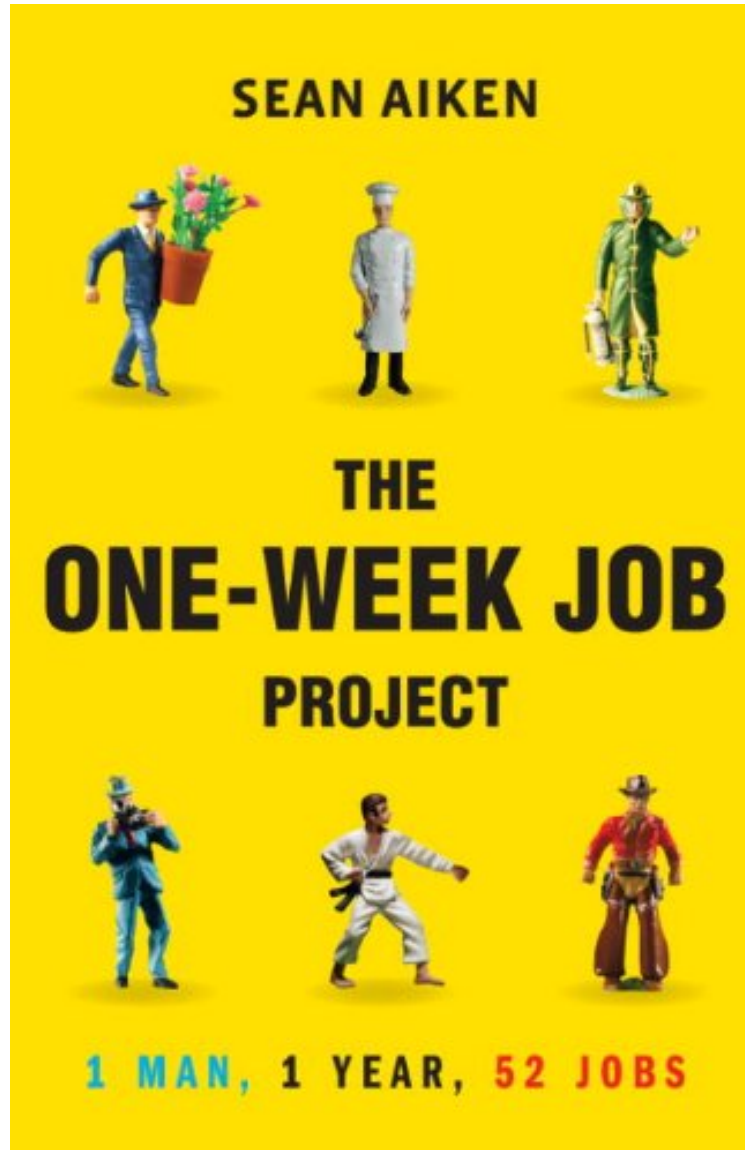


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it was just a documented lark for the author. Then he happened to mention that one of his best friends is the guy who did the One Red Paper Clip project. (Google it if you're not familiar.) Suddenly this book seemed to be an account of a pale shadow of his friend's venture. So at that point all I could think was that he sat around trying to think of something that would top his buddy's adventure with the red paper clip. I completely lost interest then. If the book had been more interesting or insightful, I would have continued, but this was not a book written for that purpose. It seems to have been written solely to prove he could think of something close to as clever as his friend did. Truth? He failed miserably. Not enough insight and some of the most interesting jobs were shortchanged. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By CustomerWish I'd done this when I was younger. Maybe when I retire?

**THE REMARKABLE AND INSPIRING TRUE STORY OF ONE GUY WHO TRANSFORMED HIS UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE INTO ACTION**  
A year and a half after he graduated from college, Sean Aiken found himself struggling to answer the question "What should I do with my life?" His mother suggested teaching. His older sister told him to apply for an entry-level corporate position. His father said, "It doesn't matter what you do, just make sure it's something you're passionate about." Taking his father's advice to heart, Sean created the One-Week Job Project and launched himself on an epic journey to find his passion. His goal: to work fifty-two jobs in fifty-two weeks. After the launch of his website, oneweekjob.com, the offers began pouring in. Sean's first gig was—literally—jumping off a bridge, as a bungee operator in British Columbia. From there he traveled across Canada and the United States, reinventing himself as a firefighter, an aquarium host, a radio DJ, a martial arts instructor, an NHL mascot, and a snowshoe guide. During the course of his seven-day stints, from a Florida stock-trading floor to a cattle ranch in the wilds of Wyoming to a real estate office in Beverly Hills, Sean found time to make new friends and even fall in love. Whether choosing a spring fashion line, brewing beer, or milking a cow, Sean continued to ask himself and others about what success really means and how we find happiness—all while having the adventure of his life. Inventive and empowering, witty and wise, *The One-Week Job Project* is a book that will give you the courage to follow your passion. Or, as Mark Twain said, "Explore. Dream. Discover." From the Trade Paperback edition.

From Publishers Weekly After graduating from college with a business administration degree—and very uncertain about his career path—Aiken embarked on a yearlong journey throughout Canada and the U.S., trying out new jobs for one week at a time and donating all his wages to a charity. It's a bit contrived and by now familiar (A.J. Jacobs has written a shelf of such books), but Aiken is an appealing guinea pig. Readers expecting a meditation on work (or working at all during a recession, let alone finding 52 jobs) should look elsewhere; this is a lark and Aiken tests a variety of unusual jobs (NHL mascot, snowshoe guide, tattooist/piercer, bungee jumping instructor, cattail picker) and more traditional career paths (research assistant, park ranger, and mayor). The takeaway isn't particularly profound (Traveling taught me a lot about myself. I experienced new cultures, met all sorts of people, and was forced outside my comfort zone on a daily basis), but it's a lighthearted read and a pleasant—if unmemorable—vicarious journey to take. (May) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "It started as a simple idea: work a different job every week for a year. But as Sean put his plan into action, it quickly became a life-changing, cross-continental, action-packed adventure. After reading *The One-Week Job Project*, you'll know how to bring the most extraordinary things out of life, and how to score some choice jobs along the way!"—Kyle MacDonald, author of *One Red Paperclip* "With 52 jobs, 52 experiences and 52 lessons learned, Sean Aiken has done all the dirty work for young individuals who are looking to embark on their own career journey. *The One-Week Job Project* is eye-opening, entertaining and will help answer the question on any young individual's mind: what do I do when I graduate? Sean has done it all in less time than it takes to graduate from college and has pulled all of his knowledge into one book that can and will change your life for the better."—Dan Schawbel, author of *Me 2.0: Build a Powerful Brand to Achieve Career Success* "The One-Week Job Project is a terrific read for young people wondering what to do with their lives, and for anyone looking to change his or her life for the better. Sean Aiken's audacious, inspiring book packs a good dose of humor and reminds us that the only thing standing between you and your dreams is yourself!"—Keith Ferrazzi, author of *Never Eat Alone* and *Whore's Got Your Back* "At a time when the traditional path to success is fading from view, Sean Aiken has emerged as a role model for making the best of the inherently unstable life of today's workforce. Most people will likely work a number of different jobs in a variety of different fields over the course of their lifetimes, and most people will feel uneasy during transition. Aiken's book shows 52 transitions, and they add up to a vital message that job hopping is productive and can help you find a better ... About the Author Sean Aiken graduated from Capilano College in North Vancouver, British Columbia, with a degree in business administration in 2005. At the top of his class, with a 4.0 cumulative GPA, he was voted class valedictorian. He started the One-Week Job project in February 2007, at age twenty-five, and finished his 52 weeks in March 2008.