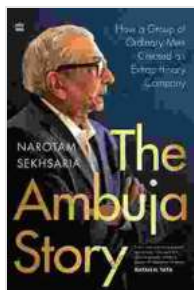


How a Group of Ordinary Men Created an Extraordinary Company



In the annals of business history, there are countless tales of extraordinary companies founded by brilliant visionaries. But what about the companies

that are built by ordinary people? The companies that start small and grow slowly, one step at a time? Can they achieve greatness too?



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The answer is a resounding yes. In fact, some of the most successful companies in the world were founded by ordinary people who had no special advantages or connections. They simply had a dream, a plan, and the determination to make it happen.

One such company is Herman Miller, a global leader in the design and manufacturing of office furniture. Herman Miller was founded in 1905 by a group of five men: D.J. De Pree, Herman Miller, Irwin Miller, Max De Pree, and Hugh De Pree. These men were not born into wealth or privilege. They were not geniuses or visionaries. They were simply a group of ordinary men who had a passion for making beautiful and functional furniture.

In the early days, Herman Miller was a small company that struggled to compete with larger, more established furniture makers. But the founders

were determined to make their company a success. They worked long hours, invested their own money, and never gave up on their dream.

In 1953, Herman Miller hired a young designer named Charles Eames. Eames was a brilliant designer who helped to revolutionize the way that office furniture was made. His designs were both beautiful and functional, and they quickly became popular with businesses and consumers alike.

With Eames' help, Herman Miller began to grow rapidly. In the 1960s and 1970s, the company expanded its product line and opened new factories around the world. By the end of the 1970s, Herman Miller was one of the largest and most successful office furniture companies in the world.

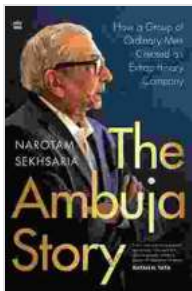
Herman Miller's success is a testament to the power of hard work, determination, and passion. The founders of the company were not extraordinary men, but they achieved extraordinary things through their hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence.

Here are some of the key lessons that we can learn from the story of Herman Miller:

- **It's possible to achieve great things even if you're not a genius or a visionary.** Herman Miller's founders were ordinary men who had no special advantages or connections. They simply had a dream, a plan, and the determination to make it happen.
- **Hard work and dedication pay off.** The founders of Herman Miller worked long hours and invested their own money in the company. They never gave up on their dream, even when times were tough.

- **It's important to find a mentor or partner who can help you achieve your goals.** Charles Eames was a brilliant designer who helped Herman Miller to revolutionize the way that office furniture was made. Herman Miller's success would not have been possible without Eames' help.
- **Never give up on your dreams.** The founders of Herman Miller faced many challenges and obstacles along the way. But they never gave up on their dream of building a successful company.

The story of Herman Miller is an inspiring example of what ordinary people can achieve when they set their minds to something. It's a story that should give us all hope and inspiration to pursue our own dreams, no matter how big or small they may seem.



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