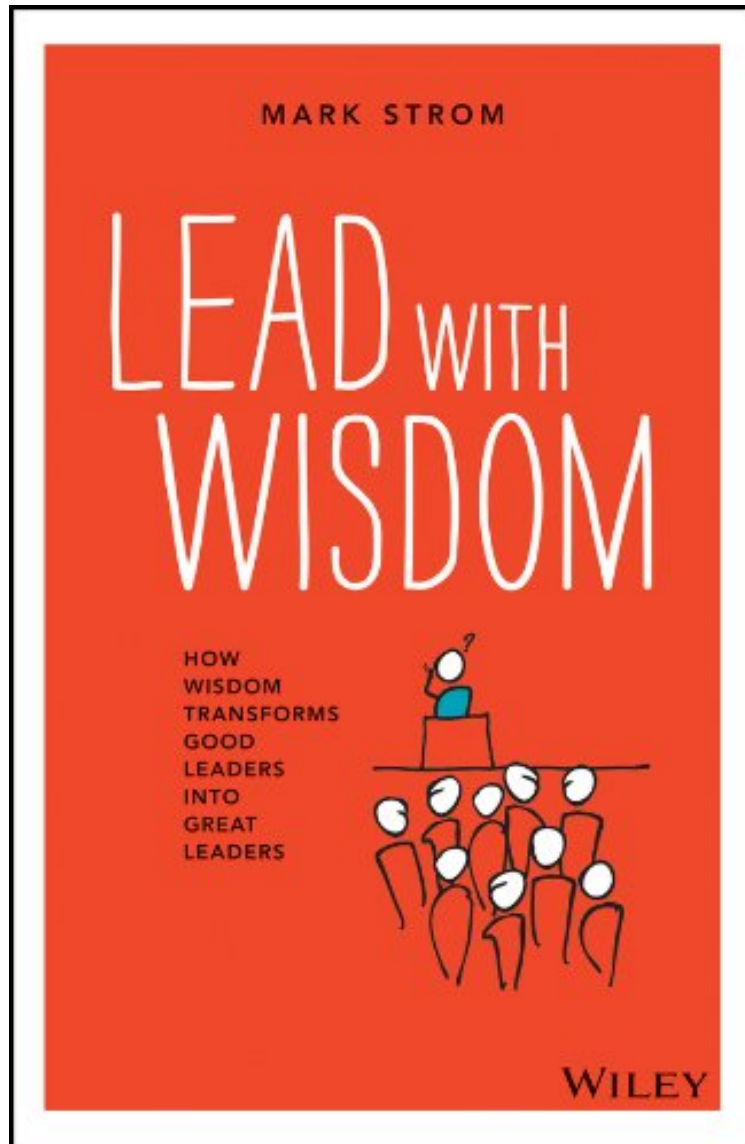


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reading Mark's book, I realise that the word 'odyssey' is a much better descriptor for leadership. Journeys are often linear and a to b, where an odyssey inevitably involves hardships, adventures, failings and learning. This book takes the reader on an odyssey around the role and the paramountcy of wisdom in leadership. 'Leadership needs wisdom and wisdom enriches Leadership.' There is comfort and reassurance in the reminder of the benefits we gain from learning from our mistakes. The book is logically structured but works not only for the front to back readers, but also the back to front readers and the dip in and roam sort of reader. Every time I pick it up I find another section to challenge my thinking and to provide context around whatever leadership I am witnessing or doing. The first part looks at the 'why' of leadership and wisdom. Having introduced the importance of seeing and reading life's patterns, Part 2 is the 'what', looking at four every day life patterns, namely: Naming, Conversation, Influence and Character, to see how language shapes reality. Part 3 brings us to the 'how', introducing four Arts we can practise but never master in our odyssey: Story, Brilliance, Promise and Grace. The final Part 4, is the 'where'. Mark shares deeply personal stories from his own and his family to explain how the book came together and returning us to the driving context that leadership always comes back to the person so that we lead not from principles or techniques but from who we are. Picking my favourite bits is really hard because the whole book is a delight but I do admire Mark's courage in introducing concepts which were either traditionally reserved for our elders or terms not commonly used in the realm of organisational leadership, like: wisdom, grace, brilliance and character. Mark opens the book talking about building walls and reminding us that the strength of a wall is in the mud/mortar not the bricks and closes with a reminder that it takes mud to lead with wisdom. I eagerly awaited the publishing of this book, based solely on hearing Mark speak at a Leadership New Zealand function in 2013. I was not disappointed and this book will remain at the top of my most recommended books list for many years to come. Rush out and buy it in hard copy or on Kindle and get dipping and enjoy dwelling on the mud. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. enjoy it and take away the one thing that resonates ...By Diane Dromgold Having met Mark, I can hear his voice throughout the book. Genuine, grounded and full of wisdom. Read it, enjoy it and take away the one thing that resonates most (might be a hard choice). Reflect on it and then come back for more. I keep my copy on my desk so I can dip into it. I've also bought copies for people I know have the potential to do great things as I believe this will help them. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good for many levels of leaders By Pamela Learned I'm working through this book, as it was intended to take in chunks, and I really like it. There is good basic information, as well as insight for an established leader.

A practical guide for leading others with wisdom, integrity, and humanity This book argues that great leadership requires wisdom. Rather than a formulaic managerial approach to leadership, *Lead with Wisdom* presents the case for leadership based on our shared humanity and the stories that unite us. What emerges is a model of leadership based on learning to read key patterns of human experience: the way language shapes our reality, how we form new meaning through conversation, how relationships determine influence and how we deal with uncertainty. It presents readers with the tools and illustrated examples to implement the four arts of leading wisely: how to draw out and create a new story in the organization, how to find and leverage the brilliance of people, how to speak with promise to restore meaning and hope, and how to show grace in dealing with the most demanding people and circumstances. Offers a leadership approach rooted in our shared humanity and the stories which unite and define us Ideal for corporate leaders, middle managers, administrators, and anyone else with management responsibilities Written by a popular speaker on leadership and the author of *Arts of the Wise Leader*, with personal CEO experience and a PhD in the history of ideas Structured as one key idea per page or double page spread with funky line drawings supporting the concepts and skills For anyone who wants to lead with wisdom, integrity, and humanity, *Lead with Wisdom* offers a welcome alternative to traditionally robotic and formulaic leadership strategies.

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