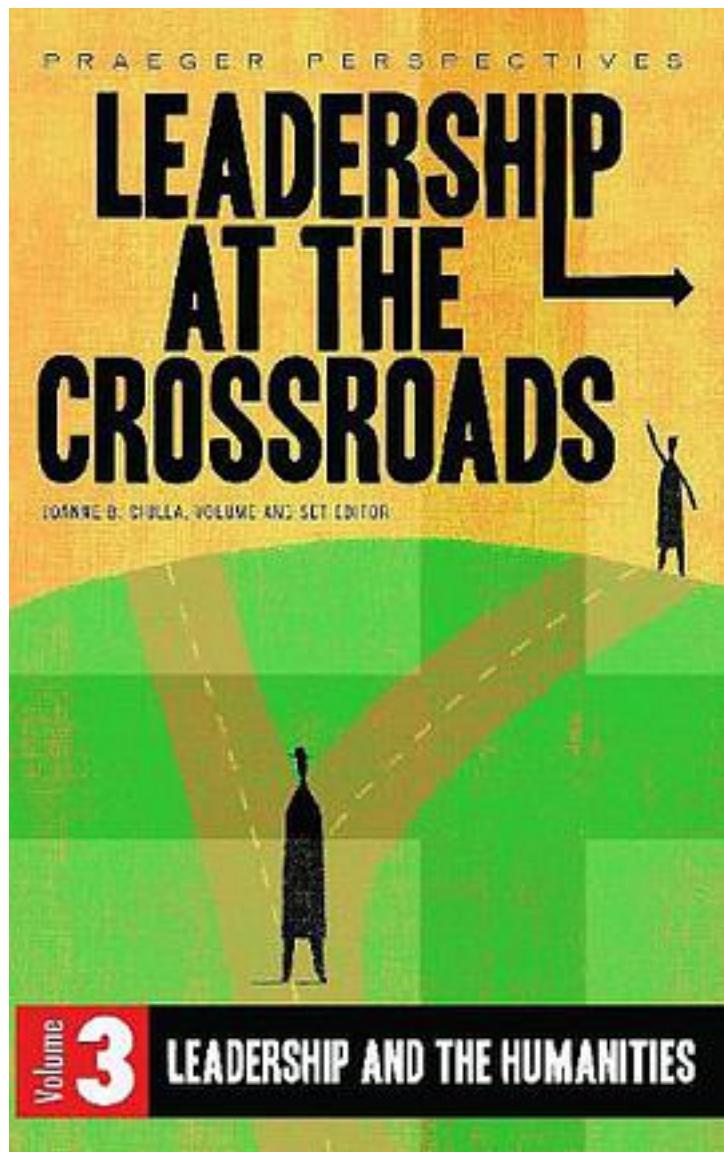


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This book explores the challenges and opportunities of leadership in today's complex environment. What is leadership? Not only has that question been debated since the beginning of human culture and society, but it's a moving target based on the definer, and the epoch. The definition can be thought-provoking and profound: 'A leader is best when people barely know he exists, not so good when people obey and acclaim him, worse when they despise him,' (Lao Tzu, 6th century BC). Or the profundity may lie shrouded in the prosaic: 'A leader is one who has followers,' (Peter Drucker, 20th century). However you define the concept, today's challenges for leaders are monumental, and the need for effective leadership is huge. This set digs deeper than most leadership books. It takes us from mere explanations of leadership to an understanding of it as part of the human condition. In "Leadership at the Crossroads", contributors from a wide variety of fields, explore the many facets of leadership. The set comprises: "Volume 1: Psychology and Leadership"; "Volume 2: Political Leadership"; and, "Volume 3: Leadership and the Humanities". The topics include: ethics and accountability, leadership styles, the differences between leadership and management, the poison spread by toxic leaders, women and minorities in leadership, military leadership, and much more. Collectively, this set showcases traditional and emerging approaches to leadership in both theory and practice and raises new questions brought on by society's new challenges. It also suggests solutions for developing and promoting leadership in the corporate world, politics and diplomacy, religion, education, non-profits, and the arts. "Leadership at the Crossroads" supplies insights and intelligence that will help leaders make the most of the challenges and opportunities lying before them.

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