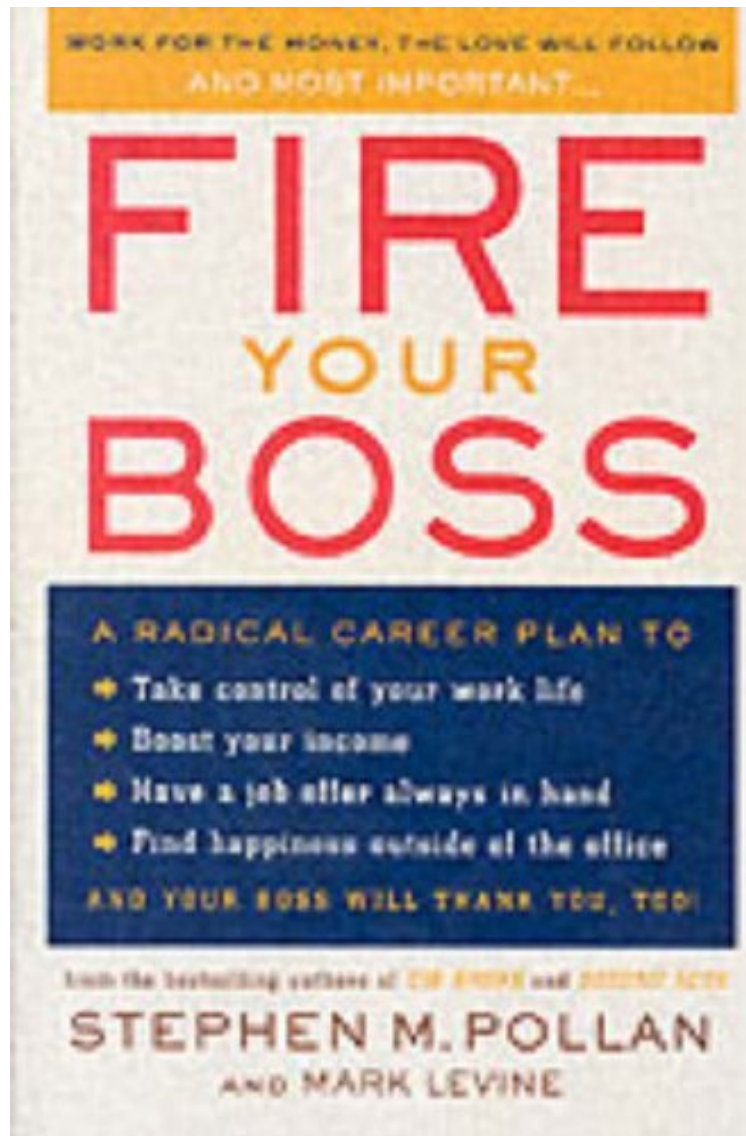


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Stephen M. Pollan, Mark Levine : Fire Your Boss before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fire Your Boss:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "For getting one thinking along new lines, this book gets a 5." By Customer Different kind of book. Not your typical job search advice. What I like about it is that it's advice that rocks the boat. As a job hunter one can get into a slump of traditional thinking, doing what's 'safe'... and end up nowhere. This book encourages taking charge, and adopting a different approach. And certainly a mindset of constantly wanting to attract new jobs and opportunities. Oh, and it takes a big shot at the "do the work you love and the money will

follow". I've always felt that this philosophy, while seductive, is more dreamland than reality. Certainly one has strengths, but to find a job that means "getting up in the morning is a joy" (to quote one jobs advice site) is, in my opinion, bollocks. It's more complicated than that. There are many things about even the most ordinary job that one can get satisfaction from. And many aspects of the 'perfect job for me' that will test my patience. And work isn't life. One can develop other interests that add meaning to life, outside of work. The book tells one how. Landing a new job requires a complicated mix of factors to come together. And at the centre of it all is the attitude, mindset and actions of the job hunter. For encouraging ownership of that and for getting one thinking along new lines, this book gets a 5.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Truly motivational for people at any stages of their career

By Louise Gosoya

Despite what the title says, the book is really just about being proactive and rethinking your work ethic and strategy. It's about understanding how to move up in today's career ladder in a realistic way, no words minced, no feelings spared. The idea of networking is stressed over and over in this book as one of the best ways to get up in the career field; and unfortunately it is. People like to hire people they know, or have heard about. They are wary about hiring strangers and when you have your boss on your side you're going to do well in the company. If you're looking for a reality check that will really boost how you do in the company, then this is the book for you. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Be prepared to take action!

