

Books on My Nightstand

Sometimes you just need a book to learn more about a topic. Whether a hard copy, an e-book or an audiobook, you can dig deeper, look at a topic more broadly, with a book. Here's my list of current favorites about lives, communication, leadership and business. I hope you enjoy them.

If you have a favorite book, [tell me](#) about it. If I add it to this list, you will receive a coupon for 10% off an upcoming event.

Best wishes and good reading
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P.S.: don't forget my book, [Living Single, Your Life, Your Way](#) – specifically for independent young women.

Biographies

- [Madeline Albright: A Twentieth Century Odyssey](#) by Michael Dobbs -a biography of one of the 20th centuries great female role models. Her newest book, [Fascism, a Warning](#) is also a gripping and frightening read.
- [Personal History](#) by Katherine Graham – the autobiography of one of the 20th century's strongest women, the publisher of the Washington Post
- [The Girl I Left Behind: A Narrative History of The Sixties](#) by Judith Nies – an autobiography about one woman's personal journey through the 1960s, balancing society's changing expectations with her own growing awareness of her abilities and confidence.

Leadership Skills

- [Leadership Passages](#) by David Dotlich, James Noel and Norman Walker – thirteen common and transformative events in a leader's career
- [What Got You Here Won't Get You There: How Successful People Become Even More Successful](#) by Marshall Goldsmith - an important read for anyone climbing the career ladder. The top really is different!
- [Switch: How to Change Things When Change is Hard](#) by Chip and Dan Heath – easy-reading book on creating and managing change. Learn to steer the elephant!
- [Office Politics: How to Thrive in a World of Lying, Backstabbing and Dirty Tricks](#) by Oliver James – one man's view of the game and how to play it
- [A First-Rate Madness: Uncovering the Links Between Leadership and Mental Illness](#) by Nassir Ghaemi – a fascinating study of the border between great and dangerous
- [Better](#) by Atul Gawande -written by a general surgeon, this book's lessons about continuous improvement apply far beyond the surgical suite. Atul Gawande is one of my favourite authors.

Communication

- [Get Clear: Craft and Deliver Impactful Presentations Worth Hearing](#) by Sandra van de Cauter – simply one of the most useful books on presenting that I have ever read.
- [Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Won't Stop Talking](#) by Susan Cain - a must-read for those of us who are on the quieter side
- [The Language of Success](#) by Tom Sant – a short and practical guide to effective business writing
- [Talk Like Ted](#) by Carmine Gallo - tips on presenting in the TED style
- [Fierce Conversations](#) by Susan Scott – clear, specific and usable strategies for handling difficult discussions. Whether you're confronting a low-performing employee or a rude relative, this book can help you. I've read it several times.

Women in Business

- [Women Don't Ask](#) by Linda Babcock and Sara Laschever -classic advice for women on reaching your own value in the workplace
- [Nice Girls \(still\) Don't Get The Corner Office](#) by Lois P. Frankel, PhD – another classic, straight talk for women in short sections
- [Her Place at the Table](#) by Deborah Kolb, Judith Williams, Carol Frohlinger – how to be heard
- [Why Women Mean Business](#) by Avivah Wittenberg-Cox and Alison Maitland - the economic argument for gender equality in business