

## The New Machiavelli How To Wield Power In Modern World Jonathan Powell

"Lord McAlpine observed the inner workings of political power during the fifteen years Margaret Thatcher was leader of the Conservative Party and he was its Treasurer and Deputy Chairman. One of the Prime Minister's close personal advisers during three successful general election campaigns, he witnessed innumerable battles within the cabinet and the Party." "As Machiavelli's The Prince described a code of conduct for political leaders, so Alistair McAlpine explores the relationship between the Prince and his or her devoted aide - the Servant. The result is an entertaining guide to survival in a world of suspicion and envy, of strategic alliances and ruthless disinformation. The Servant explains how to destroy an opponent through promotion, and why your enemy can be relied on to give you the best advice; how to ensure a piece of news spreads (tell it to another in confidence), and why you must never let the Prince tell you a secret." "The tale of Margaret Thatcher's eventual fall from power is threaded through this brilliant new treatise on realpolitik, which is dedicated to her by a Servant who feels she could, and should, have been better served."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Niccolò Machiavelli's The Prince is one of the most influential works in the history of political thought and the adjective Machiavellian is well-known and perhaps even over-used. So why does the meaning of the text continue to be debated to the present day? And how does a contemporary reader get to grips with a book full of references to the politics of the early 16th Century? The Routledge Guidebook to Machiavelli's The Prince provides readers with the historical background, textual analysis, and other relevant information needed for a greater understanding and appreciation of this classic text. This guidebook introduces: the historical, political and intellectual context in which Machiavelli was working the key ideas developed by Machiavelli throughout the text and the examples he uses to illustrate them the relationship of The Prince to The Discourses and Machiavelli's other works Featuring a timeline, maps and suggestions for further reading throughout, this book is an invaluable guide for anyone who wants to be able to engage more fully with The Prince.

GUARDIAN BOOKS OF THE YEAR 2017 LONGLISTED FOR THE HISTORICAL WRITERS' ASSOCIATION NON-FICTION CROWN 2017 'A ripping read ... fascinating, charming, enjoyably unorthodox' Daily Telegraph Was Niccolò Machiavelli really the cynical schemer of legend - or was he a profound ethical thinker, who tried to save the democratic freedom of Renaissance Florence as it was threatened by ruthless dynasties? This revelatory biography shows us a man of fox-like dissimulation: a master of disguise in dangerous times. 'A gripping portrait of a brilliant political thinker, who understood the dangers of authoritarianism and looked for ways to curb them' The New Yorker 'Compelling ... this unconventional biography questions whether the philosopher deserves his reputation as an advocate for tyranny' Julian Baggini, Financial Times

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Frequently misunderstood over the centuries as an unprincipled manual for manipulators and tyrants, careful reading of "The Prince" shows that it identifies freedom as an essential characteristic of a good society - Machiavelli sets out axioms for success

and order amid the often violent political intrigues that characterized Renaissance Europe. Combining fine photographic illustrations with a new translation of one of the great literary works of history, this classic text examines the relationship between moral goodness and legitimate authority, setting out timeless principles for pursuing power and fortune and using them to best effect in securing order and peace. Much of Machiavelli's republican thought can be identified in the American constitution, and many of his ideas - such as the belief that life is subject to change and that the winners will be those flexible enough to adapt - remain as applicable today as they were half a millennium ago.

This epic piece of storytelling brings the world of fifteenth-century Italy to life as it traces Machiavelli's rise from young boy to controversial political thinker. The often-vilified Renaissance politico and author of *The Prince* comes to life as a diabolically clever, yet mild mannered and conscientious civil servant. Author Joseph Markulin presents Machiavelli's life as a true adventure story, replete with violence, treachery, heroism, betrayal, sex, bad popes, noble outlaws, deformed kings, menacing Turks, even more menacing Lutherans, unscrupulous astrologers, untrustworthy dentists—and, of course, forbidden love. While sharing the stage with Florence's Medici family, the nefarious and perhaps incestuous Borgias, the artists Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo, and the doomed prophet Savonarola, Machiavelli is imprisoned, tortured, and ultimately abandoned. Nevertheless, he remains the sworn enemy of tyranny and a tireless champion of freedom and the republican form of government. Out of the cesspool that was Florentine Renaissance politics, only one name is still uttered today—that of Niccolò Machiavelli. This mesmerizing, vividly told story will show you why his fame endures.

