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This welcome antidote to the fusty, no-longer-relevant career guide answers an old question—"So, what are you going to do with your life?"—in a groundbreaking way. From the team behind the inspirational TV series and campus and online resource, it is presented in a motivational format that gets young people excited to think deeply about how they want to enter and thrive in the workforce by detailing how to take Roadtrip Nation's interest-based approach and apply it to one's life. Prompts for write-ins are interspersed throughout, making the reading process interactive and the discoveries personally impactful, and full-color charts and graphs offer a unique visual learning experience. With actionable, realworld wisdom on every page, it's an essential tool for today's young professionals and the parents, educators, and advisors seeking to inspire them.

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Sharron says

I received this book through a Goodreads giveaway.

I don't know if I'll finish; I read a good chunk in one weekend with no internet and no other books, but it makes me angry. No matter how many people they interview who found their own path, there is at least a thousand who tried and wasn't lucky. Also, we need those thousands to do the boring, mundane jobs.

Susan says

I received this book at part of the goodreads giveaway program. It is written in a workbook format with many engaging mental exercises.

Amy says

This was a fantastic read. I loved the format of the book and the layout. It has loads of interviews from people that have forged their own paths, but the interviews are the perfect length. The book also has activities to help you to know what to do next. This would make a good book for someone graduating high school, college, or even just someone stuck on what to do next. I highly recommend.

Skye (Skye's Scribblings) says

If you feel as if you're not pursuing your purpose in life (and perhaps don't even know what exactly it is), then you need to read this book! It's changing my life for the better. Review to come.

Liz says

“We have to become the authors of our own internal mantras and replace toxic messages of the Noise with positive messages of empowerment. Believing in yourself takes practice, and a mantra helps.”

Full disclosure: this book was given to me as part of my orientation when I started working at Roadtrip Nation this past week. I've never read any sort of self-help book before, and I likely never would have picked this up if I hadn't spent the week talking with my new coworkers and realizing that they all full heartedly believe in, and take pride in being a part of the movement known as Roadtrip Nation.

This book guides you into thinking about your chosen path in life and helping you to discover if your core beliefs and interest are a part of your Worklife. It is thought provoking and inspirational. It lets you know

that it is ok to not know what your path is, but stresses the importance of experiencing life and “just be doing” so that you can continue to self evaluate and evolve as life goes on.

The book has stories of people from all industries and careers sharing their own version of success and what it took them to achieve it. I was inspired throughout to jot down things and experiences I’ve wanted to do but have lacked the confidence or courage to for whatever reason. To my surprise they all fit with the projects they define at the end of the book!

Overall, I encourage you to give it a read if you’re feeling lost in your life path, or even if you just want to be inspired by the ingenuity and courage of others! A solid ????????

Ang says

I received this book from a Goodreads giveaway for free.

I must say I am loving this book. I have not finished the entire thing and am reading a few chapters between other titles I am reading. The formatting is great very readable with great stories of paths that people have taken that are not the ordinary. Love the way you are shown so many different paths that lead to personal fulfillment in each individual life. Every story and every question leaves you with an introspective look into your own life and how you can do what you really want and need in life.

Brandi says

Roadtrip Nation's "Roadmap: The Get-It-Together Guide for Figuring Out What to Do with Your Life" is an excellent guide on exploring opportunities for the future. It includes interviews, questions to answer, advice on sorting priorities, exercises and references to sites that may be beneficial to those who are trying to figure out what they want to do in the future.

The guide includes a lot of illustrations and graphs to help readers visualize different aspects regarding planning for one's future.

I would definitely recommend this guide to high school graduates, college students and others unsure of their career aspirations.

I won a copy of this book on the Goodreads.com website.

Ariane says

This book really opened my eyes to a lot of options for my future and helped me keep an open mind about different opportunities I might come across in my life. I highly recommend this to all ages, I'll personally be using as a gift for people in the near future.

