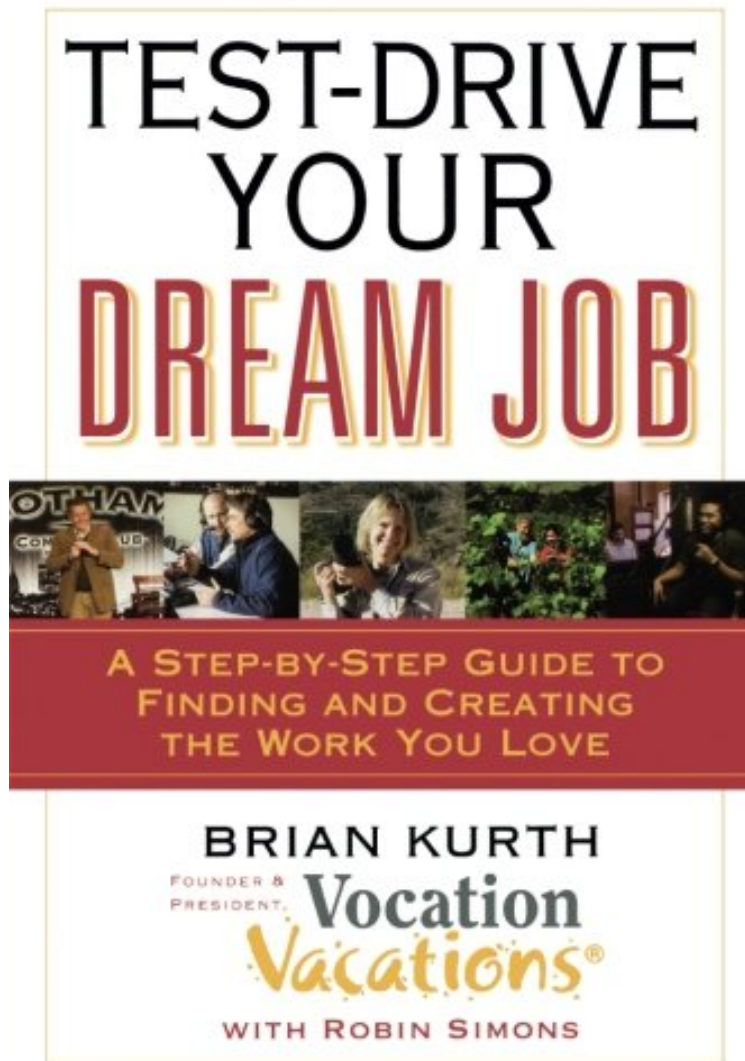


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Do what you love and love what you do By ZoeChloeBTEST

DRIVE YOUR DREAM JOB There are hundreds (thousands?) of career development and self-help books out there, but not enough that offer something new and fresh - and include a clear plan. This is one of the best books I have read in this genre. The individual stories are inspiring and relatable. Brian Kurth has come up with a brilliant road map for going from making a living to making a life. This book is user-friendly - he isn't talking down to us, he's been there himself. Most of us approach a career change with the same joy we have for say, root canal and Kurth generously provides us with a plan that could and should be stimulating, interesting and dare I say - FUN? This innovative approach of "test-driving" one's dream job makes so much sense. It takes the information interview to a whole new level. I was always taught that "you need good information to make a good decision" and this book totally tells you how to get that information you will need - from assessing your own needs and goals, to what a particular job might entail. Truly one of the best resources out there. I'm glad it's in paperback - because I'm not willing to part with my copy and I know several friends who I need to buy this for!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. **Dream Job** By Nancy B. Licalzi I loved this book. Made you feel that it was okay to want another occupation and that it was safe to give it a try no matter how far you take the search. It shows you how other people have found and reached their goals. It also showed how some people believed that they wanted a certain occupation but after actually doing the work with a mentor realized that it was not for them. Brian's idea of test driving a job is wonderful and I think it helps open the door for those of us who seek new work.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. **Timeless advice for career shifters.** employed or in transition By The Global Wanderer Sometimes the simplest ideas are just the best. Millions of people dream every day about working in a different profession. Without knowing how a potentially radically different such a new career would be, few take the economic risk and switch. The solution? A test-drive of a few days or weeks where you learn the "ins and outs" of your dream job, then taking all the facts and lessons learned into account to finally make a decision. While Kurth's book is mainly written for people who are employed and use a test-drive during their vacation days, the concept of test-riding something new is absolutely crucial for people in transition as well. I compare a test-drive to a call option on a stock (here: on a new career). If the stock goes up (here: things work out during the test-drive), you make the purchase (here: start a new career), if not, just continue your current path. For people in transition today, test-driving a career as teacher, consultant, self-employed person, or maybe working in a charity is a simple way of figuring out whether you should bet the next years on your idea or not. The same idea applies to checking out a different location before moving, if your home town is hard hit by the economy. For many people who are stuck in this bad economy, taking an "option" approach might be a good way of thinking outside their industry, location, etc. Kurth's book, well written, full of examples, and supported by his own personal story, is a great read.

