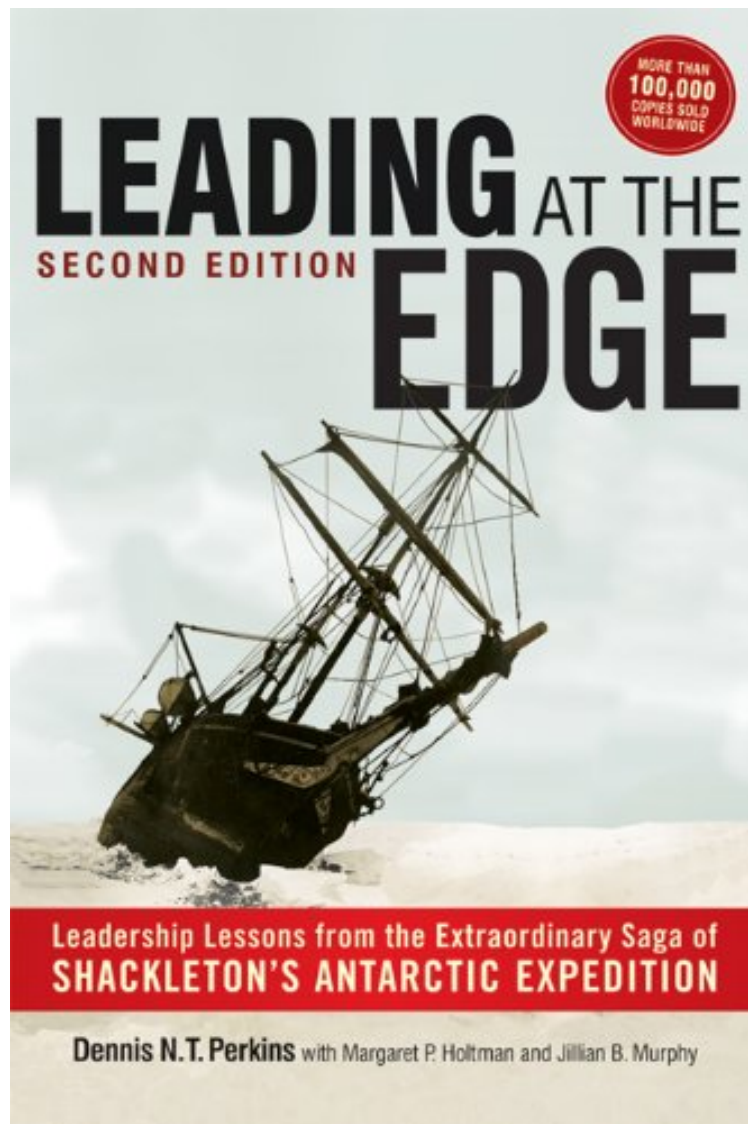


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good for large and middle size companies.By Jeff DawsonI

downloaded this when I saw it revolved around the Shackelford Expedition. This is an excellent book for learning leadership skills for the corporate world. Not so for the small business company. I did find one or two ideas that might work for the company I'm currently with. However, as the last chapters came about, I felt the message was being lost. The first six or seven ideas were spot on. The book should have ended here and it would have been a home run. Instead it continued on and the ideas started to become watered down, lessening the impact. I've many of these self-help, motivational, team-building works and for whatever reason, they seem to follow the same formula. My question is why? Why do they continue watering down the main message? Overall, it's a good read. The comparison of Shackelford's accomplishments in the harshest, most hopeless situations and how he managed his team were easily translated into today's world of corporations and middle size companies. Four stars

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Really good read on management during trying and ambiguous times
By Customer
Although primarily directed at managers, this book contains timeless concepts that work well whether leading yourself, a team, or leading upwards and sideways. Although the pressure we face in the corporate world is not life threatening, it is nonetheless very real and at times intense. I believe that Perkins ten principles are a great foundation on which to base leadership behavior. Well written and captivating, I have found this book to be an invaluable resource!

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good book if you like the Endurance story
By Mark
This is a good book that combines a good mix of telling the Shackleton story along with practical leadership insights. At first I was not sure I would like the book at all but I found the book gets better and better as it develops. Throughout the book the author draws insights from Ernest Shackleton's leadership of the Endurance expedition that illustrates them by pointing to business examples and this helps to tie everything back together. This is not my favorite book on leadership, and I would hesitate to recommend it unless the reader is interested in the story of the Endurance expedition.

A guide to leadership draws on Ernest Shackleton's management style during his exploration of Antarctica, providing advice on how leaders can instill optimism, set personal examples, and persevere in the face of adversity.

