A 30-Day Devotional), by Ed McDowell (2/1/2024) – *BOOK BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 62. Experiencing God (2021 Edition): Knowing and Doing the Will of God, by Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, and Claude King (2/13/2024). Note: This is "Part 2 of 2." To read "Part 1 of 2," visit Issue No. 496. - *DONOR BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 63. Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism, by Scott and Kimberly Hahn (2/16/2024) - *CULTURE BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 64. Holiness Day by Day: Transformational Thoughts for Your Spiritual Journey, by Jerry Bridges 3/1/2024) - *BOOK BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 65. Read Write Own: Building the Next Era of the Internet, by Chris Dixon (3/5/2024) – *SYSTEMS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 66. The Neurodiversity Edge: The Essential Guide to Embracing Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, and Other Neurological Differences for Any Organization, by Maureen Dunne (3/28/2024) – *TEAM BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 67. The Most Holy Place: Daily Devotions from the Book of Hebrews, by Jeremy D. Vogan - (4/3/2024) - *RESULTS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 68. Nonprofit Financial Oversight: The Concise and Complete Guide for Boards and Finance Committees, by Michael E. Batts CPA (4/4/2024) - *BUDGET BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 69. Dictionary of Burning Words of Brilliant Writers, by Josiah Hotchkiss Gilbert (4/12/2024) - *PRINTING BUCKET (AKA COMMUNICATIONS BUCKET)*

- ❑ PIC 70. Phillips' Book of Great Thoughts and Funny Sayings: A Stupendous Collection of Quotes, Quips, Witticisms, Ponderings, and Humorous Comments, by Bob Phillips (5/7/2024) – *ALL 20 BUCKETS - PRINTING BUCKET (AKA COMMUNICATIONS BUCKET)*
- ❑ PIC 71. A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants, by Rueben P. Job and Norman Shawchuck (5/15/2024) – **Special Tribute to Tony Danhelka** (19xx-2024) - *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 72. Can You See The Cross From There? Grace and Grit For Sufferers and Sinners, by Terry Powell (5/22/2024) - *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 73. **Special Tribute to Pat Clements**, who was also the author of two books: *Proven Concepts of Church Building and Finance* and *Financial Freedom: More Than Being Debt Free—Tools for Managing Your Personal Finances* (6/26/2024)
- ❑ PIC 74. The Reckoning: A Novel, by John Grisham (6/27/2024) - *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 75. Pattern Breakers: Why Some Start-Ups Change the Future, by Mike Maples Jr. and Peter Ziebelman (7/10/2024) - *STRATEGY BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 76. **TEAM RESOURCE**: Team Retreat Engagement Plan: 4 Books by Dick Daniels (7/22/2024) - *CULTURE BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 77. The Ethical Imperative: Leading with Conscience to Shape the Future of Business, by Andrew C. M. Cooper (8/15/2024) - *RESULTS BUCKET*
-  ❑ PIC 78. **FILM**: "The Forge Movie" (8/28/2024) - *CULTURE BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 79. Experiencing The American Dream: How to Invest Your Time, Energy, and Money to Create an Extraordinary Life, by Mark Matson (9/2/2024) - *BUDGET BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 80. **SONG**: "Little Is Much When God Is in It" - The rest of the story! (9/14/2024) – *Book BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 81. The House at Channing and Moonsail, by Mark Ellis (9/25/2024) - *CRISIS BUCKET*
-  ❑ PIC 82. **FILM**: It All Begins with a Song: The Story of the Nashville Songwriter (10/2/2024) - *TEAM BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 83. Mindshift: Transform Leadership, Drive Innovation, and Reshape the Future, by Brian Solis (10/17/2024) - *STRATEGY BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 84. **PODCASTS**: AI Podcasters Are “Reviewing” Pearson’s Reviews? (10/21/2024) - *PRINTING BUCKET (AKA COMMUNICATIONS BUCKET)*
- ❑ PIC 85. **WORKBOOK**: Be The Unicorn Workbook: 12 Data-Driven Habits that Separate the Best Leaders From the Rest, by William Vanderbloemen (10/28/2024) – *PEOPLE BUCKET*
Note: See the book at Issue No. 583.
- ❑ PIC 86. ChatGPT and the Future of AI: The Deep Language Revolution, by Terrence J. Sejnowski (11/21/2024) - *DELEGATION BUCKET*

