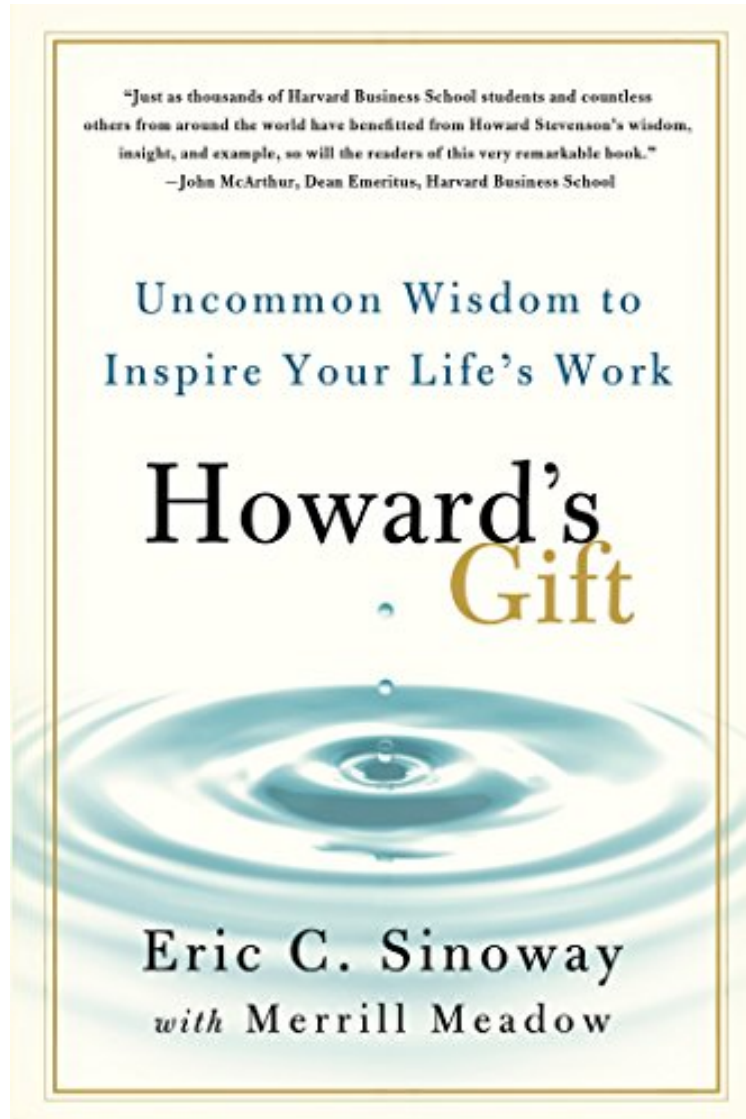


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**Eric Sinoway, Merrill Meadow : Howard's Gift: Uncommon Wisdom to Inspire Your Life's Work** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Howard's Gift: Uncommon Wisdom to Inspire Your Life's Work:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Fresh Entrepreneurial Insights for Creating Deep Satisfaction By K-Swoosh Howard's Gift is an enjoyable and enlightening book revealing the sage wisdom of Harvard Business School professor Howard Stevenson through a series of conversations with the author, Eric Sinoway. Stevenson is first and foremost an entrepreneur (he founded Harvard's entrepreneurial curriculum and was a major figure at Harvard Business School for decades), and he brings that entrepreneurial perspective to the book. The book makes the case that

personal and professional happiness and satisfaction come from building a clear vision of what you want for your personal and career legacies, and then making decisions grounded in those legacy goals. Establishing those goals requires both honest self-evaluation and support from an "Individual Board of Directors", meaning mentors for specific areas of interest. The book advocates using "inflection points", the good and bad life disruptions, as opportunities to realign one's personal or professional life with their long term goals. Sinoway details Stevenson's insights into looking at the challenges and opportunities contained in these disruptions, giving the reader the tools necessary to effectively use disruptions as springboards to a more satisfying life. I found Howard's Gift a refreshing and motivating walk through Stevenson's unique perspectives on personal and professional life. The book gives readers new tools to see, plan and live their lives with more purpose and satisfaction. I am sharing it with family and friends.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. You Only Live Once By Mark Birbaht is not often you come across a book that not only provides unique wisdom and guidance, but more importantly delivers a focus on balance and how to manage both professional and personal lives synergistically. This book does that and more. With truly uncommon life learnings that resonate significantly in the work world, this inspiring tome also brings light to how you weave your career path in a way that brings value and success in our daily lives and makes sure we temper our corporate and entrepreneurial ambitions with those that make us good people and build strong family and friends for a lifetime. What I found most valuable is the overall theme about "legacy"--what do we want our lives to look like personally and professionally and how do we evaluate those goals as we are building our legacies at the same time. At the end, what do we want our lives to reflect, to mean and to stand for. What type of roadmap do we implement, how do we address different signs along the way and make decisions to get us where we want to be, and how do we keep it all in perspective. These are not simple questions nor are they things we dwell on daily; however, they are critical when you take in the big picture and truly sit down and ponder what you want in life and how you want others to be a part of it. Howard's wisdom is culled from years of experiences with people on both sides of the equation and Sinoway does a poignant and powerful job in distilling these life lessons in an eloquent yet simplistic manner that all can both enjoy and use. It is well worth the time in an otherwise cluttered world of noise. I read it and have employed many of the principles already!

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A great story with real examples for application By honestsue Howard's gift is a great example of how we are leaders in life without necessarily having that title. Defining our purpose can be conscious or unconscious, the choice is ours. This story shares a multitude of wisdom in unexpected ways. As I read this book I was thinking of all the choices we have before us from the minute we awake until we retire each and every day. Listening and asking questions by being curious is such an underrated way to gain knowledge and wisdom. So often those that need to hear seem challenged in the area they need most, which leads one to realize how having a Howard in your life is a true gift and asset. Having read this book, I feel like I know Howard, but I would welcome the opportunity to meet him anytime.

This work offers wonderful wisdom for navigating the inflection points in our lives." -- Mehmet Oz, MD An iconic teacher. A warm friend. A generous mentor. For more than 40 years, Howard Stevenson has been a towering figure at Harvard Business School: the man who literally defined entrepreneurship and taught thousands of the world's most successful professionals. Now - spurred by Stevenson's heart-stopping brush with death - his student, colleague, and dear friend Eric Sinoway shares the man's wisdom and inspiration. Through warm and engaging conversations, we hear Howard's timeless and practical lessons on pursuing both success and fulfillment, beginning with:- Create a vision of your own legacy through a process called "business planning for life."- Be entrepreneurial in driving your career ahead (even if you're not an entrepreneur).- Exploit the inflection points in your life - whether "friend," "foe," or "silent."- Cut risk in tough career and life decisions by shining the "light of predictability" on them.- Plan for the ripples, not just the splash from your actions and choices. Reading Howard's Gift is like having a wise, caring friend sit down and say, "Let's figure all this out together." And the deeply personal perspectives from guest contributors - such as CNN correspondent Soledad O'Brien, Teach for America Founder Wendy Kopp, two-time Super Bowl Champion Carl Banks, and legendary MTV Founder Bob Pittman - reinforce the practical lessons in this clear-sighted book that will help readers "define success in their own terms," and "live a life with no regrets.