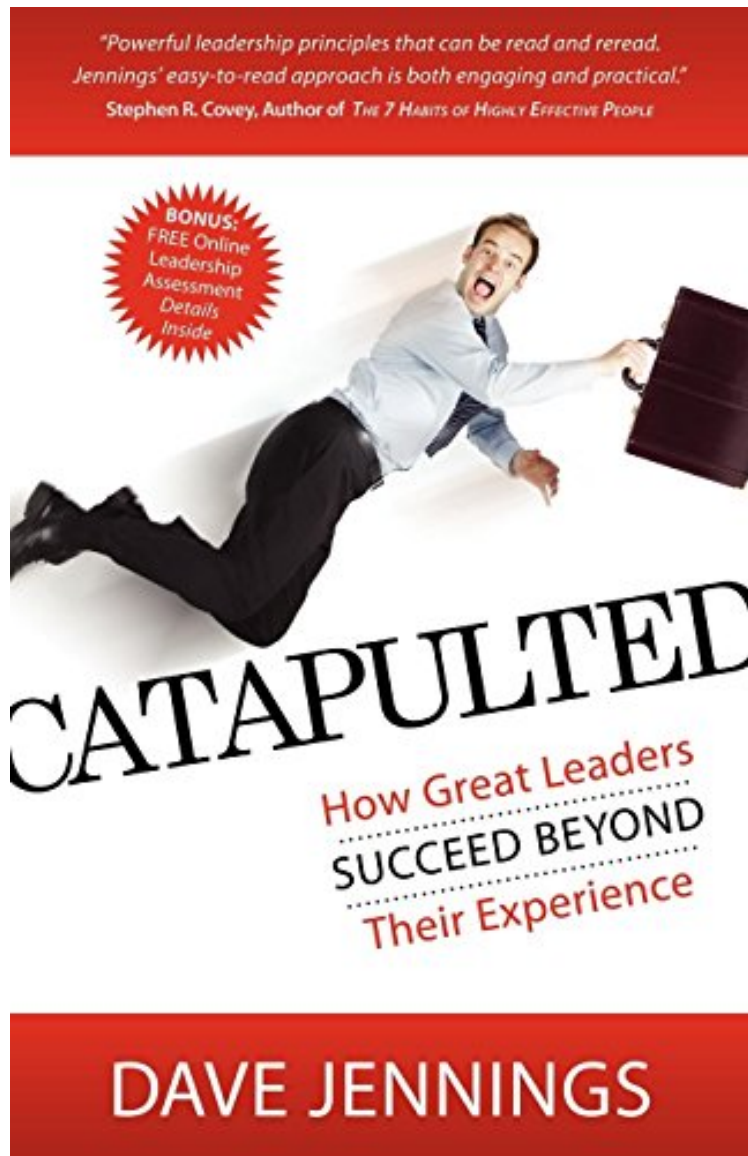


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positions of leadership. The text is presented in a story format which helps to make the book applicable to the reader and engaging. Some personal insights I got out of the book: - The relationship between values and creating one's future - Making fair comparisons (comparing my weaknesses to others' strengths) - Initiating contact spending time with the right people - Answering, What's the important question? I like how the book puts this one, and it is still causing me to think about it. - I can survive the consequences/mistakes, so stop worrying - Other people feel the same way I do when placed in situations "beyond their experience." I also like the invitation and action items at the end of the book. There were a few things I wish were expounded upon in the book relating to the story, but I guess doing so wouldn't have made it a quick read. I also thought the pictures throughout the book of the catapulted guy with the briefcase were strange. Other than that, it's a great book for leaders whether in business or other fields. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well Done! This book exceeded my expectations. By J. Hutzley Dave Jennings is a dynamic speaker and I wanted to read this book to see how he put his ideas into print. The story is fluid and thought provoking. Very enjoyable and I am sure to revisit the book and its ideas again. I finished the book in one evening. Catapulted will challenge and inspire renewed confidence, a deeper understanding of values and their importance, and a renewed focus on relationships. Catapulted is to leadership what The Goal has been to countless MBA's and operations students. I highly recommend this book and look forward to returning back to it again and again. As an HR professional I can see this being applied in entry level leadership programs as well as with high level executives. This is a book everyone should read. Well done. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Too good to put down! By C. Luckenbill I have read many business and academic books over the last twenty years on the subject of leadership, and most of them are lacking in a lot of ways. Many of the books written in the parable format on leadership are mind numbing and unrelatable. Catapulted is definitely an exception to this trend. I picked up this book and did not put it down until I was done. It was well written, engaging, and I learned from it, all at the same time. This book is especially relevant in these times as we see so many managers and executives losing sight of their values and forgetting how to employ their leadership abilities. This book stresses individual and organizational values as a way of moving to the next career level, and it does it in a way that doesn't preach at you. It gives a real example that many of us can identify with and put into action. As someone who works to develop corporate talent, I am recommending this book to anyone looking to improve their leadership abilities.

Leadership throws you beyond your comfort zone. Are you ready to fly? Show me a leader who depends only on experience and I will show you failure. But show me a leader who acts beyond his experience and I will show you runaway success. The most common leadership mistake is to leverage only what you know. The most common leadership success is to leverage the unknown. Your challenge is to handle complex situations beyond your experience. You have to make choices about the future. You are expected to find solutions for your team and the organization. You need to make choices about where you spend your time. You need to get your team aligned in the same direction. You need to build key relationships both internally and externally. You need to get people to accept responsibility. And, you have to do all this while you maintain your sanity among competing demands. Catapult provides you the tools to succeed when you are hurled beyond your comfort zone.

I couldn't put it down. I felt like it was written just for me. Catapulted provided ways to speed up my own development as well as my teams. And, just as important, it provided peace of mind in knowing I am putting my efforts into things that really matter. It put my mistakes into perspective. I think this is a great read. I will recommend to all -- Gary Bowen ""Chief Financial Officer OGIO International""