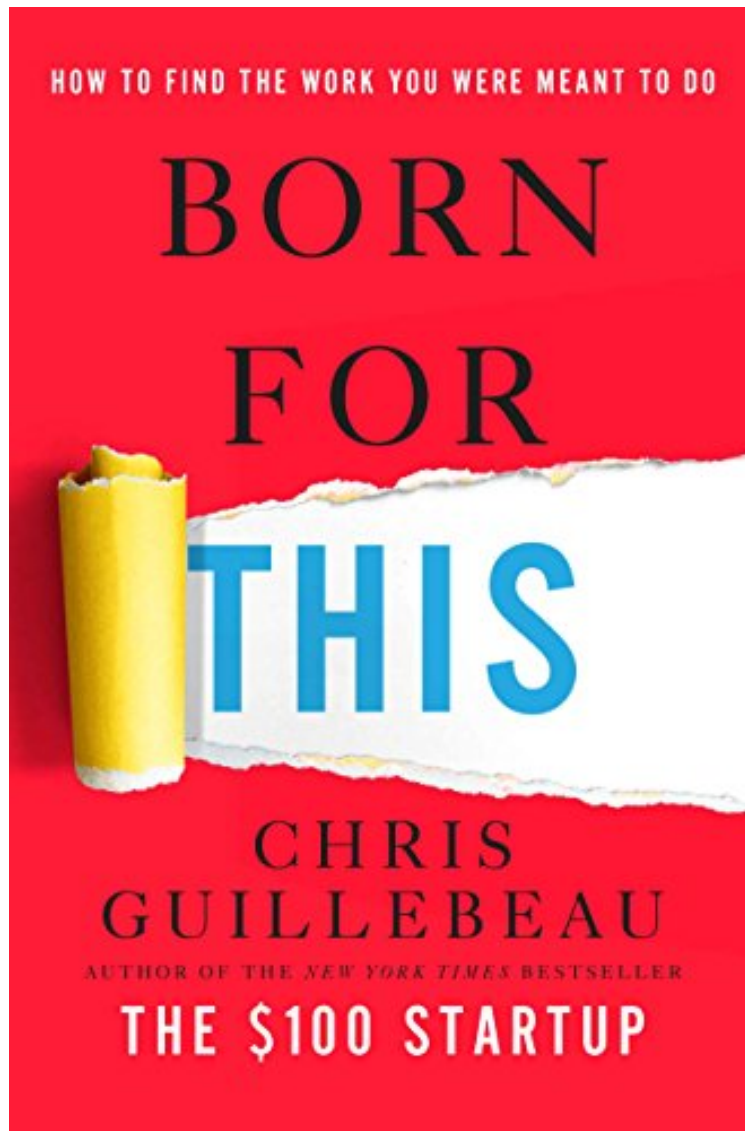


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everyone. Check this book out from your library before buying. You may be left wanting more like me. 65 of 69 people found the following review helpful. Never Too Late By Paul M. Bauer For most of my career, I wrestled with the question of what do I want to be when I grow up. I always looked with longing toward the non conforming options: consultant, seminar leader, entrepreneur, bike shop owner, solopreneur in some form or other (I don't like taking orders). But the rational options seemed to be climb the corporate ladder, then join an established university faculty. And I never mustered the courage to go much beyond the rational. There have always been books which made the non conforming seem plausible and even attractive: Barbara Sher with *Wishcraft: How to Get What You Really Want* and later *I Could Do Anything, If Only I Knew What It Was*; Marsha Sinetar with *Do What You Love, The Money Will Follow* followed by *To Build the Life You Want, Create the Work You Love*; Tama Kieves with *This Time I Dance*; Corey Ciocchetti with *Real Rabbits: Chasing an Authentic Life*; and more. This is the milieu in which Chris Guillebeau caught my attention many years ago first with *The Art of Nonconformity* followed by *The \$100 Startup* and *The Happiness of Pursuit*. Now (April 5, 2016) Chris is back with another entry: *Born For This*. This is the book I have been waiting for. It not only provides guidance to answer the question "What do I want to do?", but also gives real down to earth advice on HOW to do it, and more importantly WHY to do it. Chris has already proven himself to be an accomplished writer with his previous books and his blog entries. This book contains the same easy to read style. It is not abstract. Again like his other writing, it is full of real life examples. And it recognizes that the only real way to get where you want to go, or even know where that might be, is to try things, then try again. Following Cal Newport, Chris subscribes to the philosophy that most of us don't just write down our passion one day, then go for it. We learn what our real passion is by doing things, thinking about their impact on ourselves and others, judging how that fits with our self image, then doing some more. In 13 chapters, Chris translates that simple to grasp concept into action steps to help anyone make it real. When I completed my career at age 70, I decided rather than retire, I am starting over. Chris's new book gives me confidence that this time I can do it even better, have more fun, and finally live the dream. 42 of 43 people found the following review helpful. Not worth the purchase price (and for many, it won't be worth the read). By Carlo D. This is uninspired stuff from Chris. I was really disappointed after flipping over the last page. I'm not just hating on the author or the topic. Far from it. I've been reading and finding value in Chris and the *Art of Nonconformity* for many years now. I attended World Domination Summit in 2013 and really enjoyed it. The community that Chris has built up is a great one and I'm happy to be part of it. I loved *The \$100 Startup* and the book version of *The Art of Nonconformity* before that. *Made For This*, however, feels rushed (chapters go from one quick success story to the next without deeper analysis), repetitive (some of the more useful sections just rehash material from *\$100 Startup*), and lazy (no new ground is broken; perhaps with the exception of a few pages of new material on Uber, Task Rabbit, and other elements of the Sharing Economy). When I read *The \$100 Startup* in 2012, I took notes on 51 different pages of the book. (I just went back and counted.) After finishing *Made For This*, I have notes on 4 pages. At least by that very informal metric, *Made For This* is less than 1/12 as useful as *The \$100 Startup*. That feels generous. Trust me, if you want Chris's best, pick up a copy of *The Art of Nonconformity* or the *\$100 Startup*. Skip *Made For This* entirely or just get it from a library if you're really interested in seeing it. I feel confident that Chris will be back to his usual form for his next book. And I'm looking forward to it because his thinking (along with Seth Godin's) has been hugely beneficial for me and many others. Chris is one of our brightest lights. But this particular book is subpar. By a lot.

