

## My So Called Freelance Life How To Survive And Thrive As A Creative Professional For Hire Paperback

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*Shares strategies for accumulating real-world wealth while staying independently employed, distilling lessons from a variety of sources effectively used by the authors during the recent financial crisis. Tame anxiety and take back control of your life with this no-f\*cks-given guide from the bestselling author of The Life-Changing Magic of Not Giving a F\*ck and Get Your Sh\*t Together. Do you spend more time worrying about problems than solving them? Do you let unexpected difficulties ruin your day and do "what ifs" keep you up at night? Sounds like you need to Calm the F\*ck Down. Just because things are falling apart doesn't mean YOU can't pull it together. Whether you're stressed about sh\*t that hasn't happened yet or freaked out about sh\*t that already has, the NoWorries method from "anti-guru" Sarah Knight helps you curb the anxiety and overthinking that's making everything worse. Calm the F\*ck Down explains: The Four Faces of Freaking Out--and their Flipsides How to accept what you can't control Productive Helpful Effective Worrying (PHEW) The Three Principles of Dealing With It And much more! Find even more calm with the Calm the F\*ck Down Journal.*

Tech Boss Lady

F\*\*k It

Tried and Tested Tips to Help You Ace Self-employment Without Burnout

A Practical Guide to Transforming Your Book from Good to Great

Master the Art of Fearless Self-Promotion

Survival Skills for Freelancers

The Freelance Content Marketing Writer

Everything You Need to Know to Have the Career of Your Dreams--On Your Terms

*In this inspiring and humorous book, John C. Parkin suggests that saying F\*\*k It is the perfect Western expression of the Eastern spiritual ideas of letting go, giving up, and finding real freedom by realizing that things don't matter so much (if at all). It's a spiritual way that doesn't require chanting, meditating, or wearing sandals. And it's the very power of this profanity that makes it perfect for shaking us Westerners out of the stress and anxiety that dominate our daily lives. With the help of this book, people around the world are now saying F\*\*k It to their worries and concerns, to the "shoulds" and the "oughts" that dominate their lives, and finally doing what they want to, no matter what others might think. "Self-help for the time-poor and psycho-babble intolerant." MARIE CLAIRE*

*Author Sara Horn always admired the Proverbs 31 wife, but when she became a busy writer and mother, she deemed this model to be dated and impossible. Or is it? Join Sara as she heads into a one-year domestic experiment and offers full access to see if this biblical model can be embraced by a modern woman—even one who can't sew. With humility and humor, Sara sets out to pursue the Proverbs 31 characteristics through immersing herself in all things domestic, but when her family's situation changes and she must return to a full-time job, she's forced to look at the Proverbs 31 woman with a whole new viewpoint. Through it all, she and readers discover: what it means to be a godly woman and a wife how investing in family and faith refines priorities as a spouse and a parent how mistakes are opportunities for growth This thought-provoking, surprising, and entertaining personal account will inspire women to try their own experiments in living out God's purpose for their lives.*

*More time with your kids, making the money you know you're worth and a better work/life balance. No wonder more women than ever are choosing to be become freelance mums. In the last decade, 70% more mums have chosen to go freelance. Annie Ridout was one of them. And in her enlightening new book, she shares the tips and tricks that helped her build a better working life around her family. From choosing a career and launching a website, to getting your name out there and perfecting your brand, to the nitty gritty of childcare options and daily routines, The Freelance Mum is a comprehensive guide to setting out on your own path. Using her own experience, alongside advice from other mums that make it work, including Arianna Huffington, Scummy Mummies, Carrie-Anne Roberts, Robyn Wilder, Zoe de Pass, Cherry Healey, Sali Hughes and Anna Jones, Annie will show that with hard work and determination, any mother can thrive as a freelancer.*

*Meet Rachel Riley . . . she lives in a normal house, with a normal family, goes to a normal school, with her normal friends (or so she thinks!) . . . but all that is about to change as Rachel goes on a mission to inject some excitement into her life, with hilarious results! Not suitable for younger readers.*

Brag Better

Practical Career Advice for Women Who Think Outside the Cube

The Freelance Way

You Do You

My So-Called Life as a Proverbs 31 Wife

The Practical Guide to Surviving Your First Year As a Self-Employed Writer

A Chronicle of Family and a River

A Guide for Creatives

*In the New York Times bestseller If You Have to Cry, Go Outside, media maven Kelly Cutrone spills her secrets for success without selling out. She combines personal and professional stories from her high-profile gigs as Whitney Port and Lauren Conrad's boss on The Hills, star of Bravo's Kell on Earth, judge on America's Next Top Model, and CEO/founder of the fashion PR firm People's Revolution to offer young professional women no-nonsense, brutally honest career advice--and other things their mothers never told them.*

