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15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Mindsets of the successful...By Thomas DuffI enjoy reading about

how others have successfully navigated life and their careers. I was pleased to get the opportunity to read an advanced copy of *Got What It Takes?: Successful People Reveal How They Made It to the Top* by Bill Boggs. While you still have to filter their words and experiences through your own reality, it's a great read for those who are into personal improvement.

Contents: Introduction - The Reasons for Success
One - The Path to Success: Find Your Path; Get Hired; Capitalize on Luck and Timing; Make Good Decisions
Two - The Mind-sets of Success: Seize Opportunity; Identify Your Drive, Mission, and Purpose; Cultivate Self-Confidence; Strengthen Your Will to Prevail; Defy Category
Three - The Practices of Success: Work Hard; Collect Wisdom; Don't Take Anything for Granted; Take the Risk; Develop Excellent Everyday Practices
Four - The Challenges of Success: Confront Fears, Insecurity, and Other Inner Demons; Learn to Cope with Stress; Allow for Regrets, Failures, and Mistakes; Overcome Adversity; Resist Ruinous Temptations; Keep Your Life in Balance
Five - Advice for Success: Know When to Reassess; Use What You've Got; Industry Advice from the Pros

Acknowledgements

Boggs got the opportunity to interview a large number of well-known and successful people in various industries. There were some names I didn't recognize, but a large number were household names... Maria Bartiromo, Sir Richard Branson, Jim Cramer, Mario Cuomo, Christie Hefner, Matt Lauer, and Norman Lear, to name just a few. The interviews appeared to be very conversational, and the personalities of the different people shine through very well. Boggs took a somewhat different approach than most books of this sort, however. Instead of taking the "person per chapter" route, he divides the book into success components, like working hard, confronting insecurity, and keeping your life in balance. Then for that particular subject matter, he'll pull in the pieces of the interviews that corresponded to that. Seeing how people like Cramer, Anna Quindlen, and Bill Bratton all deal with stress in one consolidated chapter helps you put it all together. Boggs also adds a few "calls to action" on many of the paragraphs, so you don't get to read it all and walk away with no clue as to what to do to put it into your own life.

There is the danger in a book like this to view the people as "perfect", individuals who are hyper-focused and who never make missteps. That's definitely not the case, and there are a few foibles in the different chapters. I think this book works best when you see the underlying principles of importance, paying a bit less attention to the person behind them. There's a wealth of wisdom and examples here, and it's an entertaining read. It's definitely worth reading to see where you need to notch up your performance...

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining AND Instructive

By Leslie Miklosy

One of my hobbies is seeking out and reading excellent books. Not merely good books, but A+ ones. Life is too short for anything less. Bill Boggs' *Got What It Takes?: Successful People Reveal How They Made It to the Top* makes it onto my list of such best books. It's easy and fun to read, and you end up learning many wonderful life lessons and acquiring priceless nuggets of wisdom from people who've reached the top of the ladder in their professions. These are hard-won insights we're talking about, easily yours for the taking. What I also like about this book is that the author includes himself as one of the subjects, satisfying your natural curiosity to know more about the person taking you on this literary journey.

One of the side benefits is you become acquainted on an intimate, human level with celebrity types normally out of reach. You share in their private thoughts and learn of their ups and downs -- that, in fact, they're on the same journey as everyone else. I was especially impressed by the detailed "roadmap" to success spelled out in the book, as delineated by the chapter headings. If you've never had a wise parent or relative, or mentor, help you in your life, this book is the next best thing. And it's a work you can return to again and again. I recommend it.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Highly Recommended!

By Bernard Weinstock

Talk show pioneer Bill Boggs offers a gem in *'Got What it Takes?'*. The book is a collection of lessons learned from interviewing over forty extraordinary people. Sir Richard Branson, Renee Zellweger, Mario Cuomo, Clive Davis, Donald Trump and Diane von Furstenberg are just some of the wide variety of people interviewed. Boggs, in his inimitably warm and down-to-earth way, collects insights into life and success that are personal, inspiring, and universal. As if that weren't enough, the important ideas are highlighted in bold print for easy reference and review. A wonderful touch! *'Got What it Takes?'* is the *'Think and Grow Rich'* for the 21st century - I highly recommend it!

Beyond talent, what factors have determined and defined the careers of well-known individuals? Training? Risk-taking? Luck? Emmy Award-winning interviewer Bill Boggs shares success secrets he uncovered in candid conversations with 44 leaders in entertainment and the arts, sports, fashion, the business world, and more, including: Mark Burnett, Craig Newmark (Craigslist.com), Matt Lauer, Anna Quindlen, Rene Zellweger, Sir Richard Branson, Bobby Flay, Brooke Shields, Diane von Furstenberg, Norman Lear, Donald Trump, and Joe Torre, among others. They reveal crucial influences, how they deal with adversity and stress, and the choices they made that helped them to prevail in their careers and in their lives. This is an inside view of what makes the most successful people tick and a lessons-in-life career guide from accomplished stars at the top of their game.

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Four-time Emmy winner Boggs hosts the New York talk show *Midday Live with Bill Boggs* for Metromedia and FOX, created and hosts *Bill Boggs' Corner Table* on the Food Network, and has been a game-show host, news anchor, and featured columnist for *The Good Life* magazine, the *New York Times*, and other publications. He has interviewed an impressive list of notable personalities during his 25-year career, including presidents,

international leaders, athletes, writers, and movie stars. Setting out to define the factors that determine success in high-profile fields, he spoke to 44 individuals and got 44 versions of "what it takes" to reach the top. Interviewees such as Mario Cuomo, Diane Von Furstenberg, Renee Zellweger, Sir Richard Branson, Clive David, Jeff Zucker, Joe Torre, and others reveal sides of their personalities that are often unexpectedly different than their public facades. Includes numerous quotes and reflections on self-doubt, motivation, risk taking, and everyday practices. David Siegfried Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Interviewees. . .reveal sides of their personalities that are often unexpectedly different than their public facades. (Booklist) Wherever you are careerwise from your first day of work to your last this easy read of a pep talk speaks volumes. (Christian Science Monitor) Bill gets all these famous folk to open up. He's got the interviewer's gift. (James Brady, forbes.com). . .filled with insights and bread and butter advice. . .guaranteed to inspire. (Derek Pell, Editor in Chief, DingBat Magazine) About the Author Bill Boggs, four-time Emmy Award-winning talk show host and entertainment industry insider, has been a major figure in television for more than 25 years. As host of the New York-based Midday Live with Bill Boggs, NBC's Weekend Today in New York, and the long-running Food Network hit Bill Boggs Corner Table, as well as shows on comedy, history, sports, music, and other topics, he has interviewed many of the most notable personalities of our time. Bill is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and holds a Master's degree from Penn's Annenberg School. He and his wife live in New York City.