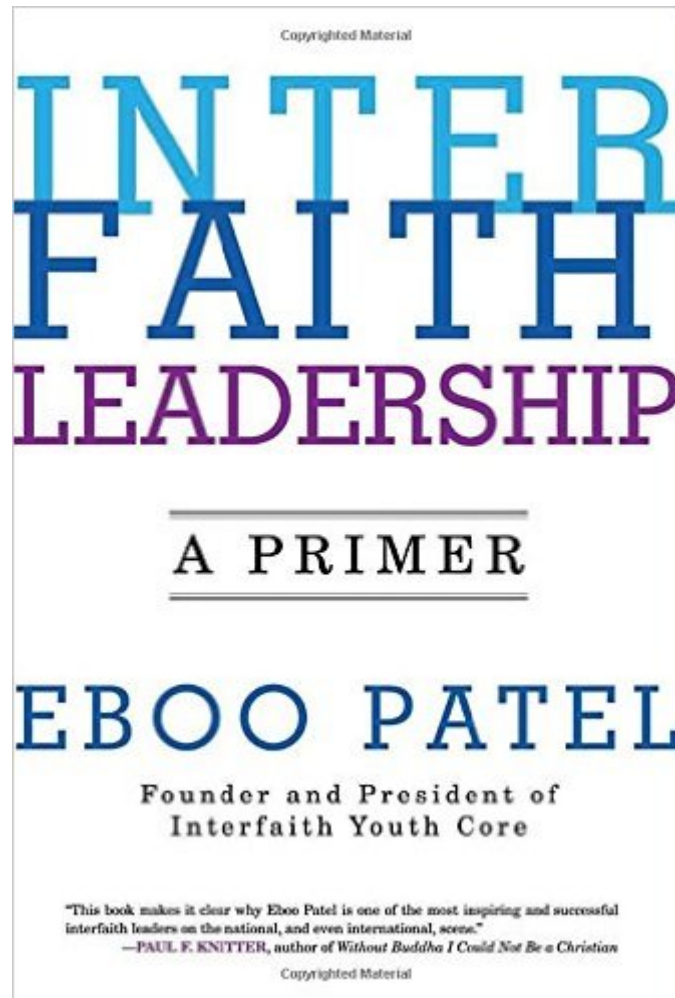


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# Interfaith Leadership: A Primer



## Synopsis

A guide for students, groups, and organizations seeking to foster interfaith dialogue and promote understanding across religious lines. In this book, renowned interfaith leader Eboo Patel offers a clear, detailed, and practical guide to interfaith leadership, illustrated with compelling examples. Patel explains what interfaith leadership is and explores the core competencies and skills of interfaith leadership, before turning to the issues interfaith leaders face and how they can prepare to solve them. Interfaith leaders seek points of connection and commonality "in their neighborhoods, schools, college campuses, companies, organizations, hospitals, and other spaces where people of different faiths interact with one another. While it can be challenging to navigate the differences and disagreements that can arise from these interactions, skilled interfaith leaders are vital if we are to have a strong, religiously diverse democracy. This primer presents readers with the philosophical underpinnings of interfaith theory and outlines the skills necessary to practice interfaith leadership today.

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this book describes the imperative for working on an interfaith basis and talks about the nitty gritty of how that can best be done to advance a critical moral agenda. Patel provides examples [one of which I must admit involves me] and analyzes how to proceed that are very real and practical. at the same time the overall goal and direction is as lofty and powerfully presented as it should be.

I asked for "Interfaith Leadership: A Primer", by Eboo Patel as I am an interfaith chaplain and I

try to keep up with the literature. I was very impressed by the book. It bears the signs of an academic book, notes, index and a list of works cited; but it is much more readable than many academic books. His explanation of "identity category" is clearer than most books I have read, and although I do not share his identification with the term "social entrepreneur" I had no trouble identifying my own using his method. I am an interfaith leader, a disability advocate, and a human rights advocate. I am also a wife, a Universalist, and a reader. Mr. Patel uses lots of examples as well as clear definitions and instructions. My favorite quotation is actually a paraphrase from Dr. Diana Eck. "Diversity, |, ought to be understood as a neutral term with a range of possible consequences, everything from conflict to cooperation. When diversity is proactively engaged for positive ends, Eck calls it "pluralism." Simply put, diversity is a fact; pluralism is an achievement, one that must be worked at." [p.54] There is so much information, direction, and inspiration in this book that I am going to recommend it to my whole house church.

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