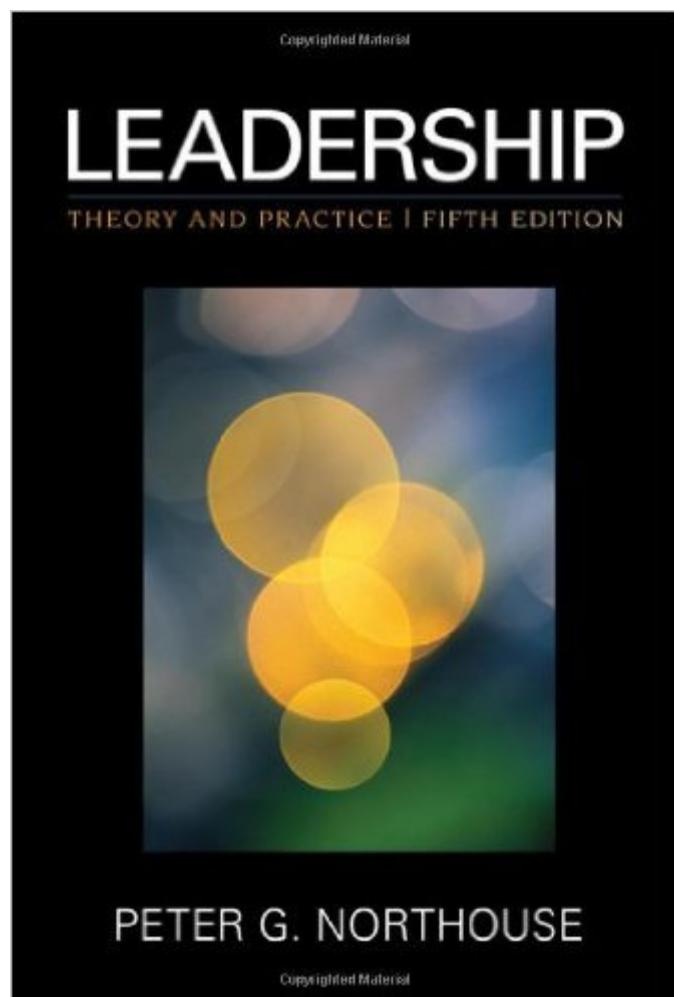


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# Leadership: Theory And Practice



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There is much to like and to dislike about Northouse's book. Its main strengths are the breadth and currency of its survey of leadership theories and its simple and practical organization. On the other hand, Northouse privileges and effectively endorses certain theories over others; his rambling and gushing review of authentic leadership (the longest chapter he writes) reads like a T.V. commercial, while his treatment of the much more extensive research on leadership traits is relatively short and frequently dismissive. His bias, along with occasionally clunky prose and endless in-text APA citations, is inappropriate in an expensive text book such as this. Ironically, the two best chapters--that is to say, authoritative, broad and yet detailed, and more capably written--are not written by him, but by invited experts. One gets the strong feeling that the author has grown tired of many of the theories in his text. My recommendation to the publisher would be to keep the format but have each chapter written by an expert in the related field, and to conclude with an attempt to

identify any common threads or crucial differences among the many theories. In summary, this is not a bad place to start for people interested in reading about leadership theory, but it is by no means the place to end.

This is a well written textbook that I am using for a graduate course I teach called Leadership Perspectives and Practices. It is far superior to the book that I previously used in both format and style. Author Peter Northouse writes clearly and concisely in a book that provides a basic overview of all major leadership theories, as well as additional chapters on timely topics such as women and leadership, authentic leadership and culture and leadership. Each chapter includes several short case studies that illustrate the principles covered, along with sections that point out the strengths and criticisms of each theoretical approach. The chapters are well sequenced and the book has an author index as well as a subject index. I highly recommend this fifth edition of Leadership Theory and Practice for use as a text or for anyone who is seeking a book that provides a serious study of core leadership principles and their application.

I purchased this for a grad school course. The price was so much cheaper from , it fact the new book was less than the price of the campus bookstore used book. The book itself is very easy to read and the author provides definitions and explanations that are easy to remember and differentiate. There are lots of references used so the author provides a list of references at the end of each chapter. Having that is just an extra plus, also having a really good chapter summary helps too.

This is a good "staple" book in your library. I have taken a large number of leadership classes and stumbled across this in my master's program, but used it again in my Ph.D. It is a good book because it is concise. I have sold most of my leadership books, but this is one that I cannot seem to part with due to its quick reference nature. The index is good and it allows me to review concepts quickly and concisely.

I only ordered this book because I was told I have to have it. Most of the time I find the books to be cheaper on than with the school or their book stores. Make sure you shop before using the schools to obtain the materials you need to complete your courses. This is a college book that I had to order to fulfill my class work. The book provided the information I needed to complete the entire task assigned by the facilitator. To most people there will be nothing special about this book. And I would

imagine that if you are buying this book you are not doing so out of fun. Good luck in your future courses and positions. May all your classes bring you much knowledge.

This was required reading, I love it! This book breaks down the current trends and knowledge in leadership styles. I learned that I am a narcissistic leader, but this is not a bad thing. The quiz at the end of each chapter can be difficult but makes the reader really understand the chapter.

I found this book very helpful with lots of good tips and guidance. Case studies and examples are easy to read and grasp. I feel the people who have to manage in a leader role should read it. I am sure they will like it.

It is what it is ~ a required college text. For someone who is interested in entering politics, this might be good, but it was an elective for me (someone going into Special Needs teaching). Maybe I should have taken a different class. This book the professor chose reads like mud. But, luckily, I think I can avoid the text; he's not testing from the book, just lectures. Wish me luck !

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