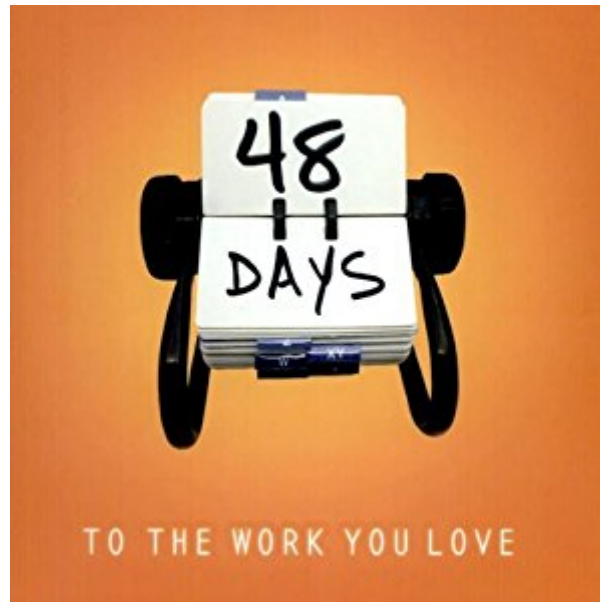




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# 48 Days To The Work You Love



## Synopsis

In 2009, the U.S. unemployment rate approached ten percent. Today, when new work is found, it may not be traditional. Studies estimate half of the American workforce will soon consist of freelancers, consultants, independent contractors, entrepreneurs, "electronic immigrants", and so forth. Are you ready for the new normal? Dan Miller has seen it coming for years. But his thriving vocational best seller, *48 Days to the Work You Love*, is not so much about finding a new job as it is learning about who we are really called to be in relation to our vocation - whatever shape that career may take in these changing times. According to the author, failing to make that fundamental discovery of calling is why so many people find themselves in jobs they hate. But now, thousands upon thousands are finding the work they love, thanks to practical advice from this leading career counselor. Conversational and creative, Miller helps the reader understand one's God-given skills and abilities, personality traits, values, dreams, and passions. Doing so helps us recognize clear patterns that will point toward successful decisions along the career path. Step by step, this updated edition of *48 Days to the Work You Love* reveals the process for creating a Life Plan and translating that plan into meaningful and fulfilling daily work. Let the countdown begin!

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## Customer Reviews

While Miller's book certainly gave me some new insight into how to look for a job, he points out that his book is meant for a "hard sell" on a product: you. Unfortunately, if you're not a salesperson, this isn't easy. The steps are laid out chapter by chapter. The first half of the book really lays out the

groundwork for the definition of work, our past conceptions of the job search process, and today's misinterpretations of a "good" job. All of that is fine and dandy, but give me the good stuff. Several chapters in, Miller gets into the actual meat and potatoes of the book: resums, interviews, and follow-ups. The most helpful information I gleaned from this is that while a resume is a great way to get your foot in the door for an interview, it is not going to land you the job. And while it seems only to be common sense that your personality will actually get you the interview, you'd be surprised at what wrong things people will say in them (and Miller provides plenty of examples). He explains that 85% of getting the job is how you sell yourself and how well your interviewing techniques are sharpened. He also says you should make contact with the hiring manager (not HR, personnel, etc.) at least three times in order to make yourself remembered by the person in charge of hiring. Again, this is a classic selling technique--one used by salespeople the world over. All in all, if you aren't comfortable with narrowing down your companies of choice, making direct contact with persons within the company, and making a "hard sell" of yourself, this book may not be helpful for you but may point out some parts of the job search that you weren't previously aware of.

I'm not sure after reading this whether I know what I want to be when I grow up but my job search is reinvigorated and I want to do more to explore my mission on earth. The author definitely inspires positive thinking and a more creative approach to work.

Well, maybe it's because I've read so many other books of this type ... but there's a lot of same ol', here. Interesting, though. If you -- like us -- are an aficionado of the tried-and-true "What Color is Your Parachute?," there isn't much new, here. One glaring 'error' I see is something a lot of people assume, but is simply not the case (at least nowhere in the real world we and our friends inhabit): if you are an out-of-work professional, you are NOT going to get a job by talking to a manager at a burger joint or with the receptionist (who will not magically summon the hiring manager you need) at company ABC. The excuse at the burger joint is: "The minute something in your career comes up, you'll be gone." You mean, as opposed to the person who gets enough for a couple of car payments and leaves? What's the difference? The response at a company's front desk (or, increasingly, at job fairs)? "Apply online for a specific job." Sort of tough to get the insider view, that way. Even when my husband was trying to get OUT of a career, he couldn't find a job in another industry where he was highly qualified. You can't convince the hiring managers you're serious. Now: having said all that: if this is your first foray into this type of book, go for it. But if you've been at this for years, maybe not so much, or grab the Kindle version and use the TOC to find chapters which will interest you.

I was hoping that this book would be this answer or at least point me in the right direction. well it seemed to be doing that in the first few chapters then all of a sudden it was a book about how to impress an interviewer and write a resume to find a J O B which is what I thought the entire premise of the book wasn't suppose to be about. it was suppose to help you find that calling in life that will truly make you happy and life worth while. it talked about how unhappy people are if they aren't living their calling and blah blah but offered little practical advice to finding it. so I'm back to square one. but if you are looking for statistics on employers, how to impress at a job interview and how to write a resume then it's ok. if you're looking for inside to yourself. go elsewhere!

One of the best business books I've ever read. I love how the author clarifies that yes, you can have a job you love, but it will require time, effort, and planning. I also like that he gives some realistic perspective on the truth about having your own business. Not everyone can be their own boss no matter how great that sounds in theory. A very good read for someone who is malcontent in their current career but willing to suck it up, change some things in their life, and go a different direction.

Absolutely wonderful resource! Check out the 48 days website too....love Dan Miller! Down to earth and practical advice on finding a new job and/or creating work you love!

This is the best book I've ever found on the subject of life-workplanning. Everyone knows that there are scads of books out there about beating out the competition and getting ahead in the best jobs. I read many of them. The problem with almost all of those books is that they urge you to package yourself for the "hot jobs" without first considering who you are as a unique human being and what your goals in life might be aside from making the most money possible. While money is certainly wonderful, psychologists have proven in multiple studies that no amount of money is enough to counteract the misery created by trying to force yourself to fit into a job that works against your inherent, God-given design. Believe me, I know that the results of those studies are accurate.....been there, done that. Experienced hell on earth. Dan Miller has an approach that leads to satisfaction. He shows you how to figure out what you want your life to look like, and then to figure out what work fits your personal definition of a satisfying life. Dan's approach leads to fulfillment and satisfaction. Most of the other books on career planning just set you up to become a statistic.....one of the people who has a heart attack on Monday morning as they face yet another week at the "job from hell". I highly recommend 48 Days To The Work You Love.

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