In **TEST-DRIVE YOUR DREAM JOB**, you'll discover how you can identify, explore and experience your dream job, and how or if you want to pursue it. Author Brian Kurth, founder of VocationVacations, offers professional, personal and financial perspectives on how to transition into a new career and turn your dream job into a reality without risking your current job or jeopardizing your financial stability. By following this practical and encouraging self-discovery guide, you will gain a better understanding of who you are now; what fulfills you both personally and professionally; how to get from Point A to Point B on the road to your dream job; or perhaps satisfy your curiosity and gain a deeper appreciation for where you are now in your life and your career. Brian Kurth is a sought-after expert on how to pursue and attain one's dream job. He has shared his wit and wisdom in appearances on NBC's TODAY Show, CNN, and FOX News, and has been featured in articles in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and Fortune Magazine. Many more regularly turn to Brian for his comments, advice and insights. A native of Madison, Wisconsin, Kurth lives in Portland, Oregon.

"The mix of candor, concrete advice and real-life stories adds up to a must-read for those who are ready to shove aside the status quo and take a chance at a more satisfying career." USA Today "If you have ever worked at a job that you hated, you know how downtrodden you can get. Finding your dream job always seems like an arm's length away, but it doesn't have to be that way. This book lays out the step by step path that you need to create your dream job. Inspiration abounds within the pages of this book." Laurawilliamsmusings.blogspot.com "This revolutionary, hands-on program from the founder of VocationVacations will help you mesh your working life with your deepest sense of self as you learn how to plan a vocation vacation in any career; build the skills and gather the knowledge you'll need to embark on your new career; overcome the fear of changing careers; transition into a dream job without risking your job or jeopardizing your financial stability; turn a layoff or other involuntary career change into the opportunity of a lifetime; design and create a dream job that doesn't exist yet; manage a smooth, safe transition from your present job into your dream job; and minimize financial risk as you embark on your bold new life." The Sunday Oregonian Test-Drive Your Dream Job is both an engrossing chronicle of Kurth's journey to creating his own dream job and a sourcebook for those who can't afford a mentoring fee or would prefer to set up a test-drive themselves. The book delivers by offering lists of questions to ask potential mentors; charts to help in establishing an action plan; and reality-checks about money, health insurance and the impact a life-change might have on your relationships. Anecdotes about

successful dreamers are inspiring, while profiles of those who needed a dream-adjustment demonstrate the importance of taking action: Regardless of the result, you'll have useful experience and information. Kurth notes that many of us accept the ordinary because we've been conditioned to, but it's OK to want something different or better.

Really.Bookpage "The book describes the vocations/jobs that some of his clients have tried out. They have been as diverse as opening a bakery to becoming a dog trainer. Some have blossomed into successful careers. Others have discovered that the realities of their dream job were more like a nightmare. So trying out the career move saved some real agony in the long run." -Armchairinterviews.com "You can make money and love your job. However, be smart about any job transitions. Read this book first! Life is too short to waste on a job that makes you miserable."

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Selfhelpme.net "TEST-DRIVE YOUR DREAM JOB by Brian Kurth, and It's Not A Glass Ceiling, It's Sticky A Floor by Rebecca Shambaugh. I would suggest you go to your nearest library or bookstore and get those books. Any major change in life should begin with research, and those books are a good place to start."

Wellpast50.blogs.com "VocationVacations offers short-term pay for mentoring opportunities in various occupations. While the book is in part an advertisement for Kurth's company, it also shows how you can explore new careers on your own."

Lifetwo.com "This is far more than a collection of motivational quotes. Test-Drive Your Dream Job offers concrete examples and practical solutions for the disenchanting. Highly recommended!"

Curledup.com About the Author Brian Kurth is the founder and president of VocationVacations, a travel company based in Portland, Oregon that lets people try out their fantasy jobs in a low-risk way -- while they are on vacation from their real work.