Christopher Lawson says

Project #4 is a Stroke of Genius

ROADMAP is a book filled with practical ideas. The physical appearance of the book is a little deceiving. At first, I actually thought it was some type of coffee -table-type book. You know, the kind of book that has lots of glossy pictures, but not really much substantive information. Well I was completely wrong. This book is not anything like that.

A key themes of the book is to figure out what they call your "foundation." This is the thing you really love to do. Is it teaching, is it writing, what is it. They provide this little thought experiment to help the reader figure it out: "As long as I am x____ I'll be happy." They provide lots of suggestions for helping the reader define their foundation.

The authors emphasize how important it is to actually take action. It's not enough to just dream about what you want to do--you need to take specific concrete steps. They explain: "The cumulative effect of action is the most powerful force in defining your road." I really loved one illustration on this point:

- ▲ do something
- ▲ then do something else
- ▲ then do something else
- ▲ then splash

The authors provide a little chart to help get you started with taking action. Here's how it works: Think of what you can do in 10 minutes of time, or in one hour of time or in one day. List these things, then take your first steps. It's not what you feel that's important--it's what you DO. As they explain in Chapter 16, "You are your decisions."

At the end of the book, there is a list of possible projects that the reader can try. These projects are ways to figure out what you can really do with your life. For example, project #1 is to start a blog about your interest. The point is, you need to "Start somewhere." Project #4 is a stroke of genius. It's called, "Create your own semester." The idea is, you create your own semester to " learn what you want to learn, experience what you want to experience..." Sort of like going to school, except you design your own class to help you further your ideals.

✓ All in all, ROADMAP is a tremendous book. Honestly, I was surprised. ROAD MAP emphasizes the practical--the DOING. The ideas here contain wisdom that goes beyond the experience of the youthful creators. Clearly, the writing team of road map has picked up tremendous value from all of their interviews on "Roadtrip Nation." The emphasis on action reminds me of the classic book by David Allen, "Getting Things Done." He also emphasize the importance of figuring out the next concrete step to take.

Highly recommend!

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Megan says

LOVE the formatting, the pics and diagrams etc. Some of the message is a bit repetitive, but I think since it's obviously aimed at college students, it repeats for a reason.

Jon Tran says

I received this book from a Goodreads giveaway for free. As someone a year removed from college and not exactly on the path I saw myself traveling at this point, reading this book couldn't have come at a better time. This book collects great life and career advice, interviews with professionals who have succeeded in creating their own roads, and ways you can "leave the Assembly Line life." I would have loved a book that covered just one of these three aspects of how to live your own life and find an occupation that is rewarding, but this guide properly explores all three without neglecting one nor rambling on. It did help me as someone just starting out on their journey, but I'm sure it could benefit anyone at any stage of their career/life trip. In short, this is a terrific read that will have you reflecting on where you've been and, more importantly, looking at how you can make the upcoming travels even better.

Medjie Sophie says

The book was interesting, inspirational and full of great advice as well as an eye opener. My only issue was it had too many interviews with too many people although with different personal stories but who in the end add to the same conclusion: do what you dream of. It was a bit of a slow read for me especially for the first part but I still recommend the book to those who don't know what to do of their life at some point.

AJ says

Roadmap is an upbeat, creative way to seek your individual career path. The authors began Roadtrip Nation searching for alternative career choices for themselves. What started as their own journey turned into them helping many other people find their own way. Using creative steps to help you identify foundational truths, the authors take you through key interests and motivations to help you think outside the box and to stop listening to all the voices telling you to settle for ordinary. They also interview fascinating people across all dimensions that have either unusual careers or unusual stories of how they ended up in their careers. Encouraging, helpful, inspiring.

James says

Still reading this book....I feel that it is a book that should be read slowly and really taken in. Fantastic so far and thought provoking. It's not often that I write a review before I am finished with a book, I just simply

could not wait to say how happy I am to have this book and how helpful I feel it is. Won via Goodreads Giveaway.

Mindy Conde says

This was a good book, inspirational and provided a more freeing view of life paths, but it was a slow read for me. It was really heavy on quotes and examples and started to read like a laundry list after awhile. I could relate to a lot of the points and it was interesting, but not earth shattering.