Niccolò Machiavelli (1469–1527) is the most famous and controversial figure in the history of political thought and one of the iconic names of the Renaissance. The *Cambridge Companion to Machiavelli* brings together sixteen original essays by leading experts, covering his life, his career in Florentine government, his reaction to the dramatic changes that affected Florence and Italy in his lifetime, and the most prominent themes of his thought, including the founding, evolution, and corruption of republics and principalities, class conflict, liberty, arms, religion, ethics, rhetoric, gender, and the Renaissance dialogue with antiquity. In his own time Machiavelli was recognized as an original thinker who provocatively challenged conventional wisdom. With penetrating analyses of *The Prince*, *Discourses on Livy*, *Art of War*, *Florentine Histories*, and his plays and poetry, this book offers a vivid portrait of this extraordinary thinker as well as assessments of his place in Western thought since the Renaissance.

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'A wonderfully assured and utterly riveting biography that captures not only the much-maligned Machiavelli, but also the spirit of his time and place. A monumental achievement.' – Jessie Childs, author of *God's Traitors*. 'A notorious fiend', 'generally odious',

'he seems hideous, and so he is.' Thanks to the invidious reputation of his most famous work, *The Prince*, Niccolò Machiavelli exerts a unique hold over the popular imagination. But was Machiavelli as sinister as he is often thought to be? Might he not have been an infinitely more sympathetic figure, prone to political missteps, professional failures and personal dramas? Alexander Lee reveals the man behind the myth, following him from cradle to grave, from his father's penury and the abuse he suffered at a teacher's hands, to his marriage and his many affairs (with both men and women), to his political triumphs and, ultimately, his fall from grace and exile. In doing so, Lee uncovers hitherto unobserved connections between Machiavelli's life and thought. He also reveals the world through which Machiavelli moved: from the great halls of Renaissance Florence to the court of the Borgia pope, Alexander VI, from the dungeons of the Stinche prison to the Rucellai gardens, where he would begin work on some of his last great works. As much a portrait of an age as of a uniquely engaging man, Lee's gripping and definitive biography takes the reader into Machiavelli's world – and his work – more completely than ever before.

Machiavelli is history's most startling political commentator. Recent interpreters have minimised his originality, but this book restores his radicalism. Robert Black shows a clear development in Machiavelli's thought. In his most subversive works *The Prince*, the *Discourses on Livy*, *The Ass* and *Mandragola* he rejected the moral and political values inherited by the Renaissance from antiquity and the middle ages. These outrageous compositions were all written in mid-life, when Machiavelli was a political outcast in his native Florence. Later he was reconciled with the Florentine establishment, and as a result his final compositions including his famous *Florentine Histories* represent a return to more conventional norms. This lucid work is perfect for students of Medieval and Early Modern History, Renaissance Studies and Italian Literature, or anyone keen to learn more about one of history's most potent, influential and arresting writers.

*Machiavelliana* is the first comprehensive study of the uses and abuses made of Niccolò Machiavelli's name in management, primatology, leadership, power, as well as in novels, plays, commercial enterprises, television dramas, operas, rap music, children's books, and more.

In the four and a half centuries since Machiavelli's death, no single and unanimously accepted interpretation of his ideas has succeeded in imposing itself upon the lively debate over the meaning of his works. Yet there has never been any doubt about the fundamental importance of Machiavelli's contribution to Western political theory. *The Portable Machiavelli* brings together the complete texts of *The Prince*, *Belfagor*, and *Castruccio Castracani*, newly translated by Peter Bondanella and Mark Musa especially for this volume. In addition, the editors include an abridged version of *The Discourses*; a play, *The Mandrake Root*, in its entirety; seven private letters; and selections from *The Art of War* and *The History of Florence*.

Examines the life of the Florentine intellectual, his relationships with contemporaries ranging from Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo to Cesare Borgia and Pope Alexander VI, his philosophies about power, and the legacy of "The Prince."

