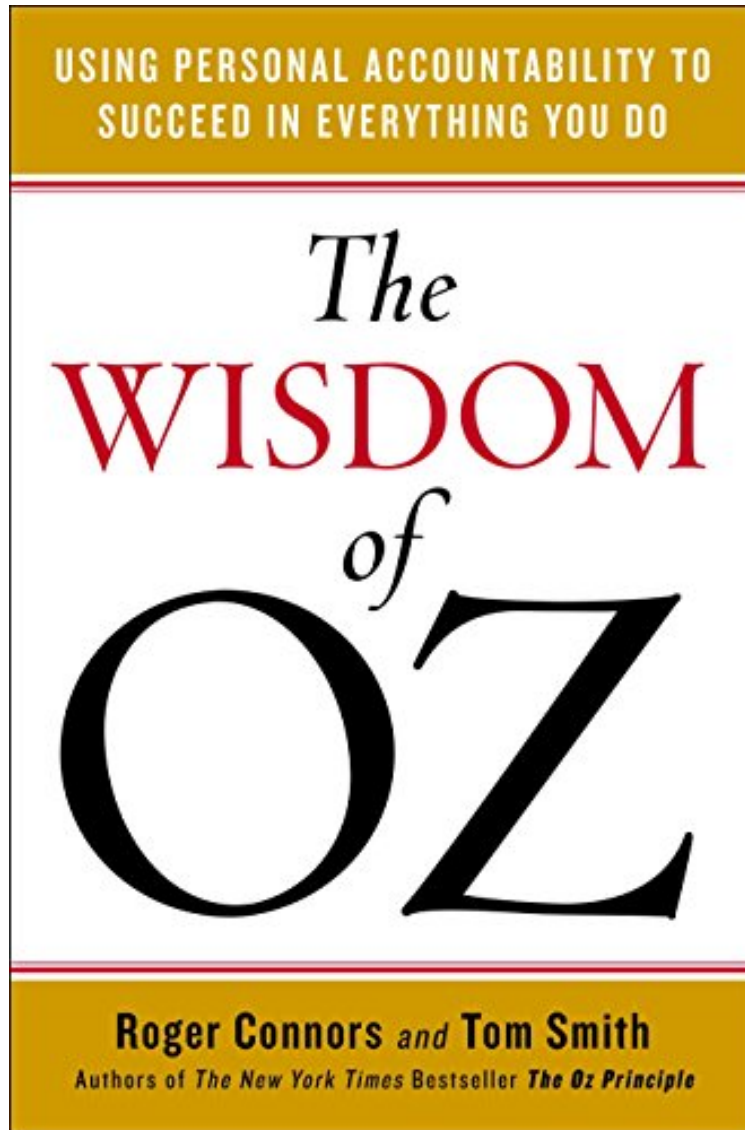


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About the Author
Roger Connors and Tom Smith are co-founders of Partners In Leadership, the Accountability Training and Culture Change Company with thousands of clients all around the world. They are also the co-authors of the New York Times bestselling books *The Oz Principle*, *How Did That Happen?*, and *Change the Culture, Change the Game*.
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PREFACE
The *Wisdom of Oz* is not just a book about the power of personal accountability; it's a book about what's at the root of succeeding in everything you do. Simply put, when you unleash the power of personal accountability, it will empower you in life-altering ways. We're not talking fictional superhero-type powers but about a real, concrete power that enhances your ability to think, to withstand adversity, to generate confidence, and to increase your own natural emotional, mental, and intellectual strength to help you do what you need to do. We know this works because we've seen it in our own lives and witnessed it in the lives of countless others. We first introduced this powerful accountability philosophy in our book *The Oz Principle*. Since then, millions have come to know us as "the Oz guys." Over the years we've helped leaders all over the world teach and apply the principles you're about to learn to those they work with, to generate billions of dollars of wealth—along with a host of even more important results. They got better results . . . a lot better results. And with those improvements they were able to dramatically impact their ability to deliver on their missions: such as bringing life-saving medications to market, improving education in community colleges, greatly surpassing charity fund-raising goals, and improving medical practices in battlefield hospitals. You may not be looking to make any great changes in your life, but you may want to accomplish some great task—at least, a task that seems great to you. If this is the case, unleashing the power of personal accountability can be your best strategy. Our accountability philosophy is all about helping you accomplish what you want or need to do. The *Wisdom of Oz* will show you how others have done it and how you can do it too. At the heart of the message lies this one simple truth: You can't let your circumstances define who you are and what you do. That kind of thinking only brings a sense of victimization that paralyzes your ability to think clearly, creatively, and quickly. Instead, you have to take accountability in order to take charge of shaping your circumstances. Do this and good things, positive

things, game-changing things will begin to happen. Easy to say, maybe harder to do.