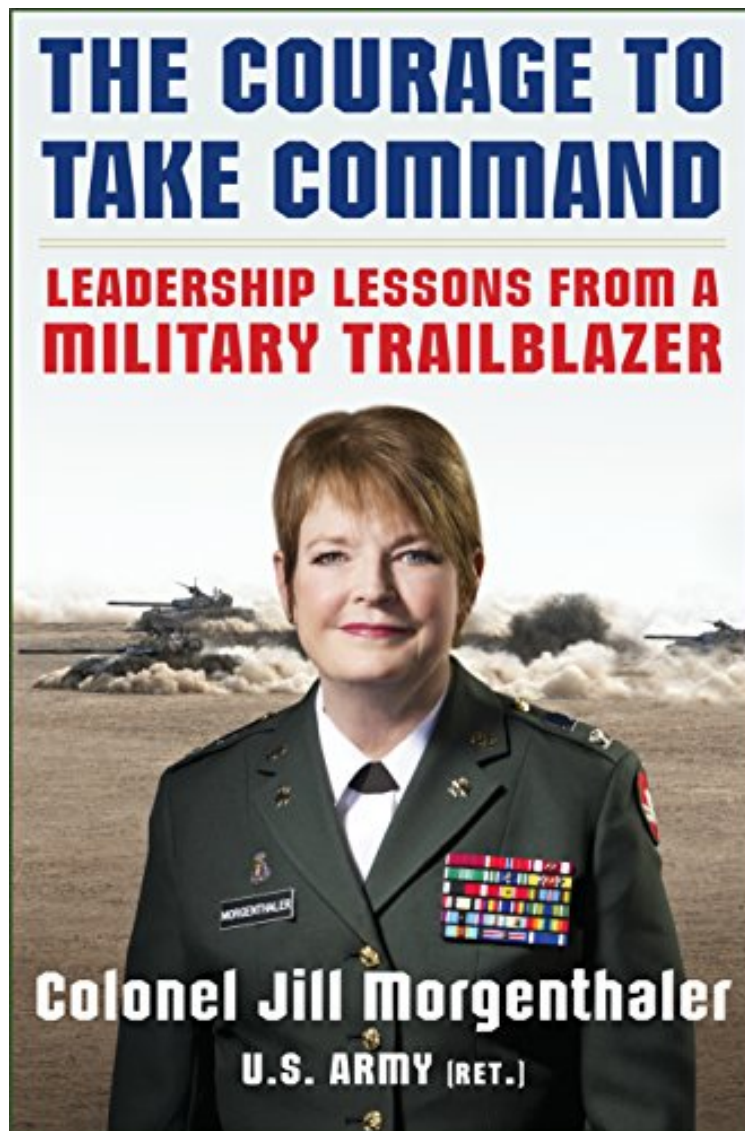


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Jill Morgenthaler : The Courage to Take Command: Leadership Lessons from a Military Trailblazer (Business Books) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Courage to Take Command: Leadership Lessons from a Military Trailblazer (Business Books):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Amazing Journey of Unwavering Courage and Humor in The Face of Fear By Janice (Jan) Hartmann Colonel Jill Morgenthaler commands my highest respect by her courage, in

