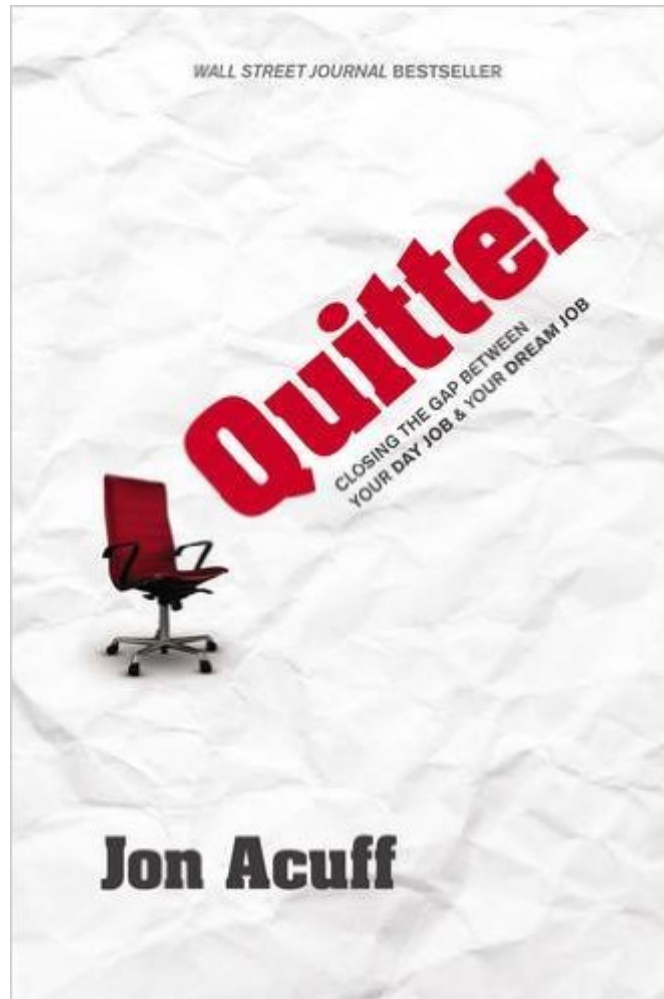


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Quitter: Closing The Gap Between Your Day Job & Your Dream Job



Synopsis

An insightful, witty look at how to turn a job into a dream without turning that dream into a nightmare. Quitter is a book about how it's possible not only to survive but actually thrive in the tension between a day job and a daydream. With the wit and insight gained in a dozen years of cubicle living, Acuff shows us all why we don't have to become the "cubicle generation." I'm a teacher, but I want to be an artist. I'm a project manager, but I want to start my own business. If you've ever sat in a cubicle and thought, I don't want to do this job for the rest of my life, this book is for you.

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Customer Reviews

I was really disappointed in this book. Like most, I picked it up based on Dave Ramsey's recommendation as I'm a big fan of his. I went into it thinking that Jon Acuff must be some well-respected, established motivational speaker type like a Stephen Covey, and that this was all of his best advice after years of counseling people about their careers and having gone through the process himself many years before. In reality, Acuff has worked in various jobs over the past 10 years or so (that he complains endlessly about in the book without providing any substantive reasons for not liking them) and then started working for Dave Ramsey literally *right* before writing this book. The book basically says that Acuff was hired by Dave as a speaker/author and suggests that his very first assignment (or one of his first assignments) was to write this book about leaving your day job and starting your your dream job. So Acuff's dream job is basically writing a book about

finding your dream job. This is problematic for several reasons, not the least of which are (i) he doesn't have any particularly great insights into making big career moves or any extended experience in this area--he just happened to get hired a month or two before by Dave Ramsey and (ii) very few people can relate to the dream of being a public speaker/motivational author, and even for those who can he doesn't really tell you anything practical for landing a job like that (instead focusing telling you not to quit your current job and lecturing you about not spending time at your current job thinking about your dream job). The book actually started out with some good and useful information in the first chapter or two. Unlike others, I didn't really mind Acuff's personal stories--I thought they were the most interesting part.

I bought this book based on the Dave Ramsey association, assuming that it would have something of real tangible value in it. I was mistaken. Don't get me wrong, there is some good advice in here, but not worth the cost of the book. Judging by the amount of people that responded with a positive rating, I am in the minority. The biggest thing I took away from this book was something I knew before I read it. If you want to know what that is, buy the book. I will not disclose this out of respect for the author. Perhaps this is why I am disappointed with the content of the book. I was possibly expecting too much based the title. After reading the book, I found it is more of an autobiographical account of Mr. Acuff's journey to join the Dave Ramsey organization. The book does note some common sense practices in going about the self discovery process. The book is full of common sense practices in dealing with the difficulties of fulltime employment while trying to make the switch to something more fulfilling. He is not saying anything new. There is no great revelation to be had by reading this book. The author describes his journey through his various employers and documents his personal life-lessons. There is really not enough substance to completely fill up a book, so he writes a bunch of seemingly unrelated stories in an attempt to elaborate on his points and quotes from other people. The author constantly references his experiences on his past blogging work to the point where I wished he had done something else. He also continuously references and plugs other people's books.

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