Have you ever met someone with the perfect job? To the outside observer, it seems like they've won the career lottery; that by some stroke of luck or circumstance they've found the one thing they love so much that it doesn't even feel like work; and they're getting paid well to do it. In reality, their good fortune has nothing to do with chance. There's a method for finding your perfect job, and Chris Guillebeau, the bestselling author of *The \$100 Startup*, has created a practical guide for how to do it; whether within a traditional company or business, or by striking out on your own. Finding the work you were "born to do" isn't just about discovering your passion. Doing what brings you joy is great, but if you aren't earning a living, it's a hobby, not a career. And those who jump out of bed excited to go to work every morning don't just have jobs that turn their passions into paychecks. They have jobs where they also can lose themselves for hours in the flow of meaningful work. This intersection of joy, money, and flow is what Guillebeau will help you find in this book. Through inspiring stories of those who have successfully landed their dream career, as well as actionable tools, exercises, and thought experiments, I'll guide you through today's vast menu of career options to discover the work perfectly suited to your unique interests, skills, and experiences. You'll learn how to: Hack the job of your dreams within a traditional organization by making it work for you; Find not only your ideal work but also your ideal working conditions; Create plans that will allow you to take smarter career risks and "beat the house" every time; Start a profitable "side hustler" and earn extra cash on top of your primary stream of income; Escape the prison of working for someone else and build a mini-empire as an entrepreneur; Become a rock star at any creative endeavor by creating a loyal base of fans and followers. Whichever path you choose, this book will show you how to find that one job or career that feels so right, it's like you were born to do it.

“Born for This is chock-full of inspiring yet practical advice to develop new streams of business, build your fan base, and invent the job of your dreams. If you’re looking for someone to help you find your footing on the new frontier of work, Chris Guillebeau is your man.” —Daniel H. Pink, author of *To Sell Is Human* and *Drive*

“Chris Guillebeau makes getting your dream job seem less of a dream and more of a reality. Through actionable tools and inspiring advice, *Born for This* is a must-read for those yearning to find that perfect career path.” —Susan Cain, New York Times bestselling author of *Quiet*

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“Seven years ago, I sat in awe reading a blog from some guy named Chris Guillebeau. I couldn’t believe the hope and hustle he was writing about while I sat there stuck in a cubicle. Seven years later, he’s still a sage guide to me and millions of others who love the books he writes. If you’ve ever wondered, ‘What should I do next?’ read this book!” —Jon Acuff, New York Times bestselling author of *Do Over: Rescue Monday, Reinvent Your Work, and Never Get Stuck*

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“Somebody’s going to say this, so let me be the first: Chris Guillebeau was born to write this book. He’s delivered an inspirational and absurdly useful step-by-step guide to finding—or creating—your dream job.” —A. J. Jacobs, New York Times bestselling author of *The Year of Living Biblically*, *My Life as an Experiment*, and *The Know-It-All*

“You were born to read this book—and use the powerful insights it shares to do work that wows all witnesses. And lifts the world by its impact.” —Robin Sharma, #1 bestselling author of *The Leader Who Had No Title* + founder of The Titan Academy

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