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Abstract

The for-profit and non-profit sectors are becoming increasingly interested in the issues of toxic leadership and problematic organizational cultures. Leaders are more conscious of how toxic habits and tendencies decrease organizations' profitability and overall success. Toxic workplaces and toxic leadership compromise morale, and psychological anguish result from these destructive actions, resulting in billions of dollars spent yearly. A possible solution to these issues lies in increasing our emotional intelligence, specifically, self-awareness.

How can self-awareness be improved? It's up to each of us to examine ourselves and formulate an effective response to other people and the environment. Daniel Goleman's Emotional Intelligence Framework provides a foundation for increasing self-awareness, self-management, relationship management, and social skills.

This manuscript offers a variety of information about the concepts of toxic organizations, cultures, and leaders. Toxic cultures and toxic behaviors and tendencies are clearly defined by an overview of the damaging effects these environments and behaviors have on the organization, team, and individual.

The paradigm for emotional intelligence is next introduced, followed by strategies for mitigating toxic workplace environments and toxic leadership. Emotional intelligence is a powerful tool for personal development coupled with the strategies identified and discussed within these chapters.

The foundational component of emotional intelligence - *self-awareness* - is necessary to recognize our tendencies and habits. This framework and the interventions and strategies covered in this book can help us become better leaders and improve the workplace environment.

This book offers a distinct viewpoint on the notion of toxic leadership by highlighting the influential role followers play in this dynamic.

Our mental and physical well-being will be enhanced by the insights and techniques provided throughout this book will improve our mental and personal, and professional interactions.

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Although toxic environments are widespread in our workplaces, employees do not have to suffer in silence from their effects. By comprehending the traits and tendencies that create toxic cultures, individuals can become more conscious of their influence and ability to support productive work situations.

Eliminating toxicity in the workplace results in a change. But before a change can occur, roles and responsibilities must be identified and comprehended.

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