*This guide takes you through the ins and outs of the book-editing process, giving you the tools to write the best book possible. Understanding how writing and editing complement each other, you'll become more confident as a writer, finish your book faster and move toward the ultimate goal of publication.*

*ALAMO DOUGHBOY is a true story that captures the lost experiences and mindset of the American doughboys fighting in the Great War. The book is a personal history about an infantry private from the Midwest who desperately fought the Germans from the trenches on the front line, along with his two brothers and two cousins, one of whom was a member of the legendary Lost Battalion. ALAMO DOUGHBOY is a solid military history, but it's also a remarkable account of the home front, a boy and his dog, faith, love, courage, and duty.ALAMO DOUGHBOY paperback second edition is \$19.95.*

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Starting Your Career as a Freelance Writer

Green Day, Fall Out Boy, The Distillers, Bad Religion---How Neo-Punk Stage-Dived into the Mainstream

How to Write, Work, and Thrive on Your Own Terms

If You Have to Cry, Go Outside

Alamo Doughboy

A Totally Unconventional Guide to Freelance Writing Success

mediabistro.com's Insider Guide to Freelance Writing

Creating a Freelance Career covers everything anyone needs to know about becoming a freelance writer, graphic designer, copy editor, artist, musician or any other creative occupation. It includes chapters on how to get started with your career and where to look for work, how to write pitch or query letters, how to work with contract employers, and how to build and sustain your business. Lingo necessary for successfully navigating the freelance world is defined throughout. Author Jill L. Ferguson, an experienced freelance professional and educator, guides you through finding success in the gig economy, discussing how to pursue freelancing with an entrepreneurial spirit. Creating a Freelance Career includes examples of what to do, and what not to do, when pursuing freelance projects, and includes perspectives from additional real-life professionals who have found success in their fields.

Reroute your career path for better, faster, longer-lasting success "If you've been waiting for your HR department to plan out your next career move, you'll be stuck waiting forever. Joanne Cleaver explains why the career matrix is what you need to succeed. It's valuable information that most HR departments aren't ready or able to give you." —Suzanne Lucas, the Evil HR Lady, evilhrlady.org " As Cleaver insightfully writes, the traditional career ladder is dead. To stay relevant, workers need to become nimble, enterprising, and far more professionally connected than their pre-recession counterparts. Essential reading for anyone who wants to stand out in today's highly competitive business world." —Michelle Goodman, author of The Anti 9-to-5 Guide and My So-Called Freelance Life "In post-recessionary Corporate America, the ladder is becoming a thing of the past. You need to think of your career in a new way, a way in which you are constantly focused on acquiring new and honing existing skill sets to remain marketable and competitive. Using Joanne Cleaver's Career Lattice's prescription of group-centered coaching and mentoring, you'll get by with a little help from your friends." —Alexandra Levit, author of Blind Spots: 10 Business Myths You Can't Afford to Believe on Your New Path to Success OVER IS THE NEW UP. Thanks to the rise of global labor, increasing automation of job functions, and the flattening of workplace organizations, the traditional corporate ladder is gone—and we'll probably never see it again. For smart, talented, motivated workers, this is the best career news to emerge in a long time. Instead of following the path of predetermined corporate hierarchies, you need to design a more flexible career path. It's called the Career Lattice, and it's about adding new skills to current abilities—while letting go of things that are no longer relevant. It's about evolving. It's about embracing change. In The Career Lattice, career consultant and business journalist Joanne Cleaver gives you the insight, information, tools, and best practices you need to: Invest in the best training or continued education for your future goals Make smart lateral moves now to help you make upward moves later Network more strategically than ever See possibilities down the road that would otherwise have escaped you The Lattice is both more stable and more dynamic than the linear career ladder. No matter your age or career stage, latticing equips you to make your move into emerging jobs or careers in all industries with more speed, skill, and confidence than your competitors. It isn't your father's world of business anymore. Linearity is out; flexibility is in. The Career Lattice is what you need to make the smartest possible career decisions in a completely transformed world of business.

