

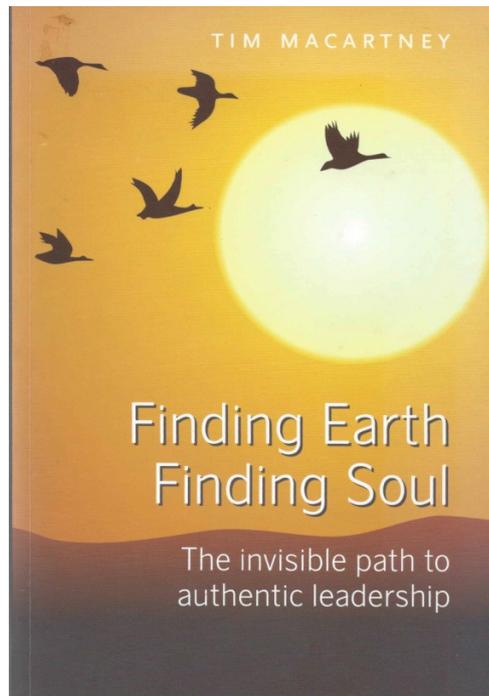
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Finding Earth, Finding Soul

- The invisible path to authentic leadership

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Most books for managers are addressed to the mainstream – at how to get on in the world according to its expectation. This book is about how to make the most of your life and to change the world for the better.

It is a very personal testimony – a beautifully written account of one man's search for meaning and his offer to the world. He happens to have worked in the domain of management development, to which his message is relevant because managers are powerful people in our society.

For them to hear this story might hopefully be influential in awakening the reader, the world of management learning and society in general to the challenge of our age. He describes his happenstance beginning, his early work with managers, his establishment of Embercombe as a powerful centre for such work, the story of Pathways as a learning enterprise and his own quest for self-awakening. In so doing he transmits a message regarding western civilisations' abuse of the earth and the need and hope for an alternative way of being.

Through the unique features of his own journey, Mac brings the reader into respectful relationship with the wisdom of old – what he refers to as the Invisible Path.. He bears witness to its application to leadership through his own authentic voice. Is authenticity anything less than this link from earth to soul?

Macartney speaks direct to the reader from his own experience – the deep experience of a mature and perceptive individual. It is a call from his soul to yours. A call to awaken, to play your part, to live rightly and to touch the earth. Not only to touch the earth but to rejoice in being intimately connected to the living earth and all her gifts. To learn to love and be loved – to live fully and wholly. It is a lovely book, majestic in its reach. It is also an engaging read. I heartily commend it.