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What Your Boss Doesn't Tell You Until It's Too Late Independently Published

To move ahead in your career you need to be concerned about many issues that are not taught in school or the company handbook. What You Don't Know and Your Boss Won't Tell You covers a wide range of topics explored candidly by experienced female executives who learned how to navigate the unspoken and often debilitating rules of corporate life. This book will show you how to actively manage your career, communicate in the language of business, find leadership opportunities and good mentors, and develop a personal style that projects confidence and competence. The book also shows how you can handle the nuances of dating, emotions, and office politics, how to understand the rigors and rules of business travel, and ways to balance work and family comfortably. Unlike other books geared toward women on how to succeed in corporate life, What You Don't Know and Your Boss Won't Tell You offers specific advice from a group of successful female executives that will help empower women to take char

*Fire Your Boss* HarperChristian + ORM

Are you a good boss—or a great one? Good bosses can handle the day-to-day work of running a team. Great bosses go beyond that, finding ways to help employees become better versions of

themselves as people and professionals. But as a manager, how do you reach that next level? The HBR Guide to Being a Great Boss contains practical tips and advice to help you become a more well-rounded leader, one who sparks creativity, engagement, collaboration, and growth in your team. You'll learn how to: Magnify your people's strengths Create a welcoming, inclusive culture Communicate effectively—and regularly—with your team Challenge your people to grow beyond their current limits Recognize and reward good work Establish yourself as a trustworthy leader and colleague Arm yourself with the advice you need to succeed on the job, with the most trusted brand in business. Packed with how-to essentials from leading experts, the HBR Guides provide smart answers to your most pressing work challenges.

**What Your Boss Really Wants from You** Harper Collins

Fire Your Boss is the disruptive alternative blueprint for charting a new life-giving career path that gives you control, allowing you to set your own rules for your work life. Provocative, liberating, and universally appealing, Fire Your Boss seeks to help readers resolve the deepest root of workplace unrest—namely, fear and self-preservation. This book upgrades readers' core belief systems, demonstrates how to liberate their careers forever, and ultimately, join a heretical uprising without becoming an entrepreneur, changing jobs, or simply white-knuckling their way to retirement. Aaron McHugh maps out how to make philosophical, emotional, tactical, and heart-centered shifts at every intersection on the career journey. Firing your boss does not require you to leave to your job. Firing your boss does not

require you to start a new business. Firing your boss becomes the life-altering daily mantra that transforms the disengaged into hopeful leaders. Discover how to plot a new course of career freedom and independence, empowerment, and self-reliance. Find your smile again, rekindle your mojo, recapture the art of your work, and start enjoying your work every single day.

Failure to Communicate John Wiley & Sons

Build vital connections to accelerate your career success Managing Up is your guide to the most valuable 'soft skill' your career has ever seen. It's not about sucking up or brown-nosing; it's about figuring out who you are, who your boss is, and finding where you meet. It's about building real relationships with people who have influence over your career. Managing up is good for you, good for your boss, and good for the organization as a whole. This book gives you strategies for developing these all-important connections and building more than rapport; you become able to quickly assess situations, and determine which actions will move you forward; you become your own talent manager, and your boss's top choice for that new opportunity. As a skill, managing up can do more for your career than simply 'networking' ever could—and this book shows you how. Real-world strategies give you a set of actionable steps, supplemented by expert advice from a top leadership consultant that helps you get on track to advancement. It's never too early or too late to start adjusting your alignment, and this book provides the help you need to start accelerating your trajectory. Develop robust relationships with influential people Enhance your self-awareness and become more adaptable Gain new opportunities and accelerate your career

Stop 'schmoozing' and develop true, lasting connections  
Managing up helps you build the sort of relationships that foster more communication, collaboration, cooperation, and understanding between people at different levels of power, with a variety of perspectives and skills. This type of bridge-building builds your reputation for effectiveness and fit, so you can start skipping rungs on the ladder as you build a strong, successful career. Managing Up is your personal manual for building this vital skill so you can begin building your best future.