My So-Called Freelance LifeHow to Survive and Thrive as a Creative Professional for HireSeal Press

The most comprehensive book for freelancers ever written - Packed with proven freelance know-how, including advice from world-class experts like David Allen (Getting Things Done), Adam Grant (Give and Take), Austin Kleon (Show Your Work), and David H. Hansson (Remote: Office Not Required). The Freelance Way is THE business book for independent professionals. It presents the best available and fully up-to-date freelance know-how, compiled from hundreds of quality sources, including surveys, the latest market data, advice from world-class experts, as well as real-life experiences and stories from hundreds of professionals in different fields and countries, which makes the book highly relevant to freelancers worldwide. The contents of this volume cover all the basics and best practices for beginning freelancers, as well as advanced career strategies and tools for freelance veterans. There are practical tips for greater productivity, successful teamwork, smart pricing, powerful business negotiations, bulletproof personal finance, effective marketing, and much more.

The Ultimate Freelancer's Guidebook

How to Do It All

The Editor's Eye

The Renegade Writer

Get a Freelance Life

Normal Gets You Nowhere

The Essential Guide to Freelance Writing

The Freelancer's Bible

**Choosing a mate is like picking house paint from one of those tiny color squares: You never know how it will look across a large expanse, or how it will change in different light. Meet Janna and Graeme. After a decade-long tango (together, apart, together, apart), they're back in love -- but the stress of nine-to-five is seriously hampering their happiness. So they quit their jobs, tie the knot, and untie the lines on a beat-up old sailboat for a most unusual honeymoon: a two-year voyage across the Pacific. But passage from first date to first mate is anything but smooth sailing. From the rugged Pacific Northwest coast to the blue lagoons of Polynesia to bustling Asian ports, Janna and Graeme find themselves at the mercy of poachers, under the spell of crossdressers, and under the gun of a less-than-sober tattooist. And they encounter do-or-die moments that threaten their safety, their sanity, and their marriage. Join Janna and Graeme's 17,000-mile journey and their quest to resolve the uncertainties so many couples face: How do you know if you've really found the One? How do you balance duty to others while preserving space for yourself? And, when the waters get rough, do you jump ship, or do you learn to navigate the world...together?**

**If you've always dreamed of making a living as a writer, this book will take you where you want to go. Starting Your Career as a Freelance Writer, Second Edition, demystifies the process of becoming a writer and gives aspiring writers all the tools they need to become successful freelance writers, get their names in print, and start earning a healthy income from writing. Completely revised and updated, the second edition includes an entirely new section on the "online writer," discussing how to set up your own website, whether you need a blog, how to effectively participate in social networking sites, and information on electronic publishing, POD and more. New chapters provide guidance on writing for international markets and other writing opportunities such as ghostwriting, speech-writing, technical writing, copyediting, teaching, etc. This indispensable resource walks writers through the process of developing marketable ideas and then finding appropriate markets for those ideas. It includes effective tips on how to set writing goals; make time for writing; hone research and interview techniques; create outlines and first drafts, approach editors (online and offline), and prepare and submit material. Writers will also discover the vital business issues of freelancing such as rights and contracts, plus how to manage income, expenses, and taxes. Author Moira Allen has more than 30 years experience both as a freelance writer and as an editor; her tips come from a keen understanding of what works from both sides of the desk. Whether readers are looking to support themselves as full-time freelancers or supplement an existing career, no one wanting to make money as a writer can afford to be without this book. Allworth Press, an imprint of Skyhorse Publishing, publishes a broad range of books on the visual and performing arts, with emphasis on the business of art. Our titles cover subjects such as graphic design, theater, branding, fine art, photography, interior design, writing, acting, film, how to start careers, business and legal forms, business practices, and more. While we don't aspire to publish a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are deeply committed to quality books that help creative professionals succeed and thrive. We often publish in areas overlooked by other publishers and welcome the author whose expertise can help our audience of readers.**

**nor-mal: 2 a: according with, constituting, ornot deviating from a norm, rule or principle b: conforming to a type, standard, or regular pattern 4 a: of, relating to, or characterized by average intelligence or development Uh, who wants that? Hot on the heels of her New York Times bestseller IfYou Have to Cry, Go Outside, Kelly Cutrone isback with another no-holds-barred book to awaken our souls and kick our assesinto gear. In Normal Gets You Nowhere, she invites us to get our freakon. History is full of successful, world-changing people who did not fitin. Think Nelson Mandela, Joan of Arc, EleanorRoosevelt, John Lennon. Instead of changing themselves to accommodate thestatus quo or what others thought they should be, these people hung a light ontheir differences - and changed humanity in the process. There's already anarmy of supertalented uberfreakschanging the world-Isn't it time you joined them?**

