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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

According to successful authors and marketing business leaders Thaler and Koval, paying attention to the small things can improve your effectiveness in both personal and professional situations. Written in an appropriately succinct style, Thaler and Koval make a big deal of simple steps like paying better attention to what you're saying ("Bill Clinton... waits until he has come to the end of a sentence to shift his attention to another person") and picking up after yourself ("Professional organizer Molly Boren... says to put away three things in the morning and three things at night"). Some chapters are more professionally oriented, like a chapter on gaffes at work ("Little Mistakes Spell Disaster"), but widely-applicable, everyday advice gets much of the attention, as in the "Take Baby Steps" chapter: "Smaller, more attainable goals will also give you quicker, more frequent mini-rewards." Though not necessarily for front-to-back reading, quick dips should yield enough practical inspiration for most seekers. Clean, simple writing, familiar to anyone who picked up the authors' bestselling *The Power of Nice*, ensures a fast-paced reading experience, and an admirable example of the subtle, considered approach it advocates.

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Review

Advance Praise for *The Power of Small*

"Linda Kaplan Thaler and Robin Koval take on the conventional wisdom that bigger is better and show how thinking small gives you a true competitive advantage in life. For best results, get *Small* now. This little book can make a huge difference in your life."

—James Patterson, bestselling author, former CEO of J. Walter Thompson

"I love this book! I've always known that little things make all the difference, and now Thaler and Koval have written a book to show you how to benefit from this powerful concept. If you read and apply the ideas in this small book, it will make a big difference in your success."

—Mark Sanborn, bestselling author of *The Fred Factor*, President of Sanborn & Associates, Inc.

"Anyone who has tried to sleep with a mosquito in the room knows the impact of something small. But the positive impact of little things is even greater, as Linda Kaplan Thaler and Robin Koval show so elegantly in their latest book."

—Deborah Norville

"Once you've read *The Power of Small*, you will never look at the world the same way again. When you re-orient your perspective to look for the magic in the little things, life's mountains become manageable molehills."

—Cynthia Nixon

"Anyone who is successful can look back at one small thing they did for someone or someone did for them that meant so much, and made the difference in their career. Those small things are what lay the foundation for success. That's what this book is all about." —Jay Leno

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