From Publishers Weekly
Although their experiences may sometimes seem torturous, most managers aren't facing dangerous or life-threatening conditions. Even so, argues consultant Perkins, they would do well to learn from both triumphant and failed expeditions. A former Marine lieutenant, Perkins introduces 10 key concepts he believes are essential to productive leadership with lively anecdotes from the adverse but ultimately successful expedition to the South Pole led by Ernest Shackleton in 1914 (his entire crew survived on the ice with almost no supplies or hope for rescue after their ship drifted off course and was crushed), which he contrasts with a disastrous Canadian expedition launched at almost the same time. Among the principles in the book's first half: "Minimize status differences and insist on courtesy and mutual respect"; "Take care of yourself, maintain your stamina and let go of your guilt"; "Set a personal example with visible, memorable symbols and behaviors." He also suggests that managers can benefit by keeping an "expedition log" in which they write about their current work situations. The second half of the book consists of four business case studies, including one of Malden Mills, a family-owned company that remained open despite fires that virtually shut down its operations. General readers are likely to find these studies less compelling, though experienced executives may identify with some of the management issues. (May) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. "After having read a dozen or two leadership books over the past decade, this book stands out...The author does an exceptional job --Suite101 interpretation of Shackleton's strategies is relatable to today's leaders showing that leadership skills transcend time. --Yahoo Voices "The lessons are powerful, the real world examples revealing and the book worthy of much discussion and thought." --Hike Bike and Travel tells the story of survival, and along the way points out how Shackleton's leadership made a difference. This is what makes this book such a compelling read. --Mindconnection succeeds in crafting a true leadership guide for the 21st century. --Risk Management magazine The lessons are not just about leadership, but about life, persistence and the extraordinary resilience. --A Slice of Leadership book will change the way you think about and approach leadership in a crisis situation --Blog Business World " there are many leadership lessons to be learned from Shackleton's amazing adventure.--ABA Banking Journal From the Inside Flap At the age of 26, Bo Parfet seemed like just another ordinary guy working as an investment banker at J.P. Morgan when he arranged his first major mountain climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest and fiercest mountain. He was no professional climber, nor was he in any kind of shape to be tackling any major peak. To the trained mountaineer, Parfet would have seemed foolhardy. But in just four years, with perseverance and unbelievable courage, he managed to successfully complete his quest to scale all Seven Summits, including Kilimanjaro, Aconcagua, Denali, Vinson Massif, Elbrus, Carstensz Pyramid, Kosciuszko, and Everest the highest peaks on the seven continents defying all odds and cheating death at every turn. Combining the gripping narrative of Into Thin Air with the adrenaline-fueled drama of Vertical Limit, Die Trying is the incredible story of one man's battle against his own limitations. From dodging avalanches to crossing a ladder over a seemingly bottomless crevasse, to making his way through the Khumbu Icefall and burying a dead teammate at 27,000 feet, we experience all of the author's exhilarating, often terrifying climbs first-hand. We share the terror of his confrontations with corrupt army officials, cannibalistic tribesmen, and local militia groups, and we follow this ultimate everyman

blessed with the opportunity to undertake an extraordinary journey of exploration and self-discovery as he survives on a diet of fried bats and rats in New Guinea and nearly dies after falling into a crevasse when the ground beneath him gave way on Mt. Cook. Recounting such life-on-the-line experiences as almost drowning in crocodile-infested rapids during a canoe race in Belize to pushing himself to the brink of starvation and complete physical exhaustion, *Die Trying* is a compilation of extraordinary experiences each one a totally unique, self-contained story that illustrate not only the complexity of Bo's amazing vision and ability to extract the possible from the seemingly impossible, but also the all-too-human struggles that we all share. Enlightening and gripping, *Die Trying* is the compelling story of man's quest to conquer nature and his own fears. Bo Parfet was a postgraduate research fellow at the Financial Accounting Standards Board, and an investment banking analyst for J.P. Morgan. He summited Kilimanjaro in 2003 and has been climbing ever since. He established the Seven Summits Awards Program as a specialized research grant for The Explorers Clubs Youth Activities Grant Program funded by both his personal contributions and various capital campaigns. This program awards students grants to perform health-care-related field research. He has also established a partnership between The Explorers Club and The Kellogg School of Management, where seasoned explorers lecture on campus about leadership lessons learned from exploration. He lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Richard Buskin is a New York Times bestselling author whose books include the biographies *Sheryl Crow: No Fool to This Game* and *Princess Diana*. He lives in Chicago, Illinois.