**Tired of clocking in and losing out? Want to pursue creative, fulfilling work on your own time and also make a living in the process? My So-Called Freelance Life is a how-to guidebook for women who want to avoid the daily grind and turn their freelance dreams into reality. Michelle Goodman, author of The Anti 9-to-5 Guide and self-proclaimed former "wage slave," offers tips, advice, how-to's, and everything else a woman needs to pursue a freelance career. Confused as to whether you should tell your clients that the odd gurgling sound during a conference call is emanating from the infant sleeping on your shoulder? Goodman answers all of the unusual questions that may arise for women exploring the freelance world. Far more than your normal business guidebook, My So-Called Freelance Life blends candid, humorous anecdotes from a wide variety of freelancers with Goodman's own personal experiences as a creative worker for hire.**

**Whether you're a freelance first-timer or a seasoned creative professional, copyediting queen or web guru, My So-Called Freelance Life is an invaluable resource for anyone interested in freelancing.**

**The Money Book for Freelancers, Part-timers, and the Self-employed**

**The Revolutionary Plan to Create a Full, Meaningful Life - While Only Occasionally Wanting to Poke Your Eyes Out with a Sharpie**

**The Career Lattice: Combat Brain Drain, Improve Company Culture, and Attract Top Talent**

**The Only Personal Finance System for People with Not-so-regular Jobs**

**A Practical Guide to Creative Career Design**

**Creative, Inc.**

**The Motion of the Ocean  
Freelance, and Business, and Stuff**

The definitive resource for a new generation of freelancers! Freelance writer, internet marketer, and mobile entrepreneur Yuwanda Black specializes in helping young freelancers build a business and "live the freelance life," and in *The Ultimate Freelancer's Guidebook*, she gives you the tools you need to be successful in the ever-growing freelance market. Whether you're just starting out or looking to grow and expand, you'll learn how to: Break into the freelance market Find the best-paying jobs Negotiate a contract Build a brand Create a strong online presence and portfolio You'll also learn how to build your reputation in the freelance market, form long-lasting professional relationships, and start taking control of your own employment destiny--and success!

Being your own boss can lead to incredible profits - here's how... Whether you call yourself a freelancer, consultant, independent contractor or solo professional of any kind, *The Wealthy Freelancer: 12 Secrets to a Great Income and an Envious Lifestyle*, shows you how to get the clients, income, and lifestyle you deserve. So you can put more money in the bank, enjoy more time with your family and make a great living doing what you truly love to do, free from the burden of employment... Filled with proven ideas and real-world examples from dozens of successful freelancers, *The Wealthy Freelancer* is essential reading for any solo professional who wants to enjoy a lifestyle that's 'wealthy' in every sense of the word. Here's a glimpse of what's waiting for you inside this book: \* Why the typical one-size-fits-all marketing advice rarely works, and a fool-proof system for determining the optimal mix of marketing activities for your specific circumstances and goals. \* How to get more prospects to say "Yes!" to the fees that you propose. \* Why striving to be the "best" in your field almost never works, and what to do instead. \* How to charge more - and earn more - by creating new income streams closely related to your core business. \*How to have more time for the life you want and still have a great income. \*How to "test the waters" and land freelance work now, even if you're already employed. \* Why freelancing has moved beyond creative fields and into mainstream careers such as Engineering, Software Development, Bookkeeping, and more than 160 other professions. \* Stories of real-life freelancers who destroy the myth that freelancers barely scrape by. \* Dozens more proven tips and strategies to build a more profitable and fulfilling solo business.

