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# INTRODUCTION

The book *Curious Leadership* reads like a novel. The main character, Petra, has recently started as a general director and quickly realizes that fixing everything at work isn't as easy as she thought. She is overwhelmed by the constant fuss. Petra shows how to navigate these challenges, which requires curiosity, courage, and a servant attitude. The book is structured as follows:

Chapter 1 explains the logic behind fuss and why it often escalates. The main bottleneck is the focus on *the* cause or *the* culprit. This chapter teaches you to look more broadly at the underlying systems.

Chapter 2 focuses on the natural power of curiosity, the human desire to know more, grow, and broaden horizons. Why have we unlearned this ability, and why is it still a fundamental leadership skill?

Chapter 3 explores curiosity, starting with yourself and your ego. We step out of the struggle but we also don't inflate your ego. You will explore the logic of your ego and learn how to use it as a compass. By handling it correctly, you get to know yourself better.

Chapter 4 takes it a step further: you reveal your true self. This requires courage and commitment, willpower, decisiveness, and resilience. How can you challenge yourself and inspire those around you to show up fully and achieve better results?

Chapter 5 is about stepping into your leadership role within the organization. We discuss the power of “ranking” and how to use power effectively. How do you express what you truly value and inspire others? By leading by example, you can have a much bigger impact than you might imagine.

Chapter 6 brings everything together into the broader organizational picture. How can you engage everyone in your organization through your leadership? How do you create a resilient culture where people are honest and imperfect, supporting each other to grow?

I intend to write three books. The next ones will zoom in on courageous and servant leadership.

To help you get started, I’ve created a special book bonus just for you. It includes bonus videos where I guide you in crafting your own leadership mission, as well as a resilience questionnaire.

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