

To: Members of the MDP Class of 2021-2022  
Fr: Andy Davies

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**Re: "Recommended Reading/Listening" from Taylor, Pat, Tom, Sherri, Cody, Gail,  
Courtney and Andy**

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. Recommended by Taylor Harrell:

"How Leaders Lead" by David Novak (podcast)... "David interviews leading CEOs and other successful leaders... each interview has key takeaways."

"The Ride of a Lifetime" (Disney) by Robert Iger

. Recommended by Pat Lewis:

"Light Up the Darkness" by Marc Hayford (written during pandemic to help reader forge thru adversity)

"The 5 Dysfunctions of a Team" by Patrick Lencioni

"Designed for Success: The 10 Commandments for Women in the Workplace" by Dondi Scumaci

. Recommended by Tom Rasey:

"The 360 Degree Leader" by John Maxwell

*The Wall Street Journal (daily)*

"Built on Values" by Ann Rhoades

. Recommended by Sherri Sackett:

"Stuff You Should Know" (podcast)... "one of my favorites if you want to learn details and history on a single subject with pop culture references, this is an entertaining source."

"Unleashed" by Frances Frei and Annie Morriss... "I recommend skipping the audible version and grabbing a hard copy; book is excellent for current leaders and aspiring leaders; book challenges the traditional leadership narrative and shares a more relevant perspective of empowering others around you, which creates the framework for teams to thrive at a more impactful and higher scale."

"Winging It" by Emma Isaacs: "focus is to stop overthinking, underestimating and take action, we often hide behind not trying something new until we feel we have the perfect plan or scenario, which often feels like the safe option; it's about letting go of perfectionism and underestimating your ability to try new things and succeed; do the things that scare you, don't be afraid to fail, just simply get back up and try again."

"The Culture Code" by Daniel Coyle

"Leaders Who Love What They Do" by Ann Collins (podcast)

. Recommended by Cody Florence:

"The 12 Week Year" by Brian Moran

. Recommended by Gail Queen:

"Atomic Habits" by James Clear

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. Recommended by Courtney Fleming:

“Think Again” by Adam Grant: “is one of the best books I’ve read in 2021. I think I may read it again in 2022”.

“Emotional Agility” by Susan David: “It reads like a reference book, but I really enjoyed it and insight it provides to have more productive conversations about emotion with friends, family and colleagues.”

Next on my list in 2022: “My Life in Full” by Indra Nooyi

“Dare to Lead” by Brene Brown (podcast) (I find great value in continuing to listen to her podcasts).

“Grit” by Angela Duckworth

“Unlocking Us” by Brene Brown (podcast)

“Work Life” by Adam Grant (podcast)

“Playing Big: Practical Wisdom for Women Who Want to Speak Up, Create and Lead” by Tara Mohr

and next up to read: “Likeability Trap” by Alicia Menendez... “this one is also especially for women.”

. Recommended by Andy Davies:

As also recommended by Tom Rasey: *The Wall Street Journal (daily)*

“American Icon: Alan Mulally and the Fight to Save Ford Motor Co” by Bryce G. Hoffman

“A Sense of Urgency” by John P. Kotter

“Connecting the Dots” by John Chambers

“Talent Wins” by Charan, Barton and Carey

“The Changing World Order: Why Nations Succeed and Fail” by Ray Dalio

Fiction Andy recommends (to relax and just enjoy good stories):

“The Killer Angels: The Classic Novel of the Civil War” by Michael Shaara

“Never” by Ken Follett (well-plotted countdown to potential nuclear war US/China)

“Five Decembers” by James Kestrel (if you like WWII combined with lead character being detective on the Honolulu Police Department force... one of the best WWII novels I have EVER read)

The ‘Myron Bolitar’ character series by Harlan Coben

“Open Season” by CJ Box (first in long series starring Wyoming game warden, Joe Pickett. 12 in series)

“Foreign Deceit” by Jeff Carson (first in series of Colorado detective David Wolf, 16 in series to date)

“The Cold Dish” by Craig Johnson (first in series of Wyoming sheriff Walt Longmire... 21 in series to date)  
(formerly series on A&E and now on Netflix)

All novels by Stephen Hunter featuring “Bob Lee Swagger”, starting with ‘Point of Impact’

All novels by NC author John Hart

All novels by Daniel Silva

Series by author Philip Kerr, featuring WWII Berlin police detective Bernie Gunther

The Detective Dave Robicheaux series by (opinion) America’s greatest living fiction author, the great James Lee Burke

Author Brian Panowich, The Bull Mountain series

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