Beautiful. ... A lyrical companion to his father's classic, *A River Runs through It*, chronicling their family's history and bond with Montana's Blackfoot River."—Washington Post A "poetic" and "captivating" (*Publishers Weekly*) memoir about the power of place to shape generations, *Home Waters* is John N. Maclean's remarkable chronicle of his family's century-long love affair with Montana's majestic Blackfoot River, the setting for his father's classic novella, *A River Runs through It*. Maclean returns annually to the simple family cabin that his grandfather built by hand, still in search of the trout of a lifetime. When he hooks it at last, decades of longing promise to be fulfilled, inspiring John, reporter and author, to finally write the story he was born to tell. A book that will resonate with everyone who feels deeply rooted to a landscape, *Home Waters* is a portrait of a family who claimed a river, from one generation to the next, of how this family came of age in the 20th century and later as they scattered across the country, faced tragedy and success, yet were always drawn back to the waters that bound them together. Here are the true stories behind the beloved characters fictionalized in *A River Runs through It*, including the Reverend Maclean, the patriarch who introduced the family to fishing; Norman, who balanced a life divided between literature and the tug of the rugged West; and tragic yet luminous Paul (played by Brad Pitt in Robert Redford's film adaptation), whose mysterious death has haunted the family and led John to investigate his uncle's murder and reveal new details in these pages. A universal story about nature, family, and the art of fly fishing, Maclean's memoir beautifully captures the inextricable ways our personal histories are linked to the places we come from—our home waters. Featuring twelve wood engravings by Wesley W. Bates and a map of the Blackfoot River region.

Write Your Own Check Considering a career in freelance writing? Already a freelancer but seeking practical, solid advice on the basics of the business? Get a *Freelance Life* is the complete guide to all aspects of a freelance writing career, straight from the creators of *Mediabistro*—the nation's most connected, authoritative source for media professionals. Learn how to: • Write compelling pitch letters • Network with the best in the magazine and newspaper industry • Understand the freelance market and detect its changes • Self-edit and rewrite your work • Manage tight deadlines • Negotiate contracts • Survive the financial ups and downs of the freelance life With plenty of insider advice and tips from the most successful freelance writers and editors in the country, *Get a Freelance Life* is a must-have resource for turning your freelance gigs into a full-fledged writing career.

*The Freelance Mum*  
*How to Control What You Can and Accept What You Can't So You Can Stop Freaking Out and Get On With Your Life*

*Best Business Practices, Tools and Strategies for Freelancers*  
*How to Start-up, Disrupt, and Thrive as a Female Founder*

*Find Your Perfect Clients, Make Tons of Money and Build a Business You Love*  
*A One-Year Experiment...and Its Surprising Results*

*Calm the F\*ck Down*  
*1 Small Boat, 2 Average Lovers, and a Woman's Search for the Meaning of Wife*

You want to do, see, and experience everything you can to create a rich, memorable life. Travel. Volunteer work. Athletic events. Entertaining. Reading, learning, and trying new things. And you want to look and feel great while you do it. In fact, your favorite saying just might be "Life is not a dress rehearsal." BUT: Read any blog, magazine, or book aimed at women and the common refrain is, "You have SO much to do! You need to simplify your life and say 'No' to things you really don't want to do. Oh, and ask your husband to clean the bathroom, you poor thing, so you can have 15 minutes to yourself. Now, take out your gratitude journal and write about how grateful you are that you can walk and breathe." I call BS. In *How to Do It All: The Revolutionary Plan to Create a Full, Meaningful Life - While Only Occasionally Wanting to Poke Your Eyes out with a Sharpie*, you'll learn: Why stress should be welcomed, not avoided. The importance of living a do-it-all life. Why you shouldn't expect support from your family...and where to get it instead. Why you should shower less, sleep less, talk to yourself, and be inconsistent - and how this can help you live a more memorable life. How you can get it all done even when right now you have no time, no money, and no motivation. The revolutionary plan to accomplish everything you dream of doing in your life (includes free worksheets!). Let's do this thing. From the creator of the popular website *Ask a Manager* and New York's work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice! There's a reason Alison Green has been called "the Dear Abby of the work world." Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit "reply all" • you're being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for *Ask a Manager* "A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work."—Booklist (starred review) "The author's friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers' lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience."—Library Journal (starred review) "I am a huge fan of Alison Green's *Ask a Manager* column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor."—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of *The No Asshole Rule* and *The Asshole Survival Guide* "Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way."—Erin Lowry, author of *Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together* The most innovative, unconventional, and profoundly practical career guide available—newly revised and updated With today's economic uncertainties, millions of Americans realize they must seize control over their own career paths. They want work that not only pays the bills but also allows them to pursue their real passions. In this revised edition, Laurence Boldt updates and revises his revolutionary guide to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century workplace. The first part of this book helps readers to identify the work that they really want to do, while the second provides practical, active steps to finding or creating that work. *Zen and the Art of Making a Living* goes beyond inspiration, providing a proven formula for bringing creativity, dignity, and meaning to every aspect of the work experience.

