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A Wall Street Journal Bestseller!

An F-14 fighter pilot's top lessons for leading fearlessly—and bringing a team to peak performance

As an aviation pioneer, Carey D. Lohrenz learned what fearless leadership means in some of the most demanding and extreme environments imaginable: the cockpit of an F-14 and the flight deck of an aircraft carrier. Here, her teams had to perform at their peak—or lives were on the line. Faltering leadership was simply unacceptable. Through these experiences, Lohrenz identified a fundamental truth: high-performing teams require fearless leaders.

Since leaving the Navy, she's translated that lesson into a new field, helping top business leaders, from Fortune 500 executives to middle managers, supercharge performance in today's competitive business environments. In *Fearless Leadership*, Lohrenz walks you through the three fundamentals of real fearlessness—courage, tenacity, and integrity—and then reveals fearless leadership in action, offering advice on how to set a bold vision, bring the team together (as wingmen, not Top Gun mavericks), execute effectively, and stay resilient through hard times.

Whether you're stepping into your first leadership role or looking to get out of a longstanding rut, *Fearless Leadership* will act like your afterburner—rocketing you to ever-higher levels of performance.

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Hala Moddelmog says

Fearless Leadership gets to the core of what successful leaders practice every day, risk-taking. This book is a must read for leaders looking to challenge the status quo by disrupting themselves and their businesses.

Natalie says

Really liked this. Found a lot of bits meaningful and a ton helpful

Darren says

Quality leadership, leadership you can trust and leadership you can depend upon can be critical for success, especially when you are a military pilot relying on coordinated teamwork as you attempt to land on an aircraft carrier in the dark, bobbing up and down in an ocean a long way from land.

The author has woven together her pioneering career with the U.S. Navy and the necessity for decisive, actionable, trustworthy leadership, providing an interesting book that is capable of delivering a lot that can be transplanted within civilian leadership positions. If nothing else, you cannot fail to be amazed at the skill of military pilots, whose lives can rest on a couple of inches of metal and the steady hand of a 19-year-old person, working as part of a coordinated team. Leadership is not restricted to the higher echelons of an organisation.

The author paints a frustratingly interesting story about military life which, on the one hand requires cohesive leadership you can depend upon, yet on the other hand it is supervised by an arguably dysfunctional, out-of-touch disinterested leadership long away from the coalface. High-performing teams require fearless leaders is the central message from the author and since leaving the U.S. Navy she has worked as a trainer and consultant to bring these leadership qualities to many top companies. Three key attributes - courage, tenacity and integrity – are required to be a fearless leader, building upon a bold vision to bring a team closer together and execute an effective, resilient, focussed plan. Part advice book, part autobiography and part damning indictment about the U.S. military and its ability to waste through bureaucracy, the author managed to keep the reader engaged from start to finish.

This was a fairly light read, yet packed with information and interesting anecdotes and you can easily establish a connection to the author. At times it felt a little verbose or out of focus yet overall it was engaging and freely giving of itself. It manages to repetitively and necessarily stress the importance of quality leadership and time after time gives concrete examples of leadership in action. For this, if nothing else, it is a worthwhile read as so many books of this kind can focus on the theory and forget to show how things might look in real life. Overall, it was a pleasant, informative and educational read.

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Doug DeWitt says

Excellent book on the fundamentals of leadership with great personal examples that are applicable and relevant! I was able to extract multiple nuggets that facilitated serious thought and reflection!

I would strongly recommend this book to anyone who has a passion for leadership and leadership development!

Leah says

I love Carey Lohrenz' voice in this book. She is naval aviator, woman, badass, business woman. She gives good advice and rolls in good examples of what to do and not do from very famous examples. Her advice is good and the tie in back to life on the carrier gave it a special setting of it's own.

Beth says

Interesting, challenging and encouraging. The best kind of personal development book.

