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Former UK Foreign Secretary and Former Leader of the Conservative Party

Is Business Leadership the Same as Political Leadership? Rt. Hon. Lord William Hague is a British politician with more than 20 years public service experience. Former Leader of the Conservative Party and former Foreign Secretary, Hague worked alongside luminaries like Margaret Thatcher and, as leader of the Opposition Party, questioned then-Prime Minister Tony Blair in front of Parliament on a weekly basis. With his signature knack for storytelling and light-hearted humor (which led Hillary Clinton to dub him “The David Beckham of Toasting”), Hague shares lessons learned in office that are applicable to leaders in every field. Touching upon the importance of perseverance, building consensus, and developing clever and often unpredictable strategies to pressing problems, Hague offers a refreshingly approachable, insightful, and witty look at what it means to be a leader on the world’s stage—or in a board room.

Lessons for Operating in an Increasingly Volatile World William Hague served as Britain’s Foreign Secretary during a particularly delicate time, overseeing wars in Libya and Syria, the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan, the Ukraine crisis, the increasingly threat of terrorism, and strained relations with Europe. With a deep understanding of the reasons for growing political instability and financial volatility across the globe, Hague looks at what can be done to build resistance to and protection against growing threats. The author of a weekly column on geopolitics for *The Telegraph,* co-founder of the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative alongside Angelina Jolie-Pitt, and a best-selling author, Hague speaks with great authority on the impact of technological change, population movement, economic trends and the rise of religious intolerance on our economy and all our lives.