Praise for

Do Hard Things

“Do Hard Things is an extraordinary book. In fact, I believe it will prove to be one of the most life-changing, family-changing, church-changing, and culture-changing books of this generation. I'd love for every teenager to read this book, but I'm just as eager for every parent, church leader, and educator to read it. If you do the hard thing of saying no to distractions and yes to this remarkable book, I guarantee you'll be richly rewarded.”

—Randy Alcorn, best-selling author of Heaven and The Treasure Principle

“Do Hard Things is easy to read, but it will challenge you to the core. It is inspiring, insightful, and practical. Parents, this book will get your teens into the right kind of trouble—the kind that comes when they dream, take risks for God, and dare to flout the status quo. Put it in their hands. Read it yourself. It's never too late to do hard things.”

—Joshua Harris, Pastor, Author, and Older Brother

“This book is a refreshing wake up call to our generation. We can do hard things; and give ourselves to something huge for the Kingdom of God!”

—Leeland Mooring, Grammy-nominated recording artist

“Alex and Brett Harris are two extraordinary young men with a revolutionary message. In a culture where laziness and ease is often the order of the day for teenagers, Do Hard Things presents a radical and provocative alternative. I heartily recommend this book.”

—R. Albert Mohler, Jr., President, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

“Alex and Brett capture the passion and potential of our generation perfectly in this book. In Do Hard Things they encourage us to go above and beyond the status quo in everything from schoolwork to serving the poor. This is a truly unique and sorely needed book.”

—Zach Hunter, abolitionist and author of Be the Change, 16

“This book will create a distinct distaste in your soul for living an easy and comfortable life. I pray that God will use this book to inspire many young people (and old alike!) to do hard things by God’s grace for the glory of His name.”

—C.J. Mahaney, Sovereign Grace Ministries, author of Living the Cross-Centered Life and Humility: True Greatness
“Do Hard Things is exactly the message our generation needs to hear. This book challenges us to stop and recall the things God has put in our hearts to do and take time to do them now. Let's address the low expectations and call our generation to rise up and see what the Lord can do when we do hard things.”
—BarlowGirl, RECORDING ARTIST

[For inside the book only] “This is an important book. And not just for those wanting to launch successfully into adulthood, but also for discontent twenty- and thirty-somethings who long to be catapulted into significance. The propositions in this book are neither wishful thinking about what could be nor a wistful reflection on how things used to be. The Harris brothers demonstrate with their lives and through the examples of countercultural, ‘dream-big’ teens around the world, that young adults can achieve great things and live rich, intentional, excellent, meaningful lives.”
—Ted Slater, EDITOR OF BOUNDLESS, FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

“Alex and Brett Harris are leading the way for the fight to save their generation and in Do Hard Things they are beckoning others to join them. I pray that teenagers will listen to their cry and join them on the frontlines.”
—Ron Luce, FOUNDER OF TEEN MANIA MINISTRIES AND AUTHOR OF BATTLE CRY FOR A GENERATION

“If you are a young person who wants to affect this world for Jesus Christ, read this book! I have watched Alex and Brett take on new and daunting endeavors with resolve and determination and, as a result, mature and develop into leaders for this generation and an example for all generations of reaching to fulfill your full potential in and for Christ.”
—Justice Tom Parker, ALABAMA SUPREME COURT

“Alex and Brett are the real deal and Do Hard Things is a real wake up call, not just for young people, but for all God's people. I can't recommend it highly enough.”
—Shannon Ethridge, BEST-SELLING AUTHOR OF EVERY YOUNG WOMAN’S BATTLE AND COMPLETELY HIS

“Add years to your life! This book is a how-to guide for recovering the years 13 to 19. It's a good read—the trap of low expectations, the danger of leisure, surprising stories—this is stirring stuff! Do Hard Things is a winning combination of optimism and challenge.”
—Mark Dever, PASTOR, CAPITOL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, AND FOUNDER OF 9MARKS.ORG
“Do Hard Things is the textbook for anyone who works with teens; it’s a philosophical and foundational must-read.”
—Timothy Eldred, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR INTERNATIONAL

“As a university professor, I am well aware of the Gen Y propensity to demand more recognition for less effort and to associate self-esteem with mere being rather than for actual accomplishment. Do Hard Thing is a call to teenagers everywhere to channel their energy into world-changing activity with eternal significance. I highly recommend it.”
—Dr. Alex Chediak, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGINEERING, CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, AUTHOR OF WITH ONE VOICE

“Our generation is filled with apathetic, complacent, and immature wimps. By contrast, Brett and Alex are leaders in our generation, and their message is that you can be too.”
—Hans Zeiger, AUTHOR OF REAGAN’S CHILDREN AND GET OFF MY HONOR

“In Do Hard Things, Alex and Brett Harris put the fuel and wheels to this generation's heart cry, and for the first time I can see how it could actually happen.”
FRED STOEKER, best-selling author of EVERY YOUNG MAN'S BATTLE and TACTICS

“In writing this wise and compelling book, the Harris brothers deliver a competent, Christlike, collaborative effort that casts a vision for rebelling against the culture of ‘teenage’ low expectations. Along the way, they introduce readers to a growing group of ordinary revolutionaries who are doing hard and extraordinary kingdom work. I thank God for this book, and I warmly recommend it.”
JUSTIN TAYLOR, project director for the ESV Study Bible and blogger of Between Two Worlds

“In Do Hard Things the Harrises make a compelling case that young Christians make a difference by being different, not by being the same. If you want your life to count for something big and everlasting, read this book. You’ll be glad you did.”
TULLIAN TCHIVIDJIAN, pastor of New City Church in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and author of DO I KNOW GOD?

