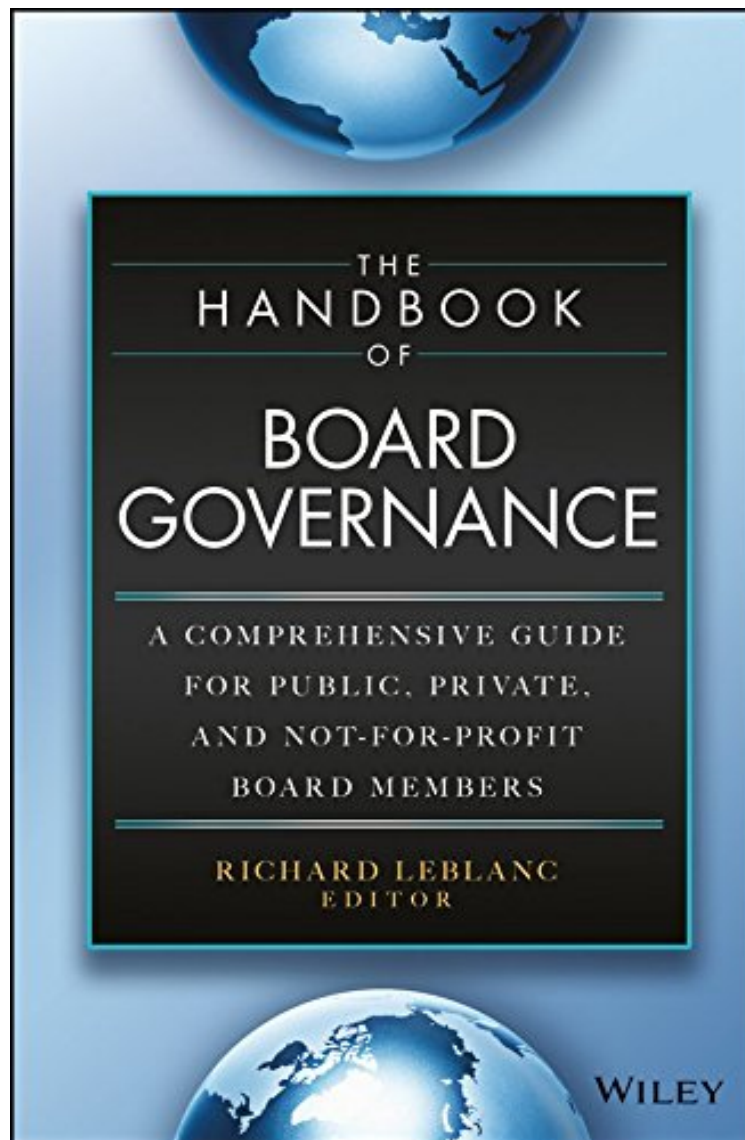


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CorpGovNetAt more than 850 pages with 50 authors for \$50, it has to be a best buy for those looking for practical information and theory in corporate governance today, and for several years going forward. If I have one criticism of the Handbook, it is that it seems to be addressed not just to directors but also to everyone with an interest in corporate governance; even if they are unfamiliar with that term. Yes, the core of the book deals with the board's responsibilities but also covered are the rise of shareholder activism, issues surrounding the social framework and the corporation's accountability to the larger society. The final part of the book delves into an even broader range of topics, including variants of the corporate form as well as the distinctly international example of corporate governance in Middle East and North Africa (MENA) countries. Why not Europe or Asian countries? Probably because most readers will already have at least some familiarity with those regions. Of course, my criticism also points to a major source of strength in this rather large volume. Where but in a director's handbook edited by Richard Leblanc would readers be exposed to my thoughts on the individual shareholder's role in corporate governance or Alissa Amic's study of corporate governance practices in the Arab world? These are widely divergent topics. Diversity in skills, demographics and in thought will help today's boards address tomorrow's concerns. The Handbook of Board Governance does an excellent job of exposing readers to the topics every director must address. While it plumbs the depths of value creation and measurement, corporate incentives, CEO succession planning, risk management and best board practices, it also introduces future directors and their advisors to more recently emerging concerns in information technology, start-ups, small company governance, social and environmental issues. I will be forever grateful to Richard Leblanc for including my contribution in a volume of long-time heroes such as Robert A. G. Monks, Nell Minow, Holly J. Gregory, Michael Useem, Ram Charan, Jon Lukonmik, Charles M. Elson, and Edward E. Lawler III, as well as a newer generation (at least to me) including Douglas Y. Park, Alice Korngold, Adam Quinton, Adam J. Epstein and Mark Van Clief. When I agreed to contribute a chapter to Richard Leblanc's book, I knew he was an excellent speaker, blogger and teacher. I also suspected he was a good promoter. How else could he attract over 23,000 members to his LinkedIn group, Boards Advisors? But, I never dreamed I'd see The Handbook of Board Governance make the lights of New York's Times Square across from the Hard Rock Cafe. Now I'm half expecting to see Leblanc on the late night TV circuit, like a candidate for public office reaching out to voters. It reminds me a little of Robert A. G. Monks placing a full-page ad in The Wall Street Journal in 1992, calling out the directors of Sears as "Non-Performing Assets." Monks was pushing several corporate governance reforms at Sears, as well as a study of spinning off several businesses due to lack of synergy. Sears committed \$5.5 million to defeat Monks' candidacy