This effortless and unapologetic approach to self-promotion will manage your anxiety and allow you to champion yourself. Does talking about your accomplishments feel scary or icky because you're worried people will think you're "obnoxious"? Does it feel more natural to "put your head down and do the work"? Are you tired of watching the loudest people in your industry get disproportionate praise and rewards? If you answered "yes" to any of the above, you might be self-sabotaging. You need to learn to Brag Better. Meredith Fineman has built a career working with "The Qualified Quiet": smart people who struggle to talk about themselves and thus go underestimated or unrecognized. Now, she shares the surefire and anxiety-proof strategies that have helped her clients effectively communicate their achievements and skillsets to others. *Bragging Better* doesn't require false bravado, talking over people, or pretending to be more qualified than you are. Instead, Fineman advocates finding quiet confidence in your opinions, abilities, and background, and then turning up the volume. In this book, you will learn the career-changing tools she's developed over the past decade that make bragging feel easy, including: • Get remembered by focusing your personal brand and voice on key adjectives (like "effective, subtle, and edgy") • Practice explaining what you do in simple, sticky terms to earn respect and recognition from the public and people at work. • Eliminate words that undermine your work and find better ones--like your bio saying you're "trying" or "attempting" to do something instead that you ARE doing it. If you're ready to begin *Bragging Better*--to telling the truth about your accomplishments with grace and confidence--this book is for you.

Learn How to Land the Best Jobs, Build Your Brand, and Be Your Own Boss  
*Zen and the Art of Making a Living*

*The Ultimate Guide to Running a Successful Freelance Business*  
*The Wealthy Freelancer*

*A Novel*  
*Ask a Manager*

*My So-Called Life*  
*And Other Things Your Mother Never Told You*

As the hipster classic *Craft, Inc. did for crafters*, this book will teach all types of creatives illustrators, photographers, graphic designers, animators, and more how to build a successful business doing what they love. Freelancing pros Meg Mateo Iasco and Joy Deangdeleert Cho explain everything from creating a standout portfolio to navigating the legal issues of starting a business. Accessible, spunky, and packed with practical advice, *Creative, Inc.* is an essential for anyone ready to strike out on their own.

Prime Your Freelance Writing Career for Success! So you want to be a freelance writer. Great! But now you're faced with a laundry list of questions: Should I freelance full time or part time? Should I write for magazines, newspapers, or online markets? How do I dream up the perfect article idea, and how do I pitch it successfully? How do I negotiate contracts, foster relationships with editors, and start getting steady work while avoiding financial panic attacks and unpleasant ulcers? *The Essential Guide to Freelance Writing* answers all of these questions--and much more. From breaking in to navigating the basics of the business, this book is your road map to a fruitful and rewarding freelance life. You'll learn how to: • Dig into various markets, including consumer magazines, trade journals, newspapers, and online venues. • Make your digital mark and build your writing platform. • Pitch like a pro and craft solid query letters that get responses. • Conduct professional interviews in person, by phone, or by e-mail. • Write and structure various types of articles, from front-of-the-book pieces to profiles and features. • Quit your lackluster day job, and live the life you've always wanted. Filled with insider secrets, candid advice, and Zachary Petit's trademark humor and blunt honesty, *The Essential Guide to Freelance Writing* won't just show you how to survive your freelancing writing career--it will teach you how to truly thrive.

The #1 New York Times bestselling WORLDWIDE phenomenon Winner of the Goodreads Choice Award for Fiction | A Good Morning America Book Club Pick | Independent (London) Ten Best Books of the Year "A feel-good book guaranteed to lift your spirits."—The Washington Post The dazzling reader-favorite about the choices that go into a life well lived, from the acclaimed author of *How To Stop Time* and *The Comfort Book*. Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better? In *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig's enchanting blockbuster novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the *Midnight Library* to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

When it began, punk was an underground revolution that raged against the mainstream; now punk is the mainstream. Tracing the origins of Grammy-winning icons Green Day and the triumphant resurgence of neo-punk legends Bad Religion through MTV's embrace of pop-punk bands like Yellowcard, music journalist Matt Diehl explores the history of new punk, exposing how this once cult sound became a blockbuster commercial phenomenon. Diehl follows the history and controversy behind neo-punk—from the Offspring's move from a respected indie label to a major, to multi-platinum bands Good Charlotte and Simple Plan's unrepentant commercial success, through the survival of genre iconoclasts the Distillers and the rise of "emo" superstars like Fall Out Boy. *My So-Called Punk* picks up where bestselling authors Legs McNeil and Jon Savage left off, conveying how punk went from the Sex Pistols' "Anarchy in the U.K." to anarchy in the O.C. via the Warped Tour. Defining the sound of today's punk, telling the stories behind the bands that have brought it to the masses and discussing the volatile tension between the culture's old and new factions, *My So-Called Punk* is the go-to book for a new generation of punk rock fans.