- PIC 87. The Late Great Planet Earth, by Hal Lindsey with Carole C. Carlson (12/4/2024) – **Remembering Hal Lindsey** (1929-2024) - *DONOR BUCKET*
- PIC 88. **WE ASK AI** about Leadership Lessons from *The Spy and the Traitor: The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War*, by Ben Macintyre (12/13/2024) – *OPERATIONS BUCKET*
- PIC 89. **SONGS:** Two Christmas Songs (12/19/2024) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*



Effective Sept. 30, 2025, the blogsite for *John Pearson's Buckets Blog* and *Pails in Comparison Blog* went out of business. Those blogs are slowly (!) being moved over to the new blog sites here:

- John Pearson's Buckets Blog*: <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
- Pails in Comparison Blog*: <https://pailsincomparison.blogspot.com/>



**2025
PICs**

<https://pailsincomparison.blogspot.com/>

STILL GROWING IN 2025! **PAI LS IN COMPARISON** is the value-added sidekick of *John Pearson's Buckets Blog*. This blog features my "PICs"—shorter reviews of helpful books—with comparisons to other books in my [20 management buckets](#) (core competencies) filing system.



Effective Sept. 30, 2025, the blogsite for *John Pearson's Buckets Blog* and *Pails in Comparison Blog* went out of business. Those blogs are slowly (!) being moved over to the new blog sites here:

- John Pearson's Buckets Blog*: <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
- Pails in Comparison Blog*: <https://pailsincomparison.blogspot.com/>

Listed by Issue Number, Title, Author, Blog Date, and Management Bucket Category

- PIC 90. Everything to Gain: Making the Most of the Rest of Your Life, by Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter (1/5/2025) - *VOLUNTEER BUCKET*
- PIC 91. Tribute to U.S. President Jimmy Carter (1924-2024): "The Seattle Times Published My 'News Release!'" This blog gives the background for a Nov. 19, 1978, ombudsman column in *The Seattle Times* which featured John Pearson's "news release" about the 10th anniversary of his first date with Joanne! (1/5/2025 – see also PIC 90) – *HOOPLA! BUCKET*
- PIC 92. The Purpose Code: How to Unlock Meaning, Maximize Happiness, and Leave a Lasting Legacy, by Jordan Grumet, MD (Jan. 16, 2025) - *CRISIS BUCKET*
- PIC 93. The Courage Gap: Five Steps to Braver Action, by Margie Warrell, PhD (2/17/2025) - *CULTURE BUCKET*
- PIC 94. MISTAKE MAKING: 16 BOOKS FEATURED! (Watch for future reviews). *Mistakes Leaders Make*, by Dave Kraft (2/24/2025) - *CRISIS BUCKET*
Book #1 of 16 in the MISTAKE-MAKING SERIES
- PIC 95. Personalized: Customer Strategy in the Age of AI, by Mark Abraham and David C. Edelman (3/14/2025) - *DONOR BUCKET*
- PIC 96. Conflict Resilience: Negotiating Disagreement Without Giving Up or Giving In, by Robert Bordone and Joel Salinas, M.D. (3/24/2025) - *PEOPLE BUCKET*



Podcast FEATURING MELIA YIM AND PAUL PALMER

- PIC 97. There's Nothing Like This: The Strategic Genius of Taylor Swift (Part 2 of 2), by Kevin Evers (4/15/2025) - *CUSTOMER BUCKET*

Note: See Part 1 of 2 at John Pearson's Buckets Blog, Issue No. 643 (4/10/2025)

❑ PIC 98. Faithfully Different: Regaining Biblical Clarity in a Secular Culture, by Natasha Crain (4/24/2025) - *CULTURE BUCKET*