for a single seat on the board, so it wasn't surprising that he lost. He had already headed the Pension Welfare Benefits Administration and had founded Institutional Shareholder Services, so was well known. However, the ad gave him a greater degree of popular notoriety and may have helped chart the course for future accomplishments — LENS Investment Management, the Corporate Library, a whole shelf of authored books, etc. In a year when serial self-promoter Donald Trump has won the Presidency, some might dismiss such ads as simple publicity stunts, like what we may have seen for Trump Steaks or Trump University. However, publicity can be the key to growing awareness of important issues, not just a means to a quick buck. There is substance behind the popularizing efforts of Monks and Leblanc who are both in it for the long-term for the right reasons. Although Sears ultimately implemented much of Monks' program, few see it as a growth company. They would have been better off with him as a director. Likewise, The Handbook of Board Governance actually has a good chance of becoming The handbook future directors will turn to in reference to issues or problems they face. Leblanc has assembled an outstanding collection of wide-ranging material covering the key issues from a who's who list of corporate governance experts (I'm not sure how I got in), as well as contributing his own excellent chapter on Director Independence, Competency and Behavior. Today's most powerful revolutionary forces are multinational corporations, globalizing the economy at the speed of light — even after Brexit — even if Trump builds a wall between us and our third most important trading partner. Corporations facilitate the ability of entrepreneurs to generate previously unknown abundance. Few want to sacrifice the golden goose. However, more and more recognize abundance has come at the cost of inequality, environmental degradation, alienation and anomie. The "self-regulation" of markets was always an illusion and is now more widely seen as inadequate because markets focus only on what can be readily priced. Other values are frequently more important. Corporations cannot remain largely democratic-free zones because governments and other social institutions no longer provide an adequate counterbalance to their power. Yes, mine is one of the more radical voices in The Handbook of Board Governance. Most of the authors provide directors with the practical advice they need today to cope with their growing role in a changing world. However, Leblanc's compilation does not shy away from the real contests for Power and Accountability that are occurring at an increasing rate. Publicity and public opinion, like the Times Square ad, are waking individuals to the central role played by corporate governance. Recognition, public opinion, dialogue and transformation are coming. Don't be left behind. Don't risk being a non-performing asset. And if you are not a director, advisor or gatekeeper — read on. If we are going to create the world we want, we need to know how the current one operates. The Handbook of Board Governance has plenty to say about that, as well as how the world of corporate governance should operate.

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