*The Prince* is a 16th-century political treatise written by the Italian diplomat and political theorist Niccolò Machiavelli as an instruction guide for new princes and royals.

Discourses on Livy is the founding document of modern republicanism, and Harvey C. Mansfield and Nathan Tarcov have provided the definitive English translation of this classic work. Faithful to the original Italian text, properly attentive to Machiavelli's idiom and subtlety of thought, it is eminently readable. With a substantial introduction, extensive explanatory notes, a glossary of key words, and an annotated index, the Discourses reveals Machiavelli's radical vision of a new science of politics, a vision of "new modes and orders" that continue to shape the modern ethos. "[Machiavelli] found in Livy the means to inspire scholars for five centuries. Within the Discourses, often hidden and sometimes unintended by their author, lie the seeds of modern political thought. . . . [Mansfield and Tarcov's] translation is careful and idiomatic."—Peter Stothard, *The Times* "Translated with painstaking accuracy—but also great readability."—*Weekly Standard* "A model of contemporary scholarship and a brave effort at Machiavelli translation that allows the great Florentine to speak in his own voice."—*Choice*

'A prince must not have any other object nor any other thought...but war, its institutions, and its discipline; because that is the only art befitting one who commands.' When Machiavelli's brief treatise on Renaissance statecraft and princely power was posthumously published in 1532, it generated a debate that has raged unabated until the present day. Based upon Machiavelli's first-hand experience as an emissary of the Florentine Republic to the courts of Europe, *The Prince* analyses the usually violent means by which men seize, retain, and lose political power. Machiavelli added a dimension of incisive realism to one of the major philosophical and political issues of his time, especially the relationship between public deeds and private morality. His book provides a remarkably uncompromising picture of the true nature of power, no matter in what era or by whom it is exercised. This fluent new translation is accompanied by comprehensive notes and an introduction that considers the true purpose of *The Prince* and dispels some of the myths associated with it. ABOUT THE SERIES: For over 100 years Oxford World's Classics has made available the widest range of literature from around the globe. Each affordable volume reflects Oxford's commitment to scholarship, providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features, including expert introductions by leading authorities, helpful notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more.

A new reading of Machiavelli's major works that demonstrates how he has been previously misread To what extent was Niccolò Machiavelli a "Machiavellian"? Was he an amoral adviser of tyranny or a stalwart partisan of liberty? A neutral technician of power politics or a devout Italian patriot? A reviver of pagan virtue or initiator of modern nihilism? Reading Machiavelli answers these questions through original interpretations of Machiavelli's three major political works—*The Prince*, *Discourses*, and *Florentine Histories*—and demonstrates that a radically democratic populism seeded the Florentine's scandalous writings. John McCormick challenges the misguided understandings of Machiavelli set forth by prominent thinkers, including Jean-Jacques Rousseau and representatives of the Straussian and Cambridge schools, and he emphasizes the fundamental, often unacknowledged elements of a vibrant Machiavellian politics. Advancing fresh readings of Machiavelli's work, this book presents a new outlook on how politics should be conceptualized and practiced.

That Machiavelli's name has become synonymous with cold-eyed political calculation only heightens the intrinsic fascination of *The Prince*--the world's preeminent how-to manual on the art of getting and keeping power and one of the literary landmarks of the Italian Renaissance. Written in a vigorous, straightforward style that reflects its author's realism, this treatise on states, statecraft, and the ideal ruler is essential reading for anyone seeking to understand how human society actually works.

