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Some books are read and then dwell in a desk drawer or up on a shelf and some books are dog eared, coffee stained and sit on top of the desk. Lori Ann's book, Opportunity Knocking, will reside at the top of the pile because you will want to reference back to it time and time again. She starts with her concept of the Opportunity Pyramid and it is the framework to help outline the leadership message in each business leader's story. She tells a poignant story, summarizes each story and then provides an action plan for three distinct segments of readers: 1) Business owners or managers 2) Employees 3)

Aspiring entrepreneurs. A good leadership lesson should always finish with an action plan. Lori Ann also takes pages from her notebook to share key findings and in the appendix she shares key quotations from the leaders she has profiled. Great book and thank you for making it one of the books I keep on top of my desk and not underneath. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Must Read By Walter Tychnowicz First of all, I cannot stop reading and re-reading Opportunity Knocking. In her third book, Opportunity Knocking, by Lori Ann LaRocco has the top business leaders right there in print, reflecting on their successes and their leadership abilities. I love the 'page from my notebook' additions. As that it gives a little extra insight as to how these business leaders have their rules to live by, mantra and life lessons. I actually take notes as I re-read her book, and have made my own copy of the "Opportunity Pyramid" and have it pegged to my cork board in my home office. I am so very proud of Lori Ann LaRocco's Opportunity Knocking. I would also add to the Corus that "I recommend this book to all who enjoy their work - from those just starting out to the most seasoned in the business world." It is indeed "A great read!" 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Knocking it out of the park By Cameron McPherson Just finished Opportunity Knocking. A really great, inspiring read. LaRocco interviews world class CEOs to help explain the opportunity pyramid, a 7-step framework people can use to accomplish their business and career dreams. Best of all, at the end of each chapter, the author includes takeaways from business owners, employees and aspiring entrepreneurs. Not to worry though, all the anecdotes are relate-able and fascinating. It's hard to pick a favorite, but I loved the perspective from Harold Hamm, the CEO of Continental Resources. The guy knows how to plan and trust his gut! I think the neat takeaway for me was that all the CEOs profiled in this book used the opportunity pyramid model -- they just didn't have LaRocco's book to guide them! She's now giving readers the know-how to achieve success. Go pick up the book and start building your pyramid!

Known as the producer with the trillion-dollar Rolodex, Lori Ann LaRocco knows how to get business leaders and entrepreneurs to talk. Many of the world's most well-known executives are so trusting of LaRocco, senior talent producer at CNBC, that she consistently gets scoops on billion-dollar deals before anyone else. In her newest book, Opportunity Knocking, LaRocco uses her close relationships with these organizational leaders to tell their stories many of which have never been previously revealed, but offer brilliant insights into their minds. In Opportunity Knocking, readers will learn the full stories and secrets of success from some of the world's smartest, most innovative leaders, such as Ford CEO Alan Mulally's strategy for creating a culture of promise that revitalized the American auto industry. This book provides real-world examples from leaders like Mulally and turns them into actionable, proven strategies for identifying and acting on opportunities. What makes Opportunity Knocking stand apart is the diversity of individuals who offer real-world strategies and advice instead of just one person's opinion or vision. From the assembly line to the C-suite, Opportunity Knocking will provide both inspiration and a blueprint for achieving success by recognizing the right opportunity and seizing it.

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