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Toxic leaders, both political, like Slobodan Milosevic, and corporate, like Enron's Ken Lay, have always been with us, and many books have been written to explain what makes them tick. Here leadership scholar Jean Lipman-Blumen explains what makes the followers tick, exploring why people will tolerate--and remain loyal to--leaders who are destructive to their organizations, their employees, or their nations. Why do we knowingly follow, seldom unseat, frequently prefer, and sometimes even create toxic leaders? Lipman-Blumen argues that these leaders appeal to our deepest needs, playing on our

anxieties and fears, on our yearnings for security, high self-esteem, and significance, and on our desire for noble enterprises and immortality. She also explores how followers inadvertently keep themselves in line by a set of insidious control myths that they internalize. For example, the belief that the leader must necessarily be in a position to "know more" than the followers often stills their objections. In addition, outside forces--such as economic depressions, political upheavals, or a crisis in a company--can increase our anxiety and our longing for charismatic leaders. Lipman-Blumen shows how followers can learn critical lessons for the future and survive in the meantime. She discusses how to confront, reform, undermine, blow the whistle on, or oust a toxic leader. And she suggests how we can diminish our need for strong leaders, identify "reluctant leaders" among competent followers, and even nurture the leader within

ourselves. Toxic leaders charm, manipulate, mistreat, weaken, and ultimately devastate their followers. The Allure of Toxic Leaders tells us how to recognize these leaders before it's too late.

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From the award-winning developers of *Factory Physics*—a powerful leadership guide for breakthrough performance A comprehensive guide that cuts through the hodgepodge of copycat initiatives, overblown buzzwords, confusing mathematics, and misguided software, *Factory Physics for Managers* is a breath of fresh air for operations managers and executives. Written by the leaders and experts behind the bestselling *Factory Physics*, it's a brilliant crash course in the practical science of operations designed to help you: Achieve best possible profit, cash flow, and customer service Attain highest return with existing Lean, Six Sigma, and ERP initiatives Manage your capacity, inventory, response time, and variability with high predictability Simplify management of complexity using existing IT systems Use the fundamentals of science to ensure your operation's success See your company and procedures more clearly Improve intuition, decision making, and strategy execution A strategy of imitation is not much of a strategy. Most every company uses the common continuous improvement initiatives. This highly accessible guide addresses but goes beyond other business approaches such as Lean, Six Sigma, and Theory of Constraints by offering a customizable plan that you can apply to any manufacturing-based industry or supply chain. You'll discover invaluable tools for developing operations strategy and driving execution by using practical science to assess your

procedures, target problems, and find solutions. You'll learn essential life lessons from the best—and worst—practices of corporate leaders like Toyota and Boeing. You'll find ingenious new ways to improve your leadership by predictively managing the tradeoffs that every operation faces—whether it's more or less inventory or capacity, higher or lower customer service, or more or fewer products. Using this approach, you can tackle these natural conflicts in business through a practical, comprehensive science of operations. *Factory Physics for Managers* makes it easier to choose and execute the best strategy for better productivity—and even bigger profits. Praise for *Factory Physics for Managers* “*Factory Physics for Managers* is a proven path to flawless execution and results. Leading vs. following in our industry is predicated on the relentless pursuit of putting order to chaos. *Factory Physics* science and CSuite software have given our organization the ability to plan, predict, model, and execute based on explosive growth and rapid-fire, dynamic changes to our business model. In our case, history is not a good predictor of the future, so we need to deploy our resources wisely, and the *Factory Physics* approach has helped us do just that.” —Larry Doerr, COO, Stratasys “Shows how the science behind Lean initiatives can greatly improve results in terms of productivity and resources.” —Bill Fierle, Vice President and General Manager, TopWorx, Emerson “Brings powerful, accessible science to operations management. The *Factory Physics* playbook enables me to lead the harnessing of our data more effectively for modeling, planning, control, and feedback. Armed with the concepts, common language, and tools in this book, I can partner with operations' leadership to impact the

