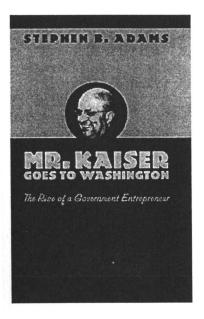
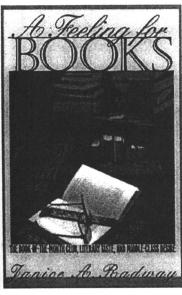
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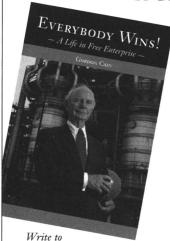
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hatever vital work you are trying to do in these grave days, if your voice does not reveal your best qualities-your character, your ability, your friendliness-it may obstruct or retard your progress. For the sound of your voice gives more information than the words you speak. After a brief interview the man across the desk knows more about your background than you suspect. If you are ambitious to fulfill your potentialities, you need to become as voice conscious as you are appearance-conscious.

Begin by noticing the effect voices have on you. Doesn't a hard, metallic quality give the impression that the person speaking is cold and calculating? A high-pitched, little-girl voice, that she is weak and ineffective? A harsh, strident voice, that she is dominating and bossy? An affected, la-di-da voice, that she is self-important and egotistical? Then listen critically to your own voice echoing back from nearby walls. What impression of you is it giving your associates?

Everyone has a potentially good

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voice, but thousands upon thousands do not know they have it. Too often it is obstructed by the eating habits. The primary functions of the jaw, congue, and throat are masticating and swallowing. For these purposes they become powerfully strong and efficient. When used for the delicate adjustments necessary for rich tonal quality and clear enunciation, their awkwardness distorts sonority and pleasantness into sounds that are sometimes shockingly crude and raucous.

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At first your chest will probably