*Being the Boss* Harvard Business Press

Get what you need from your boss In this follow-up to the bestselling *It's Okay to Be the Boss*, Bruce Tulgan argues that as managers demand more and more from their employees, they are also providing them with less guidance than ever before. Since the number one factor in employee success is the relationship between employees and their immediate managers, employees need to take greater responsibility for getting the most out of that relationship. Drawing on years of experience training managers and employees, Tulgan reveals the four essential things employees should get from their bosses to guarantee success at work. Shows employees how to ask for what they need to succeed in their high-pressure jobs Shatters previously held beliefs about how employees should manage up Outlines what employees must get from their managers: clear expectations; the skills needed to perform their jobs; honest feedback, recognition or rewards A novel approach to managing up, *It's Okay to Manage Your Boss* is an invaluable resource for employees who want to work more effectively with their managers.

*Influencing Up* Work Life Play

From Simon & Schuster, *What Your Boss Doesn't Tell You Until It's Too Late* teaches readers how to correct behavior that is holding you back. Designed to facilitate better business relationships on every level, this book offers a practical plan for minimizing, modifying, or containing irritating or off-putting personal traits in the workplace. It will be welcomed by bosses and employees alike.

*Fire Your Boss* Harvard Business Press

A guidebook for those who have vision and drive to take the organization to the next level ... and a boss. Every manager on the move wants to have influence at the top in order to get his or her ideas heard and acted upon. In *Lead Your Boss*, John Baldoni

gives managers new, as well as tried-and-true, methods for influencing both their bosses and their peers, and giving senior leaders reasons to follow their lead. Featuring instructive stories based on real-life experiences from leaders at all levels, he reveals proven strategies for developing spheres of influence; handling tough issues; asserting oneself diplomatically; putting the team first; persuading up; establishing trust; using organizational politics to everyone's advantage; inspiring others through-out the organization. He gives readers practical, tactical advice on becoming a key player in any organization--Publisher's description.

**Fear Is Not the Boss of You** HarperCollins Leadership

The author of *Getting from College to Career* reinvents the concept of management for a new generation, offering a fresh and relevant approach to career success that shows them how to make the next step: becoming a leader. We are in the midst of a leadership revolution, as power passes from Baby Boomers to Millennials. All grown up, the highly educated Generation Y is moving into executive positions in corporations and government, as well as running their own businesses, where they are beginning to have a profound impact that will last for decades. Written exclusively for Gen Y readers to address their unique needs, *Becoming the Boss* is a brisk, tech savvy success manual filled with real-world, actionable tips, from an expert they respect and relate to. Lindsey Pollak defines what leadership is and draws on original research, her own extensive experience, and interviews with newly minted Gen Y managers and entrepreneurs around the world to share the secrets of what makes them successful leaders—and shows young professionals how to use that knowledge to rise in their own careers. From learning to develop a style that appeals to your older colleagues, to discovering the key trends affecting your career, to mastering the classic rules of excellence that never go out of style, *Becoming the Boss* helps you identify your next professional move and shows you how to get there.

**Winning Well** Dorling Kindersley Ltd

You never dreamed being the boss would be so hard. You're caught in a web of conflicting expectations from subordinates, your supervisor, peers, and customers. You're not alone. As Linda Hill and Kent Lineback reveal in *Being the Boss*, becoming an effective manager is a painful, difficult journey. It's trial and error,

endless effort, and slowly acquired personal insight. Many managers never complete the journey. At best, they just learn to get by. At worst, they become terrible bosses. This new book explains how to avoid that fate, by mastering three imperatives: · Manage yourself: Learn that management isn't about getting things done yourself. It's about accomplishing things through others. · Manage a network: Understand how power and influence work in your organization and build a network of mutually beneficial relationships to navigate your company's complex political environment. · Manage a team: Forge a high-performing "we" out of all the "I"s who report to you. Packed with compelling stories and practical guidance, *Being the Boss* is an indispensable guide for not only first-time managers but all managers seeking to master the most daunting challenges of leadership.