bottom line.” —Jeffrey Korman, CIO, Hu-Friedy Mfg LLC, Chicago
Brutal Dictators In History Princeton University Press
 “With good judgment, little else matters. Without it, nothing else matters.” Whether we’re talking about United States presidents, CEOs, Major League coaches, or wartime generals, leaders are remembered for their best and worst judgment calls. In the face of ambiguity, uncertainty, and conflicting demands, the quality of a leader’s judgment determines the fate of the entire organization. That’s why judgment is the essence of leadership. Yet despite its importance, judgment has always been a fairly murky concept. The leadership literature has been conspicuously quiet on what, exactly, defines it. Does judgment differ from common sense or gut instinct? Is it a product of luck? Of smarts? Or is there a process for making consistently good calls? Noel Tichy and Warren Bennis have each spent decades studying and teaching leadership and advising top CEOs such as Jack Welch and Howard Schultz. Now, in their first collaboration, they offer a powerful framework for making tough calls when the stakes are high and the right path is far from obvious. They show how to recognize the critical moment before a judgment call, when swift and decisive action is essential, and also how to execute a decision after the call. Tichy and Bennis bring their three-dimensional model to life with interviews with world-class leaders who have thrived or suffered because of their judgment calls. These stories include: • Jeff Immelt, CEO of General Electric, whose judgment to grow through research and development transformed GE into the world’s premier technology growth company. • Joel Klein, chancellor of the New York City Department of Education, who made tough calls about teachers,

students, and parents while turning around a troubled school system. • Jim McNerney, CEO of Boeing, whose strategic judgment helped him reinvigorate his company and restore a culture of trust and respect. • The late general Wayne Downing, who found an unexpected opportunity in the midst of crisis when he led the Special Operations raid to capture Manuel Noriega. • A. G. Lafley, CEO of Procter & Gamble, who bet \$57 billion to purchase Gillette and reinvent his company. • Brad Anderson, CEO of Best Buy, who made the call to commit totally to a customer-centric strategy and led his people to execute it. Whether you’re running a small department or a global corporation, Judgment will give you a framework for evaluating any situation, making the call, and correcting if necessary during the execution phase. It will show you how to handle the overlapping domains of people, strategy, and crisis management. And it will help you teach your entire team to make the right call more often. No organization can afford to neglect this crucial discipline—and no previous book has ever brought it into such clear focus.

Profiles in Folly HarperChristian + ORM

Today more than ever, international headlines are dominated by dispatches from the many dictatorships that still dot the globe. Although Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein has been deposed, North Korea's Kim Jong-il continues to attract attention on the world stage; at the same time, other dictatorships, led by royal families, military juntas, and single political parties, persist in repressing and brutalizing their citizens without ever attracting anything like Saddam's or Kim Jong-il's level of international attention. In this fascinating, eye-opening read, New York Times bestselling author

David Wallechinsky offers in-depth portraits of each of the twenty worst dictators -- and the governments they head -- currently in power: exposing their crimes, and revealing their strange personalities and mysterious backgrounds. Tyrants also reveals the extent that foreign corporations and governments support these tyrants despite their policies. Timely and provocative, crafted with the popular touch that has made Wallechinsky a bestselling author, Tyrants will awaken you to the criminal regimes of the present -- and pose challenging questions about America's role in curbing (or promoting) their power in the future. The Tyrant Hall of Shame includes: Kim Jong-il/North Korea Hu Jintao/China Seyed Ali Khamenei/Iran King Abdullah/Saudi Arabia Muammar al-Qaddafi/Libya Omar al-Bashir/Sudan Islam Karimov/Uzbekistan Saparmurat Niyazov/Turkmenistan Fidel Castro/Cuba

Bad Leadership Independently Published

Get a behind-the-scenes glimpse of what it takes to be considered one of the worst figures in history, with this fourth book in a nonfiction series that focuses on the most nefarious historical figures. Lizzie Borden took an axe, gave her mother forty whacks. When she saw what she had done, she gave her father forty-one. On August 4, 1892, the murders of wealthy and prominent Andrew and Abby Borden rocked the small town of Fall River, Massachusetts. The accused? Mild-mannered and highly respected Lizzie Borden, daughter of Andrew and stepdaughter of Abby. But did she actually do it? And if she did, why? Lizzie had as much to gain from the death of her father as anyone. Despite his wealth, Andrew did not believe in spending money and Lizzie had grown frustrated with the situation. And her actions in the

days before the murder—trying to buy a type of strong poison—as well as those after the murder—burning a dress she claimed was stained—didn't help. On August 11, Lizzie was arrested. But after a sensational trial, she was found not guilty. Rumors lingered. Stories persisted. And Lizzie continues to fascinate even today.