“I wish I had read Do Hard Things before college. It would have inspired me to challenge myself to grow instead of being satisfied with the positive reinforcement I received from others. This is a much-needed book for intelligent, thoughtful teens.”
DAWN EDEN, author of THE THRILL OF THE CHASTE
“When I was a 16-year-old, I thought it would be a lot easier to do the hard things God calls us to when I had the confidence and experience of an adult. Sixteen years later, I realize that it only gets harder. Do Hard Things has renewed my vigor to attack the obstacles in front of me as I pursue my joy in doing hard things.”

Mike Spielman, founder and director of Abort73.com

“The Harrises expose the ways we've allowed ourselves to be cheated. Do Hard Things is a must read for teens who want to experience God's exciting purpose for their lives.”

Julie Ferwerda, speaker, writer, and author

“Do Hard Things is an excellent book you will want every teen in your life to read! It has the power to radically shift the landscape of our culture.”

Heather Paulsen, author of Emotional Purity: An Affair of the Heart

“After finishing Do Hard Things all I could think was that I wanted to read it again. Do Hard Things tells true stories of ordinary teens doing extraordinary things and invites you to join them. It offers practical help and heady inspiration. It's unstoppable.”

Karen Emanuel, MA, learning handicap specialist

“For too long our expectations of teens, and their expectations of themselves, have been far too low. In Do Hard Things Alex and Brett Harris rebel against low expectations and encourage their peers to meet the challenge of doing tough things for God’s sake and for God’s glory. I wish I could have read this book when I was a teen, but I’m glad that my children will have the opportunity. I pray it will stir them and a whole generation of young people to use their teen years to do the hard things God calls them to do.”

Tim Challies, author of The Discipline of Spiritual Discernment, and blogger of Challies.com

What Readers Are Saying About

Do Hard Things

“This book is one I would recommend to any of my friends, teen or not.”

Carter B., North Carolina, age 14

“This book is amazing. It changes your whole way of thinking. Thanks, Alex and Brett!”

Stacie L., Kentucky, age 15

“The radical, yet simple idea of Do Hard Things has changed my life.”
ERIKA H., Michigan, age 18

This book is a wake up call to a generation that is down in the dumps. It’s like a coach screaming from the sidelines, ‘You can do it!’

DOUGLAS A., London, England, age 17

“This book has totally changed the way I think. I recommend it to every teen who wants to turn their life around.”

ASHLEY W., Georgia, age 13

“Beware! As soon as you begin reading Do Hard Things you will discover that putting it down is...a very hard thing!”

HANNAH M., Oregon, age 18

“I highly recommend Do Hard Things to every youth pastor and to every student. If we could grab onto its message, it’s hard to imagine what our churches and communities could become.”

JOSH C., Maine, youth pastor

“Thank you guys so much for writing this book - I pray that it will make a change beyond any of our expectations. It has changed me - and I pray it changes a generation.”

TIM S., Maryland, age 17

“I'm not exactly a teenager anymore. But as I was reading I began to see how this can apply to anyone. It's never too late to start.”

MATT R., Georgia, age 26

“The message of Do Hard Things needs to be shouted from the rooftops! This book is a must-read, not only for teens but for anyone who doesn't want to waste their life.”

NATASHA W., California, age 15

“There is a maturity and excitement running through the pages of this book that you will not find in other books for teens. Alex and Brett not only inspire you to do hard things but they give you the tools to live it.”

BETHANY S., Kansas, age 18

“Do Hard Things caught my interest from the first sentence.”

TREVOR U., Washington, age 16
“This book is amazing. As I read the chapter on doing 'big' hard things, I came face to face with a hard thing that I've been putting off. I knew that the book was a nudge from God telling me to get going! I'm going to, starting today. I can't wait to see what happens.”

SHEILA A., British Columbia, Canada, age 15,

“This book is special and I feel God working through this book. I am a mother and will definitely get this book for my 11-year-old son (just in time for his teenage years). Thank you for writing such a powerful book.”

ELIZABETH C., Georgia, mom

“I love the way it is written. It is crystal clear, to the point, interesting, funny, challenging, encouraging, and easy to read.”

LISA R., Western Australia, age 15

“A book written by ordinary teens, with stories about ordinary teens, for ordinary teens, Do Hard Things is such an encouragement. If you are looking for proof that small steps can make a difference, Alex and Brett's book is for you.”

GABRIELLE G., Idaho, age 17