From the NPR host of *The Indicator* podcast and correspondent for *Planet Money* comes a guide for how today's women can apply the principles of 16th-century philosopher Niccol Machiavelli to their work lives and finally shatter the glass ceiling once and for all--perfect for fans of *Feminist Fight Club*, *Lean In*, and *Nice Girls Don't Get the Corner Office*. Women have been making strides towards equality for decades, or so we're so often told. They've been increasingly entering male-dominated areas of the workforce and consistently surpassing their male peers in grades, university attendance, and degrees. They've recently stormed the political arena with a vengeance. But despite all of this, the payoff is--quite literally--not there: the gender pay gap has held steady at about 20% since 2000. And the number of female CEOs for Fortune 500 companies has actually been declining. So why, in the age of #MeToo and #TimesUp, is the glass ceiling still holding strong? And how can we shatter it for once and for all? Stacy Vanek Smith's advice: ask Machiavelli. Using *The Prince* as a guide and with charm and wit, Smith applies Renaissance politics to the 21st century, and demonstrates how women can take and maintain power in careers where they have long been cast as second-best. Based on the latest research, tips from successful women across many industries, and experiences from Smith's own life, *Machiavelli for Women* is a powerful, entertaining, and inspirational guide for a new generation of successful women. One of the greatest political advisers of all time, Niccolò Machiavelli thought long and hard about how citizens could identify great leaders—ones capable of defending and enhancing the liberty, honor, and prosperity of their countries. Drawing on the full range of the Florentine's writings, acclaimed Machiavelli biographer Maurizio Viroli gathers and interprets Machiavelli's timeless wisdom about choosing leaders. The brief and engaging result is a new kind of *Prince*—one addressed to citizens rather than rulers and designed to make you a better voter. Demolishing popular misconceptions that Machiavelli is a cynical realist, the book shows that he believes republics can't survive, let alone thrive, without leaders who are virtuous as well as effective. Among much other valuable advice, Machiavelli says that voters should pick leaders who put the common good above narrower interests and who make fighting corruption a priority, and he explains why the best way to recognize true leaders is to carefully examine their past actions and words. On display throughout are the special insights that Machiavelli gained from long, direct knowledge of real political life, the study of history, and reflection on the political thinkers of antiquity. Recognizing the difference between great and

mediocre political leaders is difficult but not at all impossible—with Machiavelli's help. So do your country a favor. Read this book, then vote like Machiavelli would.

FINALIST--2008 PEN TRANSLATION PRIZE In *The Essential Writings of Machiavelli*, Peter Constantine has assembled a comprehensive collection that shows the true depth and breadth of a great Renaissance thinker. Refreshingly accessible, these superb new translations are faithful to Machiavelli's original, beautifully crafted writings. The volume features essays that appear in English for the first time, such as "A Caution to the Medici" and "The Persecution of Africa." Also included are complete versions of the political treatise, *The Prince*, the comic satire *The Mandrake*, *The Life of Castruccio Castracani*, and the classic story "Belfagor", along with selections from *The Discourses*, *The Art of War*, and *Florentine Histories*. Augmented with useful features—vital and concise annotations and cross-references—this unique compendium is certain to become the standard one-volume reference to this influential, versatile, and ever timely writer.

"Machiavelli's stress on political necessity rather than moral perfection helped inspire the Renaissance by renewing links with Thucydides and other classical thinkers. This new collection provides deeper insight into Machiavelli's personality as a writer, thus broadening our understanding of him." —Robert D. Kaplan, author of *Warrior Politics: Why Leadership Demands a Pagan Ethos* "Constantine's selection is not only intelligent; his translations are astonishingly good.

Thoughtfully introduced by Albert Russell Ascoli, this edition belongs in everyone's library." —John Jeffries Martin, professor and chair, department of history, Trinity University "If one were to assign a single edition of Machiavelli's works, this most certainly would be it." —John P. McCormick, professor, department of political science, University of Chicago

"Wise, witty, razor-sharp" Stephen Greenblatt, author of *The Swerve: How the Renaissance Began* Interested in Machiavelli? That may be a bad sign. We always turn to Machiavelli at crisis points in history – he is the philosopher for dark times. But what do we really know about this man? Is there more to his work than that perennial term for political evil, Machiavellianism? In this concise, elegant book, Patrick Boucheron undoes many assumptions about this most complex of figures. By honing in on Machiavelli's role in the political life of his own time, Boucheron shows how his thought remains essential to understanding not only how authoritarianism works, but also how it can be fought.

*The Prince* by Niccolò Machiavelli from Coterie Classics All Coterie Classics have been formatted for ereaders and devices and include a bonus link to the free audio book. "The first method for estimating the intelligence of a ruler is to look at the men he has around him." ? Niccolò Machiavelli, *The Prince* Machiavelli's *The Prince* was a battle for obtaining and maintaining power in 14th century Italy but it is surprisingly relevant to the understanding of business, politics and the nature of society.

