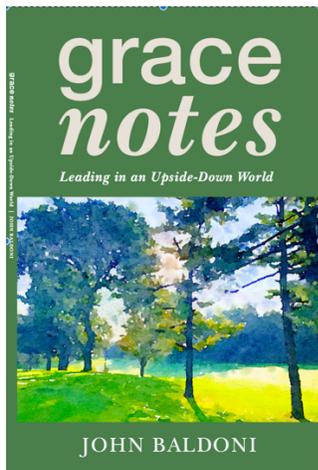




Immediate Release – *Grace Notes: A Look at Our Pandemic from a Leader’s Perspective*



Grace Notes is the fifteenth book by author John Baldoni. The book explores the themes of loss, resilience and joy that individuals and leaders experienced during a pandemic.

Grace Notes has a distinctive style. “*Grace Notes* is laid out as a book of poetry,” says Baldoni. “Consider it a collection of short thoughts expressed in rhythmic prose. The arc of the book begins with darkness but ends with lightness. Along the way there are ups and downs, but ultimately we end in a place of hope.”

The pandemic turned our world upside down overnight. Baldoni says, “I started doing a series of videos about what it was like to live through this pandemic. The scripts of those videos became the backbone of *Grace Notes*.”

The book focuses on what leaders were thinking and what they should be doing for themselves and their people. In a very real way, *Grace Notes* is a call to action: to rally people for a common cause, if only to survive.

Among the themes Baldoni explores are fear and loss as well as empathy, resilience and hope. Taken together these themes, expressed in short bursts of prose poetry, provide a roadmap for leaders seeking to navigate change and crisis. Baldoni augments the words with his own photography, giving the book an expressive graphic dimension.

As noted, empathy plays a role in the book. “Empathy is that ability to sense another’s situation, their condition, their pain. When a leader feels it, she must act. Sometimes the action is to be there. By that, I mean connect in a personal way to the person who is suffering. Other times, it means enacting changes, says Baldoni. “Empathy in the hands of a leader is about doing what you can to make things better.”

“*Grace Notes*,” says Baldoni, “provides insights into how to live more purposefully and with more grace. Purpose becomes your why. Grace becomes your how, the inspiration to live a more connected life.”

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Advance praise for *Grace Notes*

In Grace Notes, John Baldoni shows leaders that being more of who they are is a superpower.
Tasha Eurich Ph.D., *New York Times* bestselling author of *Insight*

Read just one of these thoughtful entries each day, and you will soon be a more effective leader.
Adrian Gostick and Chester Elton, *New York Times* bestselling authors of *Leading with Gratitude* and *Anxiety at Work*

The book takes us on a sacred journey, exploring the highs and lows of transition, chaos and crisis. Through this poetic pilgrimage, we emerge better, stronger, and more enlightened about the possibilities we can create together.

Alaina Love, creator of the Passion Profiler, and co-author of *The Purpose Linked Organization*

About John Baldoni

John Baldoni is a globally recognized leadership educator, certified Master Corporate Executive Coach, and author of fifteen books that have been translated into ten languages.

John's books include *GRACE: A Leader's Guide to a Better Us*, *MOXIE: The Secret to Bold and Gutsy Leadership*, *Lead with Purpose*, *Lead Your Boss*, and *The Leader's Pocket Guide*.

In 2021, the International Federation of Learning and Development named John a World-Class Mentor and named him to its Hall of Fame. In 2020 Global Gurus ranked John a Top 30 global leadership expert, a list he has been on since 2007. In 2018 Inc.com named John a Top 100 speaker and Trust Across America honored John with its Lifetime Achievement Award for Trust. In 2014 Inc.com listed John as a Top 50 leadership expert.

John is also a member of the renowned Marshall Goldsmith 100 coaches, a group of executive coaches and thought leaders from the worlds of business, academia and social service.

John established a career as a highly sought-after executive coach, where he has had the privilege of working with senior leaders in virtually every industry from pharmaceutical to real estate, packaged goods to automobiles, and finance to health care.

John has authored more than 800 leadership columns for a variety of online publications including *Forbes*, *Harvard Business Review* and *Inc.com* John also produces and appears in a video coaching series for SmartBrief, a news channel with over 4 million readers. John is also the host of LinkedIn Live's *Grace under pressure* interview series. John's leadership resource website is www.johnbaldoni.com