

There are three versions of my bio here ... the first for introducing me before a talk or an interview; the others (one long, one short) for print.

Introduction for Michael Bungay Stanier

[Pronounced: BUN-gay STAN-yer with a slight Australian accent]

Michael Bungay Stanier helps people be a force for change.

He's best known for his book *The Coaching Habit* which has sold close to a million copies and has thousands of 5-star reviews online. His latest book *The Advice Trap* focuses on what it takes to tame your Advice Monster.

He founded Box of Crayons, a learning and development company that helps organizations move from advice-driven to curiosity-led. They've trained hundreds of thousands of managers to be more coach-like and their clients range from Microsoft to Gucci.

He left Australia about 30 years ago to be a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University ... where his only significant achievement was falling in love with a Canadian ... which is why he now lives in Toronto, having spent time in London and Boston.

Balancing out these moments of success, he was banned from his high school graduation for "the balloon incident" ... was sued by one of his Law School professors for defamation ... and his first published piece of writing was a Harlequin Romance-esque story involving a misdelivered letter ... and called *The Male Delivery*.

Short bio

Michael Bungay Stanier is the author of six books which between them have sold more than a million copies. He's best known for *The Coaching Habit*, the best-selling coaching book of the century and already recognized as a classic. Michael was a Rhodes Scholar and plays the ukulele badly. He's Australian, and lives in Toronto, Canada. Learn more at www.MBS.works.

Long bio

“My name is Michael. I can hop. Do you want to see me hop?” That's how I introduced myself to bemused strangers at the supermarket when I was three. Honestly, not much has changed. Here's the formal bio, with the best bits at the end.

Michael Bungay Stanier is at the forefront of shaping how organizations around the world make being coach-like an essential leadership competency. His book *The Coaching Habit* is the best-selling coaching book of this century, with nearly a million copies sold and thousands of five-star reviews on Amazon. In 2019, he was named the #1 thought leader in coaching. Michael was the first Canadian Coach of the Year, has been named a Global Coaching Guru since 2014 and was a Rhodes Scholar.

Michael founded Box of Crayons, a learning and development company that helps organizations transform from advice-driven to curiosity-led. (Learn more at BoxOfCrayons.com.)

Michael is a compelling speaker and facilitator, combining practicality, humour, and an unprecedented degree of engagement with the audience. He's spoken on stages and screens around the world in front of crowds ranging from ten to ten thousand. His TEDx talk has been watch by hundreds of thousands of people. (Learn more at MBS.works.)

En route to today—and these are essential parts of his origin story—Michael knocked himself unconscious as a labourer by hitting himself in the head with a shovel, mastered stagecraft at law school by appearing in a skit called *Synchronized Nude Male Modelling*, and his first paid piece of writing was a Harlequin Romance-esque story involving a misdelivered letter ... and called *The Male Delivery*.