Few books throughout history have been as controversial as Niccolò Machiavelli's 'The Prince.' The ideas that are

contained in "The Prince" are as powerful as they are polarizing. The work was originally intended to pass on the acquired wisdom of the one of the most astute political minds the world has ever known. It was never intended for the eyes of the public but found its way into general release following Machiavelli's death. The principles within The Prince can be used in many more areas of life than simply the political world. Anyone who is looking to get ahead in life and provide themselves with an advantage over others will find a goldmine of valuable information in this new modern version of the book written by author Brandon Musk entitled "The New Machiavelli." This version presented by Musk represents the power and knowledge of Machiavelli's original work updated and improved upon for the modern era in which we live. The language has been made understandable and all references have been updated for modern readers. The book is structured in a way which makes it as useful as possible. Each chapter contains a concise collection of key ideas organized in a logical way. The chapters begin by explaining what Machiavelli originally intended by his words and then proceeds to update each concept for the 21st century. Finally, each chapter shows practical and useful ways of applying the Machiavelli philosophy to different areas of life. If knowledge is power, then this book is a nuclear weapon. It contains the most devastatingly effective tactics related to influence ever committed to paper. By reading and applying this work you will become diabolically effective in any area of life you choose.

This book offers a significant reinterpretation of the history of republican political thought and of Niccol- Machiavelli's place within it. It locates Machiavelli's political thought within enduring debates about the proper size of republics. From the sixteenth century onward, as states grew larger, it was believed only monarchies could govern large territories effectively. Republicanism was a form of government relegated to urban city-states, anachronisms in the new age of the territorial state. For centuries, history and theory were in agreement: constructing an extended republic was as futile as trying to square the circle; but then James Madison devised a compound representative republic that enabled popular government to take on renewed life in the modern era. This work argues that Machiavelli had his own Madisonian impulse and deserves to be recognized as the first modern political theorist to envision the possibility of a republic with a large population extending over a broad territory.

I hungered to be seen. There were three things I knew about Capo Macchiavello: He was gorgeous. He was reclusive. He was considered one of New York's most savage animals. And he wanted me as his wife. A simple arrangement - you do for me, I do for you. Nothing owed, no expectations. Except for one: never leave. Life was never that simple, though. By the age of twenty-one, I was parentless, jobless, and homeless, and I had come to learn the hard way that nothing was ever free. Even kindness comes with strings. Capo might've been the only man to ever see me, but I had made a vow to myself: I would never owe anyone anything. Most of all, the man I called boss. I killed to stay hidden. Mariposa Flores thought she owed nothing to no one, but she owed everything...to me, the ghost the world had once called The Machiavellian Prince of New York. Machiavellian is the first of three books set in the savage world of the Gangsters of New York series.

The Art of war is a treatise written by Niccolo Machiavelli between 1519 and 1520 under the original title "Dell'arte de la Guerra." The text is a series of Socratic Dialogues divided in 8 parts, the Preface (proemio) and the 7 books of the dialogues. This treatise is one of only a few works of Machiavelli that was published during his lifetime and the only historical and political one. It is considered by many to be his most important work. Machiavelli wrote "Dell'arte de la Guerra" as an enchiridion of historical, political and scholarly advice for the Princes regarding their perspective on war and how it can be used as a political tool. The purpose of this book is "To honor and reward virt , not to have contempt for poverty, to esteem the modes and orders of military discipline, to constrain citizens to love one another, to live without factions, to esteem less the private than the public good." -Niccol Machiavelli Ignore the latest buzz about the kinder, gentler world of new age, team-based management. It's dog-eat-dog out there, and the sooner you realize it, the better. The New Machiavelli mines Machiavelli's The Prince for the timeless rules and stratagems that can help today's business rulers survive and prosper in the jungle of greed and treachery that is commerce. Alistair McAlpine enriches Machiavelli's text with scenarios from modern business, offering keen new insight into what motivates people. You'll learn the reasons why: \* Loyalty is not a reliable factor in the workplace \* Great power is held by the "little people" in a business \* It is better to spread power than to centralize it \* You should never believe your own publicity Fail to read it at your peril. "For most of my lifetime politicians have been trying to tell businessmen how to go about their tasks ... Both groups, however, will enjoy this shrewd commentary on Machiavelli's timeless principles of skullduggery." -Margaret Thatcher "Anyone working in corporate America who doesn't find, read, and master Alistair McAlpine's amazing new guidebook to the art of politics in business may soon find themselves self-employed." -Charles Saatchi, Partner, M&C Saatchi "Written in a style, like Machiavelli's own, at once didactic and charming... A work which is a standing satirical reproof to the various management manuals which promise corporate success." -Times Literary Supplement

