

# Courage Under Fire

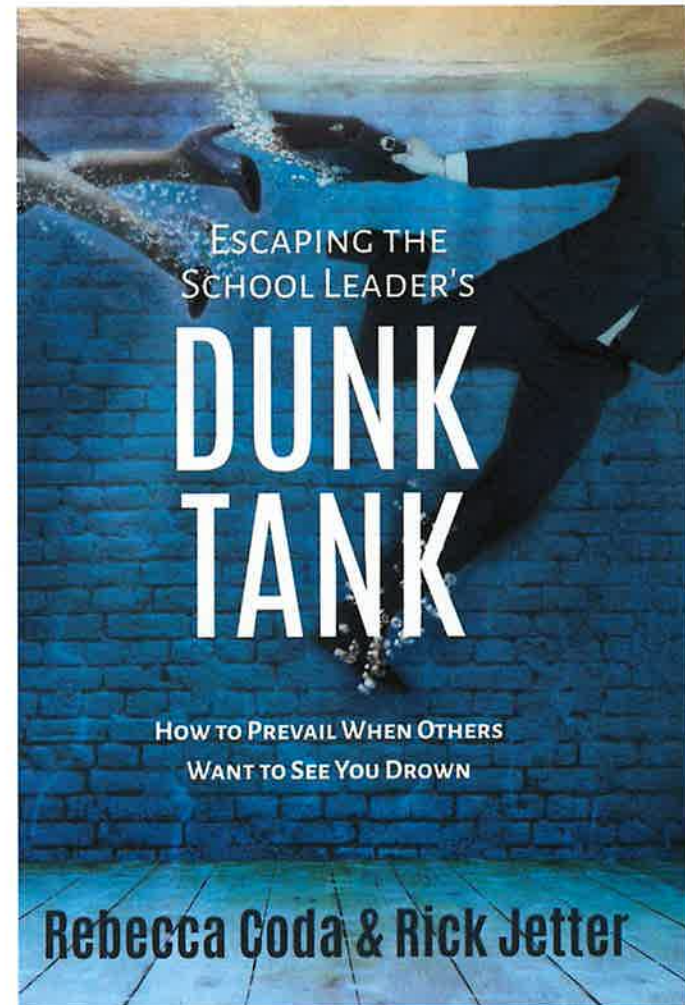
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- 3. Sometimes no matter what you do, it's wrong
- 4. Focus on what the right call is, you'll be better for it.



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## Identify the Emotional Trigger

1. Jealousy
2. Revenge
3. Connectivity or Association
4. Skepticism & Validity
5. Discrimination, Racism, & Nepotism
6. Being Held Accountable
7. Entitlement
8. Ego and Power
9. Fear



# Adversarial Tactics

- Creating Rumors
- Slowing Down the Organization
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- Creating Silos
- Intentional Omission
- Working from the Inside
- Extending (& Bending)
- Professional Courtesy
- Nepotism
- Deflection




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## Understanding People Connections Can be Vital

- Like Attracts Like
  - Failing to Meet Expectations
1. Positive Aligned Relatedness
  2. Negative Aligned Relatedness
  3. Neutral Aligned Relatedness



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## Recognizing the Impact on You

- Overworking
- Perfectionism
- Seeking Revenge
- Martyrdom
- Advancement
- Self-Medicating
- Chronic Stress