Arena books

After World War II, the escalating tensions of the Cold War shaped the international system. Fearing the Worst explains how the Korean War fundamentally changed postwar competition between the United States and the Soviet Union into a militarized confrontation that would last decades. Samuel F. Wells Jr. examines how military and political events interacted to escalate the conflict. Decisions made by the Truman administration in the first six months of the Korean War drove both superpowers to intensify their defense buildup. American leaders feared the worst-case scenario—that Stalin was prepared to start World War III—and raced to build up strategic arms, resulting in a struggle they did not seek out or intend. Their decisions stemmed from incomplete interpretations of Soviet and Chinese goals, especially the belief that China was a Kremlin puppet. Yet Stalin, Mao, and Kim Il-sung all had their own agendas, about which the United States lacked reliable intelligence. Drawing on newly available documents and memoirs—including previously restricted archives in Russia, China, and North Korea—Wells analyzes the key decision points that changed the course of the war. He also provides vivid profiles of the central actors as well as important but lesser known figures. Bringing together studies of military policy and diplomacy with the roles of technology, intelligence,

and domestic politics in each of the principal nations, Fearing the Worst offers a new account of the Korean War and its lasting legacy.

The Best of Times, The Worst of Times Penguin

This is a candid, sometimes controversial study of the psychological or other flaws of political, religious and economic leaders from ancient times to the present day: from Rameses II to Colonel Gaddafi, from Genghis Khan to Stalin and Hitler, from Buddha or Saint Paul to Martin Luther or Ron Hubbard, from bipolar, insecure, asthmatic or sex-addicted presidents to alcoholic prime ministers, mad kings, obese emperors and kleptomaniac dictators. Amongst their followers we find psychopathic police chiefs, gay generals, crazed philosophers, epileptic prophets and ludomaniac business-men. We look at how the minor personality disorders and health problems of the few have led frequently to considerable misery for the many. Without slavish adherence to the latest psychiatric fashions the author uses at least some of these concepts to help analyse the anti-social behaviour traits of leaders past and present and to assess the degree to which their mental or physical state contributed to most of the world's worst man-made disasters: wars, genocides, famines, persecutions, enslavements and recessions. We consider the questions: How many millions died because the Archangel Gabriel supposedly appeared to both the Virgin Mary and Mohammed? How many millions died because Napoleon was bullied at school, because Hitler failed to get into the Vienna Academy, because Stalin had an alcoholic father or because Mao suffered from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder? ' It is not fair that the lives of millions depend on the

judgement of a man whose mind is warped by arteriosclerosis.'

C.MacLaurin,1925 'Civilization as we know it is largely the

creation of psychopaths' Clinton Callaghan

Heroes and Jerks PublicAffairs

An incisive look into the lives, politics, and horrible deeds of fifty-six of history's most notorious world leaders—and how they shaped our world for the worst. For the most notorious leaders in the history of the world, evil is more than just a moment of weakness—it's a way of life. For every noble king, righteous emperor, and peace-loving president, history seems to serve up a double portion of murderous pharaohs, deranged dictators, or corrupt czars. Thugs probes this dark and twisted side of raw human power—from France's King Louis XIV to China's Mao Tse-Tung and everywhere in between. It's a fascinating peek into the lives of the rich and infamous, the sour crème de la crème. Some, like Herod the Great, earned villainous reputations for slaughtering their own family members and countrymen. Others, like Egypt's King Farouk, were almost laughable in their misdeeds, amassing the world's largest collection of pornography. Then there are those leaders, such as Hitler, who committed acts of such unspeakable evil that their names are uttered as curses. From Filipino first lady Imelda Marcos's bullet-proof bras to African strongman Ide Amin's bizarre fixation with all things Scottish, Micah D. Halpern turns the yellowed pages of history and contemporary news accounts to profile the bewildering, outrageous, horrific, gut-wrenching, zany, and tragicomic behavior of the world's worst leaders. Praise for Thugs "Written in short, easy-to-digest sentences, columnist and historian Halpern fills his brief sketches with colorful, terrible

details in the manner of that rare, beloved history teacher whose lectures stir rapture in a nap-prone student body.” —Publishers Weekly

The Allure of Toxic Leaders Simon and Schuster

The Lyin Kings. The Wannabe World Rulers. Two people, a man and a woman who fought for power in 2008, may once again do battle in 2016. This time, will it be up to the Illuminati, the gay world, the Illegals, FEMA, or the Militia that will decides who wins or loses. Hillary Clinton, a confessed Socialist, and Barack Obama, a practicing Socialist, both want to lead the world, not our country; both want to destroy our Constitution and Declaration of Independence; both were students and worshipers of Saul Alinsky. Clinton who has no acclaim as a former Secretary of State and Obama who has become the worst President we have ever had. Obama will not give up his kingdom easily and will call martial law, if necessary, in order to thwart the 2016 election.

