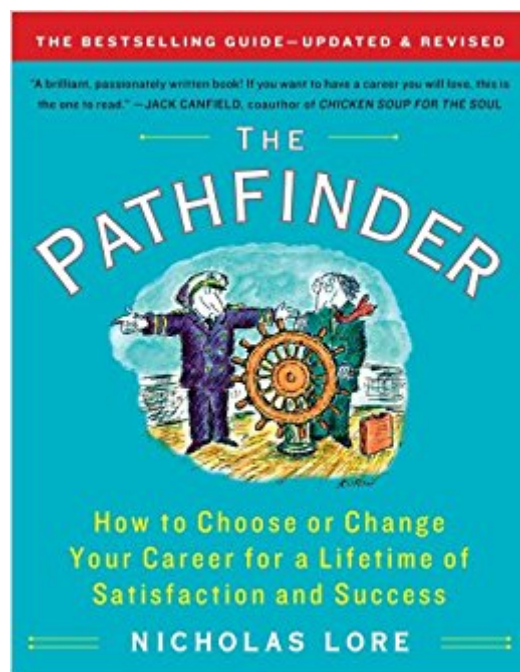




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# The Pathfinder: How To Choose Or Change Your Career For A Lifetime Of Satisfaction And Success (Touchstone Books (Paperback))



## Synopsis

This classic bestseller is THE career-design bible for college graduates and midlife career-changers alike. Now fully revised and updated for the twenty-first century! Based on breakthrough techniques developed by Rockport Institute, an innovative and award-winning career-counseling network that has changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people, The Pathfinder offers invaluable advice and more than 100 self-tests and diagnostic tools that will help you choose an entirely new career—or view a current job from a new, more positive perspective. You will learn: Whether you are a seasoned professional in search of a career change or a beginner just entering the working world, you want to make the right choices from the beginning. No matter where you are in your journey, if you want work to be more of a dance than a drag, The Pathfinder will expertly coach you through the process of designing a career you will love.

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Author Nicholas Lore uses the techniques of his career-guidance network, the Rockport Institute, to make The Pathfinder a substitute for a great job counselor. Through goal setting, list making, and other techniques, the book leads readers through the process of deciding exactly what they want to do for a living and finding a way to make it happen. Lore realizes that people have different temperaments and decision-making methods, so he provides individualized advice to suit each one. He also understands that creating a new career requires courage as well as desire, so The

Pathfinder devotes plenty of space to motivation and overcoming fears. While anyone looking for a new career will find direction with this guide, people who didn't know they were looking may decide to start once they go through Lore's probing self-examination process. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it."A brilliant, passionately written book! If you want to have a career you will love, this is the one to read." - JACK CANFIELD co-author, Chicken Soup for the Soul

As a college career counselor who taught a course in life and college success skills (which included career exploration) for almost thirty years, I have to say that this book, The Pathfinder, is the best book I have come across on how to find a best-fit career (and I've read dozens and dozens of such books, and used numerous career and personality assessment 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.

As a career consultant I have read so many books expounding on how to find your career path. This book is the gold standard. There are few books out there that take you on a step by step process of doing the work necessary to figure out what's going to work for you. Most people want a quick fix. They think taking a 20 minute online test that tells them what to do is going to help them figure out who they are and what their highest abilities are. All of these tests are just self evaluations. Working with a good career guidance counselor is what most people need. If they can't afford a counselor this book is the next best thing. I have everyone of my clients purchase this book and we go through the inquires step by step determining who they are and what works best for them. This book works wonders for people if they do the exercises at the end of each chapter. I haven't found any other book that goes as deeply as The Pathfinder does taking people into all the areas they need to explore to come up with the answers they are looking for. Buy it and do the inquires, you'll gain clarity, confidence and direction in your life.

I read this book (previous version) about eight years ago when I was switching careers. I was 25 and knew that I wanted to do something different, but didn't know what. I had read a LOT of career books (What Color is Your Parachute, books about finding a job that suited your creativity, etc.) and this is the only one I consider worth keeping. In fact, I just had to buy the Kindle version because I bought several copies to lend/give, and can't remember where my latest copy is. But I don't mind buying it again because I have gotten so much benefit out of this book. I would lend and re-buy it 10 times without complaint. While it's probably not the case for everyone, I can attest that this book was a major tool in helping me change my life for the better. I didn't need a lot of convincing to tell me I needed to switch careers, but I was sorely lacking in guidance on how to best accomplish my goals - or even what my goals should be. This book really helped clarify a lot of things for me, by helping me to examine who I am and what I want -- not just out of a career but my life. I think it's a pretty great tool that anyone can use, because it doesn't give you a bunch of quizzes or try to categorize you. It just asks you to take a long, hard look at what you want and what you are willing to do to achieve that. I kept a notebook as I was reading it (it's definitely a workbook type of thing that takes some time to get through) and what struck me 3 years later was that my job was everything that I had initially said I wanted. Now, the job I jumped to when I first switched industries was not my perfect job - but by having a clear idea of what I wanted in the long run, I was able to make the right choices that led me to my "mega-goal," as the book says. Even when getting to the right choice

meant turning down some job offers that seemed like they \*could\* have been the right choice, but in hindsight definitely weren't. I am now re-reading the book because though I am relatively satisfied with my current job, I feel that it's time to take the next step in my career growth. Thanks to The Pathfinder I know am in the right industry (and maybe even the right organization), and am in the luxurious position of finding my next perfect job. It was so helpful the first time around, I'm eager to see how it can help me now that I'm in a mid-career stage.

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