

# We Lead Book Club



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THE MISSING LINK BETWEEN MERIT AND SUCCESS

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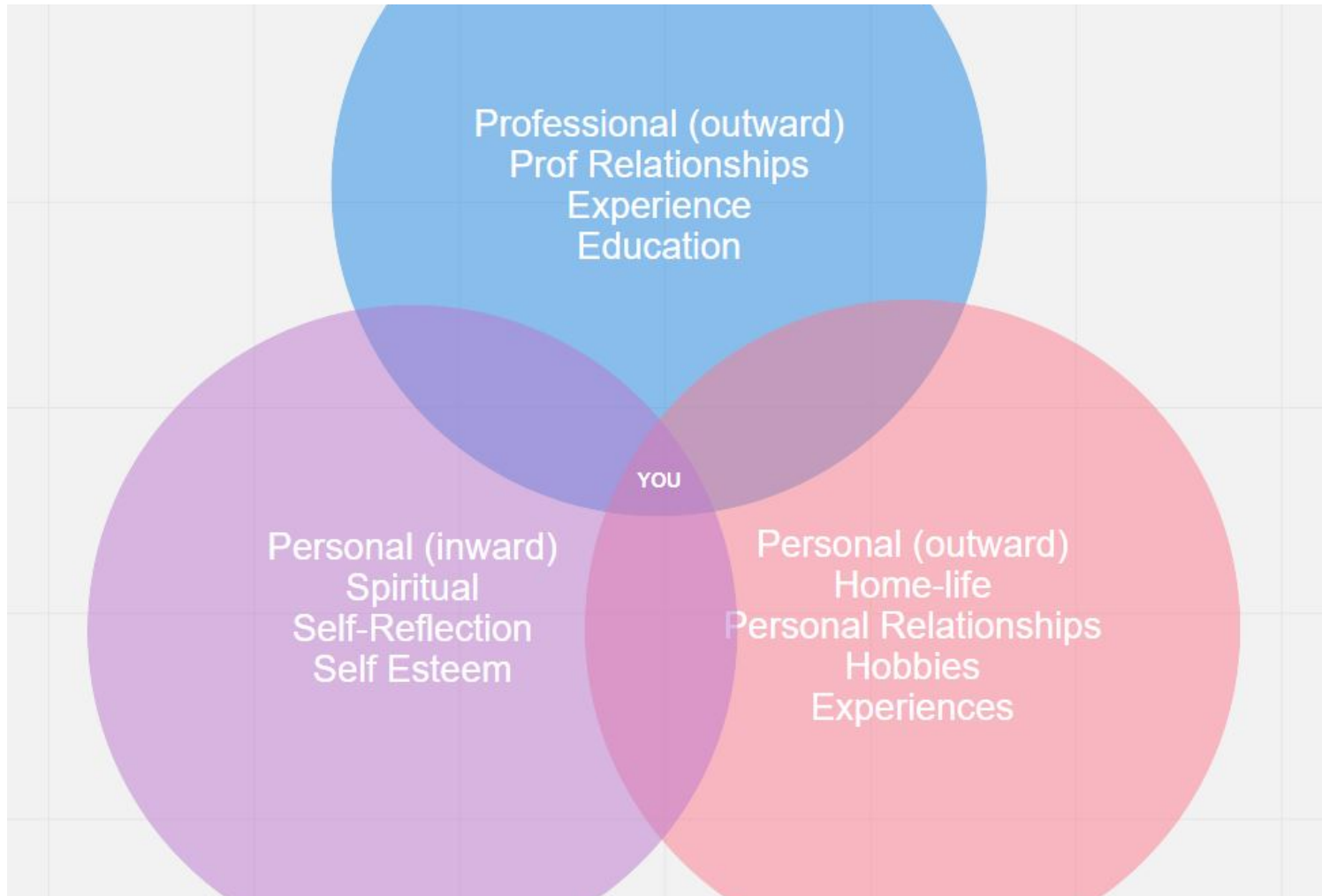
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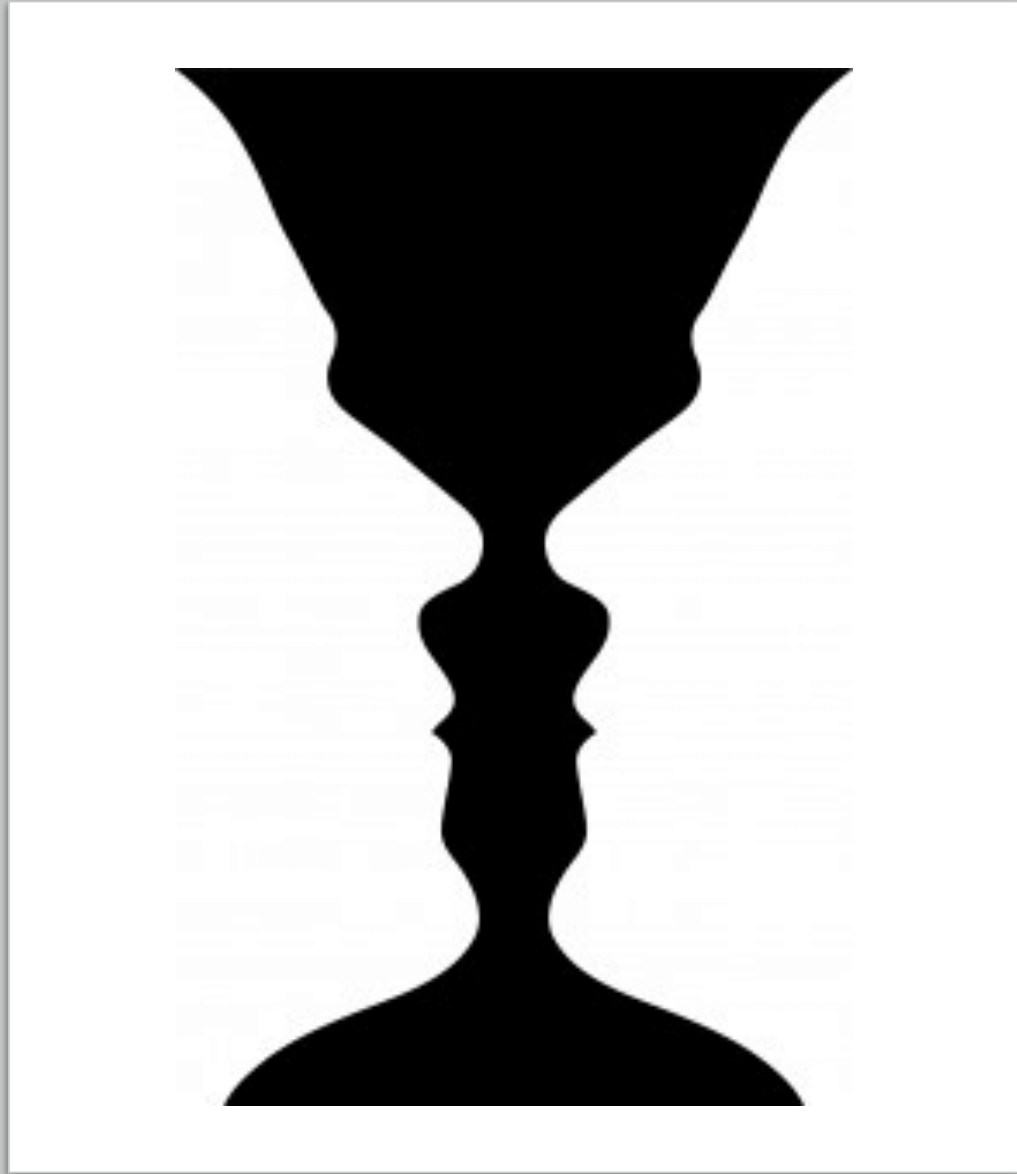
## Why the Book was Chosen

