WHAT TO READ THIS SUMMER
Suggestions for Your Summer Reading from Leadership Thought Leaders.

Beverly Kaye, author of Hello Stay Interviews, Goodbye Talent Loss
The Whole Brain Business Book by Ned Herrmann and Ann Herrmann-Nehdi. “Ann has been teaching and consulting in the power of Whole Brain Thinking for decades. She makes the area easy to understand and put to use!”

Danny Rubin, author of Wait! How Do I Write This Email?
How to Win Friends & Influence People by Dale Carnegie. “It’s an essential guide to understanding the power of interpersonal skills and what it takes to build lasting business relationships.”

Julie Winkle-Giuliani, author of Help Them Grow or Watch Them Go
A More Beautiful Question by Warren Berger. “In today’s sound-bitten, answer-oriented world, questioning is under-valued and rarely taught. Berger provides a framework and countless (indexed!) questions to drive dialogue deeper and cultivate the kinds of conversations that can contribute to powerful outcomes.”

Richard Fagerlin, author of Trustology
Essentialism by Greg McKeown. “This book outlines the mindset and impact of an essentialist. Instead of the undisciplined pursuit of more, McKeown teaches how to have more impact by living the disciplined pursuit of less but better.”

Jennifer Kahnweiler, author of The Genius of Opposites
The Originals by Adam Grant. “This is such a compelling read. It gets at the root of creative thinking by drawing compelling examples of disrupters from the arts, history, and technology. Research comes alive when Adam Grant teaches it!”

Janice Kobelsky, FCPA, FCMA | Think Anew! Series | Millennial Minds Inc.
O Great One! A Little Story about the Awesome Power of Recognition by David Novak and Christa Bourg. “It’s a wonderfully told story to address head-on the business challenges of energizing engagement and high performance. It’s a powerful take-away of 10 interwoven Guiding Principles to hone the skill of giving recognition where recognition is due—and needed. The outcome? Performance and potential: rewarded, rekindled, and unleashed.”

Tim Mulligan, author of Roar: How to Build a Resilient Organization the World Famous San Diego Zoo Way
The Next Level: What Insiders Know About Executive Success, by Scott Elbin. “While geared to leaders on the brink of bigger positions (i.e., C-suite), the concepts in this book can also be very helpful for leaders at any level, whether they are planning on moving up or not. I personally have made many changes in my style, schedule, and priorities because of this book, and have recommended it to many others.”

Becky Robinson, founder and CEO of Weaving Influence and Hometown Reads
Under New Management by David Burkus. “Burkus highlights 13 ways some organizations are changing practices to become more effective, including outlawing email and ditching performance appraisals. This well-researched and thoughtful book will challenge your thinking and create new ideas and energy for your work.”

Tanveer Naseer, award-winning leadership writer and keynote speaker
No One Understands You and What to do About It by Heidi Grant Halvorson. “This book distills years of psychology and behavioral sciences research to help leaders better understand why sometimes what we’re saying is not leading to the outcomes we’re after. A fascinating read that will help you better understand those you lead—and yourself.”

Marcia Conner, co-author of The New Social Learning: Connect, Collaborate, Work
Organizing Genius: The Secrets of Creative Collaboration by Warren Bennis. “My all-time favorite leadership book. Bennis chronicles the amazing stories and critical collaborations of six ad-hoc teams, growing great under unlikely circumstances, pulling together to make the world both better and smarter, just in time.”

See recommendations from DDI leadership experts.