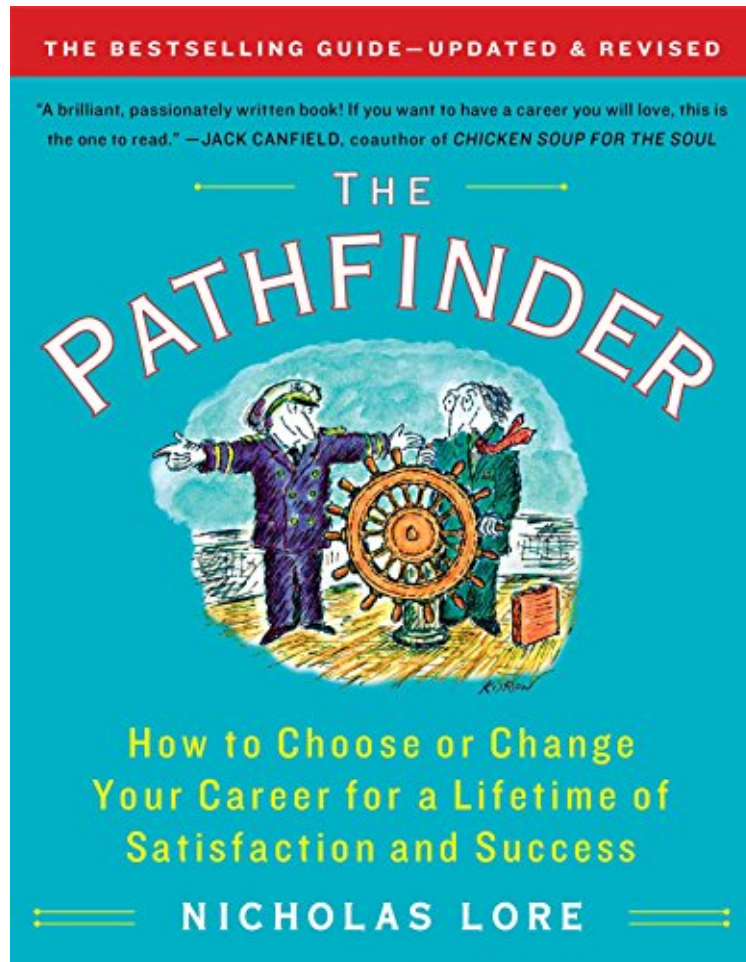


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tests). This book does include the very useful Myers-Briggs personality categories and good-fit careers for each personality type, but it goes far beyond that with additional assessments and exploration tools. If you are struggling to find the best career for yourself you must be willing to take the time to actually DO the exercises, write up the lists, do the thinking, make some choices, and follow the plan the author details for you step-by-step. It is worth the effort because choosing your career, your life's work, is one of the two most important life choices you will likely ever make (the other one, of course, is choosing your life partner). Do not shortchange yourself in finding your best career by taking the "easy way" and not doing the exercises. You won't gain anything if you don't authentically and honestly do the exercises. I did read a few of the negative reviews about this book but I don't agree with anything they said. When you read those reviews keep in mind that people perceive things from their own life experiences, from the lens of their own personal issues and their own personality. Just because someone says it is a terrible book does not mean it really is a terrible book. It only means that that person sees it that way. So while I cannot guarantee that YOU will agree with my assessment of the book (a 5 star book) instead of with those who rate it one star, I am saying that from my "life experience" as a college career counselor who spent thousands of hours over almost 30 years, striving to find the best materials for my students to help them find the right career for themselves, that this the best book I have found. It is comprehensive, it is jam packed with dozens of tools and exercises, it is easy to understand and everything is well-explained, and the author writes as though he is speaking to you personally to guide you and instill confidence that you can find your right career path. There are several other excellent career exploration books out there (and I own them, too), and The Pathfinder must be included in this short list of the best. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Filled with useful, enlightening material By Constant Reader Terrific book that is chock full of useful exercises. Career planning and development is hot in my field (talent development) and is a great resource. I did the exercises, and in the process learned much about myself. There are many exercises to help you know yourself better; brainstorming your natural talents, roles and 'games' you play, etc. and then look for themes. My themes were starkly clear. Personally this helped me narrow my focus to not only what I enjoy but what I'm good at. I've been doing psychometric testing for years, and was pleased and surprised at how I was able to really hone in on what I really like to do. It also adds extra layers to your MBTI profile that are very useful in understanding how your natural style plays out in the world. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Undeniably the Best Book on Career Planning! Nothing Else Comes Close! By Customer As a consultant, I have a shelf full of self help books and a number of them on career planning. There is no other book out there that is as helpful as the Pathfinder. It is written by someone who has found most of the keys. And, this opinion is from a person with over 50 years in the field of human resource management - aerospace, government, healthcare, business, consulting, etc. There are only a few other resources and strategies that I think could improve the book. My only criticism is that it needs editing to reduce the redundancy in stating the important messages it wants to communicate to the reader. It could meet its objectives while reducing reading time by 1/3. If the book seems overwhelming, go to chapter 14, The Rockport Career Design Method and start your journey there. You will probably go back to the earlier chapters, but will then understand why they are helpful. Use the book as a reference book; feel free to jump around as the need arises. The author states this option.

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