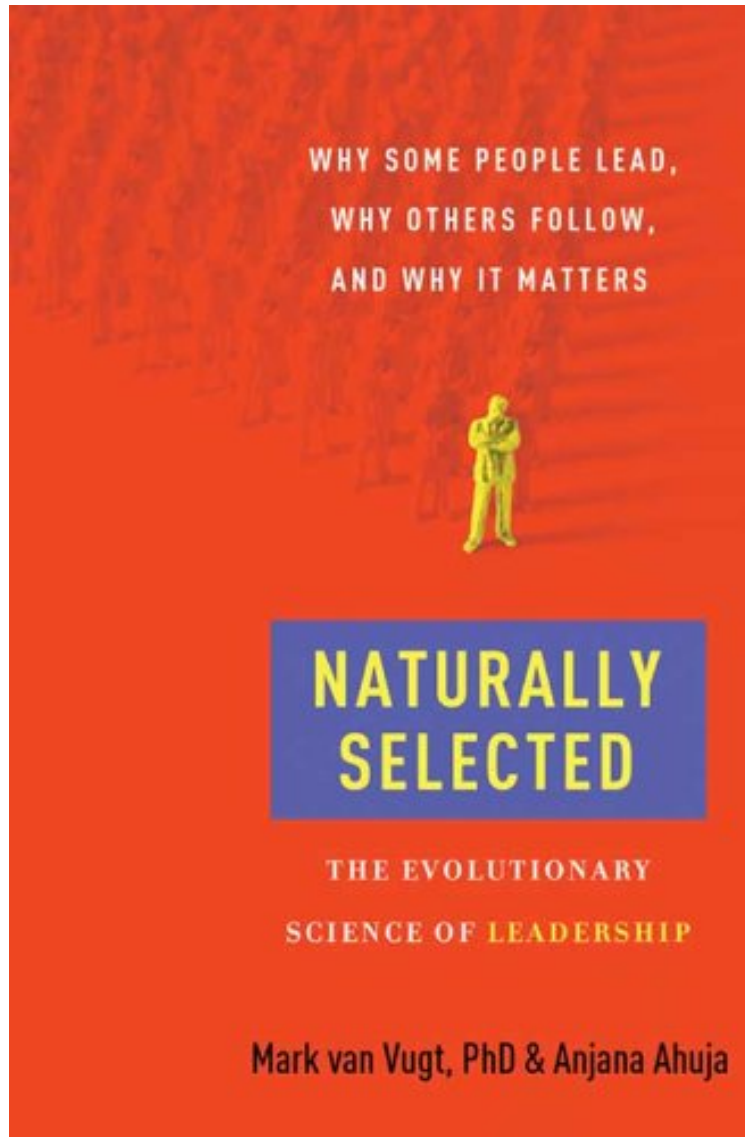


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. They lay out a basic premise that our psychology is based off ancient behaviors that may or may not be boardroom appropriate. By Lord Erik I have been working on my master's in organizational management when a professor told me about this book. I enjoyed it greatly and it meant allot to me.

Many theories on leadership have been presented over the decades and they all tend to get messy or fall apart in any situation outside the conditions the original research was done. Likewise, many researchers in MBA/Org. Management programs come from backgrounds in social work or social sciences. The theories leave me hungry for something more substantive. The authors of *Naturally Selected* postulate the theory that we select our leaders based of criteria developed during early human evolution. The conditions of that time period put natural selective pressures on early humanoids and therefore affected our DNA and with it our psychology. As a wildlife biologist, I like this idea because we think the reason many species evolved traits is adaption by natural selection. The authors also used information from anthropology, history, and economics. Their approach is multi-disciplinary and to me it seems a little more based in reality and more concrete. Briefly I list some of the subjects: 1) the history of leadership 2) why leadership theories and leaders fail so often 3) how technology changes faster than our evolution--so we need to wary of "mismatches" in which our ancient mentality may misdiagnose leadership ability. 4) How to prevent these mismatches. I enjoyed their work and I am applying in my management library. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A remarkable book that all social scientists should read! By DR. PAULO FINURAS Prof. Mark Van Vugt produced a memorable book which in my opinion is one of the best works of evolutionary psychology published in the last 25 years. Mark Van Vugt is undoubtedly one of the greatest social scientists today and this work, extremely well written, comes finally respond in deep and comprehensive form to one of the great dilemmas and phenomena of our species: why do some lead and others follow? The result is a brilliant book and very important that responds and explains in foundational way why evolution also incorporated the strategy of leadership among humans. This book is a must read and will go down in history of evolutionary theory as one of the main contributions and reinforcements of the theory of evolution. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Just as I always imagined! By rlewisd "Naturally Selected" is the best book I've read on leadership. And, having a master's degree in leadership communication, I've read many books on the topic. I've always suspected that some of us are more genetically inclined to lead and some to follow - but that when push comes to shove most humans have some capacity to step up and lead. This was a fun, interesting and enlightening book to read. As a leadership communication trainer and writer, this book gave me a renewed and realistic frame of reference regarding evolution, history and where we go next in terms of leadership development. Thank you Mark van Vugt, PhD. and Anjana Ahuja for such an excellent read!

Groundbreaking and timely, *Naturally Selected* unravels the mystery of leadership—why some lead, why some follow, and why it matters to every one of us. Evolutionary psychologist Mark van Vugt and science journalist Anjana Ahuja upend the accepted wisdom about leadership and, following in the tradition of Jim Collins's *Good to Great* and Noel Tichy's *The Leadership Engine*, deliver a book with the power to change ordinary lives. *Naturally Selected* teaches leaders to avoid pitfalls and tells followers how to negotiate the foibles of overbearing managers, giving readers a crucial path to achieving happier lives and greater successes.