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Too many people assume the timeless principles of true leadership—of helping others achieve their full potential—don't apply Monday through Friday during work hours or in any circumstance where a paycheck is involved.

In GREATER THAN YOURSELF, Steve Farber proves them wrong: in this powerful and inspiring story, Farber shows that the goal of a genuine leader is to help others—teammates, employees, and colleagues—become more capable, confident, and accomplished than they are themselves. Through the actions of a forward-thinking and extraordinarily successful CEO, Farber reveals the three keys to achieving this: Expand Yourself, Give Yourself, and Replicate Yourself.

Filled with actionable principles and innovative ideas, GREATER THAN YOURSELF is perhaps the most powerful message today's business leaders can learn.

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Lisa says

This was a fast and inspiring read that I'm sure I will come back to over and over again.

Jesse says

I marked this a nonfiction, though the story itself is actually a work of fiction. And I think that is why I gave it four stars. This is the first book I've read by Farber, and I really enjoyed his style. I found the concepts that he presented in "Greater Than Yourself" to be intriguing and inspiring. I agree with Farber that most humans have a feeling, deep down, to want to help others become more. I was quickly sucked into the idea, and started thinking about who I could work with.

The story is written in a fast pace, with well thought-out characters. I enjoyed this a lot, and was able to finish it in a couple of sittings.

Amy Bell says

I had to read this for my mentoring program at work. It has some good points about elevating people above yourself with the talents you have. It was wrapped in what seemed to be a fictional narrative. I did like the epilogue where it talked about actually implementing the model.

Donna says

I can sum up the bulk of this review with a single question. Have you ever asked someone you didn't know well, how their day was and before a respectable pause could occur after the last word came from your mouth, they were babbling-on, giving you a blow by blow account of their day, down to the snacks they extracted from the vending machines? That is how this felt.

It was also similar to taking a young child to the park and they kept yelling, "Watch this," and "Look at me." Reading this book also felt like that.

Dayla says

I loved this book, and the entire challenge that the author pursued. Steve Farber's novel idea that in leadership, it is important to 1) expand oneself; 2) give oneself; and 3) replicate oneself. Good book for any Leadership group. Thank you E D for providing us this book.

Janine McBee says

Great reminder about what is important in life. Like the reminder/challenge to not only invest in others, but to challenges others to invest in themselves, as well as investing in your personal/professional development.

Laura says

Quick Read which gave me some interesting insights into motherhood, even though this is a "business" book.

Cynthia Egbert says

I realize that some people do not care for books that are "non-fiction" that are written in a parable form, but I really love that approach. That is what Mr. Farber does here and the concept that he is promoting is very much changing my life. Because of who I am and what I believe, I quickly moved from this volume to scripture and other inspirational books in my library and made some beautiful connections. I cannot recommend this highly enough and would love to have a discussion with anyone who has a chance to read this one.

Eve says

Overall, I very much enjoy business novels because stories are often the best way to convey wisdom, knowledge, and ideas.

Although I very much liked the philosophy outlined in this book, the characters charged with instructing our doubting every-man Steve, are smug and annoying know-it-alls who love a good reveal.

However if you can get passed the trees to look at the forest, the tenets espoused are good ones built on the steps: 1) Expand yourself 2) Give yourself and 3) Replicate yourself. The idea is to "promote another's welfare by opening up the door to your personal inventory and helping them to make the best use of it. And you're not donating to a 'needy cause' so much as to a worthy person'" (p. 122). The result wins accolades not just for the receiver but for the giver as well.

And that's the other thing that nagged at me while reading. *Prima facie*, this is all about making others "greater than yourself," but it seems there's always a little angle for the giver. "By focusing on making others greater than yourself, you become one of the greats, too'" (p. 22). This is fine - I have nothing against recognition and appreciation for someone who has helped another in their careers. I just wish the characters in the book didn't spend so much time touting the philanthropic aspects of the approach.

Lou Caniglia says

This is an awesome and quick read. I recommend it to anyone who leads or manages people.

Zane says

A must read life changing book

I honestly don't like to read much but I began reading this book on a Saturday morning and I couldn't put it down. If you are looking for a new way of thinking, a new leadership approach, or just a better way to live your life then read this book. It's difficult to find a book that sparks real change. But this one did it for me. I hope it can for you too. ~Patria

Angela says

Reading for our manager book club at work.

Mary Lou says

I've read few books written in the story format about self-improvement. This is another one. The story is light and interesting and predictable. But the concept is a little different in that it assumes you already have many gifts and talents, and you are going to go find a subject to share them with. You are going to help someone else be "greater than yourself."

As I was reading, I realized that I was almost reading a story about my husband, who has been a top-notch manager in a difficult field. He has helped so many engineers and technology gurus become all that they could be, without worrying that he was the one on top.

I think this is a great concept/principle to put into practice. It fits well with a Christian-thinking mind.

Runa Magnudottir says

Love it!!

Jodi says

It's a fine, simple idea. I don't know that it required an entire book to get the point across, but it was a quick,

inspirational read.
