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"Important. Well-written. Timely. Here in this wonderful book, Matthew Bishop and Michael Green shine a light on sparkling examples of effective philanthropy, and how some of the most accomplished people are trying to solve the world's most intractable problems. A superb portrait of a vital new force shaping the world today, "Philanthrocapitalism" deserves to be widely read."--Jim Collins, author of "Good to Great"

"Matthew Bishop's and Michael Green's stunning book provides keen and penetrating insights into the growing significance of the new philanthropists and their commitment to use their wealth to change the world and deploy their wealth with capitalistic rigor. It is a must read for anyone searching for creative approaches to solving the world's problems."--Bill George, author of "True North" and former chair & CEO of Medtronic

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