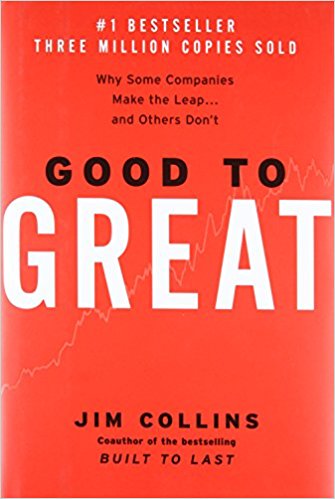
**A Leader's Reading List**

During times of high-stress, one of the best ways to relax is to pick up a great book. It's even better if said book can offer you insight into your existing job role or your career goals. These insights can help give you a great boost in the way you work.

If you want a little inspiration, consider adding the following books to your reading list.



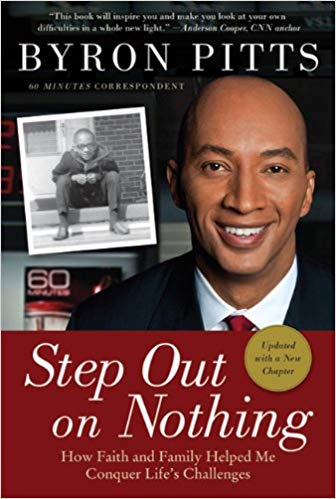
**Title:** [Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap ... and Others Don't](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0058DRUV6/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_hsch_vapi_tkin_p1_i0)

**Author:** Jim Collins

**Description***: Built to Last,* the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies' triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the very beginning.

But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? …. that's the question Collins asked. What he leaned through years of research is found in this book.

**Why you should read it:** The information is not just based on opinion, it's backed by over 30-years of research. It contains lessons and advice not only about business but about a person's character. These evergreen ideas can easily be applied to anyone in a leadership position or those seeking a leadership position.

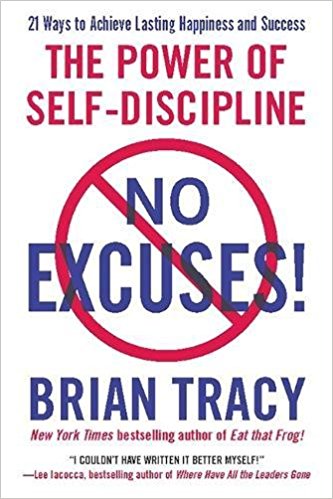


**Title:** [Step Out on Nothing](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B002Q7H7IS)

**Author:** Byron Pitts

**Description:** From a challenged youth and being labeled a failure, to an Emmy Award-winning Journalist, Pitts's triumphant and uplifting story will resonate with anyone who has felt like giving up in the face of seemingly insurmountable hardships.

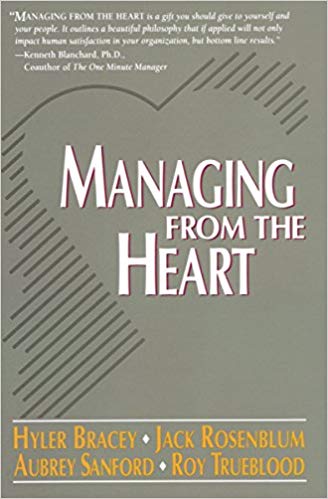
**Why you should read it:** If you hold back from chances, after reading this book, you will understand why you need to change that mindset. The author reminds us that most obstacles are ones we create ourselves and that should be removed from our minds. He shows that no matter where you come from or what obstacles you face, you can persevere and become great.

**Title:** No Excuses! The Power of Self-Discipline

**Author:** Brian Tracy

**Description:** Most people think success comes from good luck or enormous talent, but many successful people achieve their accomplishments in a simpler way: through self-discipline. *No Excuses!* shows you how you can achieve success in all three major areas of your life, including your personal goals, business and money goals, and overall happiness.

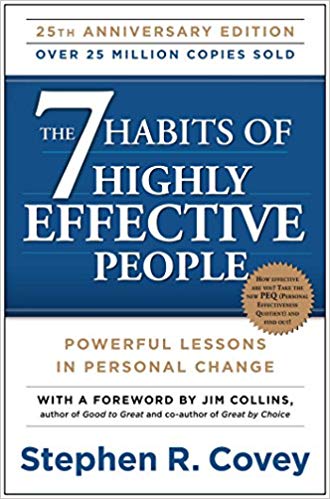
**Why you should read it:** You have two choices; you can continue to make excuses for not getting what you want out of life or you can take control of your future. There is absolutely no reason why you cannot be successful at everything you do, you just have to put your mind to it. This book gives you actionable exercises to help you apply the 'no excuses' approach to your life.

**Title:** Managing from The Heart

**Authors:** Hyler Bracey, Jack Rosenblum, Aubrey Sanford and Roy Trueblood

**Description:** The story of Harry Hartwell, a composite character drawn from decades of the authors’ field experience on the front lines of management reform. Known by his staffers as “the Abominable No Man,” Harry’s remarkable transformation into a caring and compassionate manage offers an easy-to-apply business parable—and an absolutely painless, one-of-a-kind learning experience. Acquire the five principles of caring management. Your people will be glad you did. And so, will everyone who keeps an eye on *your* bottom line.

**Why you should read it:** This is a must read if you are currently managing an unhappy team or you want to learn how to avoid a negative work environment. This short read covers five areas of leadership that are vital to every team. It discusses not only the concepts of being a caring manager, but shows how implementing the ideas can positively affect the relationship you have with your team.



**Title:** [7 Habits of Highly Effective People](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1451639619)

**Author:** Stephen R. Covey

**Description:** A direct approach to finding balance between obtaining results and caring for that in which produce the results. Based on what Covey calls "character ethics" where success is a result of one's attitude, personality and behavior. The author's belief is that in order to change a given situation, we must change ourselves on a deeper level than the surface.

**Why you should read it:**  Change is hard but is necessary to improve one's life. This book teaches that there are no quick fixes to life's problems, but peace and happiness can be had if we correct our perceptions and put forth some effort. When you become self-aware, you will discover what you value most in life. You can then work on improving your actions so they more closely align with the life you want to live.

The author has also created a [7 Habits Workbook](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0743250974) with engaging, in-depth exercises to help readers better understand the concepts, set personal goals and improve their relationships.