Hitler's American Friends Independently Published

Most leaders of the U.S. expansion in the years before the Civil War were southern slaveholders. As Matthew Karp shows, they were nationalists, not separatists. When Lincoln's election broke their grip on foreign policy, these elites formed their own Confederacy not merely to preserve their property but to shape the future of the Atlantic world.

A Short History of Human Error Thomas Dunne Books

The New York Times bestseller “A glistening psychological history, faceted largely by the biographies of eight famous leaders . . .” —The Boston Globe “A provocative thesis . . . Ghaemi's book deserves high marks for original thinking.” —The Washington Post “Provocative, fascinating.” —Salon.com

Historians have long puzzled over the apparent mental instability of great and terrible leaders alike: Napoleon, Lincoln, Churchill, Hitler, and others. In *A First-Rate Madness*, Nassir Ghaemi, director of the Mood Disorders Program at Tufts Medical Center, offers a myth-shattering exploration of the powerful connections between mental illness and leadership and sets forth a controversial, compelling thesis: The very qualities that mark those with mood disorders also make for the best leaders in times of crisis. From the importance of Lincoln's "depressive realism" to the lackluster leadership of exceedingly sane men as Neville Chamberlain, *A First-Rate Madness* overturns many of our most cherished perceptions about greatness and the mind.

The Presidents Springer Nature

Hitler's world tour started with small gigs in German beer halls. It grew to sold-out crowds of worshipful fans raising their arms and chanting in adulation. They came for his hypnotic voice and signature mustache, outrageous costumes, rituals, and symbols. From there Hitler's band took Europe by storm with a swift series of top hits! This book exposes the dark side of Hitler: His plagiarism from earlier inspirations far beyond Germany; some deep inside the USA. The USA was the origin of Nazi salutes and Fascist behavior through the work of an American socialist: Francis Bellamy, author of the USA's Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The American Nazi salute was often performed by public officials in the USA from 1892 through 1942. What happened to old photographs and films of the American Nazi salute performed by federal, state, county, and local officials? Those photos and films are rare because people don't want to know the truth about the government's past. American youth groups (Scouting)

adopted Bellamy's American Nazi salute AND saluted swastika badges worn by fellow scouts. Many Americans were accustomed to "Nazi salutes for swastikas" long before German socialism adopted similar behavior under Hitler. That helps to explain another shocking revelation: swastikas were worn by American soldiers before Hitler did it. There are photos in the book! The military salute was the origin of Nazi salutes, via the USA's flag pledge in government schools. Public officials in the USA who preceded the German socialist (Hitler) and the Italian socialist (Mussolini) were sources for the stiff-armed salute (and brainwashed chanting) in those countries and other foreign countries influencing the worst reprobates, including these other socialists: Joseph Stalin, Vladimir Lenin, Mao Zedong, Adolf Hitler, Pol Pot, Kim Il-sung, Ho Chi Minh, Karl Marx, Leon Trotsky, Kim Jong-il, Benito Mussolini, Kim Jong-un, Fidel Castro, Che Guevara and more! They showed that Killing socialists is trademark socialism. Millions died. Yet, the world's worst killers escaped justice and many continue to be glorified as "great leaders." Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (and their fans) self-identify the same as Hitler (and Stalin, Mao, etc): SOCIALIST. (Hitler and his supporters did not call themselves "Nazi" nor "Fascist"). "Socialism" was touted by the very word in voluminous speeches & writings by the socialists Hitler, Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot, the Kim thugs, etc. Soviet socialism joined German socialism to launch the socialist war (WWII) invading Poland etc. It led to socialism's many genocides. Who was worst: Stalin, Mao, or Hitler? Stalin shares guilt for genocides of Mao, Hitler & himself, and Pol Pot, and the Kim thugs and other socialists. German socialism and Soviet socialism joined to launch the socialist war

(WWII), invading Poland and going onward. Stalin assisted Mao. It led to genocide under many other socialists. The importance of this book cannot be overstated. It is a microcosm of the amorality of what remains of world socialism. It shines a floodlight on the ethical vacuum that is collectivism and its overlords. America is following them into that hell. Author Ian Tinny provides eye-popping revelations from the historian Dr. Rex Curry's decades of work that are undisputed by the New York Times - The Washington Post - Los Angeles Times - San Francisco Chronicle - Tampa Bay Times - Weekly Standard - Vogue - Chicago Tribune - Newsday - The New York Times Book Review - Tampa Tribune - Library Journal - Publishers Weekly - Saint Petersburg Times - History Journal - Scholar's Weekly

