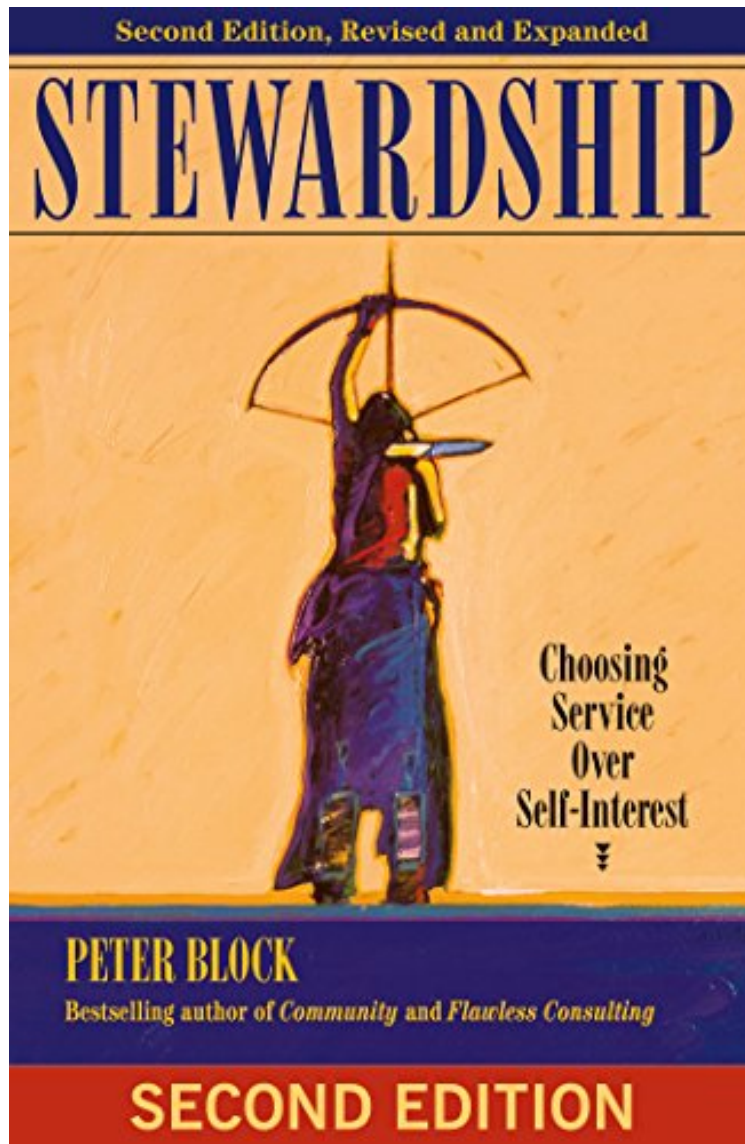


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since 1992. The first edition of Stewardship came out in 1993 and I used it with every cohort of doc students for about 15 years. After awhile, I felt I had to drop it because of the publication date. I was excited beyond words to learn about the second edition. I immediately adopted it as a textbook for the fall 2013 cohort. Stewardship is, in my humble opinion, the #1 leadership book of all time. And it really isn't about "leadership" per se, but about a new governance mindset. Peter Block's views resonate deeply with me. His model has the best chance of bringing about real change in organization development. I hope you will add this book to your leadership library. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Practical and Profound By Jesse Stoner Peter Block lays out a compelling and practical vision of the shift required to create the successful workplaces that are needed in today's world. He explains what is needed to create organizations where everyone is deeply committed and accountable for its success. Stewardship is about how to create a culture of service. Stewardship begins with our own attitude - a willingness to be deeply accountable for a team, an organization, a community. It requires a willingness to let go of the need to control or take care of others. Most leadership models are based on the idea of being "good parents" - helping subordinates grow, develop and accomplish their goals, rewarding their efforts and successes. It seems benevolent. However, it prevents people from becoming stewards of their organization. It is not possible to assume deep responsibility and accountability, and at the same time be dependent, expecting someone else to take care of you. I highly recommend this excellent book. It is so packed with thought-provoking ideas you'll find reading it is like eating a great meal - it makes so much sense and is so easy to read you could breeze right through it, but you'll want to read it slowly to savor each morsel. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Corporate Culture is a lot more impact upon our society ... By Lawrence Corporate Culture is a lot more impact upon our society than religion and if we are to survive ... influential pension system trustees who decide which corporate stock to invest in are the de facto architects of society. Human metrics drives behavioral metrics drives financial metrics and if we do not measure and benchmark them ... we are NOT managing our life.

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