



# Leadership Insight

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***Leadership Insight* is an amazing combination of wisdom and beauty! It will help executives reflect upon their leadership journey— and become more effective as a result. I love Nancy Adler’s work. No one combines insight on leadership, deep wisdom about life and a sharing of beauty like she does! — Marshall Goldsmith, New York Times and million-copy best-selling author of MOJO and What Got You Here Won’t Get You There**

**As we move through this century, we urgently need more leaders to actually lead. It takes a certain kind of courage to stop, reflect, and look deeply into your heart and the heart of your business. Adler’s *Leadership Insight* journal allows you to do just that because, in this instance, a great artist has shown courage in creating a series of worlds that will open your mind to possibilities. And we all need possibilities.—Alastair Creamer, Co-Director, Creamer and Lloyd, London, UK**

**The *Leadership Insight* journal is a welcome addition to the mass of material that is being thrown at leadership today because it invites potential leaders to get in touch with the artist within them and to become more reflective instead of badgering them with the usual litany of advice on what they should do or be. This is an important book with an important message.—Edgar H. Schein, Sloan Fellows Professor of Management, MIT Sloan School of Management**

**Nancy Adler’s *Leadership Insight* is a magical work by an extraordinarily talented artist and highly respected scholar. It’s a one-of-a-kind journal that draws you in and compels you to express yourself. The moment I opened the pages I felt calm and serene. Her paintings are beautiful and stunning, and her words are wise and inspirational. In this hurry-scurry world of always on, 24/7, instant connection, *Leadership Insight* offers us a necessary and welcome bit of quiet space for reflection and contemplation. We know that the most self-aware leaders make the best leaders, and recording in this journal is the perfect way to gain more insight into yourself, your relationships, and your world. I highly recommend you buy one for yourself...and many more as gifts for your friends. —Jim Kouzes, Co-author of *The Leadership Challenge* and Dean’s Executive Professor of Leadership, Leavey School of Business, Santa Clara University**



The beautiful paintings and statements in Nancy's journal provoke reflection and give inspiration to every leader who is sensitive to capture the wisdom and translate it in his or her own language and vision for the future. An innovative piece of art in the leadership literature! —*Danica Purg, CEO, IEDC Bled School of Management, Slovenia*

Leadership in law and management requires creativity: a fresh image or metaphor changes the picture, and cuts to the heart. This book opens a space of visual beauty that invites attentiveness and creative reflection. What a splendid gift in our busy time. —*Richard Sherwin, Professor of Law, Director, Visual Persuasion Program, New York Law School*

Journaling on real paper with a real pen seems like a throwback to a different era. Until you try it. For leaders, finding that calm place where you purposely take the time to reflect is a powerful antidote to the rush-rush-rush of the rest of the day. Nancy Adler has created a beautiful book that will draw powerful thoughts from you to the paper. You will love the results.

—*Joel Barker, Futurist, film maker, and author of video "Innovation at the Verge"*

Adler's *Leadership Insight* journal is not only exquisitely beautiful, it is a powerful invitation for managers worldwide to take time from their super-fast-paced lives to reflect; and from that reflection, perhaps we will begin to see more of the type of leadership that the world most desperately needs. ["Buy two, because you aren't going to want to write anything in the first one...which I know defeats the purpose, but that is certainly how I feel about my copy!"]

—*Nakiye Boyacigiller, Dean, Faculty of Management, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey*

Creativity and leadership have always been closely intertwined -- and nowhere more so than in Nancy Adler's brilliant *Leadership Insight* journal. Managers and leaders everywhere will find in these pages not only superb original paintings and powerful sayings from world leaders, but also the quiet reflection so urgently needed to decipher today's complex leadership challenges.

—*John Alexander, Former President and CEO, Center for Creative Leadership*

In a world focused on *busyness*, Dr. Adler invites us to rethink how we go about our business, suggesting that reflective practice might offer us fresh insights to our leadership practice. Her *Leadership Insight* journal creates a space for us to move from action to reflection, and in the process be moved by the power of art!

—*Nick Nissley, Ed.D., Executive Director, Leadership Development at The Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta, Canada*



**Nancy Adler's *Leadership Insight* is significant not only for what it is, a beautiful and inspiring journal, but for what it represents: a commitment to reflection as the foundation of the kind of leadership our world so desperately needs. Extraordinary leaders' legacies are determined largely by the courage of the questions they dare to ask.**

*—Michelle L. Buck, Director of Leadership Initiatives and Clinical Professor, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University*

***Leadership Insight* is the perfect gift for all those on your high potential list, or for anyone taking part in your leadership development effort. It carries a very important message: stop, reflect, consider and remember.**

*—Beverly Kaye, CEO, Founder, Career Systems International, Co-author: Love Em or Lose Em*

**Nancy J. Adler is one of the rare breed of academics who have successfully combined the creative and analytical aspects of art and management to shed new insights on the attributes and skills to be possessed by global leaders in the Twenty-first century.**

*—Rosalie L. Tung, Ming and Stella Wong Professor of International Business, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, President of the Academy of Management, 2003-2004*

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