❑ PIC 99. **TIME MANAGEMENT Book SERIES** (if you have time)! **Inspire Your Team to Read a “Book-a-Month” on Time Management** (12 recommendations), including How to Live on Twenty-Four Hours a Day, by Arnold Bennett (4/26/2025) - *TEAM BUCKET*

➔ **TIMELY NOTE!** **BOOK #1 OF 12 IN THE TIME MANAGEMENT SERIES** was featured in *Your Weekly Staff Meeting* Issue No. 646: The 10-Second Rule: Following Jesus Made Simple, by Clare De Graaf (5/17/2025) – *STRATEGY BUCKET*

❑ PIC 100. Marketing Your Ministry: Ten Critical Principles, by Robert D. Hisrich, Ph.D. (1944-2023) and John W. Pearson (4/28/2025) - *PROGRAM BUCKET*

❑ PIC 101. Tyranny of the Urgent (Revised & Expanded), by Charles E. Hummel (6/5/2025) - *TEAM BUCKET* (**BOOK #2 OF 12 IN THE TIME MANAGEMENT SERIES!**)

❑ PIC 102. Picture Bride Stories, by Barbara F. Kawakami (6/11/2025) - *CULTURE BUCKET*

❑ PIC 103. Speak, Memorably: The Art of Captivating an Audience, by Bill McGowan and Juliana Silva (6/26/2025) - *PRINTING BUCKET* (AKA *COMMUNICATIONS BUCKET*) ***TOP-10 BOOK**

➔ Note: See the review in *Your Weekly Staff Meeting* Issue No. 650 (6/26/2025).

❑ PIC 104. Remembering John MacArthur and the Junior High Retreat! (7/17/2025) - *PROGRAM BUCKET* - (Note: Watch for the review of Ashamed of the Gospel: When the Church Becomes Like the World (3rd Edition), by John MacArthur.)

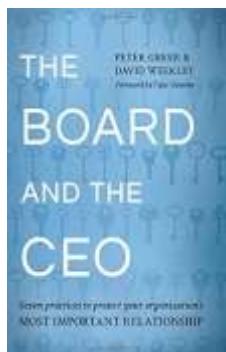
❑ PIC 105. Crazy Busy: A (Mercifully) Short Book about a (Really) Big Problem, by Kevin DeYoung (7/29/2025) - *TEAM BUCKET* (**BOOK #3 OF 12 IN THE TIME MANAGEMENT SERIES!**)

❑ PIC 106. Mistakes that Made Me a Millionaire: How to Transform Setbacks into Extraordinary Success, by Kim Perell (8/13/2025) - *CRISIS BUCKET*
Book #2 of 16 in the MISTAKE-MAKING SERIES

❑ PIC 107. Margin: Restoring Emotional, Physical, Financial, and Time Reserves to Overloaded Lives, by Richard A. Swenson, MD (8/29/2025) - *TEAM BUCKET* (**BOOK #4 OF 12 IN THE TIME MANAGEMENT SERIES!**)

➔ Note: See the review in *Your Weekly Staff Meeting* Issue No. 111 (10/27/2008).

❑ PIC 108. The Board and the CEO: Seven Practices to Protect Your Organization's Most Important Relationship, by Peter Greer and David Weekley (9/3/2025) - *BOARD BUCKET*



18 BEST BOARD BOOKS + ONE!

Read my review to learn why I added *The Board and the CEO* to my list of *18 Best Board Books*.

<https://pailsincomparison.blogspot.com/2025/11/the-board-and-ceo.html>

To read a book review (and order the book), search at <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
or visit the book reviews by John W. Pearson at Amazon: <http://bit.ly/4sgDGDO>

- ❑ PIC 109. Cracked Vessels: True Stories of Real Life Restoration, by J.P. and Diana Spitz with Mark Ellis (11/21/2025) - *CRISIS BUCKET*
- ❑ PIC 110. GOD: The Science, The Evidence—The Dawn of a Revolution, by Michel-Yves Bolloré and Olivier Bonnassies (12/3/2025) - *CUSTOMER BUCKET* ***TOP-10 BOOK**
- ❑ PIC 111. Now That's a Good Question! How to Lead Quality Bible Discussions, by Terry Powell (12/10/2025) - *TEAM BUCKET*

Visit ManagementBuckets.com/book-bucket
for the **Master List** of all book reviews,
segmented into the 20 Management Buckets categories.

