



CURT CRONIN

Expert on Leading High-Performance Teams, Former
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Over his 16-year-long career as a Navy SEAL, Curt Cronin deployed thirteen times and spent more than four years overseas. In that time, living and working in an environment where milliseconds made the difference between life and death and winning and losing, he honed his talent as a catalyst for transformation and rose to eventually lead the nation's premier SEAL assault force. As a SEAL leader, he maximized his team's effectiveness by forging unique and unlikely alliances. He transformed an offensive unit of Navy SEALs into a defensive Presidential protection unit in the midst of combat and single-handedly created the model for multi-disciplinary counter-terrorism operations out of a widely disparate patchwork of organizations as part of an Embassy team in the Middle East. Curt's experiences as a SEAL reinforced his fundamental belief that the competitive edge for any organization in the information age is neither technology nor information, but the unparalleled power of an aligned team.

Curt's passion is to engage each person, team, or organization's highest aspirations, and help them connect to the "hero within." He has counseled organizations including AIG, Disney, HP, and the Miami Dolphins, and is an expert at maximizing human potential and synthesizing the strengths of a team to create unprecedented results in any context. His presentations address the art of leadership, organizational change for the information age, and the importance of building a "meta-purpose" and harnessing your own courage and heroism to inspire and empower individuals and teams. Curt's expertise is in identifying and developing the talents of each member of a team and uniting them through shared ownership of a purpose-driven mission. He creates teams empowered to act decisively in any environment because they embody both the content and the context of a leader's vision.

In addition to his combat experience, Curt is an entrepreneur and innovator. Currently CEO of Kaizen International, he previously co-founded Mastery Technologies, Inc., a global talent solutions firm. He began his entrepreneurial career with General Stan McChrystal and the McChrystal Group, where he served as a managing partner in transformational consulting for two years with companies including AOL and Hewlett-Packard.

He received his MBA at combined programs from the London School of Economics, New York University's Stern School of Business, and the HEC School of Management in Paris. Curt graduated fifth in his class from the United States Naval Academy, and has been awarded the Bronze Star with Valor, Bronze Star medal, and three Distinguished Meritorious Service Medals. He is married to his wife, Julia, and has three children.