Lizzie Borden Harvard Business Press

The chilling story of Stalin's crimes against humanity Between the early 1930s and his death in 1953, Joseph Stalin had more than a million of his own citizens executed. Millions more fell victim to forced labor, deportation, famine, bloody massacres, and detention and interrogation by Stalin's henchmen. Stalin's Genocides is the chilling story of these crimes. The book puts forward the important argument that brutal mass killings under Stalin in the 1930s were indeed acts of genocide and that the Soviet dictator himself was behind them. Norman Naimark, one of our most respected authorities on the Soviet era, challenges the widely held notion that Stalin's crimes do not constitute genocide, which the United Nations defines as the premeditated killing of a group of people because of their race, religion, or inherent national qualities. In this gripping book, Naimark explains how Stalin became a pitiless mass killer. He looks at the most

consequential and harrowing episodes of Stalin's systematic destruction of his own populace—the liquidation and repression of the so-called kulaks, the Ukrainian famine, the purge of nationalities, and the Great Terror—and examines them in light of other genocides in history. In addition, Naimark compares Stalin's crimes with those of the most notorious genocidal killer of them all, Adolf Hitler.

The Lyin Kings Pan Macmillan

Did you know that neither Hitler nor Stalin graduated from high school? Or that the Allies often employed teenage girls as spies?

In *The History Buff's Guide to World War II*, Thomas R. Fligel leaves no stone unturned as he presents dozens of top ten lists that examine the politics, leaders, and battles of the Second World War. From Hitler to Stalin, battleground to home front, Fligel's compelling analysis and attention to often-overlooked information ensures a surprise on every page for even the most dedicated World War II buff. This fresh, impossible-to-put-down book puts a new perspective on one of the most heavily researched wars of all time and is sure to enthrall expert and amateur historians alike. *Do You Think You Know World War II? Top Ten Speeches Top Ten Causes of Military Deaths Top Ten Most Popular Myths and Misconceptions Top Ten Forms of Resistance Top Ten Military Blunders* "

The 100 Most Influential World Leaders of All Time Macmillan

"Greg's collection of the best and worst decisions in history is a practical, nuanced and timeless guide for today's decision-makers."—Mark Schortman, Chairman, Coca-Cola Bottlers Sales & Services, LLC Can today's leaders look to history when making tough decisions? Whether you're running a small team or an

international enterprise, all leaders know the feeling of facing a tough choice. It's impossible to see into the future to predict how our decisions play out, but we can look to the momentous decisions of the past for insights on how profound choices are made. Each decision made by influential figures, from Alfred Nobel and Marie Curie to Martin Luther King, Jr., and The Beatles, have shaped our world—and now they can help you make the decisions that will determine the direction of your organization. Guiding you through fifty-two dramatic historical events and decisions that changed the course of our world, *How Leaders Decide* challenges decision-makers with provocative ideas and leadership lessons that will propel your business forward. Greg Bustin's well-researched and inspiring stories of high-stakes turning points in history and the leaders that made the final call will help you make sure your next decision is the one that changes everything. *How Leaders Decide* is an essential book for readers of *Start with Why* and *Leaders Eat Last!* Additional Praise for *How Leaders Decide*: "Exceptional leaders are lifelong learners, and Greg has collected, organized and presented these leadership lessons to stimulate learning, inform decision-making, and inspire action. This is a book that all teams and business leaders should read."—Elizabeth Bryant, Chief Learning Officer, Southwest Airlines "Talk about the perfect combination! In *How Leaders Decide*, Greg Bustin combines fascinating history with succinct leadership insights to showcase 52 of the greatest leadership decisions the world has seen"—Gordon Leidner, author of *The Leadership Secrets of Hamilton*

Jack the Ripper John Wiley & Sons

A best-selling author and award-winning journalist describes how

the tyrannical head of a large energy conglomerate bought judges, disregarded safety standards for mine workers and polluted drinking water until challenged by two lawyers who brought him to justice.

