



Rick Wartzman & Will Hopper

“The Puritan Gift: How America achieved dominance in management for so long--and how it lost its way.”

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