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This book seemed like a natural next step to make our work available to a broader audience. We wrote it because, after a combined 60 years of working with leaders on their development, we know there is a far better way to go about it. The current “state-of-the-art” of the field of Leadership Development is not up to the task of developing leaders for the complex challenges we are facing now, let alone for the future.

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WHO SHOULD READ THE BOOK?
We wrote this book for all of us. It’s for CEOs and senior leaders who know that leadership effectiveness drives organizational performance and that there must be a better and faster way to develop effective leaders. It’s also for the leadership practitioners, human resource professionals, and organizational development professionals responsible for bringing to those senior leaders new and innovative approaches that can fulfill the promise of developing leaders for the future. Any leader will benefit from the distillation of knowledge gained through many decades of experience and research.
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