*The Roadmap for Creating a Side Business to Achieve Financial, Time and Life Freedom*  
*How to Survive and Thrive as a Creative Professional for Hire*

*How to Make the Most of the Job You Hate*  
*Creating a Freelance Career*

*My So-Called Freelance Life*  
*The Midnight Library*

*How to Navigate Clueless Colleagues, Lunch-Stealing Bosses, and the Rest of Your Life at Work*  
*How to Be Who You Are and Use What You've Got to Get What You Want*

Amazingly, one-third of the American workforce is freelance—that's 42 million people who have to wrestle with not just doing the work, but finding the work, then getting paid for the work, plus health care, taxes, setting up an office, marketing, and so on. Now help is here, and consultants, independent contractors, the self-employed, "solopreneurs," and everyone else living a freelancer's life will never be alone again but instead can be part of a strong and vibrant community. Written by the authority on freelance working, Sara Horowitz, MacArthur "Genius" Fellow and founder of the national Freelancers Union and, most recently, the Freelancers Insurance Company, *The Freelancer's Bible* will help those new to freelancing learn the ropes, and will help those who've been freelancing for a while grow and expand. It's the one-stop, all-encompassing guide to every practical detail and challenge of being a nimble, flexible, and successful freelancer: the three essentials of getting clients and the three most important ways to keep them happy. Five fee-setting strategies. Thirteen tactics for making it through a prolonged dry spell. Setting up a home office vs. renting space. The one-hour contract. A dozen negotiating dos and don'ts. Building and maintaining your reputation. Dealing with deadbeats. Health Insurance 101. Record-keeping and taxes. Productivity, including a quiz: "What Is Your Ideal Day?" Building a community. Subcontracting and other strategies for taking your freelancing career to the next level. Retirement plans, plans for saving for education, and how to achieve financial freedom.

Today, lots of women would love to integrate their passion with their career and are seeking advice on how to do just that. Michelle Goodman, a fact proclaimed, "wage-slave" has written a fun, reassuring, girlfriend-to-girlfriend guide on identifying your passion, transitioning out of that unfulfilling job, and doing it all in a smart, practical way. The Anti 9-to-5 Guide realizes that not every woman wants the corner office, in fact, some women don't want to be in an office at all. Today's women are non-traditionalists, do it yourself sort of girls who want to travel the world, take up knitting, frolic in the land of freelancing but want to do it all without going broke. The Anti 9-to-5 Guide provides readers with the resources you need to have it all and still have a place to sleep. Michelle suggests great tips for easing into the life you want. With an entire chapter devoted to pursuing your passion on the side, The Anti 9-to-5 Guide encourages us to tweak our current career path or head down a new one, and ultimately succeed.

The founder of Girls in Tech offers first-hand accounts of the realities of startup life, with the very best advice from top women entrepreneurs You know startups are hard, but what is it like to fail, or have a falling out with your co-founder, or to go through hundreds of pitches in an effort get funded? In *Tech Boss Lady*, Adriana Gascoigne dives into the gritty, raw side of startups. She shares her own story - of defying Silicon Valley's boy's club and founding the largest organization for female entrepreneurs in the world - as well as candid true tales from more than 20 leading women in tech. The result: a no-nonsense guide for the entrepreneur, intrapreneur and Tech Boss Lady within each of us. Gascoigne goes behind the scenes of some of Silicon Valley's hottest brands to discuss topics like failure, funding, growth hacking, and what it's like to be a first-time CEO. Rising entrepreneurs will find inspiration and actionable advice, and experienced tech employees will appreciate Gascoigne's refreshingly real take on Silicon Valley: the good, the bad, the ugly, and ultimately-the hopeful.

Illustrates that breaking the traditional "rules" of freelancing can lead to success by revealing tips that the most successful freelancers use.

