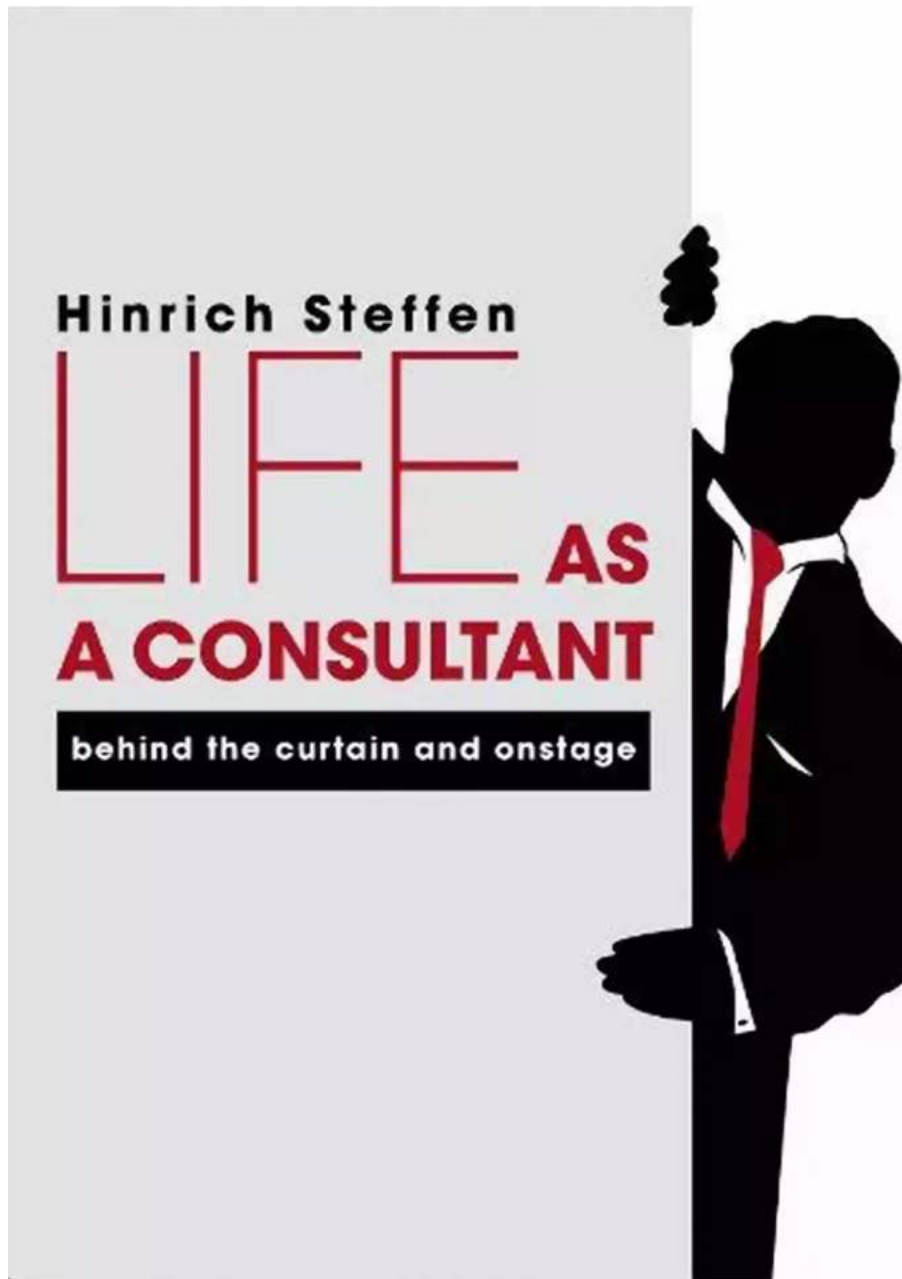


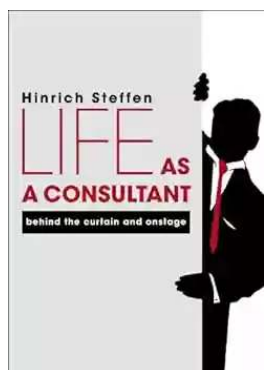
Life As a Consultant: Behind the Curtain and Onstage



In today's fast-paced business world, the role of a consultant has become increasingly crucial. From guiding companies through complex challenges to implementing innovative solutions, consultants play a vital part in shaping the success of organizations across various industries.

The Glamour and Excitement of Consulting

When people think about consulting, they often envision the dazzling stage where consultants work. They see the impressive presentations, the high-profile clients, and the jet-setting lifestyle. However, behind the curtain lies a different reality - one that requires hard work, continuous learning, and adaptability.



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Behind the Scenes: The Life of a Consultant

Consultants work tirelessly behind the scenes, dedicating countless hours to research, data analysis, and problem-solving. They work closely with clients to understand their needs and craft tailored strategies to achieve their goals.