By CRH356

Be prepared to take action on your current career or getting on to one you will truly enjoy. This is not your normal warm and fuzzy self-help book. This is actionable stuff! After reading this book and leaving my current position (after 24 years) as a Partner in a large, global professional services firm, I took some time off and then joined a much smaller, but so much more satisfying company with people I trust, enjoy and respect. Yes, the money is less, but that's all. I travel much less, see my family more, have weekends for me, am more engaged with our clients, work face to face with staff, have much easier decision making (and process), a lot less BS and overall am much more engaged with more aspects of the business. All that and I am enjoying life like I used to. Let me also confirm that being the "boy scout" does not work. If you are genuinely talented and do not think the world revolves around you, then you will never worry about working. Talent NEVER goes out of style, it is sought after and your employer will appreciate and respect you if you stand up for what you think is the right thing. He or she may not agree with you, but will respect your convictions and thinking. Take a stand and don't reward bad behaviour! If some of this feels a little uncomfortable, take some small steps and try out a few things and see what happens. You will want to develop your style and pace, but start making changes now. Now is always the best time to start. Good luck!

Fire Your Boss And Hire Yourself. Impossible? Not according to nationally bestselling author Stephen M. Pollan. As he says in this new and empowering book, "You don't have to accept your current work situation. You can be in control of your job and your stream of income, so you're never again subject to the whims, prejudices, moods, or circumstances of your so-called boss." In today's difficult work environment, gone are the days of finding satisfaction through your job, gone is the time when your job was secure, and gone are the days when your employer cared about you. This new environment requires new rules, and Pollan has provided surprisingly fresh and intriguing methods for finding "success" on the job. Pollan's bold and unique message begins with the idea that you must "fire your boss." By this he means you can no longer rely on your manager or your company for economic security. Instead, you must put yourself in charge of your working life. In this thought-provoking and counterintuitive career guide, Pollan presents a seven-step program and a series of exercises that give you the confidence, power, and will to achieve the life of your dreams. Once you have changed your mind-set and learned the new rules of the game, you can start the process of moving to a richer, more enriching, and more enjoyable life. And the best part about it? Your boss will love you for it.

From Publishers Weekly

This stimulating, iconoclastic career-development primer is a rare example of the self-help/motivational genre with a difference. Life coach Pollan and his collaborator Levine, authors of the contrarian retirement planning guide *Die Broke*, don't mean the title literally; it's just a metaphor for taking control of your work life, one that rejects all the high-minded shibboleths of traditional business motivation. They argue that companies are "amoral legal constructs" that care nothing for their workers. Bosses are dictators rather than mentors or servant-leaders. Jobs can't provide psychological or spiritual fulfillment; people should get those things from their lives away from work; where they should spend as little time as possible. The authors elaborate these insights into a refreshingly cynical take on workplace issues. Success doesn't depend on doing a good job, they say, but on soothing and flattering the boss. Workers shouldn't wallow in unrequited loyalty to the company, but ought to be constantly "fishing" for better jobs. Other rules: rely on personal ties, because landing a job is a matter of "who you know, not what you know"; don't personalize your cubicle, because that might encourage you to spend more time at work; above all, don't try to follow your heart or make a difference in your career: "the job of your dreams is the one that pays the most money." The authors provide lots of shrewd tips on job hunting, negotiating, manipulation and brown-nosing, but their book transcends the merely pragmatic. Their call to "end this destructive pursuit of meaningful work" mounts a subversive challenge to the idea of the calling, and thus to the Protestant work ethic at the very core of the motivational worldview.

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