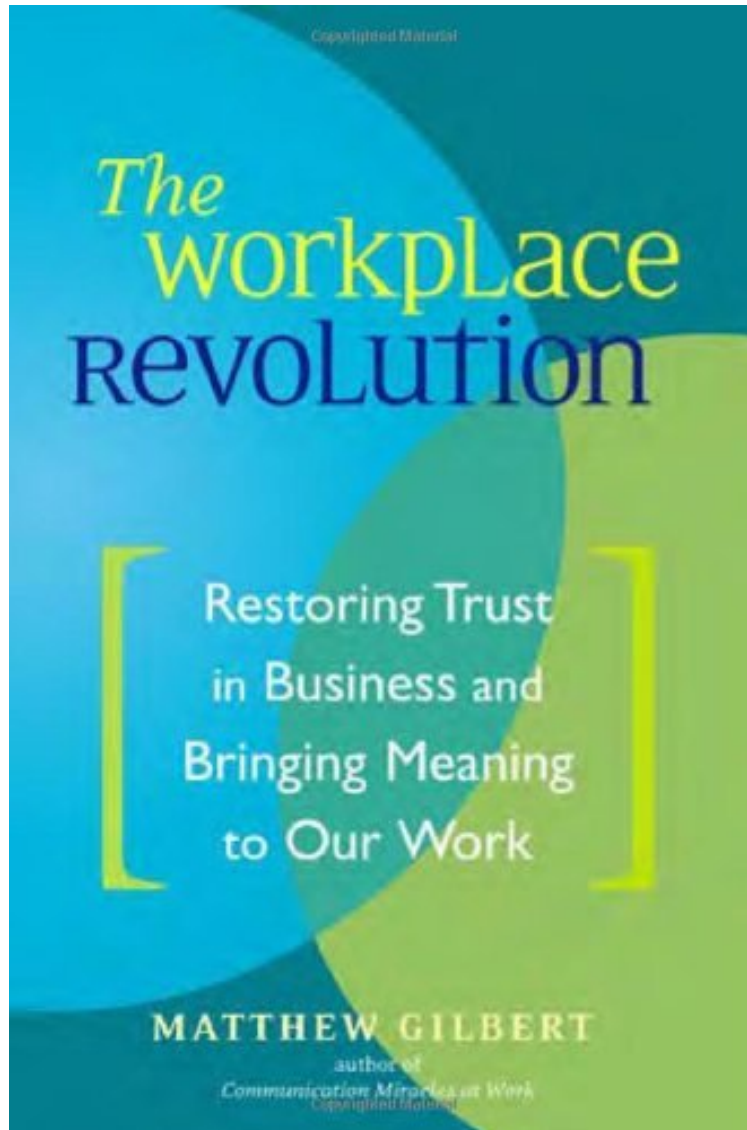


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Well Worth a ReadBy Michael WeaverI love the way this book pulls together the personal experience of work and how it contributes (or doesn't) to one's development with an analysis of

the state of the corporate soul. If you're interested in the former and have read book such as David Whyte's *Crossing the Unknown Sea*, Matthew Fox's *The Reinvention of Work*, or Greg Levoy's *Callings*, or if your reading tastes run toward the latter (Christine Arena's *Cause for Success*, Arianna Huffington's *Pigs at the Trough*, and *The Soul of Capitalism* by William Greider), you'll appreciate what Gilbert is up to here. His point is that lurking behind the obvious connection there's a profound interdependence between corporate success and personal growth. His hope, and cautiously optimistic hypothesis, is that both are increasingly defined in terms of a social consciousness that's informed by spirituality and progressive ideals of service, sustainability, mindfulness, and cooperation. At the heart of his analysis beat the questions: Is it possible to ask companies to truly move beyond self-interest? And, if not, can progressive-minded people be fulfilled working for such companies? Gilbert synthesizes a good deal of the writing being done in this arena, and his book has a great bibliography for people interested in delving further. A really good book for anyone who's questioning their work life.

From the Enron debacle to the Martha Stewart scandal, trust in business practices and in corporate leaders has been seriously jeopardized, hitting an all-time low. According to Matthew Gilbert in his latest book, *The Workplace Revolution*, the problem stems from a relentless work ethic, the tireless pursuit of profit, and the conflict between business values and human values. Today more than ever, people are waking up to the fact that they are not getting back what they give to their employers. While they are dedicating an inordinate amount of themselves to their work, their jobs offer little to meet their needs for community, self-expression, and service, and many have simply abandoned the possibility that self-serving, profit-driven companies can offer more than a paycheck. Gilbert assures us that the problem is not hopeless. In *The Workplace Revolution*, he provides both personal strategies and corporate methodologies for improving overall health in the workplace and restoring trust and goodwill between business leaders and their employees. With statistics and commentary from a wide range of sources and examples of companies such as Hewlett-Packard that are already balancing economic and human concerns, he demonstrates to worker and CEO alike that they can turn the experience of work into a spiritual, ideal-based, life-enhancing adventure for all concerned and still meet corporate goals. Revolutionary concepts for today's corporations and the health of their employees.

"For the pencil pushers and the big thinkers, a smart, insightful book that could offer real hope for change." -- Kirkus Reports, March 2005
"While...arguing for "strong medicine for corporate change," Gilbert's...realism leads him to temper our hope for social change..." -- Shift Magazine, June-August 2005
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