

## *Ask Dr. Mac* Testimonials

“*Ask Dr. Mac* is some of the finest storytelling on becoming a better leader I have seen.”

-**Robert Hottman**, Principal, EKS&H

“Justin’s journey, from raw potential to becoming a successful manager, is an ideal synopsis of how effective leadership can be learned.”

-**John J. Horan**, President/CEO, Horan & McConaty Funeral Service/Cremation

“Whether you are new to management or a seasoned veteran, *Ask Dr. Mac* has something to teach everyone, leaving readers yearning for a Dr. Mac of their own.”

-**Karen Wenzel**, Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Center

“Every new manager needs to read this book! It’s a compelling story full of advice for every new leader.”

-**Michelle Dillard**, Training Manager, Anheuser-Busch Inc.

“I’ve had *Ask Dr. Mac* on my bedside for months. It has tormented me because I refuse to read work-related books on my free time. Luckily I was raised by a good Protestant mother whose artistic media of choice was guilt. So, out of love and guilt I finally picked up the book last weekend.

“Damn, it’s good! It totally hooked me in. It is not just for the beginning supervisor. Even an old dog like me can be reminded on how to do this hard stuff. I will definitely be recommending this to others.”

-**Jo Mattoon**, Director, Human Resources, City of Arvada

“I believe that Greg has invented a new genre here with *Ask Dr. Mac*. He goes deeper than the usual business story. Surely this book is worth a careful read.”

-**Jim Davis**, coauthor: *Effective Training Strategies*; Dean, University College, University of Denver

“Seeing Justin’s journal in action has allowed me to create one for my professional and personal life.”

-**Mike Holton**, Senior Hardware Engineer, Lockheed Martin

“Greg Giesen cleverly captures his audience by demonstrating how seemingly inextricable problems can be solved with basic managerial and leadership skills. This is an absolutely essential read for young managers and seasoned chiefs who want to review their managerial skills.”

-**Thomas C. Scanlan**, President, Surplus Record Machinery & Equipment Directory

“*Ask Dr. Mac* tells a really interesting story of the type of struggles we all go through. I would most definitely recommend the book for supervisory personnel as well as anyone who works in a team environment.”

-**Steve Chucker**, System Engineer/Business Development Lead, The Boeing Company

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“I really enjoyed reading *Ask Dr. Mac*. Greg’s writing style was easy to read and very thought provoking. I’d recommend this book for anyone in a management position.”

-**Ehab AbuShmais**, Engineer, IBM Corporation

“*Ask Dr Mac* is a believable story of an ambitious young executive who diligently learns the masterful art of leading others.”

-**Chris Claggett**, Workflow Coordinator, Nextel Communications

“Leadership is a contact sport and *Ask Dr. Mac* offers an insightful playbook to help all managers and leaders improve their game! It’s a down-to-earth story that emphasizes the fundamentals of self- leadership and people management, with rich lessons for new and experienced leaders alike.”

-**Adam Cohen**, Vice President, Performance Excellence, CH2M HILL

“Just wanted to let you know about this wonderful novel I just finished, called *Ask Dr. Mac*. Yes it's true. I found it both entertaining and educational. It's something every manager could use, especially ones that are in similar rolls to Justin's. It's a real page turner. In fact, it moves along so easily that it was only the second ‘management type’ book I've read that didn't exhaust me.”

-**Kevin O'Herron**, MIS Director, Triple Crown Casinos

“I’ve learned a few things from reading this book that I can/am applying right now, and for that, I thank you.”

-**David Lindenmuth**, Financial Analyst, First Data Corporation

“I really liked the book and learned a great deal. I will recommend it many times over.”

-**Tom Rankin**, Sr. Project Manager, FiservISS

“While I was getting my hair done yesterday, sitting under the dryer, I was reading your book and got so choked up I got teary-eyed! Good grief!”

-**Jo Ellen Snell**, Manager of Community and Public Relations, E-470 Public Highway Authority

“I’m not a person who likes to sit and read but found myself intrigued and could not put the book down. The insight that seems to jump out at me is to take opportunities as they come along and don't be ordinary. Discover your passion and follow it. I really liked the book and would recommend it to anyone.”

-**Carla Campbell**, Senior Technical Project Manager, Qwest Communications

“The design of book (i.e., short chapters), kept my interest in reading, and the characters are so realistic. The story itself was very well explained, especially the transformation of Justin from team member to manager, not to mention all the feelings and emotions that came with it. The journal entries were extremely helpful as well.”

-**Santhosh Chavakula**, Sr. Consultant, Keane, Inc.

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“Using a story to teach management skills is what I love most about *Ask Dr. Mac*. The reading was fast and easily digested. The main points of the story were exemplified in the journal entries. Well done.”

**-Craig Albers**, iGEN3 Sales Analyst, Xerox Corporation

“I highly recommend this book. It’s a narrative story and is easy reading. It has some very important lessons for anyone who is a manager, leader, or team member. I had several ‘ah-ha’ moments reading it and it has changed my perspective in the workplace. I have a new philosophy now in dealing with conflict in the office, taking risks and being a leader. An excellent tool...well worth the purchase.”