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- Dana Collins-Bible and Heather Varela of SHSU We Lead introduced us to the book.
- Believe the book aligns with our group's mission and purpose.
- Touches on the leadership and development of professional women.
- Potential challenge is finding one book to suit the needs of many.
- Our hope is that the content of the book inspires discussion and professional development.

# Different Perspectives





What do you  
see?

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## Icebreaker

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The author summarized executive presence as a, "combination of confidence, poise, and authenticity that convinces the rest of us we're in the presence of someone who is the real deal" (p. 1).

Picture a person (either someone you know or who you've seen/heard) that you think exhibits these traits.

- What qualities do you admire about them?
- What personality traits do you already have in common with them?
- Which of these traits would you want to improve in yourself, and how would you accomplish that?





## Breakout – Round 1

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How do you know when to “Speak Truth to Power”?

- When is it safe, if ever?
- Would that be different depending on your role or level or age? PP 25-26





## Breakout – Round 2

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The author mentions becoming an "expert in the field".

- In what ways have you grown professionally as you become/or already are an expert in your field?
- Was it through formal education, continuing education, becoming a member of a professional organization and attending professional development training, or on the job training?



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- Reflect on what you learned today.
- Make a plan.
- Invite others to join us.
- Inquire about We Lead membership Heather Varela:  
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- Feedback about the presentation, Lisa Chaddick:  
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- Next book club meeting is Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon.
- We will discuss chapter 3.