In 2025...Retired!

BOARD GOVERNANCE &
MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS
FOR
NONPROFIT MINISTRIES,
CHURCHES,
& ASSOCIATIONS



JOHN PEARSON ASSOCIATES, INC.
John@JohnPearsonAssociates.com

BOOKS/BUCKETS/BLOGS

Book Reviews: <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
Buckets: ManagementBuckets.com



OVER 400 BOARD GOVERNANCE BLOG POSTS

<https://ecfagovernance.blogspot.com/>

INDEXES TO INSPIRATION: MORE THAN 200 IDEA-STARTERS!

40 GUEST BLOGS: *Lessons From the Nonprofit Boardroom: 40 Insights for Better Board Meetings*

40 GUEST BLOGS: *More Lessons From the Nonprofit Boardroom: Effectiveness, Excellence, Elephants!*

40 GUEST BLOGS: *Lessons From the Church Boardroom: 40 Insights for Exceptional Governance*

22 BLOGS: *ECFA Tools and Templates for Effective Board Governance: Time-Saving Solutions for Your Board* — Note: See Tool #19: “Ten Minutes for Governance (Lifelong Governance Learning—in 10-Minute Chunks!)”

18 BLOGS: Best Board Books (brief summaries of 18 board governance books)

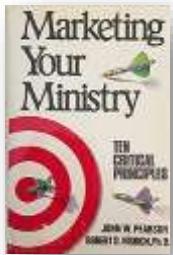
30 BLOGS: *Called to Serve: Creating and Nurturing the Effective Volunteer Board* (the 91-page book by Max De Pree)

14 BLOGS: *Owning Up: The 14 Questions Every Board Member Needs to Ask* (summary of the 14 chapters/questions by Ram Charan)

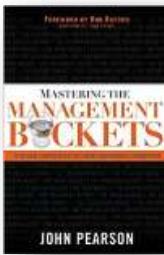
11 BLOGS: *Succession Planning: 11 Principles* (from *ECFA Governance Toolbox* Series No. 4: *Succession Planning*)

BOOKS AND WORKBOOKS BY JOHN PEARSON

<https://www.managementbuckets.com/johns-books>



1990
Marketing Your Ministry: Ten Critical Principles
John Pearson and Robert D. Hisrich, Ph.D.



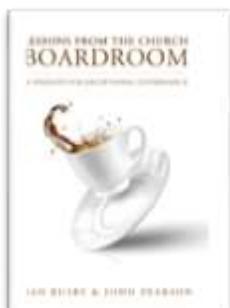
2008
Mastering the Management Buckets
John Pearson



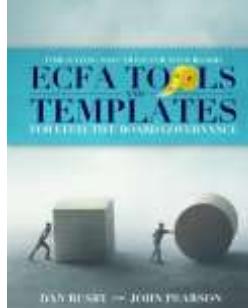
2017
Mastering the Management Buckets Workbook
Second Edition: 2018
John Pearson



2017
Lessons From the Nonprofit Boardroom
Second Edition: 2018
Dan Busby and John Pearson



2019
Lessons From the Church Boardroom: 40 Insights for Exceptional Governance
Dan Busby and John Pearson



2019
ECFA Tools and Templates for Effective Board Governance: Time-Saving Solutions for Your Board
Dan Busby and John Pearson



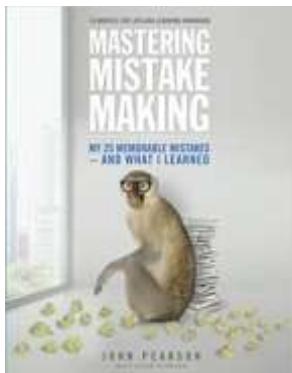
2019
More Lessons From the Nonprofit Boardroom: Effectiveness. Excellence. Elephants!
Dan Busby and John Pearson



