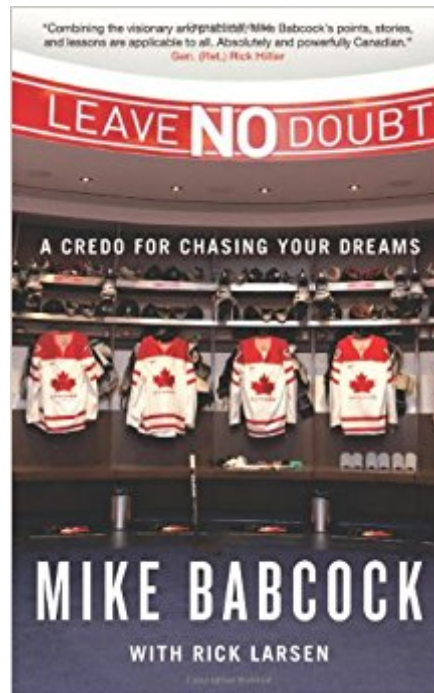




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# Leave No Doubt: A Credo For Chasing Your Dreams



## Synopsis

Mike Babcock is the only hockey coach in the history of the game to lead teams to victory in the Stanley Cup, the World Championship, and the Olympic Games. Currently head coach for the Detroit Red Wings, he is arguably the best coach in the game today. In this book, against the dramatic backdrop of the Canadian men's gold medal victory in Vancouver, Babcock provides an inspiring roadmap for achieving goals and fulfilling dreams. This is not just a book about hockey but a book about life, rooted in Babcock's "Leave No Doubt" credo. Written by Babcock and his longtime friend Rick Larsen, the credo hung on Team Canada's dressing-room wall during their historic run to Olympic gold. It provides a compelling framework for excelling in life. Illuminated by revealing stories about overcoming doubt, "owning pressure," and making a difference, "Leave No Doubt" is based on a firm belief in everyday commitment and a step by step approach to being "better than good enough." The words originally written for Canada's Olympic gold medal hockey team - leave no doubt, every day counts, our determination will define us - inspire an approach to succeeding in life that is relevant to people of all interests and ambitions. Athlete or not, each of us will find valuable guidance in this succinct primer from one of the most respected leaders in sports.

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"Leave No Doubt is truly an inspirational read. [Babcock's] views on life, on commitment, on hard work, apply to everybody." Pierre LeBrun, ESPN  
"This is a story about a belief in what's possible, about seizing the moment we are all given and about what truly lives deep inside the heart of a

leader - a desire so powerful that no force can block its path. Mike Babcock saw the winning goal long before it was scored. He had to. Leave No Doubt is a chronicle about vision, about effort, teamwork, heartbreak, and destiny. A truth about confronting fear and giving a country a moment in time. Leadership in black and white!" John Furlong, CEO, Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games"I was inspired by Leave No Doubt in part because everything in it resonated with me. Following your dreams, but with your eyes wide open and with a plan to realize those dreams, is something all of us would do well to hoist aboard. Combining the visionary with the practical, Mike's points, stories, and lessons are applicable to all. Absolutely and powerfully Canadian." General (Ret.) Rick Hillier

Mike Babcock coaches the Detroit Red Wings and is two-time head coach of Canada's men's hockey team in the 2010 Vancouver and 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games. Rick Larsen is principal at Episode 96 Consulting in Chicago.

This is an essential book for Red Wings fans, for obvious reason. This is also an essential book for those who know themselves and seek self-improvement, which is one of the Marine Corps Leadership Principles. A great leader will read this book and use its teachings in their daily life. While reading this book, I was reading it in Mike Babcock's voice in my head and that provided extra entertainment value. This book was written after the 2010 Vancouver Team Canada Gold Medal game and came out within 2 years of that event. He touches on it quite a bit and the events leading up to it. Everything is all tied into his basic tenets of leadership. He has a very direct way of leading and it's admirable. This is also a very inspirational book and really inspires you to want to change your workplace, interpersonal relationship, etc for the better. I can't recommend this enough. It's about 130 pages and a good portion of the pages are only half full with lots of spacing between short paragraphs. It should take you about 60-90 minutes to read. It's VERY quick but VERY awesome.

I could relate to every aspect of the book I am a Saskatoon Holy Cross Grad, a Saskatoon Junior "B" hockey player, a retired PE teacher, I lived in the Red Deer area, I live in Michigan now, I enjoy strategic goal setting, I know the author Rick, I appreciate that success does not happen without effort, This list could go on. I plan to read the book again. The first time I read the book I read it cover to cover in one sitting. It was captivating. The writing style is unique. And the page layout helped to emphasize that. I describe the style as being "almost point form with just enough information to

capture the message". The authors did cover what the title suggested: "Leave no Doubt: A Credo for Chasing your Dreams" but the "take home message" was different for me. It was the "behind the scene aspects of achieving gold in Hockey" that carried the story for me

This is the most unique hockey book I have read. A bit of an autobiography, a glimpse inside Team Canada, tidbits about the NHL-World Juniors-Canadian College Hockey and a lot of leadership philosophy. It seemed light and repetitive as I was reading it but became succinct when finished. There is no question that Babcock is a winner. I'm still a bit unclear what makes him so great. The old Blue Line Steve would ask how hard is it really to win coaching Team Canada and the Detroit Red Wings? Crosby or Toews? Zetterberg or Datsyuk? Like Bowman before him Babcock hasn't had to coach a Panthers or Predators. Regardless this was the best of the hockey books I have read over the past several years.

I am writing this review on the day of Team Canada's gold medal win at Sochi. I bought the book today and read it in one sitting. Coach Babcock's words are perhaps even more true now than in 2010. His philosophy contains basic truths of benefit to all of us. His thoughts on clarity of vision, preparation, knowing when to change gears, humility, perseverance, and learning from others apply not just to sports or business but to just about all aspects of modern life. The fact that Team Canada was successful in their title defence against fierce opposition demonstrates the plain spoken wisdom and utility of Coach Babcock's hard won insights.

No more trophies for 'everyone'. You want it, earn it! Mike Babcock puts out a blue print for those looking for insight to a successful life. Have your kids read it, my 2 will tomorrow.

Very good read. Inspiring, thought provoking and insightful. Can be a little repetitive, but the book is worth reading and digesting if you are committed to excellence and dreaming with your eyes open.

This book is excellent! I am a little biased because I personally know Mike but, his comments and words to live by are extremely genuine and a reflection of who he is! Don't expect an autobiography but more of a tool for motivation and how he motivated Team Canada in segments during the Olympics and how those little motivations had a personal investment in his life.

Leave No Doubt is a great book for many people, whether they are coaches, business executives,

or even spouses, they are likely to find some value in this material. Mike Babcock includes great examples of leadership and coaching which are laid out in a very applicable manner, in a bit of a story form set in the 2010 Olympics. These stories provide thoughtful insight for readers, and an inside look at what happened to prepare the Canadian team. The questions at the end of each chapter are also great summation points, which could serve one well by writing them down for daily reflection (or if nothing else, paste them around your cubicle or home). I've watched Babcock coach for years, watching a minimum of 70 of his games a year, and I really admire the guy. To be truthful, I've learned a lot just from watching his mannerisms and his interactions with players, the media, and fellow coaches. This guy gets it, and reading his book is like getting into his head. While a dream of mine has been to sit down with this guy for a cup of coffee or a beer, this book helped me get closer than I had ever anticipated and provided a great opportunity to learn things. Pick it up, it's a quick read!

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