

Success On Our Own Terms: Tales of Extraordinary, Ordinary Business Women

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4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Positive and UpliftingBy A CustomerThis book has been a tremendous experience for me -- on par with Sally Helgesen's "The Female Advantage" which I read several years ago. This is a wonderful follow-up to that life-changing book. "Success on our Own Terms" is a celebration of the

diversity of paths that women have carved in the business world. The creativity of the women's decisions, and the companies that supported them, is inspiring. The title of the book is apt -- the definition of success itself is not an absolute. While the book strongly identifies the need for mentors, it also clearly shows that the traditional career paths, and the myths associated with those paths, don't always fit the situation or the individual. Ultimately, these women are doing what is right for them, celebrating the complex lives that they are determined to live to the fullest. It gives one hope -- for women and for the business world.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. This book teaches us that it is okay to define our success.

By J Magee I think Ms. O'Brien hit the nail right on the head. What it is all about is being able to define what YOU believe is the key to success and to live your life in that way. As long as you live up to your expectations, that is what really counts. At least to me anyway.

On another note, I personally met Ginny and she is a fabulous person with extraordinary insight. Her book is not a bunch of mumbo-jumbo, but actual experiences of real people. I would recommend this book for those who question their idea of success. It is very enlightening.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. This is a great book!

By A Customer I am a career coach and work with professional women in leadership and career transition. This book first came to my attention by several clients who were surprised that it was not on my client reading list. They were right - this book is a gem. Virginia O'Brien has done her homework. This well researched and well written book is both useful and inspiring. A must for any woman serious about her career.

Q: How many female CEOs does it take to break the glass ceiling? A: That's the wrong question! Numbers alone simply don't tell the real story of how women are doing in today's corporate world. *Success on Our Own Terms* does. It's filled with real stories -- stories of ordinary women who are making an extraordinary difference in the way corporations work. *Success on Our Own Terms* features women of different ages, ethnic backgrounds, and educational levels. Their combined experiences offer a fascinating portrait of how the corporate landscape has changed for women over the last few decades. This book is filled with the wisdom of these experiences, from important lessons on navigating corporate corridors and influencing the system to juggling work and personal life, helping local communities, and much more. Exploring the multidimensional definition of success shared by these women, this book reveals how they are working hard to reach their goals, balance their lives, and make a positive contribution to society. It shows how they --and others like them --are transforming the organization from the inside out through their own unique management style, values, vision, and determination. By designing, achieving, and owning their success, women are exploding conventional definitions of their progress in the workplace. The female voices in *Success on Our Own Terms* inform, encourage, and inspire us all. "Wonderful, timely, and absolutely refreshing. Reading this book excited and inspired me, and reaffirmed my belief that the future will be a great place for women." --Sally Helgesen, author of *The Female Advantage: Women's Ways of Leadership* and *Everyday Revolutionaries: Working Women and the Transformation of American Life* "Virginia O'Brien tells the real story --that 'we are entering a new phase in which women are becoming full participants with men in conducting the nation's business.' . . . It's a heartening read, and a good antidote to media tales of doom and gloom." --Caryl Rivers, coauthor of *She Works, He Works: How Two Income Families Are Happier, Healthier, and Better Off* "A must read to understand the multidimensional new values successful women bring to the marketplace of ideas. . . . [Readers] will find themselves, a friend, or a loved one on every page." --Carol R. Goldberg, President of the Avcar Group, Ltd. and former President and COO of Stop Shop Companies, Inc. "Insightful and informative. This excellent work brings the stories of successful women executives to the forefront." --Charles E. Rice, Chairman and CEO, Barnett Banks, Inc. "These are inspiring stories, which I highly recommend." --Richard McCormick, Chairman and CEO, US West, Inc.