

# Two Steps Forward One Step Back: The Art of Progress

Pursuing success and achieving goals is often described as a journey. We are often told that in order to move forward, we must take steps towards our destination. However, life does not always unfold in a linear fashion; progress is rarely a smooth path. In reality, we often find ourselves taking two steps forward and one step back.

## The Nature of Progress

Progress, no matter how small, is undoubtedly an admirable attribute. It signifies growth, development, and a forward motion towards reaching our desired outcomes. Whether it be personal or professional goals, progress is the driving force behind it all.

However, progress is seldom a straight line. It is more like a dance, where we move forward, backwards, sideways, and sometimes even in circles. We face challenges and setbacks along the way, forcing us to take a step back before gaining momentum again. This rhythm of progress is a natural part of the journey towards success.



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## **Embracing Setbacks as Opportunities**

Setbacks and failures often carry a negative connotation. Many perceive them as signs of defeat or lack of progress. However, setbacks can actually be valuable learning experiences that propel us forward. When we stumble, we have the opportunity to reflect, learn, and develop resilience.

By embracing setbacks as opportunities for growth, we can transform our mindset and approach challenges with renewed determination. Each step back is an opportunity to gather wisdom, reassess our strategies, and come back stronger than before.

## **Overcoming Frustration and Self-Doubt**

It is important to recognize that setbacks can be frustrating and can sometimes lead to self-doubt. We might question our abilities, second-guess our choices, and feel discouraged. However, it is during these moments that we must remind ourselves that setbacks are temporary.

When faced with a setback, it is crucial to maintain a positive attitude and focus on the lessons learned. By understanding that setbacks are a natural part of progress, we can navigate through the challenges with resilience and determination. It is through perseverance that we can overcome the temporary setbacks and continue moving forward.

## **Celebrating the Journey**

While the end goal is important, it is equally important to cherish the journey itself. The process of making progress often involves learning, self-discovery, and personal growth. Every step, whether forward or backward, contributes to our overall development.

Instead of viewing setbacks as failures, we can learn to embrace them as milestones of growth. Celebrate the progress made along the way, no matter how small, and acknowledge the obstacles overcome. Each step, whether forward or backward, brings us closer to our goals and shapes us into stronger, more resilient individuals.

The path to success is rarely a straight line, but rather a series of steps forward and backward. Embracing setbacks as opportunities for growth, overcoming frustration and self-doubt, and celebrating the journey are all crucial aspects of making progress. So, the next time you find yourself taking one step back, remember that it is just a part of the dance towards success. Keep moving forward, and you will eventually reach your destination.



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My real story starts with a disaster, an unmitigated, pull-the-rug-from-under-you, clean-out-the-bank-account disaster. But had it not happened, The Police would never have risen to become the biggest rock band in the world; Jools Holland would not have ended up on TV; The Bangles, The Go-Go's, R.E.M., and many other music stars might never have made it either. It's strange how a fluke, a disaster, an unlikely event can lead to incredible results. But that is in essence what happened to me . . .

Two Steps Forward, One Step Back tells the extraordinary story of a maverick manager, promoter, label owner, and all-round legend of the music industry. It opens in the Middle East, where Miles grew up with his father, a CIA agent who was stationed in Syria, Egypt, and Lebanon. It then shifts to London in the late 60s and the beginnings of a career managing bands like Wishbone Ash and Curved Air—only for Miles's life and work to be turned upside down by a disastrous European tour.

From the ashes of near bankruptcy, Miles entered the world of punk, sharing a building with Malcolm McLaren and Sniffin' Glue, before shifting gears again as manager of The Police, featuring his brother, Stewart, on drums. Then, after founding IRS Records, he launched the careers of some of the most potent musical acts of the new wave scene and beyond, from Squeeze and The Go-Go's to The Bangles and R.E.M.

The story comes full circle as Miles finds himself advising the Pentagon on how to win over hearts and minds in the Middle East and introducing Arabic music to the United States. 'Never let the truth get in the way of a good story,' his father would tell him. In the end, though, the truth is what counts—and it's all here.



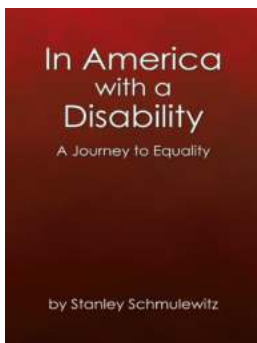
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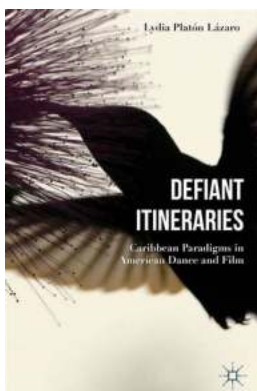
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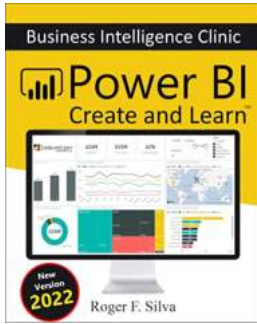
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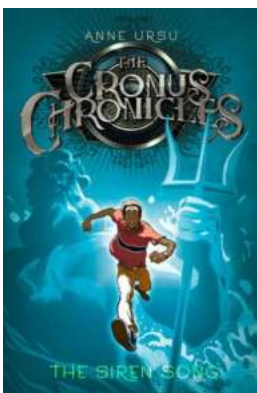
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