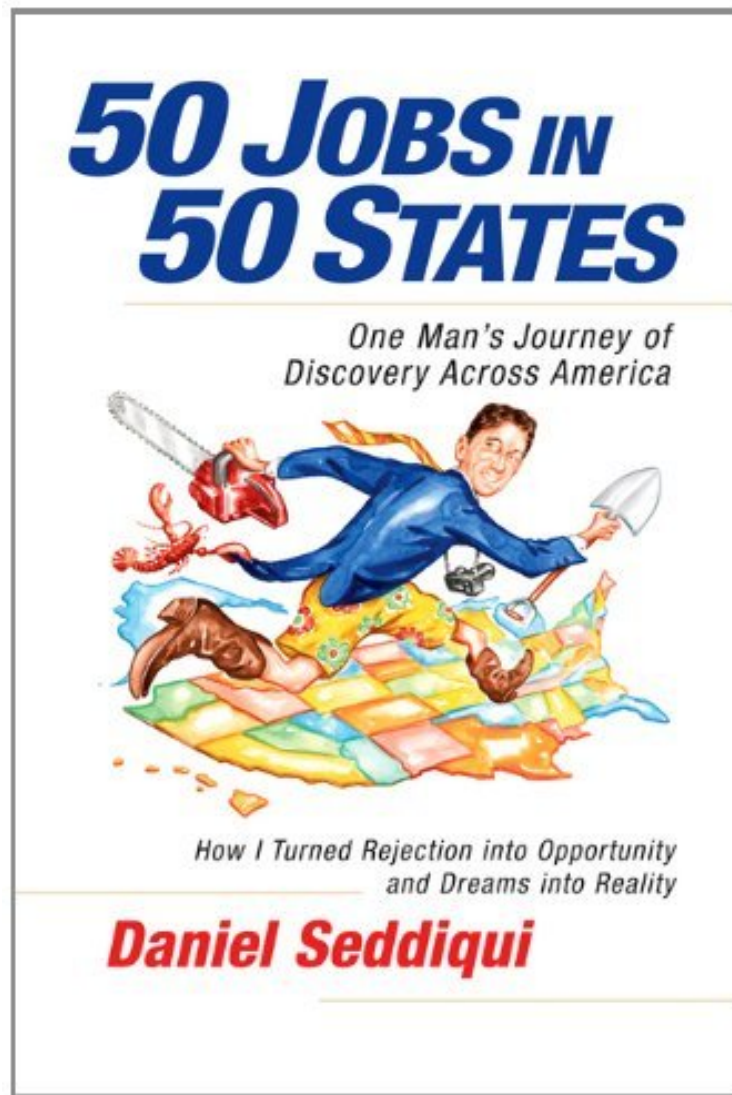


50 Jobs in 50 States: One Man's Journey of Discovery Across America

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inspiring story of overcoming rejection to reinvent oneself to take advantage of new opportunities. Above all, I was really amazed by the humble and open way Daniel approached new places, people and environments. I admit that I kept reading to try to confirm my own biases for certain places, only to see an open approach that was about learning from the places he was in. If only we could get people like this into politics!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very Entertaining but Why The Hurry By V. L. Wilson A famous motto is "Be Prepared" - Daniel Seddiqui was not prepared by any stretch of the imagination. He raced thru 50 states of America a week at a time, sort of worked at a different type of job in each state, discusses his love life more than necessary, and writes a book about his adventures and misadventures from which he can make money and maybe....a movie! I saw him on a Mike Huckabee show as an animated young man, still trying to wind down from his breathless adventures and so, curious as only a mother can be, I ordered the book. The job descriptions in each state were the best part - cheese factory, meat packer, logging, weatherman, entertainer, etc. etc. His pictures, insights and observations are a clue as to this fellow's erratic mindset and I wish him well in his new job on a lecture tour. Really, I don't quite understand the necessity of losing so much sleep, the lack of preparedness (suitable clothing, weather, knowledge of the state). He took very little time to "smell the roses" and in some cases, was probably the employer's nightmare! Enjoy this book - you might learn something about the states and the reading is light and easy.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Loved this book and have been recommending it to friends and family By tweetybird This is a great book, especially for someone who has been job hunting and gotten discouraged. He managed to survive 50 different jobs in 50 weeks in 50 states. It was a crazy idea but he persevered and learned a lot along the way. I enjoyed learning about the different jobs in the different states. He did it on a shoestring, often sleeping in his car. Inspiring story!

Like lots of college grads, Daniel Seddiqui was having a hard time finding a job. But despite more than forty rejections, he knew opportunities had to exist. So he set out on an extraordinary quest: fifty jobs in fifty states in fifty weeks. And not just any jobs—he chose professions that reflected the culture and economy of each state. Working as everything from a cheesemaker in Wisconsin, a border patrol agent in Arizona, and a meatpacker in Kansas to a lobsterman in Maine, a surfing instructor in Hawaii, and a football coach in Alabama, Daniel chronicles how he adapted to the wildly differing people, cultures, and environments. From one week to the next he had no idea exactly what his duties would be, where he'd be sleeping, what he'd be eating, or how he'd be received. He became a roving news item, appearing on CNN, Fox News, World News Tonight, MSNBC, and the Today show—which was good preparation for his stint as a television weatherman. Tackling challenge after challenge—overcoming anxiety about working four miles underground in a West Virginia coal mine, learning to walk on six-foot stilts (in a full Egyptian king costume) at a Florida amusement park, racing the clock as a pit-crew member at an Indiana racetrack—Daniel completed his journey a changed man. In this book he shares stories about the people he met, reveals the lessons he learned, and explains the five principles that kept him going.

From Library Journal: Seddiqui here chronicles his 2009 journey across the United States as he worked representative jobs in each state's major industry for one week. A 2005 graduate from the University of Southern California, he conceived of this project after encountering repeated rejections for employment in his field of economics because of his lack of experience. His goal, therefore, was to add experience to his resume, learn firsthand about different careers, and support himself. In each of the 50 chapters, Seddiqui recounts his job experience for the week, including locating the job, adapting to the work, and his perceptions of the industry's culture. From guarding the border in Arizona to coping with seasickness while catching lobsters in Maine, the memorable anecdotes contribute to an authentic sense of each job and provide an original perspective on the nation's careers. Verdict: Although not the usual career guide, Seddiqui's look at America through 50 quintessential jobs is both informative and inspiring. Recommended for undergraduate students doing career research and for college career resource centers. Jane Scott, George Fox Univ. Lib., Newberg, OR