Laura Gassner Otting says

Carey is a pretty big badass. What's amazing about Carey is she takes everything that she has learned and distills them in this book and the 3 fundamental elements of real leadership: courage, tenacity, and integrity. Not only does Carey go through that in this book, but she tells real-life stories from being a pilot in the navy and tells you how to apply these elements to real-life situations.

Christopher says

Just beginning to read this. So far, Lohrenz writes very well, and I like her 'voice' as a seasoned naval aviator.

I am a bit put off, though, by the fact that the book is copyrighted not to Lohrenz herself but to her personal LLC, which indicates she's in business as a motivational speaker or a success coach, a la Tony Robbins, I suppose.

Not sure what to make of this, but we'll see as the book goes along.

The book takes on two modes: what her advice to you is, and what her experience is. I found her much more interesting and engaging when she wrote of her own experience as a young naval aviator, and how she overcame the many obstacles in her way. I think she is less effective in advising the reader directly, partly

because there's essentially nothing here that many other motivational books haven't already done before. She repeats many of the usual cliches of leadership training.

Although I have read and understand a lot about leadership and what makes good leaders, I avoid books like these, because so many of them look for gimmicks or angles to center their theses. Lohrenz is no different, basing her philosophy on fear and overcoming fear. That isn't a bad angle, but it isn't new or fresh or unique. What makes her unique is her story, and it is what makes the book more compelling.

So I would say follow her example rather than her motivational rhetoric. Her story is what drives her style. Fear, and overcoming fear, is just part of her success.

Please note that this book was sent to me gratis by the publisher in a recent drawing on Goodreads. I'm under no obligation to the publisher, but I wish to provide an honest review in return for receiving the book.

Dav says

Really enjoyed reading this - love navy pilots and the way they work. Awesome stories, good lessons. Great read.

Annie says

Applicable, inspiring, fun read. Love the format, content, and philosophies.
I highlighted many parts and will definitely read again.
I have renewed energy, motivation, and ideas for my team.

Scott Haraburda says

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Fearless Leadership: High-Performance Lessons from the Flight Deck is a leadership book written by a recent naval officer. This leadership book is based on the insights and lessons learned of the author, broken into seven chapters describing seven crucial characteristics of leadership: courage, tenacity, integrity, vision, culture, P3 (prepare/perform/prevail), and resilience. Yet, there are many other characteristics of successful leaders that are missing, such as flexibility, communications, confidence, enthusiasm, open-minded, educated, compassion.

Leadership – what is it? There are numerous theories about it, ranging from situational leadership to organizational leadership to more complex theories, such as ontological-phenomenological models. This author defines her style of leadership as fearless leadership, getting others to perform when even the leader doesn't want to perform either and risking fatal mistakes, typical of combat leadership of getting warriors to run into a situation of eminent danger in the classic "*follow me*" leadership.

The author, Carey Lohrenz, is a pioneering aviator, being the first female F-14 Tomcat fighter pilot in the US Navy. As discussed in her book in examples of her leadership styles, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin, where she was a varsity rower. And, she has applied her leadership skills throughout her career.

I applaud the author for living her dream and for her selfless service to our country. I also thank her for dedicating a portion of the proceeds of the book that will be donated to veteran non-profit organizations, although I don't know how much that portion will be. As this book is copyrighted to her business, I assume she plans to use this book in promoting her business and that the primary purpose in writing this book was for financial reasons.

Fearless Leadership is just another leadership book in a large pool of others written by a well-known figure trying to tell others how they became successful, implying that others could obtain similar success.

Rachel says

I'm not usually a huge fan on the "motivational" books. I had the privilege of hearing Carey speak, and got a copy of her book at that time. I was very interested in the sections that spoke of her experience in the military, especially of her struggles as a woman; how she dealt with the prejudice & roadblocks in her path.

Christina says

An excellent leadership primer and a good refresher to those who have forgotten what it is like to be fearless.

Greg Edwards says

One package

This book has all the things you need to know about leadership in one package. There were nuggets on every page.

Kevin Calhoun says

Over-coming obstacles and not settling for no! Great book!
