

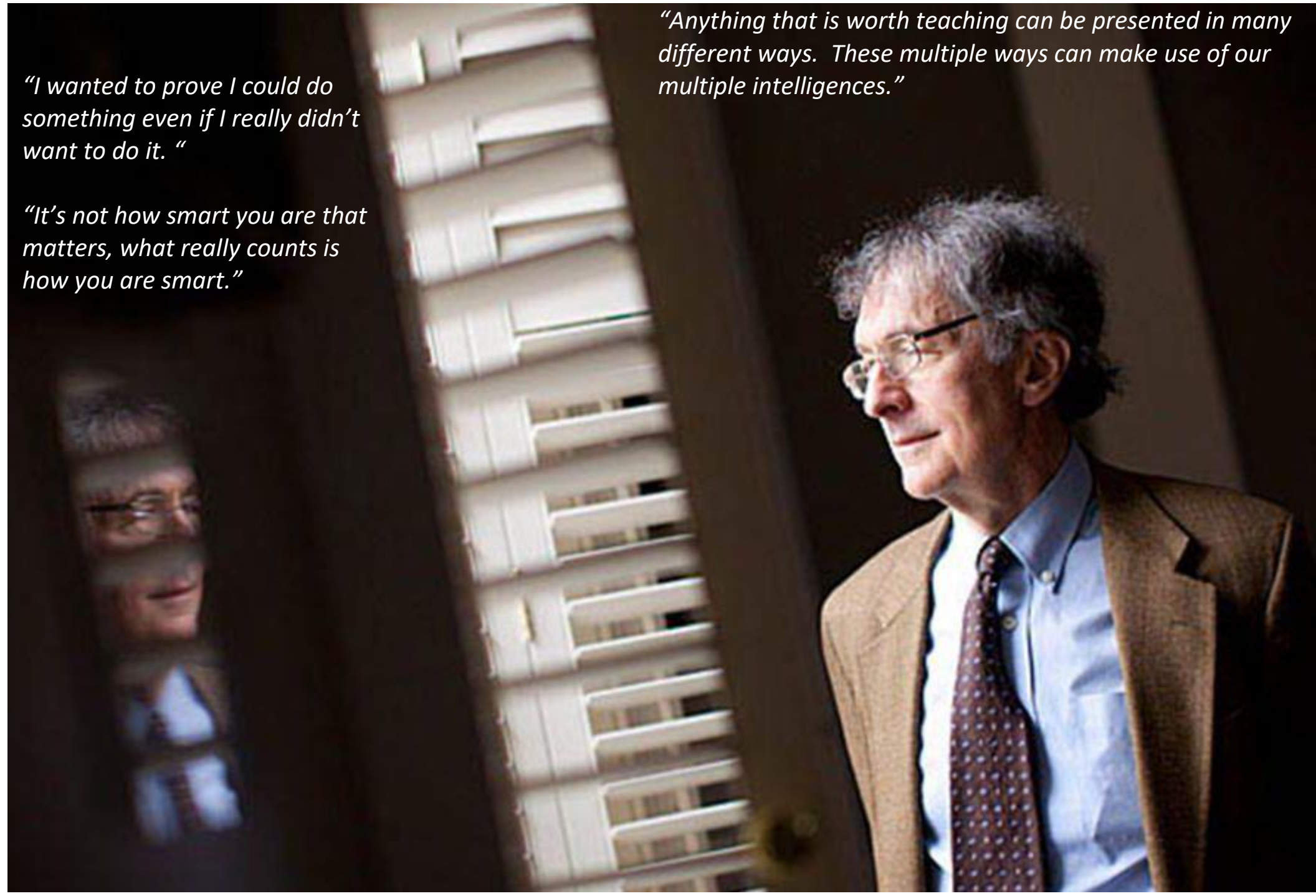
Howard Gardner

Born 1943

"I wanted to prove I could do something even if I really didn't want to do it. "

"It's not how smart you are that matters, what really counts is how you are smart."

"Anything that is worth teaching can be presented in many different ways. These multiple ways can make use of our multiple intelligences."



Biography

- Gardner's upbringing is rooted in his parents' experiences.
- Parents were middle-class German Jews when Hitler came to power in 1933.
- Mom was elementary school teacher, and dad sold stoves/ovens (his father died when he was 16, so he had to take over the business)
- 1934 they fled to Italy. After the German-Italian Pact, the family moved back to Germany in preparation to migrate to the US. Father went back-and-forth US-Germany to get the necessary endorsements. 1938, they boated to America.
- Arrived as Kristallnacht was happening in Germany!
- Moved to Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Many relatives were murdered in the Shoah. Post-war, his dad tried to keep track of and connect with the survivors.
- 1943 – when mom was pregnant with Howard – brother Erich (age 8) died in sledding accident. Later, parents tell Howard that had they not been expecting him, they would have committed suicide because they had lost everything.
- Parents did not tell him about his brother. Parents did not tell kids things which might upset them. Had photos of him in the house, but said he was just a neighborhood kid.
- At that time it wasn't understood that children almost always figure things out, one way or the other, and children suspect when something is being withheld from them.
- At age 10/11 he found clipping of his brother's death. Felt he was a "replacement" for his brother.
- Being the oldest of 15-20 cousins, he felt responsibility.
- Very good at the piano. Eagle Scout.
- Then university studies...
- Retired from teaching in 2019
- Has written more than 30 books.



