



# Straight Talk on Leadership: Solving Canada's Business Crisis

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## DESCRIPTION

Praise for *Straight Talk on Leadership*

"This book is for leaders who aspire to make a difference by transforming their organizations for global competitiveness. It is for those who approach leadership as a privilege to be re-earned each and every day, rather than a reward for past successes. Doug covers the landscape of issues facing leaders today in a compelling, insightful manner, and always with the frankness for which he is respected in the business community."

# **Eric Siegel**, President & Chief Executive Officer (Retired), Export Development Canada

"Williamson's approach is effective and real-world: confront truths, wear them and move forward quickly with accountable action. This book is an invaluable recipe as to the "how" and why leadership is critical to Canada's economic future."

# **Rupert Duchesne**, Group Chief Executive, Aimia Inc. (Formerly Group Aeroplan Inc.)

"The turbulent fast-changing times we live in pose great leadership challenges. There are no easy leadership recipes. Doug Williamson's unvarnished straight talk puts the environment in global perspective and provides leaders with a competency framework suited to the times we live in. A must read."

# **Naseem Somani**, President & Chief Executive Officer, Gamma-Dynacare Medical Laboratories

"Succeeding in global markets requires an aggressive and competitive style. Doug has created a blueprint for success. Open communication and high transparency are the hallmarks of the best-run companies. In *Straight Talk on Leadership*, he makes a no-nonsense, patriotic plea for pragmatic leadership in the executive suite and a wonderful roadmap for high performance results on the international stage."

# **Robert Courteau**, Chief Executive Officer, Altus Group Limited

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