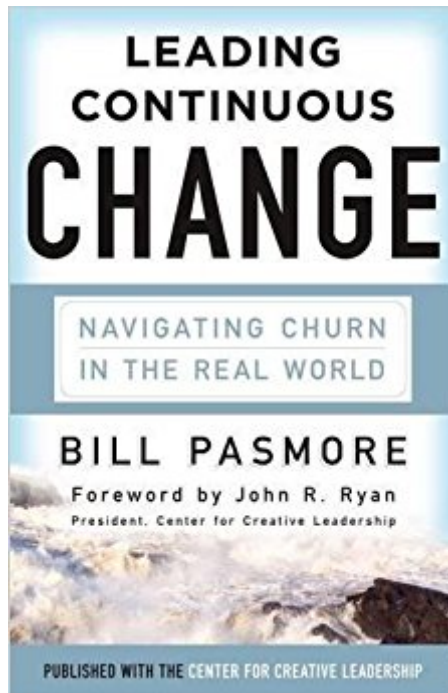




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Leading Continuous Change: Navigating Churn In The Real World



Synopsis

Most change efforts fail because most change methods are built to deal with single challenges in a nice, neat, linear way. But leaders know that today, pressures for change don't come at you one at a time; they come all at once. It's like riding a roller coaster: sudden drops, jarring turns, anxious climbs into the unknown. Drawing on his years of experience at the Center for Creative Leadership and Columbia University, Bill Pasmore offers a four-part model and four mindsets that allow leaders to deal with multiple changes simultaneously without drowning in the churn. The first step, Pasmore says, is to Discover which external pressures for change are the most necessary to address. The key here is to think fewer—step away from the buffet of possibilities and pinpoint the highest-impact options. Then you need to Decide how many change efforts your organization can handle. Here the mindset is to think scarcer—you have only so many people and so many resources, so how do you best use them? Once you've figured that out, it's time to Do—and here you want to think faster. Streamline processes and engage in rapid prototyping so you can learn quickly and cost-effectively. The last step is to Discern what worked and what didn't, so think smarter—develop metrics, identify trends, and make sure learnings are disseminated throughout the organization. For each stage of the process, Pasmore offers detailed advice, practical tools, and real-world examples. This book is a comprehensive guide to navigating change the way it happens now.

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“Organizational change tends to fall apart under the weight of its own grandiose goals, chaotic initiatives, and crushing complexity. There is true wisdom—drawn from Bill Pasmore’s forty years of research and personal experience—in the underlying simplicity of his message: ‘Think fewer. Think scarcer. Think faster. Think smarter.’”

Mark Nadler, Principal and cofounder, Nadler Advisory Services

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“The high failure rate for organizational change efforts tells me that the so-called experts really don’t know how to manage change. But Bill Pasmore does, and here he provides what leaders in every sector at every level desperately need: a trove of practical advice, a tested playbook, and the inspiring assurance that complexity truly can bring out the best in us.”

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“Bill Pasmore has again leveraged his significant experience in working with real-world organizations facing complex challenges. He provides a clear and compelling framework to guide leaders who are responsible for successfully executing change in today’s environment.”

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Change has become constant, complex, multifaceted, and overwhelming. To meet this challenge, Bill Pasmore presents four keys to help leaders decide where and how to most effectively focus their change initiatives.

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Great book if you are serious about implementing change! This book is based on practice and experience. This is a must read for those working in organizational change!

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This book reads quickly because it makes such good sense. It provides leadership guidance that anyone leading an organization, or any work activity, will immediately put to practical use. I found it all intuitively obvious; that is, after Pasmore pointed it out. It also provides perspective that I don't think many people will forget. As a professor, I have to be careful about what I ask my professionally employed children to read. If only it were thin enough to slip under their doors anonymously. It will be on the reading list for my professionally employed MBAs.

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