Niccolo Machiavelli's The Prince has been one of the most widely read and quoted book about politics during the past five centuries. But in the democracies of the information age, new ideas are needed to make government prosper through the next century. Now, Dick Morris, who contributed significantly to President Clinton's reelection in 1996 and, during the previous two decades, helped many public officials (Democrats and Republicans alike) gain office, takes a hard look at our times and writes a how-to book for office-seekers, special-interest groups, and students of politics. In The New Prince, Morris advises candidates to adopt idealism as a strategy—not because of misguided altruism, but because it works. He tells politicians, advocacy groups, business leaders, and citizens how to promote their causes and get their jobs done effectively. And he offers insights into the character of the most remarkable political figures of our time and outlines what he believes will be the political agenda for the next century.

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'Men are infamous and detestable who are destroyers of religion, squanderers of kingdoms and republics, and enemies of the virtues.' Niccolo Machiavelli Machiavelli (1459-1527) is one of the most influential modern political thinkers. His works, above all

The Prince, The Discourses on Livy, The Florentine Histories and The Art of War, are still passionately discussed and continue to give rise to new visions of political action. Against the trite commonplace that Machiavelli was a teacher of evil who justified political immorality, Maurizio Viroli shows that Machiavelli was concerned instead with the best way to attain true glory through political action and that his works were inspired by a profound love of republican liberty. Extracts are taken from the whole corpus of Machiavelli's works, including his personal letters.

The Prince embodies a series of vital issues, including power and morality, history and human nature, language and meaning, gender and government. It is these issues which the essays in this volume debate and explore from a variety of perspectives, from the original responses through to feminist and deconstructive approaches.

Making peace in Northern Ireland was the greatest success of the Blair government, and one of the greatest achievements in British politics since the Second World War. In Jonathan Powell's masterly account we learn just how close the talks leading to the Good Friday agreement came to collapse and how the parties finally reached a deal. Pithy, outspoken and precise, Powell, Tony Blair's chief of staff and chief negotiator, gives us that rarest of things, a true insider's account of politics at the highest level. He demonstrates how the events in Northern Ireland have valuable lessons for those seeking to end conflict in other parts of the world and shows us how the process of making peace is sometimes messy and often blackly comic.

This book gives a radical, new, chapter-by-chapter reading of Machiavelli's The Prince, arguing that it is an ironic masterpiece with a moral purpose. It outlines Machiavelli's most important ironic techniques: a normatively coded use of language.

Machiavelli believes republicans must be prepared to defend strict limits on elite power even when elites are 'good'.

A "serious and thoughtful" interpretation of Machiavelli's life and thought—and its relevance today—from the acclaimed author of *Terror and Consent* (The Times, London). Constitutional scholar Philip Bobbitt turns his expert attention to the life and work of Niccolò Machiavelli, the sixteenth century political philosopher whose classic text *The Prince* remains one of the most important and controversial works of political theory ever written. In *The Garments of Court and Palace*, Bobbitt argues that the perception of Machiavelli's *Prince* as a ruthless, immoral tyrant stems from mistranslations, political agendas, and readers who overlooked the philosopher's earlier work, *Discourses on Livy*. He explains that Machiavelli was instead advocating for rulers to distinguish between their personal ethos and state governance. Rather than a "mirror book" advising rulers, *The Prince* prophesied the end of the feudal era and the birth of the neoclassical state. Using both Renaissance examples and cases drawn from the current era, Bobbitt shows Machiavelli's work is both profoundly moral and inherently constitutional, a turning point in our understanding of the relation between war, law, and the state.

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