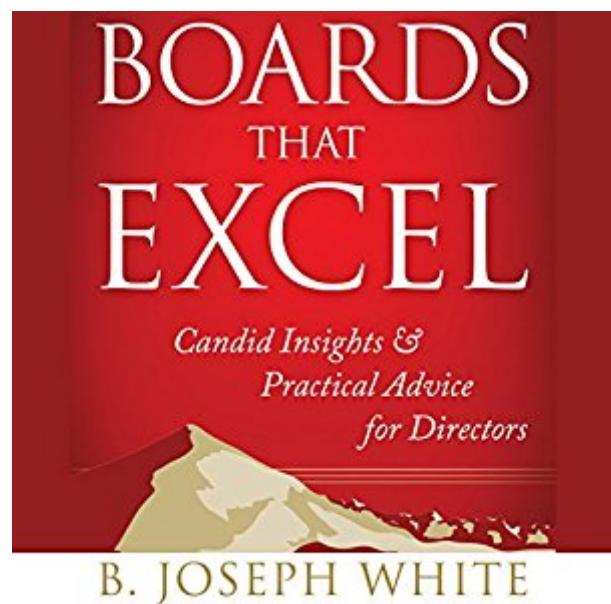


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# Boards That Excel: Candid Insights And Practical Advice For Directors



## **Synopsis**

With its vivid stories and conversational tone, Boards That Excel is like sitting down with an astute and experienced friend - one who's passionate about what corporate and nonprofit boards can do when they set high aspirations, are clear on purpose, and do the right things in the right way. Author B. Joseph White offers a road-map for governance success based on his experience as a director of one of America's largest private companies and chair of the governance committee of a high-performing S&P 500 company. White also distills the vast body of governance research into the handful of insights directors really need to know, and he brings readers candid interviews with exceptional board chairs, CEOs and directors who spell out what it takes for boards and directors to excel.

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"High aspirations and strong results" are the bookends of great governance according to the observations and experience of author B. Joseph White. White, President Emeritus, the University of Illinois, and Dean Emeritus, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, has served on numerous boards over the course of his career. The range of organizational diversity includes public and private corporate boards and many non-profit boards including Argonne National Laboratory and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. White's book, "Boards that Excel," and that of global business consultant, Ram Charan, "Boards that Lead" are also bookends... on the "how" boards need to know so they can lead and excel. Charan has noted that 50% of today's boards are

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