**-Rebecca Coombs** (a review taken from Amazon.com)

“New supervisors will gain a lot from this book. Experienced supervisors can use it as a tool for improvement. I highly recommend this book as an addition to your leadership library.”

**-Steve Jeltman** (a review taken from Amazon.com)

“*Ask Dr. Mac* is a page turning novel that is not only delightful and entertaining to read but a ‘how-to’ book in the art of being an effective manager.”

**-John D. Culbertson**, Retired Human Resource Manager, Author of *Tractor Builders*

“I enjoyed *Ask Dr. Mac*. Very well done. I definitely got some tips from it and am going to pass it on to other dentists.”

**-Dr. Nick Venuto**, Perfect Teeth

“I have enjoyed *Ask Dr. Mac* so much and will continue to use and reference the lessons from the book.”

**-Debbie Cook**, Head of Schools, Lake Ridge Academy

“I was reading your book over the weekend and think it was so amazing. I spoke to my father-in-law who has his own business and told him once I finished it I would give it to him. He’ll just have to wait; I’m not ready to give it up.”

**-Cindie Byerly**, Hospitality Human Resource Association

“I just finished reading *Ask Dr. Mac*. I agree with the testimonials. It is an interesting, realistic, and at times touching story. I wish there had been something like this the first time I became a manager. I didn't even have a good mentor.”

**-Hal Lunka**

“I am reading the book, and you are so correct: Ken comes through over and over again. I am most thankful that his influence on you has been so meaningful, and know that through you it will be carried to others. That is the kind of legacy of him that I wanted, and deep inside him, it was his.”

**-Ruth McDiffett**, widow of Dr. Mac

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“Greg, I just finished reading *Ask Dr. Mac*. I'm impressed! It's a great concept and you did a beautiful, intriguing job of setting up your principal character, his supporting players and the building series of events and circumstances that kept me from putting the book down because I wanted to know what was going to happen next. You have a gift of simplicity in your words and a gift of imagination in the way you create mental images of the people, places and circumstances they encounter. Stay the course, my son. I'm proud of you.”

**-Love, Dad**

“Dr. Mac would have been proud of your book; it is a good piece of work.”

**-Todd Baechle**, Area Manager, Anheuser-Busch Inc.

“As I'm reading *Ask Dr. Mac*, I can say proudly, it gives me warm fuzzes. We can all learn from his book. Capturing men's attention in this area is a daunting task.”

**-Camille Lydon**

" When I became a principal of an elementary school, I had minimal preparation for the position. If only I could have shared the 'park bench' with Justin, the main character, then we both could have learned skills from Dr. Mac. I have given copies to my son, who is in a new management position in a bank, and to our daughter who finds managing the household a challenging position. There is something in this book for everyone.”

**-Ann Moore**, Retired Teacher

“Do you know how little sleep I have gotten for the past few days?

I cannot put your book down. It is really, really good. Seriously, I can't stop reading it and I have to force myself to shut off the light and go to sleep. The book flows so well and before you know it I am learning!”

**-Christy Theis**

“Thanks for the book. Nicely done! I read it, most of it, on a round trip to Washington DC. I thought it was an easy read and is a well-crafted way of delivering messages on how to manage situations.”

**-Ian Massey**, President, Republic Financial Corporation

“I like the book...it does keep my attention...I read it while at the health club when I'm on the bike...I have to admit, it brought tears to my eyes...I guess this is a true testimonial to your writing skills...Good job.”

**-John Milewski**, Chief Operating Officer, Colorado Allergy & Asthma Centers, P.C.

“I started reading *Ask Dr. Mac* and 100 pages later it was time for bed.

Oh, that Charlie Pozzi, what a bad apple he was for the first 100 pages. And that gabby Lee Ann...As I was reading Dr Mac, it did not take me long to forget that the Yankees just buried the Red Sox. I can't wait to get home later, and read some more of Dr. Mac.”

**-Steve Pozzi**

“Greg, I thought your book was excellent. Easy to read and had good points throughout.”

**-Susan Owens**, Principal, The Owens Consulting Group

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“By the way, Barbara loved your book. I haven't had time to get into it, but it's unusual when she reads and likes a book.”

**-Peter Grazier**, Author, *Go Teams*

“Greg Giesen has written a management book that exposes many dilemmas that managers often face in a real-world context. *Ask Dr. Mac* allows managers at any level to consider how effective their skills are in successfully uniting a team of diverse individuals. It is in striving for such an effective environment that we may find our management utopia.”

**-Colleen E. Watson**, HR Consultant, Mountain States Employers Council

“I just finished reading your book last week and really enjoyed it. It was a compelling read seeing Justin go through his trials and tribulations. It read really fast too for the length! Good job.”

**-Tami Palmer**, HR & Community Relations Manager, SpectraLink

“Thanks for giving me a copy of your book, *Ask Dr. Mac*. It's an enjoyable read, and I think a unique way to teach leadership principles. I think SkillPath would be lucky to have you and this book on their roster.”

**-Dawn Lehman**, SkillPath & Dale Carnegie Trainer

“Hi Greg. Just wanted to let you know that I read your book and thought it was excellent. Lots of good management tips in a very readable, enjoyable story. I learned a lot. Congratulations!!!”

**-Marilyn Saltzman**, APR