

Some of My All-Time Favorite Books

On Leadership Excellence, High Performance, Success, Happiness, Personal Transformation

These are books I've read –or listened to – multiple times. Their authors continue to inspire me by providing practical tips for improving my work and my life. I recommend them to anyone who seeks personal and professional growth and development. And I can help you implement these principles and practices into your organization or into your life.

***The Success Principles* by Jack Canfield** [Get the Paperback.](#) [Get the Kindle Edition.](#)

Jack is one of my primary teachers and mentors. This book is one of my bibles; I refer to it frequently, I teach from it and I learn from it. I'm currently re-reading it, because a new 10th anniversary edition is out and includes stories from some of my friends!

***The Charge* by Brendon Burchard** [Get the Hardcover.](#) [Get the Kindle Edition](#)

Brendon is also a mentor, teacher and coach of mine. I've read and loved all his books, but this one is a go-to book that I continue to use as a guide to improvement. I also use this as a source in my [High Performing Coaching Program](#).

***The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen R. Covey** [Get the Paperback.](#) [Get the Kindle Edition.](#)

This book is a classic and also a reference tool for me. These habits stand the test of time. Everyone should read this book and practice these habits. This is a lifelong commitment with a great payback!

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It is difficult to pick just one Maxwell book to put on this list, since I have many favorites. John is also my teacher and mentor and I am a founding member of his team of certified speakers, trainers and coaches, so I teach this material too.

***The Speed of Trust* by Stephen M.R. Covey** [Get the Paperback.](#) [Get the Kindle Edition.](#)

This is such an important book for anyone in business or in a relationship of any kind because trust is the basis of that relationship. Covey, son of the 7 Habits Covey, shows us how it works as well as how to get it, keep it and even restore it when it's lost.

***Mastering the Rockefeller Habits* by Verne Harnish** [Get the Hardcover.](#) [Get the Kindle Edition.](#)

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I love all the books by Buckingham, but this is the one that helped me to realize the wisdom of focusing on strengths instead of weaknesses, as a leader; therefore, it was extremely valuable in my own leadership journey. This is a philosophy I support and advocate.

***Happy For No Reason* by Marci Shimoff** [Get the Paperback.](#) [Get the Kindle Edition.](#)

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***Becoming Deliberate: Changing the Game of Leadership from the Inside Out* by Cheryl Bonini Ellis**

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Naturally, I have to include my own book on the list. Writing it made a huge impact on me; way beyond what I expected. If you are thinking of writing a book, go for it! It's a great experience. And I'd be really interested to hear what you think of mine.