Four Favorite Risk Reads for Risk Champions

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Here's our third list of inspiring reads for nonprofit risk professionals.

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Rethinking Risk Management: Critically Examining Old Ideas and New Concepts

By Rick Nason

The length of this book belies the wisdom inside. Nason fearlessly but thoughtfully questions sacred cows in the risk business, from the all-too-familiar risk framework to the wisdom of using a risk management process. In his chapter titled, "Are Risk Frameworks Evil?" Nason writes, "A comprehensive framework creates the illusion that everything is covered. However, there is value in feeling exposed." Nason's chapter on culture was the clear first weekend favorite read among the members of the Fall 2018 Risk Leadership Certificate Program cohort.

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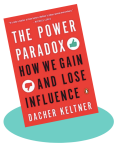
Beyond Management: Taking Charge at Work

By Mark Addleson

In this fascinating book, Addleson explains why familiar, factory-inspired approaches don't work for knowledge workers, and may even "make wicked problems appear tame." In a chapter on "Conversations for aligning: openness, commitments, and accountability," the author urges leaders to create a "repertoire of conversations to help us move ahead—conversations that would help us negotiate through the thicket of tough problems, get unstuck and align".



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The Power Paradox

By Dacher Keltner

The author of this thought-provoking book explores a number of tough truths about power, including::

- We gain and maintain power through empathy, but as we experience power we lose our focus on others.
- We gain and maintain power through giving, but when we are feeling powerful, we act in self-gratifying and often greedy ways.
- Cumulative abuses of power lead to diminished trust in the workplace.

Trust and purpose reinforce each other; high-trust cultures are key to achieving an ambitious mission, managing downside risks, and seizing opportunities to grow and thrive.

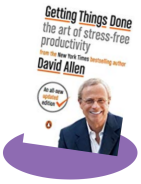
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Getting Things Done

By David Allen

NRMC Risk Leadership Certificate Program participant Julie Reyburn recommends this risk read because "mastering workflow helps mitigate the risk of missing a critical step."

Leadership guru Frances Hesselbein also recommends this book, noting that "David Allen brings new clarity to the power of purpose, the essential nature of relaxation, and deceptively simple guidelines for getting things done. He employs extensive experience, personal stories, and his own recipe for simplicity, speed, and fun."



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