

The 48 Laws of Power

by Robert Greene

A printable to-do list of the most effective habits from this book. Check one off each day you do it.

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- ⁰¹ **Read The 48 Laws of Power in full**

Greene: this summary cannot substitute for the book. Each 'law' is a chapter of human social psychology. Read it critically.

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- ⁰² **Map power dynamics in your key relationships**

Greene: who has power in your key relationships? How is it being used? Is it collaborative or extractive? Name it.

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- ⁰³ **Practice strategic patience**

Greene: most strategic failures are failures of impatience. Learn to wait for the right moment and move when it arrives.

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- ⁰⁴ **Cultivate your reputation deliberately**

Greene: your reputation is your most valuable social asset. What do you want to be known for? Build it intentionally.

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- ⁰⁵ **Study the history Greene draws from**

Greene: Bismarck, Cesare Borgia, Louis XIV, Mata Hari - the history is as instructive as the principles. Read the originals.

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- ⁰⁶ **Use power ethically - Greene's laws are descriptive, not prescriptive**

Greene: these are observations of how power actually works, not a prescription for how to behave. Knowing them lets you defend against them.