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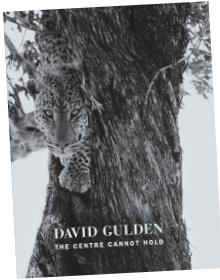
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The Centre Cannot Hold

By David Gulden, Semester in Kenya '91

Things aren't always black and white. The cruel and uncomfortable yet beautiful and raw reality of the Kenyan wilderness often receives a romanticized filter through photographs appearing on major news networks and publications.

Human conflict and death make headlines while images of nature and wild animals get exposure intermittently. "The Centre Cannot Hold" is a concentrated collection of images that evokes emotion and exists to change the glamorization that is all too often woven into the content that we interact with.

For over 10 years, NOLS Semester in Kenya grad David Gulden has committed himself fully to capturing images of the flora and fauna of the Kenyan bush. In this wonderful compilation of photographs, Gulden's efforts

become very obvious. He has spent that decade familiarizing himself with the land, with the animals, and with his camera. When these three elements ultimately converged, he created a stirring collection of images that have pushed the envelope for wildlife photography in this region.

With each turn of the page containing a new adventure, tangible emotions, and texture unique to this part of the world, this book is an experience in and of itself. It deserves the viewer's patience and attention, not to mention a spot on his or her coffee table. That Gulden has chosen not to clutter the pages of his book with distracting captions and descriptions also works in his favor. Like the locations and animals in Gulden's book, our imaginations are uncaged and free to wander. Great photography tells a story. This book delivers that story in its truest form. Sometimes, things are black and white. *Reviewed by Jared Steinman, Social Media Coordinator. © 2012 David Gulden.*

For The Common Good; Redefining Civic Leadership

By David D. Chrislip, former NOLS instructor, and Ed O'Malley

Though the title declares civic leadership as the focus, the concepts articulated in this book apply to leadership in general. In broad definition, Chrislip and O'Malley note civics "include the role of ordinary citizens and others in the organization and workings of society to address common concerns." These words prove genuine in more narrow and specific settings as NOLS courses, a familiar environment for Chrislip, a NOLS instructor from 1975 to 1987.

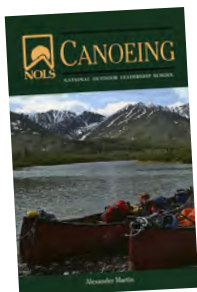
Chrislip and O'Malley divide their book into parts focusing on the state of, the practice of, and the heart of civic leadership. Along with introducing the story and mission of the Kansas Leadership Center, Part I examines and reviews civic challenges and their impact on leadership. Crucial to this section are the examination of what leadership is and the introduction and examination of adaptive challenges to leadership.

Part II focuses on competencies for responding to civic challenges. These chapters introduce the skills of managing one's self, diagnosing situations, intervening skillfully, and energizing others. The authors use stories of civic

leaders and activists exercising leadership and effecting constructive change to highlight each competency. The skills introduced also resonate in an expedition environment.

Part III returns to the whole, to the common good. As noted by the authors, leadership, though risky, is an activity available to anyone at anytime through engaging oneself and others. Chrislip and O'Malley posit leadership not as a selfish endeavor for personal advancement but rather shared responsibility "in pursuit of the common good."

The tenets put forth in this book create a strong foundation for leadership and expedition behavior in society-at-large as well as within the small-group expedition setting. *Reviewed by Marco Johnson, Field Staffing Director, © 2013 David D. Chrislip and Ed O'Malley. Chrislip will present at the 2014 NOLS Faculty Summit.*



NOLS Canoeing

Alexander Martin, NOLS Instructor

For several centuries, the canoe was a primary method of travel for explorers and settlers. Today, it remains an important part of a NOLS wilderness experience and also an enjoyable leisure activity among friends and family. Whether the reader is planning a day on the water or an extended expedition

in the backcountry, this book will be an excellent source of reference.

This book is the latest in a series of books authored by NOLS staff. Alexander Martin in this book provides the reader with firsthand experience based knowledge and advice. The book discusses the technical skills needed for all types of water—flat water or whitewater. All aspects of canoeing are covered in this book, basic equipment, environmental ethics, navigation,

water science, expedition planning, and most importantly, safety. Both novice and experienced canoers will benefit from reading this detailed and well-illustrated book. There are plenty of color photos and detailed illustrations to give examples of the author's explanations.

Paddlers have a role to play in the protection of our waters, whether true Wilderness, parkland, or an abused local river. Paddlers tend to know a place best and the ways to work to conserve it. This book emphasizes ways to minimize our impact as well.

The success of any expedition depends on proper preparation and the skills needed on it. This book would be a great addition to anyone's reference library for future outdoor adventures. *Reviewed by Diane Shoutis, NOLS Alumni Relations Coordinator © 2013 National Outdoor Leadership School.*