Onstage, consultants are the face of change. They deliver captivating presentations and workshops, inspiring clients with their expertise and vision. They assist in creating a roadmap for success and guide organizations towards growth, innovation, and sustainability.

Constant Learning and Adaptability

Every day brings new challenges and opportunities for consultants. They must stay at the forefront of industry trends, technologies, and best practices. The ability to adapt quickly to different situations is crucial, as consultants often work with a wide range of clients across various sectors.

Being a consultant means constantly expanding one's knowledge base and seeking out innovative solutions. It requires a thirst for learning and an insatiable curiosity about the world.

The Rewards of Consultancy

While the life of a consultant can be demanding, it also offers numerous rewards. The opportunity to work with influential clients and being part of significant transformations within organizations is immensely fulfilling.

Consultants often work in dynamic teams, collaborating with talented professionals from diverse backgrounds. This allows them to gain invaluable insights and develop a broad skill set.

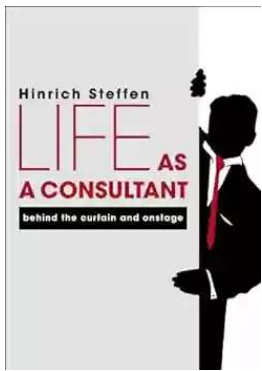
The Impact of Consulting on Personal Development

Consulting is not only a profession but a journey of personal growth. It teaches consultants how to think critically, make informed decisions, and effectively communicate their ideas.

The challenges encountered in consulting develop resilience, adaptability, and problem-solving skills. Consultants learn to navigate complex situations and deliver outstanding results, even under pressure.

Life as a consultant is undoubtedly a challenging yet rewarding experience. From working behind the curtain to shining onstage, consultants play a vital role in shaping the success of organizations.

Their dedication, constant learning, and adaptability make them invaluable assets in the ever-evolving business landscape.



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There are great stories to tell about life as such ... But why write a book about life as a consultant? (Or read it, for that matter.) Well, the sheer market size of consulting exceeds the worldwide sales of Audi, BMW, Daimler Benz, and Porsche together, car brands very much liked by consultants. This alone makes the business something to wonder about. I think, it is a worthwhile attempt to rip away some of the fog and mystery still surrounding consulting as a global service industry, accounting for hundreds of billions of Euros in revenues.

But there are obvious questions to be answered like: What kind of people works in this business? How do they do what they do? Can consulting be studied? What services are delivered, and what benefits can be pinpointed? Who are the clients spending that amount of money? What has changed over the past decades? How does the inside world of consulting look? What is the role and influence of consulting in macroeconomics, ethics, and science?

This book is written from a very personal point of view. It reflects more than 30 years of experience in the business, nationally as well as internationally (but having a German bias). It deals with multinational, small and medium sized companies as well as with government agencies, with managers and entrepreneurs in a wide range of industries. I will try to give some understanding of what makes consultants tick. That might be helpful for clients not having had the experience of working with consultants yet. It may also give background information to young people interested in getting on this, without any doubt, very interesting and challenging carousel. It will be valuable for confirming experiences of other senior consultants. It might be good for people who just want to learn a little more about this type of business and even for people who want to support their existing (very often negative) opinions about consulting with facts.

The book deals with all relevant fields of management consultancy including market research. A number of info-boxes deliver useful background on several issues in condensed form (text and graph).

And now there is one book more dealing with consulting in the armada of books, articles, blogs and commentaries that, one should think, are already being spread around the world. Well, this armada equals more the small number of ships that escaped the English fleet and the stormy and dangerous seas. In a web blog I read: "this post is for an MBA Blogger who wanted to know what life is like as a consultant. I couldn't recommend a book to him, so this is my version of consulting life ...".

The book is in business English (different aspiration than expected from English or American literature), as it is fair to give a much broader audience (at least far more than a million consultants worldwide) the opportunity of reading it. It is the

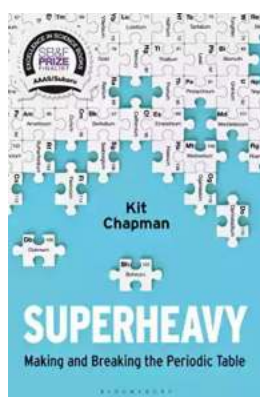
language used, understood and accepted in nearly every international project as far as I have been involved.

The book is inviting to explore the consulting scenery: behind the curtain and onstage.



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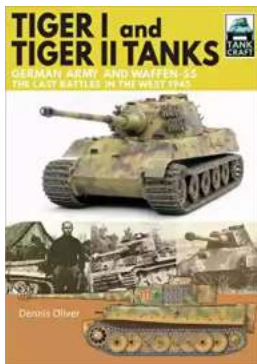
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