2021
The 4 Big Mistakes to Avoid With Your Nonprofit Board (3rd Edition)
John Pearson

BOOKS AND WORKBOOKS BY JOHN PEARSON

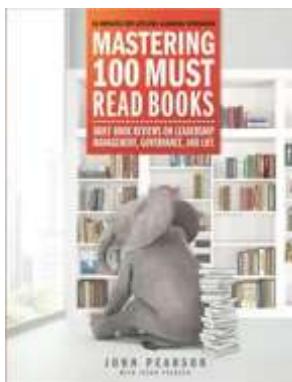
<https://www.managementbuckets.com/johns-books>



2021

**Mastering Mistake-Making:
My 25 Memorable Mistakes—and
What I Learned**
THE 10 MINUTES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING WORKBOOK

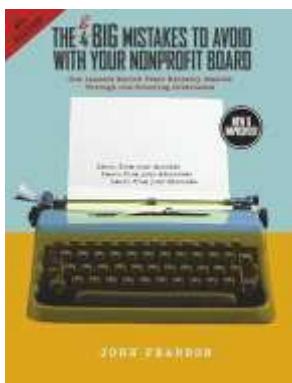
John Pearson with Jason Pearson



2022

**Mastering 100 Must-Read Books:
Brief Book Reviews on Leadership,
Management, Governance, and Life**
THE 10 MINUTES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING WORKBOOK

John Pearson with Jason Pearson



2025

**The 8 Big Mistakes to Avoid With Your
Nonprofit Board (4th Edition):
How Leaders Enrich Their Ministry Results
Through God-Honoring Governance**
THE WORKBOOK

John Pearson

Free Subscription!

Sign up online to receive your
complimentary eNewsletter.



Subscribe online at
<https://www.managementbuckets.com/general-5>



Your Weekly Staff Meeting is emailed free
two to four times a month to subscribers.

JOHN PEARSON, EDITOR & PUBLISHER

Archives:

<https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>

© 2025 John Pearson Associates – All rights reserved.



Effective Sept. 30, 2025, the blogsite for *John Pearson's Buckets Blog* and *Pails in Comparison Blog* went out of business. Those blogs are slowly (!) being moved over to the new blog sites here:

- John Pearson's Buckets Blog*: <https://urgentink.blogspot.com/>
- Pails in Comparison Blog*: <https://pailsincomparison.blogspot.com/>



John Pearson's "Ideal Bookshelf"

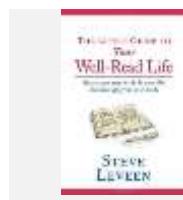
See Issue No. 275:
My Ideal Bookshelf
(4/19/2013)

[Read John's review here.](#)

Fill in your list here...

My All-Time Top-10 Book List

TITLE	AUTHOR	DELEGATE READING TO:	NOTES:
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			
6)			
7)			
8)			
9)			
10)			



"Do not set out to live a well-read life but rather your well-read life. No one can be well-read using someone else's reading list."

The Little Guide to Your Well-Read Life: How to Get More Books in Your Life and More Life from Your Books, by Steve Leveen

ABOUT JOHN PEARSON

JOHN PEARSON ASSOCIATES, Board Governance & Management Consultants

JOHN PEARSON retired in 2018 as president of John Pearson Associates, Inc., a board governance and management consulting firm in San Clemente, California. John served nonprofit Christian organizations with a focus on "Vision Implementation With Detailed Execution." He is also the editor and publisher of the eNewsletter, *Your Weekly Staff Meeting*, and has reviewed over 600 leadership and management books in his eNews.

His latest book, written with his son, Jason, was published in September 2022. [Click here](#) to read more about *Mastering 100 Must-Read Books: Brief Book Reviews on Leadership, Management, Governance, and Life*. [Click here](#) to read more about the 2021 book, *Mastering Mistake Making: My 25 Memorable Mistakes—and What I Learned (10 Minutes for Lifelong Learning Workbook)*.

