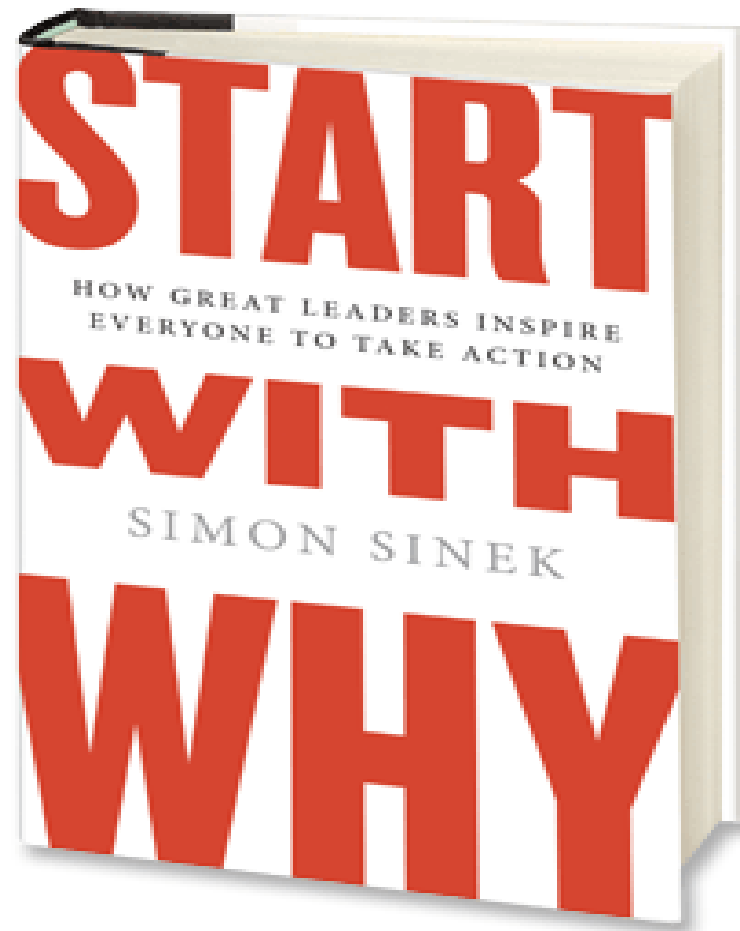


Three bright green apples are arranged on a white surface. One apple is in the foreground, slightly to the right, showing its stem. Two other apples are behind it, one to the left and one to the right. The apples are glossy and have a few small white speckles. The background is white, and the bottom of the image has a solid green gradient bar.

Reflections after a 42 year career

On the Importance of Education



Creating the Future

Making Ontario Public Education the best education in the world is the most important thing we can do to build a bright and promising future for all of us.

Creating the Future We Want

In today's economy, the jurisdiction with the best educated, most highly skilled workforce gets the best jobs and the most investment. When we get education right, we also get the best people, the kind of men and women we want for friends, neighbours and co-workers. We get a strong society we want.

- Minister of Education



Creating the Future for a Better Life

We are not just delivering
Diplomas, we are delivering a
better life.

Start with Why

Children are the future. Make the right decision, each time for children. Children need adults in their lives to guide them, to provide for them, to teach them.

Expect more than others think is possible.
Dream more than others think is practical.
Ask yourself each day “what difference for the better have I made today in the life of a child?”

Stephen Lewis



When We Know Why

We can face formidable challenges.

We know how to prioritize

We make sense of them and achieve positive
change in spite of these formidable
challenges

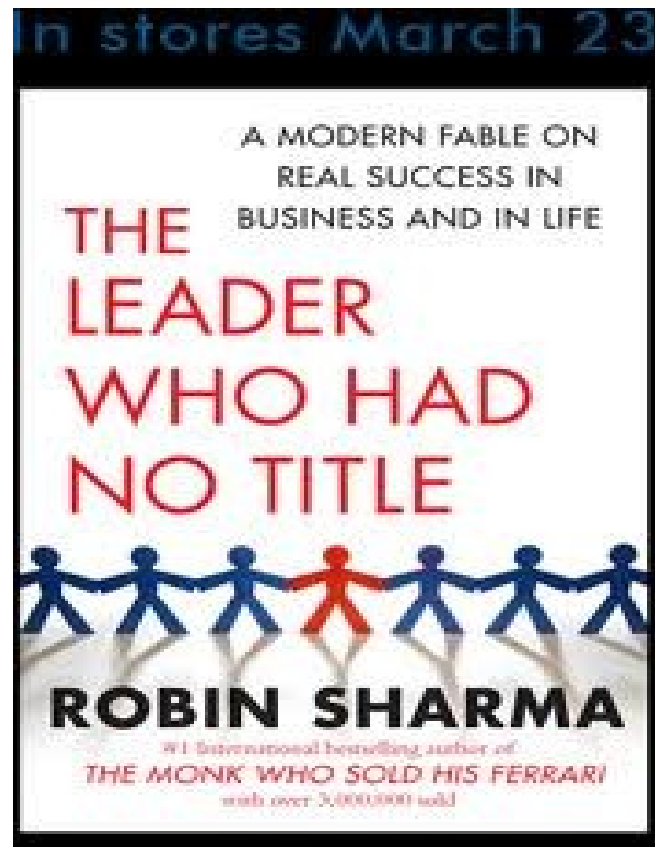
We know how to block out the
distracters

We know where the puck is going to be

We know how to clear the mechanism



Everyone is a Leader



We do the best we can

If a man is called to be a streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well.

– Martin Luther King Jr.



Things We have learned along the Road to Success

We never lose sight of the fact that the child as a learner is not only the center of the school system, but the only reason for its existence.

W.B. Jackson



Good News Story

Our schools are example of hope for the future

- Our Teachers and Principals and Administrators demonstrate each day that we are making a difference.
- We question ourselves, we worry which students are not making improvements.
- We seek out and use research-based strategies
- We seek evidence of successes and gaps using data.
- We engage, empower and inspire everyone to join us in making a difference.
- We seek others when we need help.
- We know there is no holy grail or silver bullet.
- We are not satisfied until we get results.



Things We have learned along the Road to Success

Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of focused attention, sincere effort, intelligent and skillful execution. It represents wise choices among many alternatives.

Albert Einstein



You are making a Difference

A hundred years from now it will not matter what your bank account was, the sort of house you lived in, or the kind of car you drove... But the world may be a different because you were important in the life of a child.

Margaret Mead



Continued Success on Your Noble Cause



You Are Making A difference

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