Summary Of The 48 Laws Of Power: By Robert Greene | Includes Analysis
Synopsis

Preview: The 48 Laws of Power by Robert Greene is a self-help book offering advice on how to gain and maintain power, using lessons drawn from parables and the experiences of historical figures. Power depends on the relationships between a person and those he or she seeks to control. Powerful people must cultivate their appearances to earn respect and eliminate doubt. They must practice selective honesty, misdirection, and an excess of secrecy to gain a tactical advantage. Timing is central to maintaining power, as is the ability to adapt. The array of strategies available when seeking power include mirroring the opponent's actions and controlling the opponent's options for action. The powerful must also cultivate a relationship with audiences by creating spectacles and feeding their need to believe in the impossible. PLEASE NOTE: This is key takeaways and analysis of the book and NOT the original book. Inside this Instaread Summary of The 48 Laws of Power: Overview of the book Important people Key takeaways Analysis of key takeaways

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Customer Reviews

For those who believe in total integrity, you are likely going to shake your head in disbelief as you read this book. You will definitely want to read this 31 page Instaread summary first before considering the 452 page original by Robert Greene! The original is a self help book on how to gain and maintain power. "They must practice selective honesty, misdirection and an excess of secrecy to gain a tactical advantage." The list of all the Important People goes back to the 1500s! 11 Key Takeways are presented in this Instaread summary. Here are a couple to whet your appetite: >>>#1 - "In order to cultivate relationships that increase their power, people seeking power should force
I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. This summary of “The 48 Laws of Power” is divided into 11 key takeaways that highlight the main points of the original book. This book discusses how people can “gain and maintain power.” The author uses parables and experiences of people in history to make his points. I was really interested to learn about these laws, and although I wouldn’t apply these laws in my own life, the author’s ideas were entertaining to read. For instance, key takeaway number four states, “The powerful can practice selective honesty, place blame on others, appear more naive than the people they wish to manipulate, act like a friend in order to gain information, and imitate others to conceal radical thinking.” This book definitely doesn’t teach a moral way to obtain power, but if you are interested in reading the original, this summary will help you decide if you actually want to.

Robert Greene’s The 48 Laws of Power is a self-help book that offers advice on how to gain and maintain power. Based on Instaread’s Summary of the 48 Laws of Power by Robert Greene, however, the book sounds more like a how-to book for a confidence artist than a book that anyone with a sense of integrity and morals should want to follow. Greene uses parables and examples of historical figures to illustrate his points, but his advice to be selectively honest, use misdirection, and maintain an excess of secrecy hardly seem the traits one would want in a leader, or even a colleague. In an age when scandals and corruption taint politics and society, this isn’t a book I would recommend to my students, other than as a “how-not-to” guide. Thanks to Instaread for an comprehensive summary that lets an unwary reader know what’s inside a book before
buying.

This is an overview of the actual book “The 48 Laws of Power.” Kind of like an abbreviated Cliff’s Notes for the full book. It provides a potential reader enough information regarding this book’s content to determine if we want to invest the extra money and time to actually buy and read the entire book. There have been many “self-help” books written over the last century. Most of them deal with positive and morally acceptable personal behaviors. A fair portion of this book goes negative. While the points that are made seem to be genuinely common human reactions they do not ascribe to the best side societal activity. Reading through this summary will give you a better understanding.

Are you a history buff with interest in political power and historical regimes? “The 48 Laws of Power” by Robert Greene is a self-help book offering advice on how to gain and maintain power, using lessons drawn from parables and the experiences of historical figures. Even if you have no desire for influence or control, this review by Instaread is a fascinating read, outlining how Macbeth, Carly Fiorina, Obama, and Hilary Clinton grappled with becoming leaders and managers. Instaread explores the motifs of Greene’s book, and discuss his influences such as “The Prince” and “The Art of War.” With this added layer of understanding and depth, this review expounds your understanding of authority and leadership. The 11 key takeaways are perfect for busy individuals like me, who don’t have time to read extensively, but want the general message of the self-help book. I loved this review and recommend it! I was given a copy to review.