## Gathering Allies

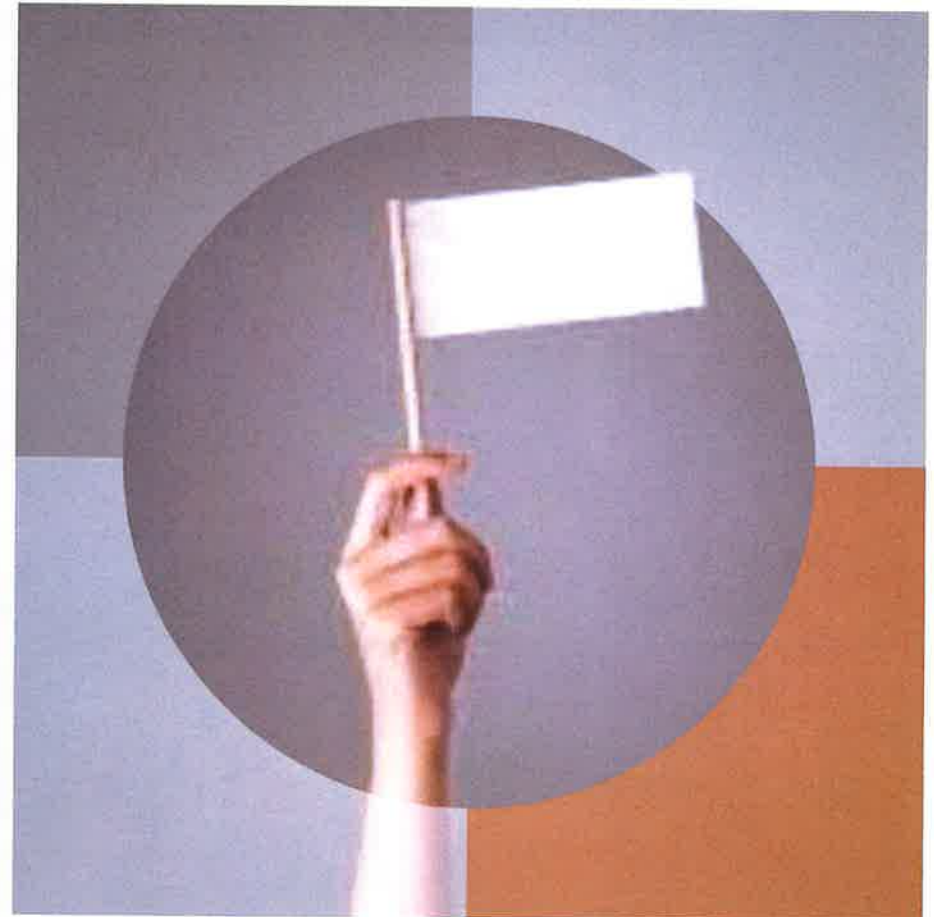
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- Build Trust
- Display Discernment
- Use Good Communication
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1. Is it Worth it?
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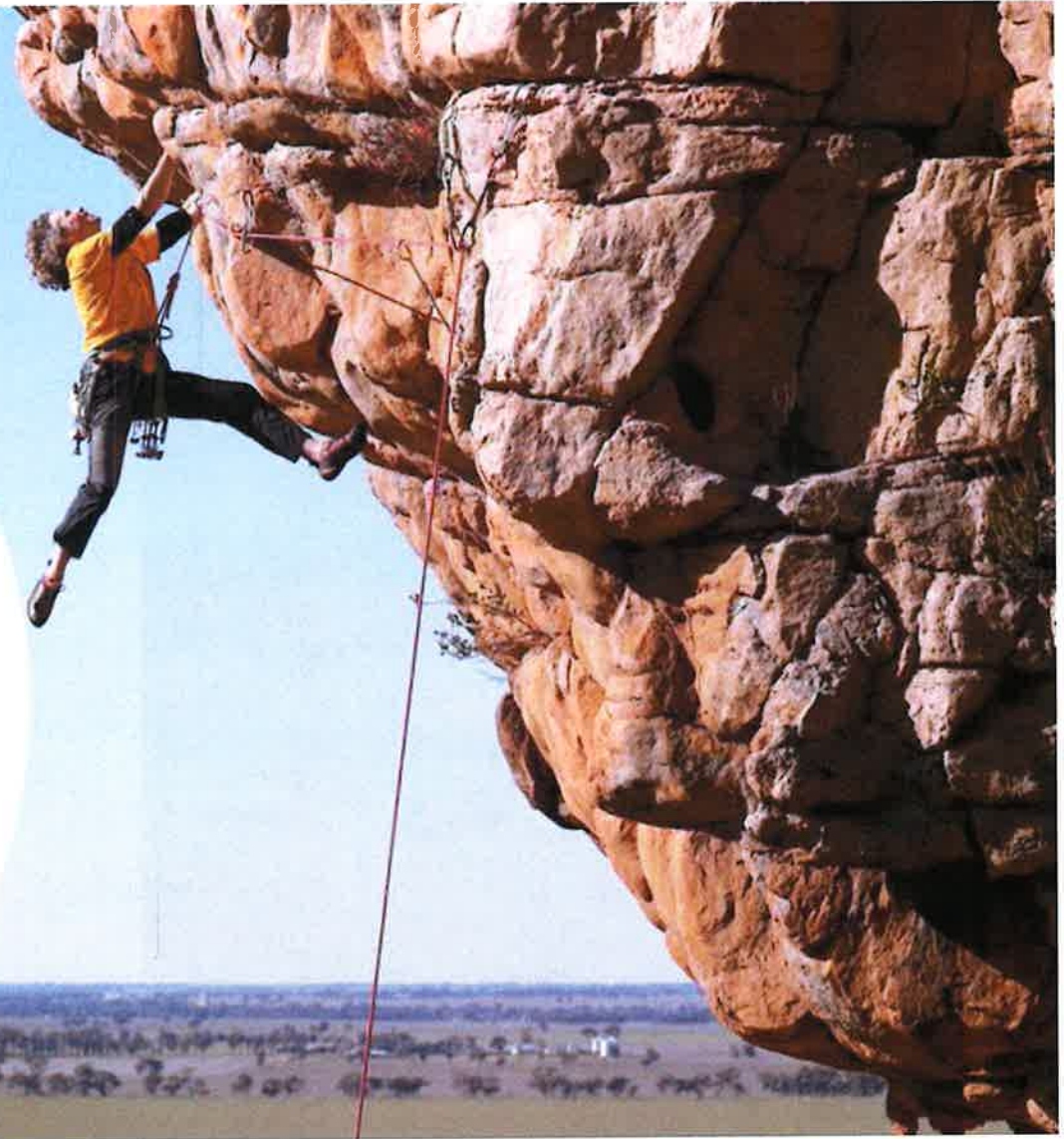


# Wrapping it Up

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