Multiple Intelligences

Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences proposes that people are not born with all of the intelligence they will ever have. This theory challenged the traditional notion that there is one single type of intelligence, sometimes known as "g" for general intelligence, that only focuses on cognitive abilities

THE TYPES OF
INTELLIGENCE
by Mark Vital

spatial
visualizing
the world
in 3D



naturalist
understanding
living
things and
reading
nature



musical
discerning
sounds, their
pitch, tone,
rhythm, and
timbre



**intra-
personal**
understanding
yourself,
what you feel,
and what
you want



quantifying
things,
making
hypotheses
and
proving
them



finding
the right
words to
express
what
you mean



linguistic



coordinating
your mind
with your body

**bodily-
kinesthetic**



sensing people's
feelings and motives

interpersonal

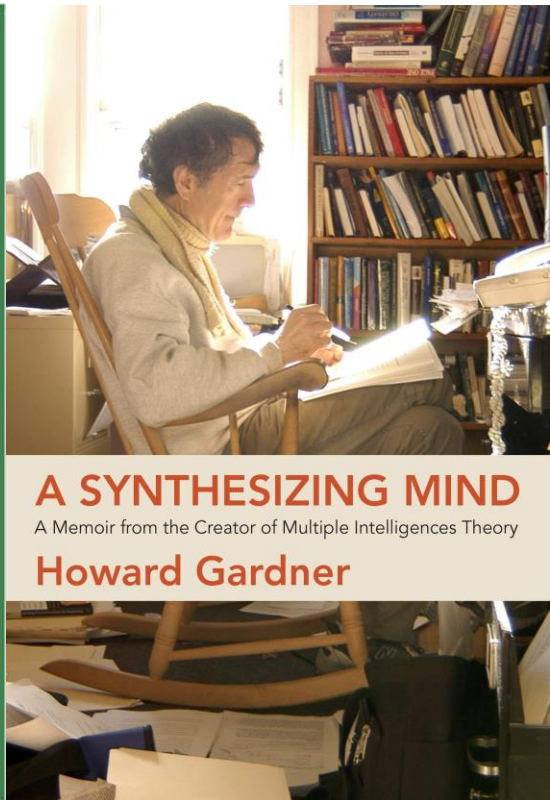
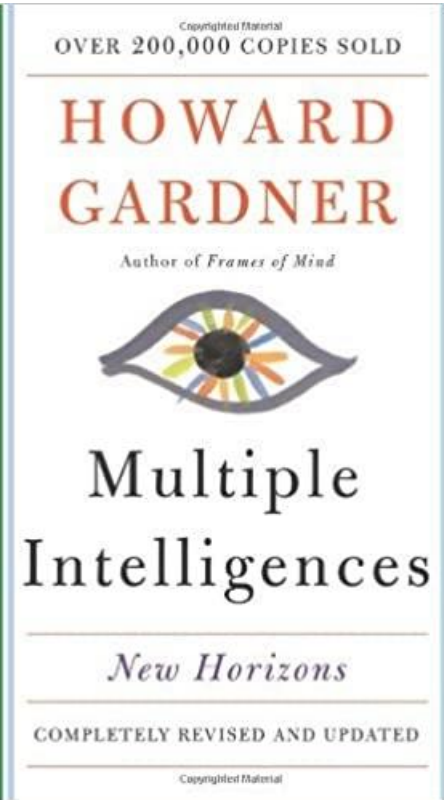
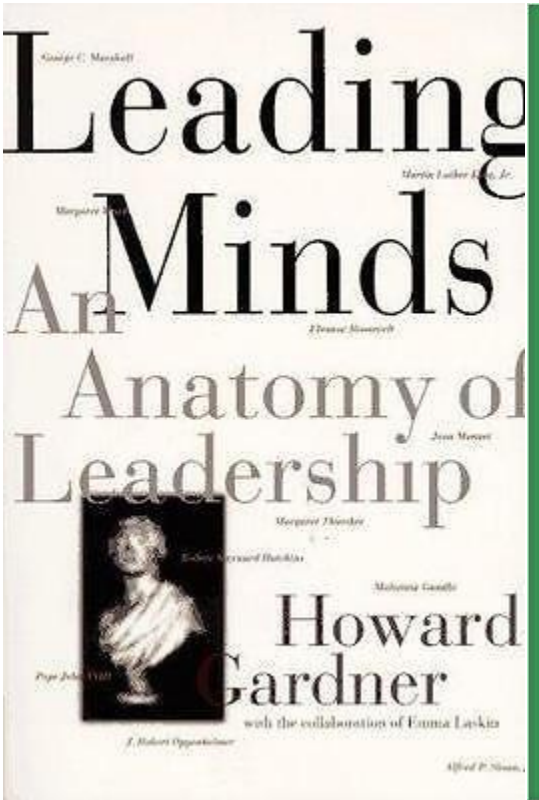


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the questions
of why we live,
and why we die

existential

In the late 1970s and early '80s, after he had worked with brain-damaged hospital patients and healthy school children, Howard Gardner developed a theory that changed the way people study intelligence and transformed the fields of psychology and education.

With his theory Gardner challenged the notion of a singular entity of mind, mostly genetic, and instead put forward the idea that all of us possess different types of intelligences, including linguistic, spatial, and musical.



A SYNTHESIZING MIND
A Memoir from the Creator of Multiple Intelligences Theory
Howard Gardner