

Michael Doven Discusses His Favorite Influential Novels

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Michael Doven, a noted filmmaker, talks about how books help inspire his work and give him valuable tools he can use in his producing business.

([Newswire.net](#) -- September 3, 2015) Encino, CA -- When he's not working behind the scenes on his many projects, noted film producer **Michael Doven** can often be found devouring book after book. "I am a voracious reader," he says. "I read books whenever and wherever I can and I listen to audiobooks during my daily workouts."

His reading tastes lean toward biographies and technical/business titles, from the classic *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie to the biography titled *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson and *The Art of the Start 2.0: The Time-Tested, Battle-Hardened Guide for Anyone Starting Anything* by Guy Kawasaki and Lindsey Filby. "Books can be an unlimited source of knowledge," says Michael. "I read as much as I do so I can continually learn new approaches to solving the difficulties that sometimes arise during film production. I can expand my knowledge base and unwind at the same time, too." Reading represents both learning and therapy to Michael, presenting to him valuable insights into some of the most successful minds in business while giving him an outlet to help him relieve the stresses of his busy work life.

In the past six months, Michael has read or listened to dozens of titles. These include:

- *The Virgin Way: Everything I Know About Leadership* – Richard Branson
- *Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future* – Ashlee Vance
- *What the Dog Saw: And Other Adventures* – Malcolm Gladwell
- *The Lean Start Up: How Today's Entrepreneurs Use Continuous Innovation to Create Radically Successful Businesses* – Eric Ries
- *The Greatest Minds of all Time* . - Will Durant
- *Creativity, Inc* – Catmull
- *Talk like TED* – Gallo
- *The Innovators* - Isaacson

If you detect a pattern, you've begun to discern some of what draws Michael to these books. Each one represents a learning opportunity to help him improve his own business, encouraging him to innovate at his production company United Pictures Group and giving him a well-rounded approach to tackling the needs of his business. "These inspirational biographies and technical titles are the keys to unlocking the secrets behind some of the most creative minds in the business world," Michael states. "I have learned so many things that help shape who I am and how I conduct myself with the projects I am responsible for." Michael's passion for reading is only surpassed by the intensity with which he displays at his production company, shepherding new film projects and handling contract negotiations, sourcing screenplays, and managing the day-to-day operations of film sets. Each of these skills has been enhanced by the many lessons he's been exposed to in his journey through literature.

About: For over 25 years, Doven has been deeply involved in the film industry, producing blockbusters that have taken in billions at the box office and working with some of the most talented actors and directors of the modern era. Michael used his experience to launch his own production company, United Pictures Group, LLC, where he is busy producing exciting new projects.

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