John's book, ***Mastering the Management Buckets: 20 Critical Competencies for Leading Your Business or Nonprofit*** ([click here to order](#)) was published by Regal Books in 2008 and is now distributed by Baker Books. In addition, the second edition of ***Mastering the Management Buckets Workbook: Management Tools, Templates, and Tips from John Pearson*** was published in 2018. [Click here to order](#).

John is also the co-author, with Dan Busby (1941-2022), of four board governance books, published by ECFAPress:

- *Lessons From the Nonprofit Boardroom: 40 Insights for Better Board Meetings (Second Edition, 2018)* - [Order here](#). Read the [40 guest bloggers here](#).
- *Lessons From the Church Boardroom: 40 Insights for Exceptional Governance (2018)* - [Order here](#). Read the [40 guest bloggers here](#).
- *ECFA Tools and Templates for Effective Board Governance: Time-Saving Solutions for Your Board (2019)* - [Order here](#). Read the [22-tools blog series here](#).
- *More Lessons From the Nonprofit Boardroom: Effectiveness, Excellence, Elephants! (2019)* - [Order here](#). Read the [40 guest bloggers here](#).

John is also the co-author of ***Marketing Your Ministry: Ten Critical Principles***, with Robert D. Hisrich, Ph.D. (1944-2023), former Bridgestone Chair of International Marketing, Department of Marketing and Entrepreneurship, at Kent State University.

Pearson served 11 years as the president/CEO of Christian Management Association (now called [Christian Leadership Alliance](#)). He also served as the president of Willow Creek Association, South Barrington, Illinois (a network of 12,000 churches worldwide, now called [Global Leadership Network](#)); was on the management team at [Willow Creek Community Church](#); and was the executive director of [Christian Camp and Conference Association](#), now based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and known for many years as Christian Camping International/USA.

He's a graduate of Seattle Pacific University and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and also served five years as the director of Christian education/camp director with the Midwest district of the Baptist General Conference, Chicago, Illinois, (now called Converge MidAmerica) and six years as the executive director of SAMBICA, a Christian camp and conference center on Lake Sammamish in Bellevue, Wash.

During John's 30 years as a nonprofit CEO (25 of those years leading three associations), he has been the publisher of two magazines, written more than 750 issues of various newsletters on management and ministry and more than 100 magazine columns on leadership and management ministry trends, including the "Management Rules of Thumb" series in the *Christian Management Report*.

He also led more than 50 regional, national and international conferences, and facilitated dozens of day-long CEO Dialogue roundtables. John served six years on the board of [ECFA](#) (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability), was chairman of the presidential search committee (to replace a CEO/founder) as a board member for Interdev, and also served as a board member at Bakke Graduate University.

In 2006, Christian Management Association honored Pearson as the first recipient of the Ted Engstrom Award, named after Dr. Ted Engstrom (1916-2006), the president emeritus of World Vision. John also served on the Board of Directors of Christian Community Credit Union, including six years as board chair from March 2012 to March 2018. He is also a member and volunteer with The Barnabas Group Orange County.

John, and his wife, Joanne (who served as their company's COO), have been married for 56 years and they've had the privilege of traveling and/or teaching leadership, management and board governance in more than 50 countries. John and Joanne's son, Jason, also lives in San Clemente with his wife, Melinda. They are the parents of five children, including triplets. Jason also serves both nonprofit and for-profit organizations through his company, [Pearpod Media](#) (branding, digital, print, video).

From 2011 to 2020, John also contributed a weekly commentary to the *ECFA Governance of Christ-centered Organizations* [blog](#) and was the writer and project coordinator of the *ECFA Governance Toolbox Series*, a unique packaging of short videos, board member viewing guides, and facilitator guides on niche governance issues. Visit: <https://www.ecfa.org/ToolboxSeries.aspx>

In his other life, John once owned a 100th anniversary Harley-Davidson motorcycle and also played an FBI agent (actually...just one scene) in the movie, *The Genius Club*, starring Stephen Baldwin.

CONTACT:

JOHN PEARSON ASSOCIATES
2912 CALLE GUADALAJARA, SUITE 16
SAN CLEMENTE, CA 92673
www.managementbuckets.com

Notes and **Big** Ideas:
