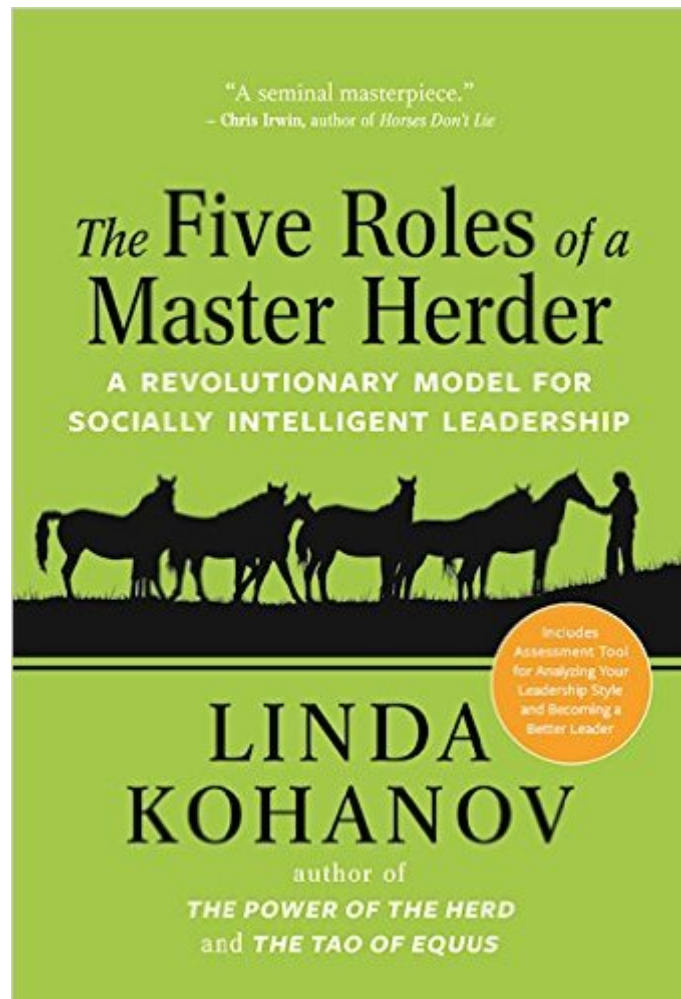


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# The Five Roles Of A Master Herder: A Revolutionary Model For Socially Intelligent Leadership



## Synopsis

Across several bestselling books, author and teacher Linda Kohanov has explored the way of the horse, an experiential wisdom gained by studying the nonpredatory power of horses. In *The Five Roles of a Master Herder*, she adapts these horse-inspired insights into useful tools for developing collaborative leadership and managing change. Over thousands of years, Kohanov writes, master herders of nomadic herding cultures developed a multifaceted, socially intelligent form of leadership combining the five roles of Dominant, Leader, Sentinel, Nurturer / Companion, and Predator. The fluid interplay of these roles allowed interspecies communities to move across vast landscapes, dealing with predators and changing climates, protecting and nurturing the herd while keeping massive, gregarious, often aggressive animals together without the benefit of fences and with very little reliance on restraints. She includes an innovative assessment tool that will help you determine which roles you currently overemphasize and which roles you may be ignoring or even actively avoiding. Through this powerful, at times surprising and moving book, Kohanov will show you how to recognize, cultivate, and utilize all five roles in the modern tribes of your workplace, family, and other social organizations.

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*The Five Roles of a Master Herder* is another great book authored by Linda Kohanov in the field of equine facilitated learning. Regardless of one's level of interest in horses, this work has much to offer. The power of the information contained herein cannot be overstated, and I have found applications in my leadership with both humans and horses. For anyone interested in mastering the

Five Roles, the journey of learning is a fascinating process of self discovery that also develops wisdom, courage, self awareness, awareness of others, innovation, openness, and confidence; as well as increases productivity and motivation. In my experience the Five Roles continue to unfold over time, and I continue to reach new levels of awareness and mastery as I continue to explore and expand my ability to interact with them. My three areas of greatest interest for the roles are in the context of: working with horses (horsemanship); working with lawyers who desire to be change makers in the legal system; and in my own development as a leader, facilitator, and coach. I have had been fortunate enough to be exposed to this work, and the five roles for the past few years, and prior to Ms. Kohanov's book being published. In the context of horsemanship, I have spent a great deal of time applying the five roles to my work with horses. They provide an excellent framework for working with horses for anyone seeking a relationship based approach to developing willing partnerships with horses. There are many methodologies and systems for training horses, and horsemanship. Most of the systems of which I am aware rely on some form of dominance and submission, and emphasize the horse as animal of prey, and the human as predator.

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