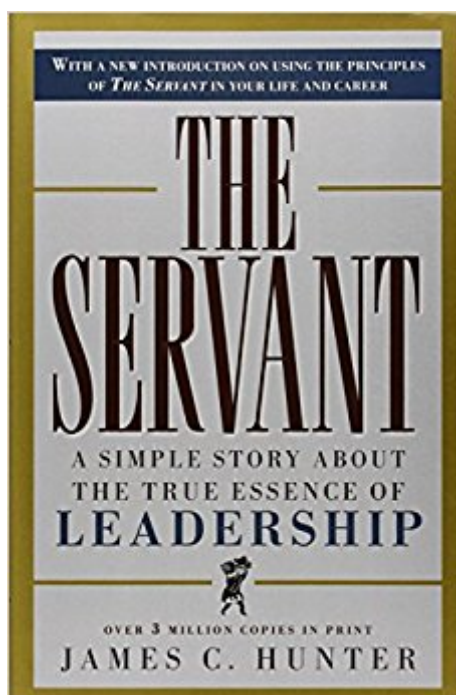


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This book was very informative and I appreciated the narrative format. My only criticism is that I would have liked to see less of the direct quotes mixed in with the character dialogue. I've never been to a leadership retreat where people frequently use direct quotes from gallop polls and psychological icons... Other than that minor irritation, there is a lot to be learned from this literary work.

My daughter was given this book by her manager. The whole business was required to read it. When she was finished she gave it to us. This book is beyond my ability to describe how businesses should be run. A leader is one who leads his people fairly, honestly, with integrity, care and concern. Not just for the job, but for it's employees. Are you suffering from morale? It may not

be the workers but you as the manager, supervisor. What message you sending that communicates disloyalty, clickism, lack of motivation? It may not be your employees, but those in charge. Take a look in the mirror of your management style. You may not be communicating the leadership style you desire for your employees. This book is clear, and precise without being condemning or critical.

Written unconventionally as you are observing individuals at a leadership retreat versus being told what to do. You watch as the simple concepts transform individuals and how each person applies the principles based on their strengths and weaknesses.

Had to read this for class and I was pleasantly surprised, I found this to be a refreshing and enjoyable read in comparison to all the textbooks I've had to read for the last few years! This book really taught me some new perspectives on working with people in an enjoyable narrative format!

I really liked the ideas and thoughts and outline of leadership characteristics they the eyes of folks from varied walks of life. Good read! Great principles!

Really straightforward and easy book to read. As stated in the title, it focuses on a person's journey of becoming a servant leader. I ordered this for one of my classes and was able to read the entire book within a couple of hours. It's a great book for those that want to become better people in their career as it focuses on the interpersonal relationships we have with one another. All in all, I'd recommend this book even if you are not taking a leadership class =)

This book rang true for me. I enjoyed the feel of being in an intimate conversation with adults bonding at a retreat. I don't know if my younger self would have liked this book but at 41, I saw myself in do many of the conversations.

A very well-developed story of a group of people needing guidance for a better life, and finding that guidance within themselves. Awesome reading over and over.

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