

HOW TO CLIMB A 12-FOOT WALL

10 Military Lessons in Leadership

Colonel G R Pearce MBE

When an ordinary sixteen-year-old boy joined the Army as an apprentice, he began to learn that leadership is not the sole preserve of those in high positions. It is found at all levels within organisations and sometimes manifests itself in the most unlikely of circumstances.

Bob Pearce has documented the successes and failures of his personal leadership journey. Commanding a supply squadron in the NATO rapid response organisation and then a Transport Regiment in the Iraq War in 2003, by trial and indeed error, he learned some valuable leadership lessons.

Leaving the Army to join the NHS on a senior leadership programme, it became clear that these lessons could transfer to other walks of life. Now working in a school, he talks to sixth form groups and those in the CCF about their aspirations in life and how applying these lessons can help them progress up the leadership ladder.

Ten practical lessons that transfer from the military to other walks of life are captured in an easy to read format, illuminated by anecdotes and illustrations.

The analogy of the 12-Foot Wall represents the challenges we all face from time to time. If you are in a leadership position, aspire to be in one, or are being led by someone, this book is for you!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Bob Pearce joined the Army as a sixteen-year-old apprentice chef, was commissioned before his twentieth birthday and left thirty-seven years later as a Colonel in the Royal Logistic Corps. He has commanded soldiers in training organisations, NATO deployments and at war.

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