

Adapt: Why Success Always Starts with Failure

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Tim Harford : Adapt: Why Success Always Starts with Failure before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Adapt: Why Success Always Starts with Failure:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A fantastic, thought provoking read that leaves ideas strongly influencing your thinking when done!By @Marc NicolleI loved the anecdotal stories that bring the fascinating concepts to life in vivid and gripping ways!In reading the book for the first time I often got caught up in the anecdotes (they are that interesting!!) and occasionally lost the overall message of the chapter. This is the only negative aspect I

experienced, as the ideas are so profound that I kind of wished they were presented in way that lends more to a reference book than the wonderful read the book is! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. My opinion of Adapt By Janet Hemery Starts well but then meanders a bit. However has some interesting war stories, but since it is so wide hitting many of the stories are not that relevant. I did like Pachinsky theory of the three essential steps 1. Try new things with the expectation that some will fail 2. Make failure survivable 3. Make sure you know when you have failed. I think HR McMaster and General Petraeus are three great war heroes and Rumsfeld, and the US War presidents Bush and Nixon are world size villains Martin Gray 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A philosophy for life By Alan Spye This book is so sensible but inspired. I may be biased since the basic theme is how I tend to go about things anyway, but whereas I can just bang my own drum, Tim Harford has all the data to back up the argument, trawled from a really wide swathe of well-researched examples. If I had just one book on a desert island it would be this one (though I'd get pretty frustrated at not being able to get out in the world and try stuff out!).

In this groundbreaking book, Tim Harford, the Undercover Economist, shows us a new and inspiring approach to solving the most pressing problems in our lives. When faced with complex situations, we have all become accustomed to looking to our leaders to set out a plan of action and blaze a path to success. Harford argues that today's challenges simply cannot be tackled with ready-made solutions and expert opinion; the world has become far too unpredictable and profoundly complex. Instead, we must adapt. Deftly weaving together psychology, evolutionary biology, anthropology, physics, and economics, along with the compelling story of hard-won lessons learned in the field, Harford makes a passionate case for the importance of adaptive trial and error in tackling issues such as climate change, poverty, and financial crises; as well as in fostering innovation and creativity in our business and personal lives. Taking us from corporate boardrooms to the deserts of Iraq, Adapt clearly explains the necessary ingredients for turning failure into success. It is a breakthrough handbook for surviving; and prospering; in our complex and ever-shifting world.