*Making Java Groovy* Indie Books International

Whether you work for a tyrant, a control freak, or a bona fide psychotic, this book gives you permission to hate your boss and still manage to be productive. Upbeat and offbeat, this cure for the common-dictator explains why we hate bosses, why the "perfect boss" is a pipe dream, how suffering under a bad boss can improve your work, why it's advantageous to be a smart follower, and how to get along--even emphasize--with even the most power-crazed ruler.

*Joan Garry's Guide to Nonprofit Leadership* AMACOM/American Management Association

Don't let a bad boss or manager hold you back from being successful! Every day millions of people with high potential are frustrated and held back by incompetent leaders. New York Times bestselling author and leadership expert John C. Maxwell knows this because the number one question he gets asked is about how to lead when the boss isn't a good leader. You don't have to be trapped in your work situation. In this book, adapted from the million-selling *The 360-Degree Leader*, and now distilled down for busy professionals, Maxwell unveils the keys to successfully navigating the challenges of working for a bad boss. In *How to Lead When Your Boss Can't (or Won't)*, Maxwell teaches you how to: position yourself for current and future success, take the high road with a poor leader, avoid common pitfalls, work well with teammates, and develop influence wherever you find yourself. Practicing the principles taught in this book will result in endless opportunities—for your organization, your career, and your life.

You can learn how to lead when your boss can't (or won't).

**HBR Guide to Being a Great Boss** Harvard Business Review Press

Answer the questions that arise when managers and workers need to adjust to unfamiliar leadership roles and rules in flattened organizational forms. *Leading When You're Not the Boss* provides a conceptual framework that you can apply when assessing your own organizations and work. The book discusses the underlying ideas necessary for a shift from a culture of hierarchies to one of relationships and the establishment of intrapreneurial and holistic work environments. This book supports the trend in many corporations toward flattening parts of their traditional top-down hierarchical management systems into more egalitarian, democratized, and distributed organizational forms. It analyzes the weaknesses of "management" culture at a time of ever more rapid change and complexity in the business world and illustrates how flattened organizational units increase agility, innovation, and efficacy. Moreover, it discusses how individuals can exercise effective leadership despite lacking the command-and-control authority of conventional bosses and ways for organizations to cultivate effective "post-management" cultures. Especially in the technology sector, large projects have become too complex to be mastered by any single leader. Drawing on his experience as a senior manager and executive consultant for a number of Fortune Global 500 companies, Roger Strathausen analyzes the situations and benefits that motivate companies to adopt flattened organizational forms. He shows that empowering a multi-talented group to manage itself by horizontal cooperation can deliver products with more speed, efficiency, innovation, and nimbleness than a solo boss could, while yielding higher employee productivity and retention rates. With an entertaining mix of real-world examples and an episodic HBR-style fictitious case study, the author illustrates throughout the book how his leadership lessons can be serviceable only when intelligently tailored to the dynamic complexities of specific situations, including the personalities and competencies of the people involved. *What You'll Learn* How to tailor the techniques of shared leadership to specific business situations rather than treating them as iron rules How to flourish in nonhierarchical and ambiguously-hierarchical organizational contexts that encourage individual initiative for the joint benefit of the enterprise and personal professional growth

How success and fulfillment at work are enhanced by organizational forms in which participants assess the situational relevance of their respective talents and actively apply them to group objectives in lateral cooperation with peers, as opposed to passively receiving orders from appointed bosses Who This Book Is For The primary readerships for this book are business leaders and managers at all levels in corporations and non-managerial professionals who work in self-directed teams. The secondary readerships are practitioners, consultants, and academics interested in the topics of human resources, organizational design, and the future of work.

