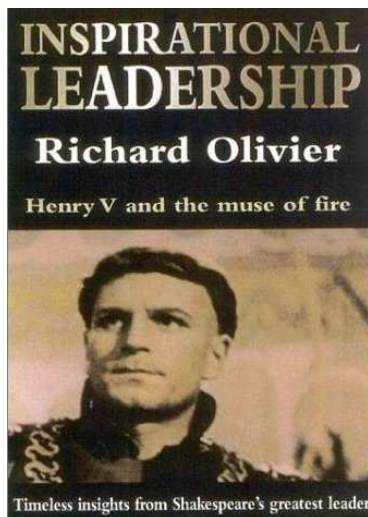


## Inspirational Leadership

### Richard Olivier

Henry V has long been used as an exemplar for leadership as well as for anyone who enjoys Shakespearean action-packed plays. Richard Olivier the son of Laurence Olivier, possibly the archetypal Henry V of stage and screen uses the text to create a lavish narrative of the issues facing Henry on his perspective conquest of France.

The major scenes of the play are dealt with by providing both a commentary to understand the play, and an explanation of the play's lessons in the modern business world. Both are engaging providing great content for those interested in the business applications and a deeper understanding of the play.



Olivier also introduces a number of useful models to further explain the business applications which are easy to follow. Of particular note is his explanation of handling dissenters to change which draws direct parallels with the content of the play itself.

Whilst many books on leadership focus on the positive aspects of the subject's approach Olivier doesn't flinch from revealing some of the less savoury aspects of Henry's approach including his ultimatum to the besieged town of Harfleur and his self-doubts the night before the battle of Agincourt. Henry's flaws are discussed with the same focus as his undoubted talent for leadership providing the reader with an excellent juxtaposition of this many-faceted personality.

Of course Henry's portrayal in the play is a fictional one however the strength of the prose brings to life the importance of being able to communicate to all sections of the audience with a particular emphasis on creating a compelling vision for both the quest as a whole as well as individuals within the story.

His ability to communicate this vision when required is probably the most important lesson to be gleaned from the play and is explained well within the book.

Many of the main speeches delivered by Henry are available on YouTube including;

"Once more into the breach" the assault on Harfleur

"we band of brothers" the prelude to the battle of Agincourt

These can provide excellent motivational examples in training situations with the correct permissions of course.

Richard Olivier also provides workshops around his book and the content which I led to believe are very good.

In all an excellent book no matter what your interest and a gateway to the power of leadership as portrayed in the prose of Shakespeare.

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