exemplifying resilience and discipline. Her book will take you on a journey like no other I've ever read before, and I can't recommend it enough - whether reading it for the lessons she imparts or for entertainment value - of a life well lived! Colonel Jill Morgenthaler takes us on an amazing journey of her leadership skills; honed through intense scrutiny of the U.S. Army, at a time in history when women had to make a path for themselves or be left behind. Jill overcame paralyzing fears by facing them head-on and with a keen sense of humor. Colonel Jill Morgenthaler shares with the reader the details of how she led with the element of surprise, from blowing kisses to learning unexpected skills; such as learning to speak Russian, so when her convoy was desperately lost in enemy territory, as a woman staring fear in the face she could ask for directions, which ended-up saving their lives. I deeply admire Colonel Jill Morgenthaler for all her accomplishments, but most of all for her unwavering courage and humor she brought to leadership.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Courage to Command by Jill Morgenthaler
By Madison W Fairbanks
The Courage to Take Command
Leadership Lessons from a Military Trailblazer by Colonel Jill Morgenthaler
This is a practical straightforward leadership guide. While a lot of the book includes the military as the background, the overall text and lessons can be applied to any leadership position. It's clearly written and easily read because of the stories and antidotes that Morgenthaler includes throughout the text. This book spans a long time in her military career and frankly makes me want to both applaud her success and talk to her more in person and find about her experiences. I'll bet she has some great stories. This is one smart lady. Below are some of the points that I will take back to the office with me and incorporate into my routines. "A good leader strives to overlook no one and bring out the best in everyone." "People will frequently live up or down to your expectations of them. Listening, interaction, and accessibility are strong tools of being a good leader. On fear: "take the fear and break it into doable pieces. Do the little stuff, and keep moving forward. Fear never goes away completely, but you can learn to channel fear as a motivation instead of an excuse for inaction." "Organizational awareness. Cultivate relationships with power players."

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great, Educational Book for All in the Working World to Read!
By FantasyGirl
My mom and sister had the pleasant opportunity of listening to Colonel Jill Morgenthaler speak at a local conference. Afterwards, my sister told me some of the interesting stories she shared about her military experience. I was a little disappointed that my schedule did not allow me to hear her speak, but then lo and behold! My mom bought her book and passed it on to my sister and me. This is the first book I have read on leadership. I never had a desire to climb the ladder career-wise or be a leader of a group, large or small. But Colonel Morgenthaler's book is not only for leaders; it is also for everyone who deals with people in the real world. Through her 30 years of experience, Colonel Morgenthaler gives tips and strategies on how to overcome obstacles, stand up for yourself, and become a respected, compassionate leader/team player. She also explains how difficult life was for career women in the '70s and how it still is in some present day situations. I was appalled at some of the obstacles she had to face throughout her career, but cheered when she overcame these ridiculous obstacles through courage and professionalism. The Courage to Take Command is a definite must-read for those aspiring to work positively in the workforce; those currently in the workforce and wish to expand their knowledge and skills in how to work effectively as a team/leader; and as I mentioned earlier for people who work with and for the general public on a daily basis. Her last chapter, called "Reinvention" can also be applied to people who are going through major life changes...I certainly could relate to that and found her words encouraging!

POWERFUL LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM A TRAILBLAZING FEMALE COLONEL IN THE U.S. ARMY

When Jill Morgenthaler arrived at boot camp in 1975 as part of the inaugural class of women in the Army, she was one of 83 female cadets . . . on a base of 50,000 men. So she knows a thing or two about conquering obstacles. In *The Courage to Take Command*, Colonel Morgenthaler provides invaluable leadership lessons drawn from her three decades of military service--from her first days in ROTC to combat in some of the world's most dangerous war zones. Ironically, the military taught her that leadership isn't about "command and control." Rather, it requires a fine balance of reason and emotion, distance and familiarity, hard and soft power. Learn how to lead your team to success by: Being true to your vision--but being open to new ideas Tackling obstacles head-on--but using finesse to arrive at solutions Focusing on the mission--while protecting your people Projecting strong leadership presence--but serving every member of your team, especially the weakest and most vulnerable Maintaining team spirit--but refusing to tolerate mediocrity Accepting and embracing your fears--but never letting them control you Always having a plan--but also trusting your gut Expressing a healthy self-confidence--with a side of humility It took both a spine of steel and a smart sense of people for Morgenthaler to get where she did. Now she draws on the wisdom garnered from her experience to help you develop an authentic brand of leadership and succeed at all levels of any organization. *The Courage to Take Command* provides the strategies and tactics you need to follow through with your leadership vision, inspire your team, and execute your mission--even when the odds may seem overwhelming.

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