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Using techniques and ideas from her popular seminars, the author of *Do What You Love, the Money Will Follow* and *Work with Passion* shows how to break through the mental barriers to being your own boss and how to integrate what you like to do with your talents.

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## From Reader Review Making a Living Without a Job: Winning Ways for Creating Work That You Love for online ebook

### Beth says

I read the first edition of this book a few years ago. I love this book! The author is very encouraging and inspirational and talks about how to start your own business. She focuses more on small-scale, work-at-home type ventures (rather than something where you would need to obtain financing or write a business plan). She encourages readers to discover their passion and offers advice for getting started, whether on a part-time basis or full time. She focuses a lot on the benefits of working for one's self (what she calls "self-bossing"). She then goes into a chapter on developing multiple profit centers through more than one stream of income. A very exciting book for anyone who has ever thought about starting a business, or for people who want to supplement their income in retirement, etc.

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### Michelle says

I love this book and the workshops she provides. Her ideas and stories of other's successful ventures is reassuring and thought provoking on how to really live without a 9 to 5 job. It has been my new company "bible" this year as it allows me to dream and open my mind to how things could expand and develop in various different directions. Simple, straightforward. Not really a how to on specifics but more of a larger map of possibilities.

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### Michele Cacano says

This book feels dated and meant for an audience that doesn't include me. If you are shy, have low self-esteem, live a sheltered or suppressed life, have little sense of self identity, or have merely followed the course of life as expected without inner analysis, then you might get more out of this than I did.

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### Kat says

I liked this book. It included bullet points, check lists, and blank lines to help you really think in addition to a handy resource guide in the back. This is good for someone maybe starting out on their business and needs some motivation or someone who wants to start a business but does not think it's possible.

What I did NOT like about this book was it was way too optimistic. I admit I am a pessimist but I have read many entrepreneur books and they always mention the hard facts. According to this author anyone can start a business! You don't need connections or capital, all you need is creativity! When your business isn't doing too well or you don't have enough money to pay your bills just start another business! and another until you have multiple streams of income! When you don't have enough money to do the fun things you enjoy, start a free hobby and turn that into a business!

The truth is people need a job to make a living and quitting your job to become your own boss is not as quick and easy as she makes it sound. Besides touching on things like having an accountant, lawyer, and copyright, the author said nothing about the real-world steps to starting and owning your business (taxes, LLC vs. sole proprietorship, etc).

Like I said I liked this book. I just wish she would've shared more of her own learning experiences or stories of people that did not succeed and why.

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### **Kristin says**

I first read the previous edition of this book several years ago. That time I sped through, loving every word. This time, I still loved every word but I read it more slowly, not wanting to get through it too quickly. Several parts of the book were especially memorable to me this time around. First, the description of self esteem as self awareness really resonated with me. I have always felt that I was lacking in self esteem, and this simple definition has helped me immensely. I am now trying to be more aware of myself and that is making a big difference. I also feel that the emphasis on multiple profit centers and starting slowly rather than big and expensive is so simple and true, yet so often ignored. Finally, this time around I read the book wanting everyone I know to read it, whether they wanted to build their own business or not. This is about how to live, not just how to work.

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### **Karla says**

A classic that only improves with time, particularly in the current economy. The best way to create a life you love is to build it around meaningful work. This book helps you figure out just what that is.

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### **Storyheart says**

Changed my life. It took me several years to transition to a joyfully jobless state but this was the book that set it all in motion. Been a free-ranger for over 10 years and have never been happier. Thank you Barbara Winter!

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### **Debbie Foege says**

I have to say, I didn't really have high hopes that I would get anything much out of this book, but It came highly recommended from a friend. It really did give some good advice and insight about tools, techniques and mindsets and beliefs you have to have to follow your passion and be successful making money at it.

I think the best advice I got from this book was the idea of having multiple streams of income. But mostly this book made me feel extremely passionate about finally taking that step to start doing my own thing and to start using my talents for me and not someone else!

If anyone has ever dreamed of leaving their hellish 9-5 job to make a living doing something they truly love to do, this book is for you!

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### **Lindsey Lang says**

a truly eye-opening book for anyone who has always wished for something more than the 9-5 grind. my husband read it first and we've both taken so much from this book! it's helped us to realize that there is more out there if you're willing to try for it and that you don't have to settle into a life/job that you don't want.

HIGHLY RECOMMEND FOR ANYONE WHO FEELS LOST OR WHO SIMPLY WANTS MORE OUT OF LIFE

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### **Miss S says**

It has been four years since I purchased this book, but I can remember which I first read it, I devoured it in one sitting. I then went back and made notes, annotated it and added lots of sticky labels.

The labels have been removed one by one as I achieve the goals that I set myself and I still read it from time-to-time - as I have done recently, just to give myself a boost.

Unlike many books of this nature where some suggestions do not seem to have stood the test of time, this one has and I pick up a nugget of useful information everytime I re-read it

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### **Rosa Frei says**

A very inspirational and motivating book for people thinking about starting their own business. The author encourages the reader to value the special interest and unique experiences, talents, and skills each of us have. Event though there are some books out there, who state the "passion" is overrated in business, according to the author referring to a scientific longtime research, from all those people in the study who have become millionaires, the most significant different is persistence and passion. The author states furthermore that purpose is one of the most powerful motivators. If your only goal is to pay your bills at the end of the month, you are heading for troubles. Finding a purpose for your work is essential, the greater the purpose, the greater the motivation.

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### **Phil says**

When I attended Barbara's seminar of the same name about twenty years ago, I got far more out of her presentation than I expected. The core of her strategy is the concept of multiple profit centers. Instead of finding one job that makes \$30,000, for instance, create three jobs that make \$10,000 each. In time, one may grow to \$15,000, one may grow to \$20,000 and one may go away altogether. But new profit centers may present themselves as well. That's essentially how I cobbled together a living all this time: writing magazine articles, corporate collateral, books, greeting cards, syndicated cartoons, etc. I'm also a certified massage therapist and took my table to Minneapolis hotels for a number of years. Most of what I did was writing but I was often writing very different things. Barbara also covers the psychology of making a living without a job. If you don't have the right attitude, if you don't trust in the universe and in yourself, it's not going to work. This is a valuable book to get you started moving in an entrepreneurial direction. I definitely recommend it to anyone who wants to be their own boss.

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### **Sara says**

Really loved this book, makes you see things from a different perspective and helps you identify your skills and passions so you can find a ways to turn them into a job.

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### **Rodolfo Morientes says**

Quite outdated, a bit wordy, but worth to read. It sparkles the hidden freelancer-entrepreneur in you. It exhudes this typical american optimism about yourself and the business environment, which I dislike: the world is not the US and one has to keep well in mind one's limitations. You have to dream, as an entrepreneur, but with the foot solidly anchored on the ground. All in all, it's ok for an inspirational read.

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### **Anna says**

The book is a bit old but it is still full of great information and inspiration how to become your own boss. I will definitely keep it as a guide for my personal journey.

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