Hitler Oxford University Press, USA

'MEIN KAMPF' is the autobiography of Adolf Hitler gives detailed insight into the mission and vision of Adolf Hitler that shook the world. This book is the merger of two volumes. The first volume of MEIN KAMPF' was written while the author was imprisoned in a Bavarian fortress. The book deals with events which brought the author into this blight. It was the hour of Germany's deepest humiliation, when Napoleon has dismembered the old German Empire and French soldiers occupied almost the whole of Germany. The book narrates how Hitler was arrested with several of his comrades and imprisoned in the fortress of Landsberg on the river Lech. During this period only the author wrote the first volume of MEIN KAMPF. The Second volume of MEIN KAMPF was written after release of Hitler from prison and it was published after the French had left the Ruhr, the tramp of the invading armies still echoed in German ears and the terrible ravages had plunged the country into a state of social and economic Chaos. The beauty of the book is, MEIN KAMPF is an historical document which bears the imprint of its own time. Moreover, Hitler has declared that his acts and 'public statements' constitute a partial revision of his book and are to be taken as such. Also, the author has translated Hitler's ideal, the Volkischer Staat, as the People's State. The author has tried his best making German Vocabulary easy to understand. You will never be satisfied until go through the whole book. A must read

book, which is one of the most widely circulated and read books worldwide.

The World's Worst Mistakes Simon and Schuster

In the decades since the end of the Second World War, it has been widely assumed that the western model of liberal democracy and free trade is the way the world should be governed. However, events in the early years of the twenty-first century – first, the 2003 war with Iraq and its chaotic aftermath and, second, the financial crash of 2008 – have threatened the general acceptance that continued progress under the benign (or sometimes not so benign) gaze of the western powers is the only way forwards. And as America turns inwards and Europe is beset by austerity politics and populist nationalism, the post-war consensus looks less and less secure. But is this really the worst of times? In a forensic examination of the world we now live in, acclaimed historian Michael Burleigh sets out to answer that question. Who could have imagined that China would champion globalization and lead the battle on climate change? Or that post-Soviet Russia might present a greater threat to the world's stability than ISIS? And while we may be on the cusp of still more dramatic change, perhaps the risks will – in time – bring not only change but a wholly positive transformation. Incisive, robust and always insightful, *The Best of Times, The Worst of Times* by Michael Burleigh is both a dazzling tour d'horizon of the world as it is today and a surprisingly optimistic vision of the world as it might become.

How Leaders Decide John Wiley & Sons

How is Saddam Hussein like Tony Blair? Or Kenneth Lay like Lou Gerstner? Answer: They are, or were, leaders. Many would argue

that tyrants, corrupt CEOs, and other abusers of power and authority are not leaders at all—at least not as the word is currently used. But, according to Barbara Kellerman, this assumption is dangerously naive. A provocative departure from conventional thinking, *Bad Leadership* compels us to see leadership in its entirety. Kellerman argues that the dark side of leadership—from rigidity and callousness to corruption and cruelty—is not an aberration. Rather, bad leadership is as ubiquitous as it is insidious—and so must be more carefully examined and better understood. Drawing on high-profile, contemporary examples—from Mary Meeker to David Koresh, Bill Clinton to Radovan Karadzic, Al Dunlap to Leona Helmsley—Kellerman explores seven primary types of bad leadership and dissects why and how leaders cross the line from good to bad. The book also illuminates the critical role of followers, revealing how they collaborate with, and sometimes even cause, bad leadership. Daring and counterintuitive, *Bad Leadership* makes clear that we need to face the dark side to become better leaders and followers ourselves. Barbara Kellerman is research director of

the Center for Public Leadership and a lecturer in public policy at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Stalin's Genocides Larry Slawson

The bestselling author of *Profiles in Audacity* returns with an “illuminating [and] entertaining” study of historically bad decisions (Publishers Weekly). In an engrossing anecdotal format, historian and bestselling author Alan Axelrod turns to the dark side of audacious decision-making—and explores history’s most tragic errors, the people who made them, and why they happened. While Axelrod looks at the hopelessly dumb and the overtly evil, the main focus is on smart people who had the best of intentions—but whose plans went disastrously wrong. The 35 compelling stories include the sailing of the “unsinkable” Titanic; Edward Bernays’s 1929 campaign to recruit women smokers; Neville Chamberlain’s appeasement of the Nazis; Ken Lay’s deception with Enron; and even the choice to create a “New Coke” and fix what wasn’t broke. These are cautionary tales that any decision-maker can learn from—albeit with exquisite twists ranging from acerbic to horrific.

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