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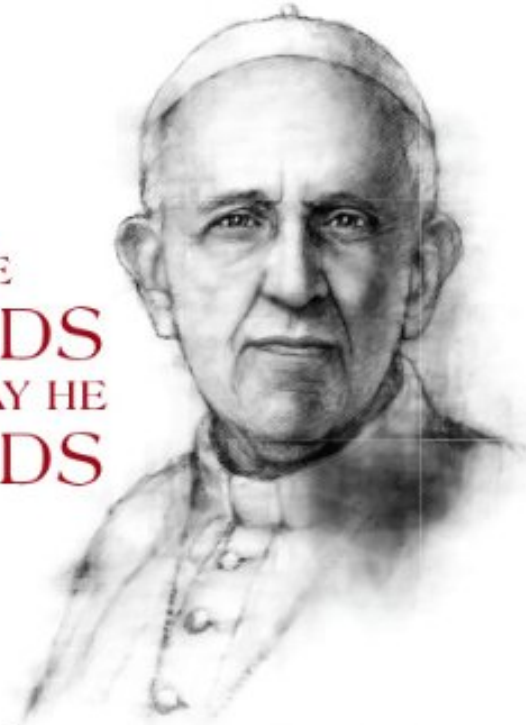
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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Intimate, revealing and relevant portraitBy Owen PhelpsChris Lowney has done it again! The author of *Heroic Leadership* (2005) and *Heroic Living* (2010) now gives us *Pope Francis: Why He Leads the Way He Leads*, and it may be the best of a fine trio. It's certainly the most topical. Francis's simple ways and his consistent words have captured the attention of people everywhere — and not just Catholics. Obviously the world is hungry for moral leadership, and Francis is currently without peer in that department. Lowney is uniquely qualified to write about him for three reasons. First,

having spent several years in Jesuit formation, he is an expert on the process that shaped Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J. from his earliest days and served as the arena in which he exercised much of his leadership before being elected pope. Second, Lowney is a seasoned student of the world, having spent 17 years with J.P. Morgan and served as a one of its managing partners on three continents. His work product is always relevant to people of all faiths and to those with no faith at all. Finally, he is fluent in Spanish, which gave him direct and immediate access to many Jesuits who studied and worked under the pope when he was the Jesuits' superior in Argentina and later served as archbishop of Buenos Aires. Thus, Lowney is able to paint an intimate and revealing portrait of a man whose humility, vision and love for the poor have captured the world's attention—and much of its heart. Despite all the unique research that underlies the text, the book is a bright and lively read that's broken down into brief sections for the busy reader who can only devote a few minutes at a time to understanding what makes this pope tick. I'm grateful for having the opportunity to read it—and I think you will be too.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. He enables common people to do uncommon things!!!

By Book Glutton

In his book, *Management: Tasks, Responsibilities, Practices*, in Chapter 36, "The Spirit of Performance," Peter F. Drucker states: The purpose of an organization is to enable common [people] to do uncommon things. This necessarily includes religious organizations. Yes, this too is necessarily about working towards a goal. Leadership is the quality, or maybe the art, possessed by certain individuals that makes them capable of doing this. They know where they are going. They have a very good idea of how to get there. They have a heuristic approach that keeps them goal focused in spite of obstacles. And, in contrast to the effects of narcissistic leadership which Lowney brings up, true leaders show us it's not about them, it's about the good they are looking to accomplish. Pope Francis is one of those individuals. Written by someone who was not only a success in investment banking at one of the big firms, he also knows what the heart of a Jesuit is supposed to be, having been one of their seminarians and outlined the leadership it took to guide their 450 year existence in his book: *Heroic Leadership: Best Practices from a 450-Year-Old Company That Changed the World*. Glad that he chose to share his insights with us!

17 of 18 people found the following review helpful. Insight into a contrarian leadership style

By LJK

The new Pope acts more like a servant to a billion (Catholics) rather than an emperor to a billion. I was edified by the analysis of the Pope's leadership style through the lens of the author's Jesuit training and corporate experience. There are some very challenging standards here to live up to.

TIME Magazine's Person of the Year: Pope Francis

Learn about the First Jesuit Pope from America's Leading Jesuit Publisher

by Chris Lowney

is that rare and splendid work that leaves you keenly excited and spiritually moved. The writing is lucid, vivid, inviting, and rich. It's a major achievement. I strongly recommend it to any Christian in a leadership role.

— Joseph Tetlow, SJ

From choosing to live in a simple apartment instead of the papal palace to washing the feet of men and women in a youth detention center, Pope Francis's actions contradict behaviors expected of a modern leader. Chris Lowney, a former Jesuit seminarian turned Managing Director for JP Morgan Co., shows how the pope's words and deeds reveal spiritual principles that have prepared him to lead the Church and influence our world—a rapidly-changing world that requires leaders who value the human need for love, inspiration, and meaning. Drawing on interviews with people who knew him as Father Jorge Bergoglio, SJ, Lowney challenges assumptions about what it takes to be a great leader. In so doing, he reveals the "other-centered" leadership style of a man whose passion is to be with people rather than set apart. Lowney offers a stirring vision of leadership to which we can all aspire in our communities, churches, companies, and families.

"Tapping into his own fascinating and unique background, Chris Lowney has written an important, powerful book that is full of paradox. It is both deeply philosophical and immensely practical. It is suited for those steeped in Catholic faith and those with no faith formation at all. It is timeless and completely relevant for our modern age. Whether you are fascinated by Pope Francis or in search of useful tools for transforming the organization you lead, this book is a prize."-- Patrick Lencioni; president, The Table Group; author of *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team* and *The Advantage*