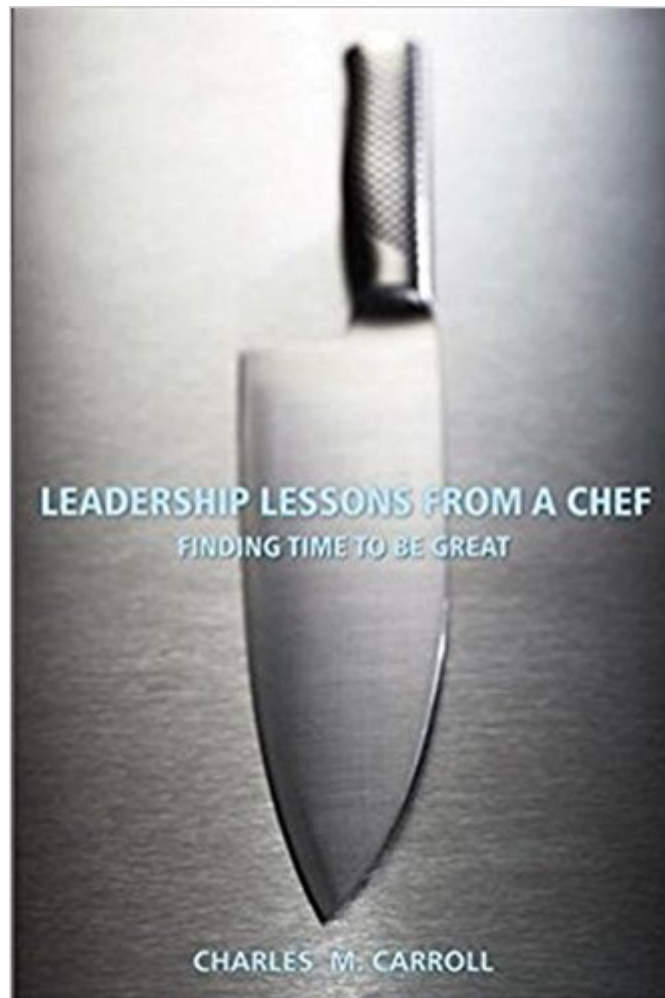




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# Leadership Lessons From A Chef: Finding Time To Be Great



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Charles M. Carroll, CEC, AAC, is the Executive Chef at the River Oaks Country Club in Houston, Texas, which is among the top country clubs in the United States. He has received over seventy national and international awards, including three Presidential Medallions from the American Culinary Federation. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Chef Carroll was the manager of the 2004 United States Regional Culinary Olympic Team, which won three gold medals and was

ranked third internationally. Before joining River Oaks, Carroll held executive chef positions at Rochester, New York's Oak Hill Country Club and The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel in New Hampshire.

I have been in the service industry ten years total and served in the Marine Corps for 4 years at which time I served as many different leadership positions and had leadership classes and training out the ying-yang....but when I discovered this piece of GOLD, I immediately read through a few pages online and purchased on the spot. This book covers EVERYTHING you need to know and learn to become a successful chef, mentor, leader, business professional and great image to the peers around you. Chef Charles Carroll is an amazing person (I have never met him in person, but when reading a book such as this one, and being a chef myself, I can almost feel a spiritual bond between us) and amazing chef, has over 70 medals from all over the world, breaks everything down to "Barney style" if you will, and makes it fun to learn more and more about "finding time to be great." I strongly suggest this book to anyone who wants to further their education and leadership traits, new to the culinary industry, or just an old dog wanting to learn new tricks. This is hands down my favorite leadership and chef book of all time! If you read this, please buy!!

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Now this is a great book for all of us who walk daily between kitchens walls. Working with people who sometimes grab this tough job left to last choice is not so easy. But this book proves to be a solution to that. Like all great managers the key is to never stop believing in your people. A must read for all head chefs and executive chefs.

Loads of information that inspires and motivates. This is my second reread of it and many of the things I've learned and implemented have helped me advance in my own career.

This is a fantastic book. When I first looked inside on the site I was put off by the story of him using his wife as the new larder chef etc..... But this book has a great amount of knowledge. Chef Charles is a real executive chef and has set up a great system of management. His ideas can be copied and pasted to your business. Myself as a new executive chef of a 5 star hotel I took a lot of his ideas and have implemented them with success. It's true that some of the ideas will not be applicable to your operation and it is very American ideals but with all of the great ideas put forward one can only praise chef Charles and thank him for his book. I highly recommend it.

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