*My So-Called Punk*  
*The Anti 9 to 5 Guide*

*Home Waters*  
*Crap Job*

*Freelance to Freedom*  
*365 Days of Freelance Writing*

*Marching Into the Heart of Kaiser's Germany During World War I*  
*The Ultimate Spiritual Way*

Vincent and his wife were stuck in dead end newspaper photography jobs, in debt, stressed, with a baby on the way while making \$15 an hour. After winning the highest award in his field, Vincent was offered a 3 percent raise. He knew at that moment he needed a monumental change. One month away from their baby being born, Vincent and Elizabeth started a side photography business out of desperation. In less than four years, they grew their business to pay off all of their debt, including their home, and left their jobs for a life of freedom. With the world moving rapidly towards a freelance model, Freelance to Freedom is not only timely and necessary, but it's also entertaining, engaging and paints a picture for anyone looking for a life of freedom with money, time and location.

Earn six figures as a freelance content marketing writer with this comprehensive how-to-guide. Jennifer shares her proven ideas, step-by-step processes and templates for writers of all career stages. Hundreds of writers (including Jennifer, herself) have used these methods to find high-paying clients, increase their income and create businesses they truly love.

Survival Skills for Freelancers will help you achieve freelance success, and get more enjoyment from self-employment. Through a combination of personal anecdotes, practical advice and tales from the freelance community, it busts the myths about solo working and takes an honest look at the reality of freelance life. Discover how to survive and thrive as a freelancer - without neglecting your mental health and wellbeing. THE CASE FOR FREELANCE LIFE The freelance dream is often portrayed as: Earning good money doing the thing you love+working where you like+working how you like+working when you like Why does no one tell us just how relentless the business end of freelance life can be?! There are 2 million freelancers in the UK alone. Yet 20% of self-employed businesses don't make it through the first year, and 60% don't survive beyond five years. Those are scary stats! Yes, working alone can be damn hard. But going into self-employment with your eyes wide open gives you the best chance of success. Survival Skills for Freelancers shares an honest and realistic view of self-employment, to help you rock the socks off freelance life. ABOUT THE AUTHOR Sarah Townsend has spent the past 20 years as a freelance marketing copywriter. She built a successful freelance career with very little guidance - but you don't have to. In *Survival Skills for Freelancers* she shares the secrets and surprises she's learnt from self-employment: both the things that worked AND the things that didn't. She guides you through the highs and lows all freelancers face - from isolation, uncertainty and self-doubt to knowing what to charge, when to ask for help, and when to say no. These tried and tested strategies are based on her own experience, backed up by research, resources and quotes from the freelance community. WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING "I've been freelancing for over 15 years and I wish I'd read this book on day one. Every page is packed with practical advice and hard-won wisdom. Get it!" Tom Albrighton Author, Copywriting Made Simple "A brilliantly relatable and comprehensive guide that holds your hand with compassion and humour through the rocky yet undeniably exciting world of self-employment." Louise Goss Founder of The Homeworker "Genuinely useful advice, delivered in an honest, charming and witty style, with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. An essential read whether you're a new or established freelancer." Steve Morgan Author, Anti-Sell "An honest and human perspective of 20 years of freelance experience. This book is like having your own personal business mentor." Anna Gunning Copywriter and speaker "Before you take the leap into self-employment, spend your first few pounds on this book. It'll make every subsequent pound and hour better spent." Matthew Knight Founder, Leapers WHAT'S INCLUDED Survival Skills for Freelancers covers issues such as: the fundamentals of freelancing three strategies to deal with isolation knowing your worth - and what to charge trusting your instinct, and learning to say no achieving balance and avoiding burnout the importance of investing in your business the qualities that help you survive and thrive as a freelancer

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Life-Changing Magic of Not Giving a F\*ck* and *Get Your Sh\*t Together* comes more straight talk about how to stand up for who you are and what you really want, need, and deserve -- showing when it's okay to be selfish, why it's pointless to be perfect, and how to be "difficult." Being yourself should be easy, yet too many of us struggle to live on other people's terms instead of our own. Rather than feeling large and in charge, we feel little and belittled. Sound familiar? Bestselling "anti-guru" Sarah Knight has three simple words for you: YOU DO YOU. It's time to start putting your happiness first -- and stop letting other people tell you what to do, how to do it, or why it can't be done. And don't panic! You can do it without losing friends and alienating people. Knight delivers her trademark no-bullsh\*t advice

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