*Becoming the Boss* Thomas Nelson Inc

The authors of the classic *Influence Without Authority* explain the unique challenges of influencing powerful people Learn to overcome your difficulties with a boss who is uninterested in your concerns, or resistant to giving needed support. Or discover how to win the cooperation of senior managers who are hard to reach, and hard to sell on your ideas, products, or services. In their classic book, *Influence Without Authority*, Allan Cohen and David Bradford provided a universal model of how to influence someone you don't control. *Influencing Up* applies those ideas to problematic bosses and other powerful people, with sophisticated tactics for building partnerships with them. If you're afraid of retaliation or just unclear as to how to change a senior person's behavior, don't stay paralyzed. *Influencing Up* gives you the tools to bridge the power gap. Offers practical advice about how to turn your relationship with your boss into a partnership in which both parties benefit Explains what powerful people care about Shows how to overcome power gaps by developing more partner-like relationships Learn what a great partnership with your boss can do for your career—and your mental health!

*It's Okay to Manage Your Boss* McGraw-Hill

Managing your boss: Isn't that merely manipulation? Corporate cozying up? Not according to John Gabarro and John Kotter. In this handy guidebook, the authors contend that you manage your boss for a very good reason: to do your best on the job—and thereby benefit not only yourself but also your supervisor and your entire company. Your boss depends on you for cooperation, reliability, and honesty. And you depend on him or her for links to the rest of the organization, for setting priorities, and for obtaining critical resources. By managing your boss—clarifying

your own and your supervisor's strengths, weaknesses, goals, work styles, and needs—you cultivate a relationship based on mutual respect and understanding. The result? A healthy, productive bond that enables you both to excel. Gabarro and Kotter provide valuable guidelines for building this essential relationship—including strategies for determining how your boss prefers to process information and make decisions, tips for communicating mutual expectations, and tactics for negotiating priorities. Thought provoking and practical, *Managing Your Boss* enables you to lay the groundwork for one of the most crucial working relationships you'll have in your career.

*How to Lead When Your Boss Can't (or Won't)* John Wiley & Sons Are you hungry to help others through leadership but don't feel like you have the authority? One of the greatest myths of leadership is that you must be in charge in order to lead. Great leaders don't buy it. Great leaders--whether they have the official authority or not--learn how to be an influential presence wherever they are. In *How to Lead When You're Not in Charge*, author and pastor Clay Scroggins explains the nature of leadership and what's needed to be a great leader--even when you answer to someone else. Drawing from biblical principles and his experience as the lead pastor of Buckhead Church in Atlanta, Georgia, Clay will help you nurture your vision and cultivate influence with integrity and confidence, even when you lack authority in your organization or ministry. In this book, Clay will walk you through the challenge of leadership and the four basic behaviors all great leaders have and how to cultivate them: Leading yourself Choosing positivity Thinking critically Rejecting passivity With practical wisdom and humor, Clay Scroggins will help you free yourself to become the great leader you want to be so you can make a difference. Even when you're not in charge. ----- "This book will be one of the most, if not the most, pivotal leadership books you'll ever read." - Andy Stanley "If you're ready to lead right where you are, this book can show you how to start." - Dave Ramsey "Read this book! The marketplace is full of leadership messages, but this one is a stand out." - Louie Giglio

*Managing Your Boss* John Wiley & Sons

YOUR FUTURE AND YOUR DESTINY ARE TOO IMPORTANT. DISCOVER HOW TO GET UNSTUCK AND OVER YOUR FEAR. This book is for any woman who has ever been overwhelmed with indecision, paralyzed with fear, or just plain stuck. With no-

nonsense biblical truth, *Fear Is Not the Boss of You* is a loving kick in the backside that will catapult you into ACTION. Successful entrepreneur, business coach, and girl next door Jennifer Allwood is your guide to show you why you can't stay stuck, teaching you how to get out of your own way and get on the road to fulfilling the life of your dreams--even if you're afraid. Whether you're thinking of launching a new business, adopting a child, writing a book, or competing in a triathlon, Jennifer will motivate you to move from paralyzing fear into courageous obedience and action. With stories, straightforward truth, and practical tips you can apply today, Jennifer will show you how to: Identify how and where you are stuck Determine what's holding you back Get out of your own way Empower those around you Experience the incredible joy that comes from trusting a big God to do big things in you and through you This is your gutsy invitation to go after the big dream God has called you to . . . because fear is not the boss of you.

