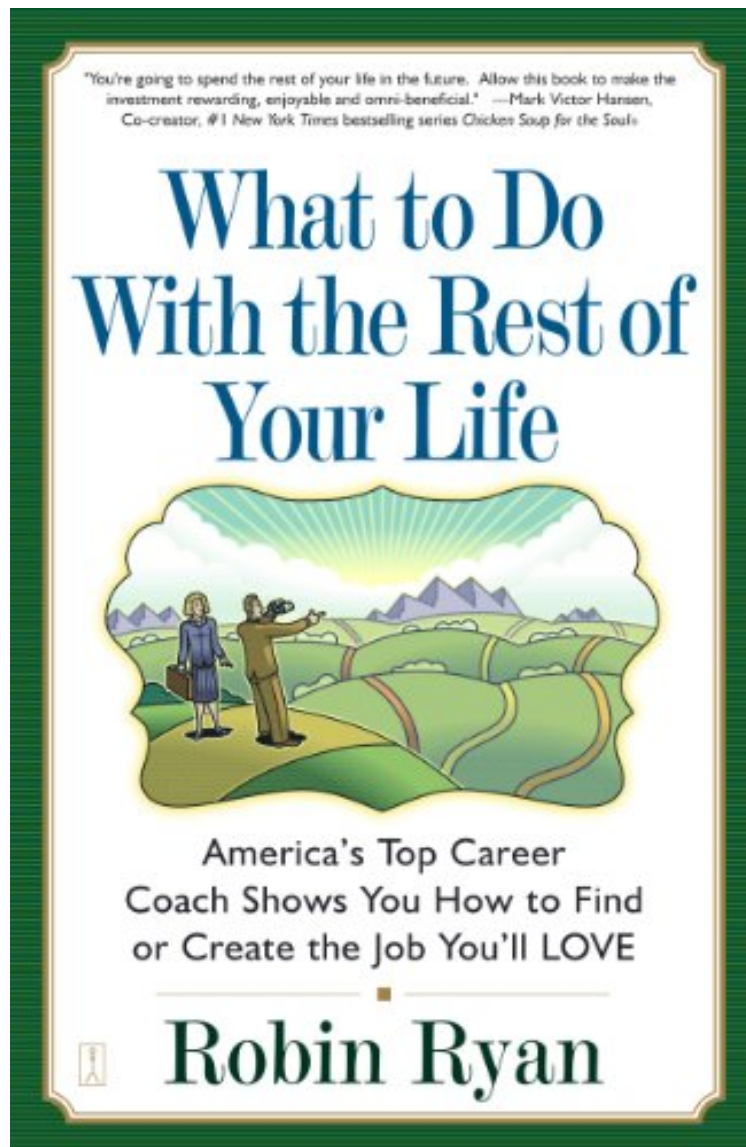


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Stuck in a job that's going nowhere? Hate going to work? Pounding the pavement looking for an opportunity? Bored? Whether you are caught in a career crisis, a victim of corporate downsizing, or suffering from old-fashioned burnout, you need America's #1 career coach, Robin Ryan. Robin has the answers. She will show you that your perfect career is waiting for you no matter what your age or income. Most important, Robin Ryan provides great advice for the millions who feel trapped in their jobs and need a change but also need to maintain their income.

.com No matter the economic environment, there are ample reasons why you might be aching to change jobs or move up in the one you already have. In *What to Do With the Rest of Your Life*, career consultant Robin Ryan--who's offered her advice over the past 20 years to individual clients and through top broadcast and print outlets--shares the specifics that can help you do it right. Dividing her book into sections that focus on sequential steps in the process (figuring it out, moving on, staying put), she describes proven ways to determine your ideal job and workplace, land a job or launch a business and get paid appropriately, get promoted, get a raise, or take your own enterprise to a higher level. Virtually all of Ryan's suggestions will prove useful to one reader or another, as she explains in detail how to tap into the hidden job market--since some 85 percent of all positions are never directly advertised--via research "on the Internet, in the library, over telephones, and through conversations with colleagues, friends, and acquaintances." She also explains, based on interviews with 78 top executives, how "to help you get promoted no matter what level you're at or how big your organization is." --Howard RothmanAbout the AuthorROBIN RYAN is the bestselling author of *60 Seconds You're Hired!*, *Winning Cover Letters*, and *What to Do with the Rest of Your Life*. She has appeared on 700 TV and radio shows, including NBC Nightly News and Oprah, as well as in most major magazines and newspapers, including USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, Money, and BusinessWeek. She has also been a Seattle Times career columnist for nearly six years.Excerpt. copy; Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Define Your Passion I've always believed that any person with a little ability, a little guts, some persistence, and some determination could achieve whatever he or she could dream.Are you ready to move on? Make a change? You'll spend about eleven thousand days working over your lifetime, and I believe they should be rewarding and happy ones. This book's goal is to help you decide how you're going to spend your days--at what job, at what level, where you do it, and how it will affect your life and your family for all the weeks to come. It's not just a career book, though because--contrary to public opinion--you cannot compartmentalize your life. You have only one life. Your career, your family, your

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