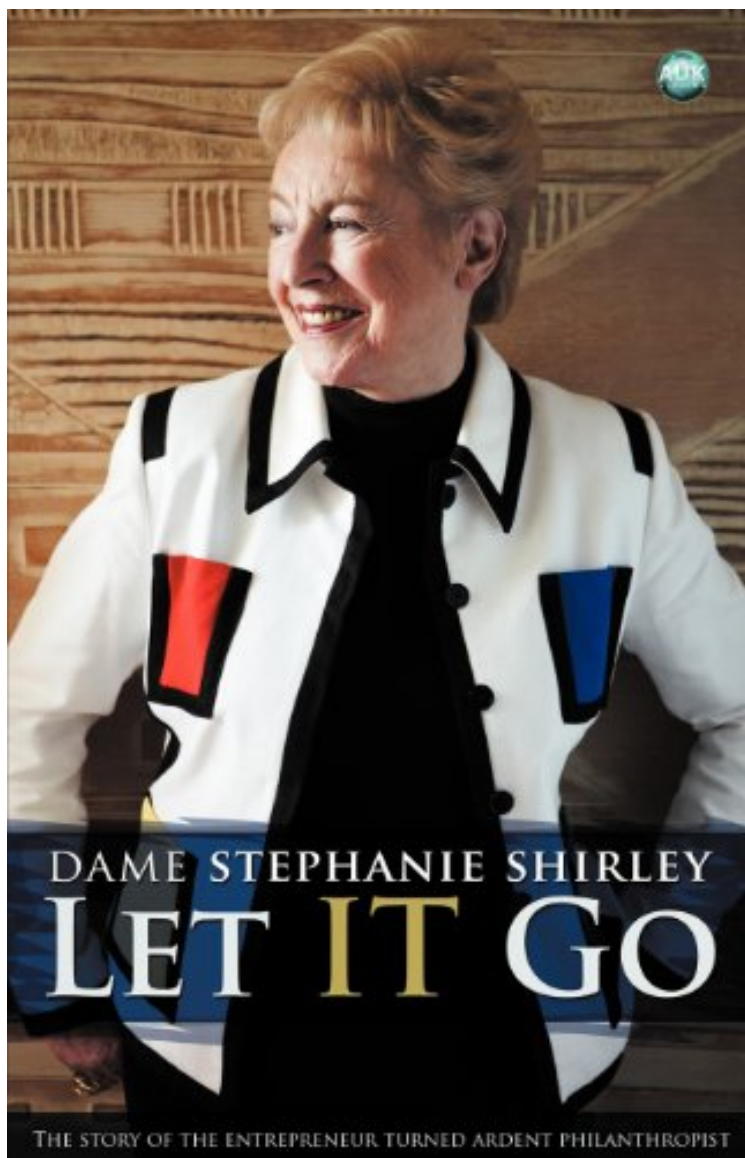


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**Dame Stephanie Shirley, Richard Askwith : Let It Go** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Let It Go:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Amazing Trek Through the Birth of an IndustryBy CustomerStephanie Shirley will make you feel at once empowered to conquer the world as she did, and that you are not doing enough to advance your own life, business, cause, or dream.The sheer number of her accomplishments are

astounding, and she recounts them as if they were simple solutions to problems. She shows how they were anything but simple, but while reading, it almost all seemed inevitable with her being the force pushing it all forward, and the historical recounting of her battles and successes flows easily. She candidly breaks down real financials during key events of the business, and you get to ride the roller coaster with her as she was told it would never work. Seen through today's lens post-bubble, post globalized work forces, what she did was timed just right and executed incredibly well, and she transferred power/empowered her successors over and over. She created a company of freelance software programmers who wrote punch card code at home, when the industry wasn't writing software for hire, would never think a woman could run this business, and would have never thought a woman could do it all from home. This was pre-Internet, dear review reader!!! Incredible! She did it with unbelievable stresses in the home AS WELL as in business, and she did this far better than anyone I know could. And she managed, in the end, to have created a lasting ideal that survived multiple versions of her original dream. Even later into her 80's, the company mission, vision, and values she started - with 6 and a mission statement - still influences the company heavily today. So should you read this? You should: Read this if you're a freelancer, programmer, or work from home. Read this if you are a consultancy or agency owner (like me), wondering what the future of work should look like, or want to know more about agency succession and philanthropy. Read this if you are a woman entrepreneur looking to beat the odds. Her story will inspire you while at the same time give you exactly the right perspectives on your own problems, with these fantastic nuggets of wisdom for consultancies (and later succession strategies of consultancies) every few pages. She is particularly a role model for women, women entrepreneurs, and women programmers. One can only imagine what the U.S. might have looked like today with someone like her pushing them forward. Her and more of her mold are sorely needed here. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. An interesting, successful and tragic autobiography of a woman who is a great British philanthropist. By Virginia Reader. Dame Stephanie's book is frequently quite detailed about her business ventures and her philanthropy (which is extraordinary) so that the book plods at times. She had a very rocky relationship with her father, Arnold Buchtal, one of Germany's truly great pre-Hitler attorneys and judges, who later prosecuted war criminals in Nuremberg, so that very interesting part of her life and family get rather short shrift. Her son was autistic in the era before people had any good ideas on its treatment. This made for a very tragic family life. The story that is told is still fascinating: a young woman who was very talented at mathematics and engineering who triumphed over the sexist prejudices in the UK in the post-war era. It's few shortcomings aside, I liked and greatly enjoyed about 85% of the pages; the rest I passed over, mostly. (A disclosure: Dame Stephanie and my wife are very distantly related at the grandparent and great grandparent level, which is why I decided to get the book in the first place.) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A worthwhile read for anyone willing to trust their world and be willing to let go. By Customer. It was an enjoyable book, with an emotional base from the outset, her courageous life and extensive work, and the immense force within to provide her autistic son with the chance to be. The aspects that captured most interest were on shared profit, the fulfillment of giving through philanthropy and the commitment to letting go.

Dame Stephanie Shirley is one of Britain's leading philanthropists and has donated most of her life to helping good causes, especially those close to her heart. This fascinating memoir charts Dame Stephanie's life from her time as a child in Germany and arrival in England as an unaccompanied Kindertransport refugee through to her retirement and dedication to charity. It is an amazing read which will take you through the entire range of emotions - from happiness at the success of her original company Freelance Programmers through to the ultimate sadness of losing her only child.