*Managing Your Boss* Harper Collins

Every organization has its share of political drama: Personalities clash. Agendas compete. Turf wars erupt. But you need to work productively with your colleagues--even the challenging ones--for the good of your organization and your career. This guide will teach you how to: Build relationships with difficult people, gain allies and increase your sphere of influence, wrangle resources, move up without alienating your colleagues, avoid power games and petty rivalries, and claim credit when it's due.

*Leading When You're Not the Boss* Zondervan

From executives complaining that their teams don't contribute ideas to employees giving up because their input isn't valued--company culture is the culprit. *Courageous Cultures* provides a road map to build a high-performance, high-engagement culture

around sharing ideas, solving problems, and rewarding contributions from all levels. Many leaders are convinced they have an open environment that encourages employees to speak up and are shocked when they learn that employees are holding back. Employees have ideas and want to be heard. Leadership wants to hear them. Too often, however, employees and leaders both feel that no one cares about making things better. The disconnect typically only widens over time, with both sides becoming more firmly entrenched in their viewpoints. Becoming a courageous culture means building teams of microinnovators, problem solvers, and customer advocates working together. In our world of rapid change, a courageous culture is your competitive advantage. It ensures that your company is "sticky" for both customers and employees. In *Courageous Cultures*, you'll learn practical tools that help you: Learn the difference between microinnovators, problem solvers, and customer advocates and how they work together. See how the latest research conducted by the authors confirms why organizations struggle when it comes to creating strong cultures where employees are encouraged to contribute their best thinking. Learn proven models and tools that leaders can apply throughout all levels of the organization, to reengage and motivate employees. Understand best practices from companies around the world and learn how to apply these strategies and techniques in your own organization. This book provides you with the practical tools to uncover, leverage, and scale the best ideas from every level of your organization.

*Ask a Manager* Wellness Institute, Inc.

To succeed in today's hypercompetitive economy, managers must master creating a productive work environment for employees while still making numbers. Tense, overextended

workplaces force managers to choose between results and relationships. Executives set aggressive goals, so managers drive their teams to deliver, resulting in burnout. Or, employees seek connection and support, so managers focus on relationships and fail to make the numbers. However, managers need to achieve both. In *Winning Well*, managers will learn how to: Stamp out the corrosive win-at-all-costs mentality Focus on the game, not just the score Reinforce behaviors that produce results Sustain energy and momentum Be the leader people want to work for To prevent burnout and disengagement, while still achieving the necessary success for the company, managers must learn how to get their employees productive while creating an environment that makes them want to produce even more. *Winning Well* offers a quick, practical action plan for making the workplace productive, rewarding, and even fun.

*Your Boss is Not Your Mother* Ballantine Books

In the spring of 2010, Harvard Business School's graduating class asked HBS professor Clay Christensen to address them—but not on how to apply his principles and thinking to their post-HBS careers. The students wanted to know how to apply his wisdom to their personal lives. He shared with them a set of guidelines that have helped him find meaning in his own life, which led to this now-classic article. Although Christensen's thinking is rooted in his deep religious faith, these are strategies anyone can use. Since 1922, Harvard Business Review has been a leading source of breakthrough ideas in management practice. The Harvard Business Review Classics series now offers you the opportunity to make these seminal pieces a part of your permanent management library. Each highly readable volume contains a groundbreaking idea that continues to shape best practices and inspire countless managers around the world.