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Description

"In the more than fifteen years since its publication, the classic *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* has become an international phenomenon with over fifteen million copies sold. Tens of millions of people in business, government, schools, and families, and, most important, as individuals have dramatically improved their lives and organizations by applying the principles of Stephen R. Covey's classic book. The world, though, is a vastly changed place. The challenges and complexity we all face in our relationships, families, professional lives, and communities are of an entirely new order of magnitude. Being effective as individuals and organizations is no longer merely an option, survival in today's world requires it. But in order to thrive, innovate, excel, and lead in what Covey calls the new Knowledge Worker Age, we must build on and move beyond effectiveness. The call of this new era in human history is for greatness; it's for fulfillment, passionate execution, and significant contribution.

Accessing the higher levels of human genius and motivation in today's new reality requires a sea change in thinking: a new mind-set, a new skill-set, a new tool-set, in short, a whole new habit. The crucial challenge of our world today is this: to find our voice and inspire others to find theirs. It is what Covey calls the 8th Habit. So many people feel frustrated, discouraged, unappreciated, and undervalued, with little or no sense of voice or unique contribution.

Insightful reviews

Emily: This was such an excellent book - I think I actually liked it better than "7 Habits." The principles were amazing. It is written as a business book, but it can easily be applied to anybody, anywhere. The more you read out of it, the better it gets. I think everyone should read it, even those who haven't read "7 Habits" first (although that book was great too).

Krys Gut: I read this book before reading *The 7 Habits*, so perhaps my review is less credible.

However, I've read enough self-improvement books to know that these authors will typically follow the same formula and just juggle the various themes around.

So what is the 8th habit? Find your voice and inspire others to do the same. Also the 8th is apparently the apex where all the other 7 habits culminate, convenient, huh? Wouldn't it be funny if the 8th turned out to be one he simply forgot in the previous book? Ha, but no.

I felt the book rambled in many places, and it seemed like the author needed to fill the book, so we have many examples provided, but the message could have been delivered in a cleaner form with less fluff. I think the book is heavy on concepts, but light on practical details. I finished it and thought—OK, I have no idea what to do with this.

I think the reviewer's are being generous in their ratings because it is a Covey book, on it's own merit, I would have given it a 2. I'll give it a 3 because, well maybe I'm just too dumb to recognize a great book when I yawn through one:o)

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Casey: I listened to this ebook on CD, as I do so much "self-help: books. i love to skim those for info and ideas instead of observe for be aware and listening lends to this examining style. i actually loved the 1st few chapters of this book, notion they have been good written and insightful. My appreciation for famous ideas spoken in new methods was once satisfied. However, from the following on out, the ebook quite began to dry up for me, and that i do not know that i might suggest it to anyone. Well, i would suggest the 1st half, which might be pretty well like interpreting the full book. Covey's writing reads to me extra like a magazine access or the transcript from a counseling consultation than an inventory of habits, which by no means fails to perplex me given the titles "7 habits" and "the eighth habit." I take to objection to this ideas in his books, wager i have simply familiarize yourself to the purpose of boredom.

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