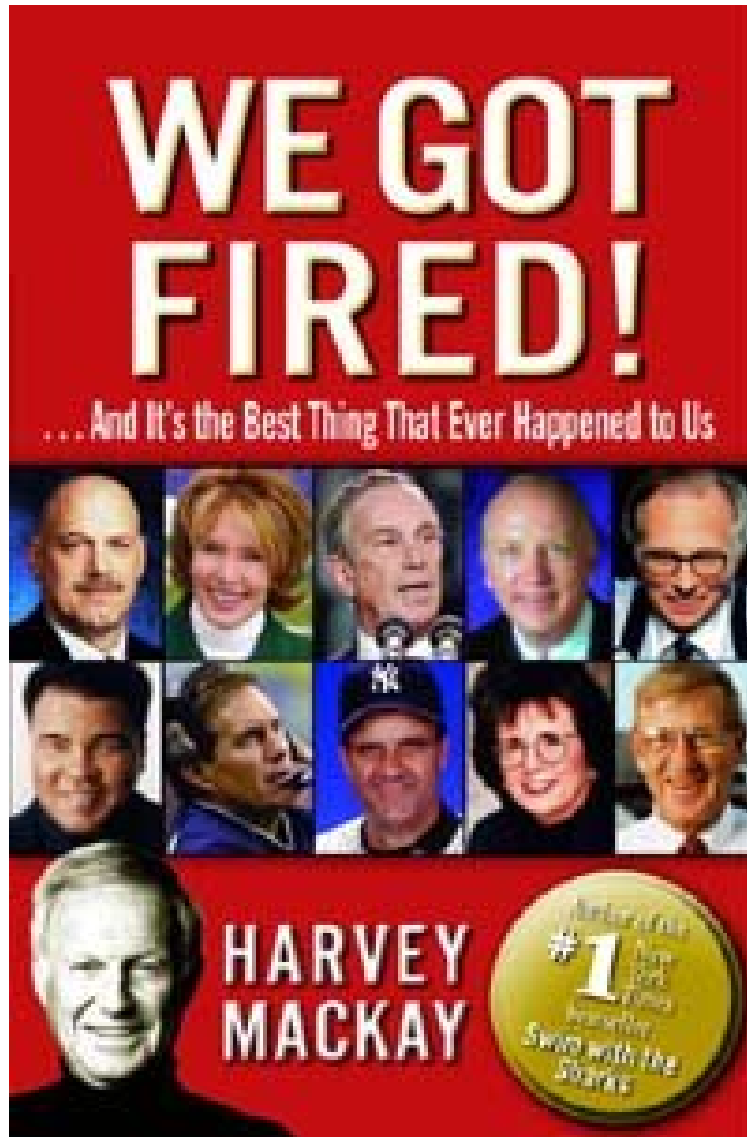


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From Publishers Weekly Perhaps a more accurate title for this upbeat volume would be: "We Got Fired and You Can Too!" Every one of Mackay's interviews with the now famously successful (Michael Bloomberg, Muhammad Ali, Billie Jean King, Jessie Ventura, Bernie Marcus, etc.) ends with the subject richer for the experience of having been fired—both literally and figuratively. Mackay—a syndicated business advice columnist and author of the 1988 bestseller *Swim with the Sharks without Being Eaten Alive*—seems to anticipate an audience of downsized managers for this book, but his advice is useful to anyone in the throes of work-related rejection, regardless of their corporate ranking. The combination of interviews and short essays could also serve to introduce workforce newbies to the realities of business life: one essay points out that "If You are Under Thirty, the Likelihood that You Will Be Fired in the Next Twenty Years is 90 Percent." Mackay concludes each chapter with collections of quotable life slogans, such as "Your company may give you the boot, but don't boot the networks that company has opened for you." He also dishes out helpful suggestions for making the most of an exit, along with tips from Donald Trump on how not to get fired in the first place. And though Mackay's glowing descriptions of his interviewees can border on pandering and his repeated references to his friendship with Larry King can grow trying, these tales of rejection and redemption form a neat package of inspiration for those in need of an encouraging word and the gentle reminder that terminations simply lead to new beginnings. Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Everyone loves a comeback, and sometimes failure is the best education. That is the theme of this collection of interviews with 28 successful and famous people from all walks of life who, at one time or another, have been fired. Career and business writer Mackay shows a remarkable ability to get highly visible people to open up and reveal their dark past. He begins with a conversation with Donald "You're Fired!" Trump, who never actually lost a job per se but came back from being billions in debt for perhaps the greatest personal rebound in financial history. Bernie Marcus was fired from a job as manager of the Handy Dan Home Improvement Center, a chain of 66 stores, but he ultimately extracted sweet revenge by founding Home Depot. Mackay gets an amazing interview with Muhammad Ali, who lost his title when he chose to become a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War. It is surprising to learn the difficult beginnings of such notables as Robert Redford, Larry King, Billie Jean King, and Michael Bloomberg. David Siegfried Copyright copy; American Library Association. All rights reserved. From the Inside Flap No fight left? No future? Does the handwriting on the wall say utter failure? Harvey Mackay, one of the world's best-selling motivational and business authors tells you why it isn't so. He reveals anecdotes and secrets from some of the best and brightest headliners in our world today. Their gripping accounts show that "no one is immune to bad judgment or backstabbing. In colorful detail, these remarkable success stories reveal what the best of the best did to get back on top. Each story tells a unique tale and contains valuable lessons that are applicable to any reader who wants his or her career to flourish; indeed, this is "the book that will inspire, instill hope . . . and give more than a glimpse into what makes these stalwarts strong. When "Fortune magazine called Mackay "Mister Make-Things-Happen," it was right on the money—getting this amazing group of people from various walks of life to talk openly about their abilities to bounce back shows him to be a master at getting people to divulge some of their defeats and their dreams. Hopeful, tough-minded, and filled with indispensable advice, "We Got Fired! . . . And It's the Best Thing That Ever Happened to Us" will show anyone how to turn a modern bummer into a major blessing. It's a rarity: a sure thing in our shaky times. "From the Hardcover edition.