

BOOK REVIEW

Book Reviews for the JCLD

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Our senior leaders at the Academy's Center for Character and Leadership Development recently agreed to add a book review section in the *Journal of Character and Leadership Development*. Our intent is to review newly published books on character and leadership as well as some of the older "gold standard" works on the subject—what we might call "classics" of character and leadership development. We hope that the *JCLD*'s readership will see in these reviews enough to make informed decisions whether or not to read the full books themselves, as they relate to their personal and professional interests.

We have a confession to make to our readers, however. In addition to the intent and hope above, our new book review efforts have additional purposes that are directly related to our professional responsibility to develop others. By reviewing the content of new and classic books, we trust that those committed to their own personal professional development will expand their individual reading programs and learning efforts and conduct "deep dives" into the reviewed subjects for their own growth. We also see book reviews as a way to develop our Academy staff; it is a true privilege to assist our military and civilian colleagues who write these reviews. Conducting critical analysis and writing prose are important parts of the book review process—skills that even the most experienced leaders can always improve. For those JCLD readers interested in writing reviews for this section, please contact me at john.abbatiello@usafa.edu for more details.

In keeping with current publishing trends, we also plan to make our book reviews available at our online host site, and details will follow. We envision publishing only a few reviews per JCLD issue, but making many more available as they flow in from our affiliated reviewers.

And now, back to our current issue. Our first reviews consider one new work and one classic book. Lt Col Dave Huston offers his thoughts on Barbara Kellerman's *Professionalizing Leadership*, published recently by Oxford University Press. Kellerman takes the "leadership development industry" to task on their lack of effectiveness as a community and shares her thoughts on making the industry more professional. Huston relays some ideas about how the USAF might become involved in this industry. The next review analyzes Rushworth Kidder's classic work on ethical decision-making, *How Good People Make Tough Choices*. Our readers might find it interesting that this 1995 book serves as the basis for much of our character development curriculum for first classmen (seniors) at the Air Force Academy. In his review, Captain Alex Butler takes us through Kidder's frameworks, as the author clearly articulates and enhances with real world examples. Both are worthwhile reads!

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