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I am a retired Army senior NCO. I have used this book as a manual for several leadership courses that I have taught to both military and civilian populations. I find it particularly useful to young people with little formal leadership training. My last military assignment was with an experimental Rapid Deployment Unit. I used this book and its step by step program to educate all enlisted members of the company despite their rank. Although several had completed various levels of the Army's leadership program, they found this information supplemented their required courses in a comprehensive, easy to grasp manner, greatly impacting their manner of leading others. Retired I have taught this same course to high school
ROTC and Civil Air Patrol students with the same excellent results. Material comprehensive tests following each week of instruction and the finals revealed that all students could master the material with high scores. This author provides not only critical often personal experiential material on the art of leadership as well as helping young people develop sound citizenship principles. Most important to me is the book is not priced so high that it is cost prohibitive if it is necessary for each student to supply their own copy. This is unfortunately not true with the cost of required texts in todays schools of higher learning and unlike most of todays texts this information is not dated. I also would recommend this as an excellent guide for civilian management programs as sound leadership principles directly effect morale and productivity. In brief this book provides in a simple, comprehensive, step by step. They will learn the necessary knowledge and tools to inspire the confidence in others to be lead by them. I have found, as they have at The Point, that this is a critical developmental issue for our young adults today experiencing various levels of real leadership, especially in, but not limited to, life and death theaters.