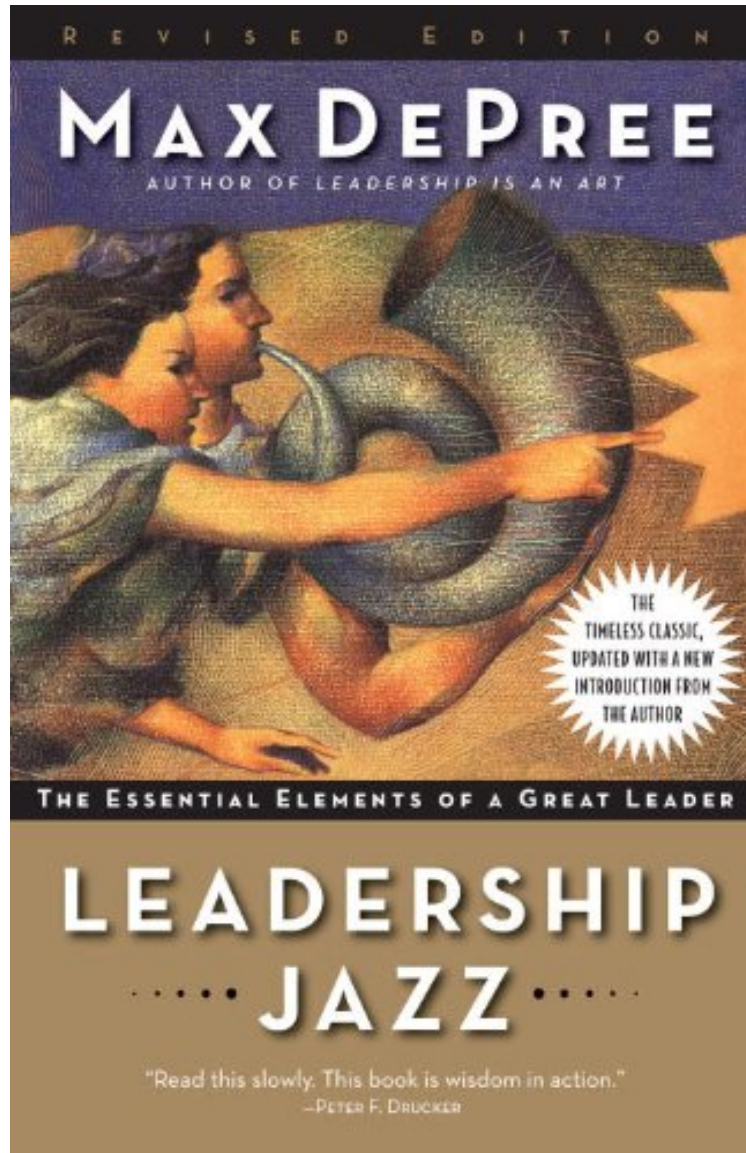


Leadership Jazz - Revised Edition: The Essential Elements of a Great Leader

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Max De Pree : Leadership Jazz - Revised Edition: The Essential Elements of a Great Leader before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Leadership Jazz - Revised Edition: The Essential Elements of a Great Leader:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. The Undeveloped Metaphor
By Loren G. Carlson
Jazz is the right metaphor for business today. I have long thought that the popular metaphor for business leadership of an orchestra

conductor is wrong in the rapidly changing conditions of today. To say that a CEO's job is like an orchestra conductor's -- to keep every one at the same place on the same page -- assumes there is a score that all of the musicians have to follow. There isn't. Jazz demands improvisation. It gives individual musicians the freedom to create and to respond to each others creations. Max De Pree recognizes this and states this metaphor accurately at the beginning of his book. "We have much to learn from jazz-band leaders, for jazz, like leadership, combines the unpredictability of the future with the gifts of individuals." (page 9) But, De Pree doesn't develop this metaphor further. The title of the book, "Leadership Jazz", implies more than the book delivers in development of the metaphor. The book does deliver very good advice on leadership. It is an excellent description of the power of "servant leadership" which is the real metaphor of the book, and, judging from the many stories De Pree relates from his years as the CEO and Chairman of Herman Miller, Inc., it is the metaphor for his life. Leaders do need to read this book. I just wish De Pree had developed the richness of the jazz metaphor.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Awesome read! By Customer
Great easy read with applications. Loved the writing style and vulnerability of the author
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Leadership and the art of leading a band! By Customer
The biggest complaint a person can give is if they will listen to the CD again and I will definitely do that. I listened to the CD when I was riving so I garnered some good insights but I think I also missed some. Throughout the book Depree loosely uses the analogy of a band director to leadership which was intriguing. I wish he would have furthered developed the analogy but then again maybe I missed it when I was changing lanes!

Since it was first published to wide acclaim in 1992, the bestselling *Leadership Jazz* has firmly placed itself among the great business classics. Former President Bill Clinton called it "astonishing," and the late Peter Drucker advised, "Read this slowly. This book is wisdom in action." Now updated for first time in well over a decade, this powerful book reveals why today, more than ever, leadership is more an art than a science. Today's best leaders, De Pree says, are attuned to the needs and ideas of their followers, and even step aside at times to be followers themselves. Filled with insightful stories from De Pree's experience as the chairman of Herman Miller and from people he's met along the way, *Leadership Jazz* reveals how to:

- Hold people accountable and give them space to reach their potential
- See the needs of employees and those of the company as the same
- Inspire change and innovation
- Work effectively with creative people

Complete with an extensive new introduction from De Pree on why his philosophy is more relevant now than ever before, *Leadership Jazz* gives you an entirely new way to look at the difficult job of leader.

About the Author MAX DEPREE is the author of *Leadership Is an Art*. He was CEO and chairman of the board of directors of Herman Miller Inc., and was recently elected by *Fortune* to the National Business Hall of Fame.