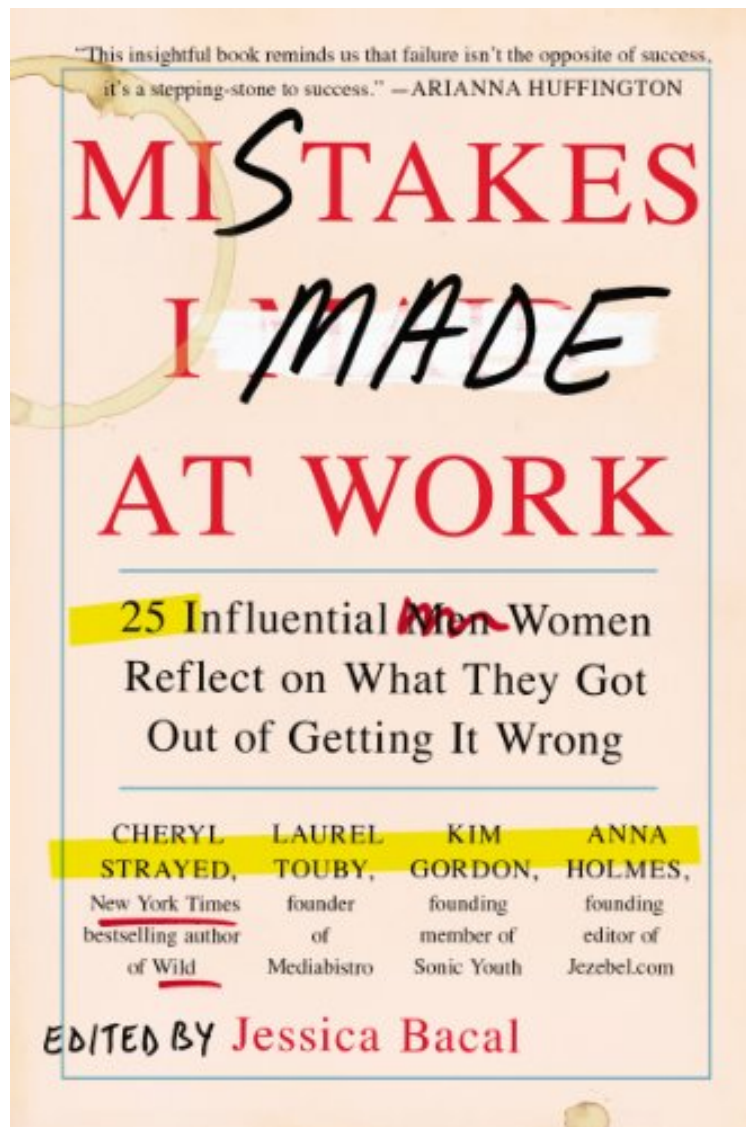


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A comforting book of guidance to keep on your desk and give to othersBy Rebecca DashevskyJessica Bacal sets out to explore the truth of what shersquo;s often heard: that making

mistakes is an inevitable part of growing at work. She introduces each section of her book and the 25 women she interviews with her own hard-earned insights. Clearly, her honesty in revealing her own mistakes and fear of failure set the stage for open sharing from women as diverse as legal scholar Lani Guniere and best-selling author Cheryl Strayed: an inspiring group of entrepreneurs, activists, writers, and professors who become all the more admirable for their honest disclosures of their own mistakes, anxieties, and imperfections. The 25 separate stories, told in each woman's voice, are as unique and diverse as the women interviewed, and are smoothly edited into engaging narratives by Bacal. But while each story is different, they all highlight the difficulties of balancing being true to yourself with being a good employee, boss, and/or team player. The book is also filled with concise tips and memorable quotes. One of my favorites comes from Strayed, who says that "the revision process is a great metaphor for how to approach life and love and work. We're all rough drafts. If you're living right, you're constantly searching to make the next version of yourself one notch better." This book helps us do just that by showing how our mistakes not only help us grow but also help us "embrace the imperfection of our humanity." This is a comforting book of guidance to keep on your desk and give to others. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Magnificent Book By Cathryn Conroy We've all made mistakes, some of which are hugely embarrassing. So I give kudos to these women who generously confessed professional mistakes they made--and some of them are real whoppers. The point of this book by Jessica Bacal is to find out what these women learned from those mistakes and how it changed them. In a society that values perfection and ridicules to the point of shaming those who err publicly, this book elevates mistakes--even lauds them--because of the good that can come out of them. I highly recommend this for every woman, young and old. It's also an ideal gift for your favorite new graduate, be it high school or college. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Loved this book! By Sheri E. Barnes I recommended this book to my Facebook friends. I found it to be very comforting and reassuring, as someone who has struggled with feeling like my career path has been less linear and direct than it should have been. I consider the name a bit of a misnomer because many of the "mistakes" don't seem to be mistakes to me. However, I think that emphasizes the subjective nature of the perception of actions as mistakes or as simply part of a journey. This book helped me to reframe my career path as a journey that is just right and perfectly valid as it has been, even if it doesn't exactly fit the ideal of what a high-performing individual should have. I recommend this book for both women and men.

One of "Ten New Books You Need to Read This Year" -Fast Company; One of the "Top 10 Business and Economics Books for Spring" -Publishers Weekly; "Bacal . . . hit pay dirt: stories filled with humor and humiliation, plus loads of hard-earned career management advice." -ELLE Magazine; "crucial character bootcamp . . . an important book because it shows that life is not a magazine spread." - The Globe and Mail; "wide-ranging enough to avoid the stiflingly corporate perspective of many mainstream conversations about women in the workplace." -New York Magazine; "shines in its recognition of the futility of the one-size-fits-all professional recommendation" -Forbes Magazine; "generous display of guts and wisdom . . . the stories are pure gold." -Bust Magazine; "will be of huge value to women today . . ." -Verily Magazine; "the printed equivalent of a long, hot bath at the end of a terrible day at work." -The New York Times