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- Stimulate effectiveness by enabling others to reach both their personal potential and their institutional potential
- Take a role in developing, expressing, and defending civility and values
- Nurture new leaders and ensure the continuation of the corporate culture

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Rather than offering a how-to manual on running a business, DePree, CEO of Herman Miller Inc., a manufacturer of office furniture, details, in deceptively simple but imaginative language, a humanitarian approach to leadership. The artful leader, he argues, should recognize human diversity and make full use of his or her employees' gifts. Further, he believes, a leader is responsible not just for the health of a company's financial assets, but for its ethics. Advocating management through persuasion, and the exercise of democratic participation rather than concentrated power, he favors covenantal relationships with employees that rest on shared purpose, dignity and choice. The author stresses the need for communication, but his only direct guidance concerns the need for job performance reviews and self-evaluation.

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Review

“This is a wonderful book. It captures Max’s spirit—and he’s a truly exceptional person. But it also says more about leadership in clearer, more elegant, and more convincing language than many of the much longer books that have been published on the subject.”—Peter F. Drucker

“His opus is as worthy as scripture.”—*New York Times Book Review*

“Like the elegant furniture his company makes, De Pree’s book provides a valuable lesson in grace, style, and the elements of success.”—*Time*

“*Leadership Is an Art* is one of the best books I have ever read in my life on the subject of leadership and business management philosophy.”—Sam Walton

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