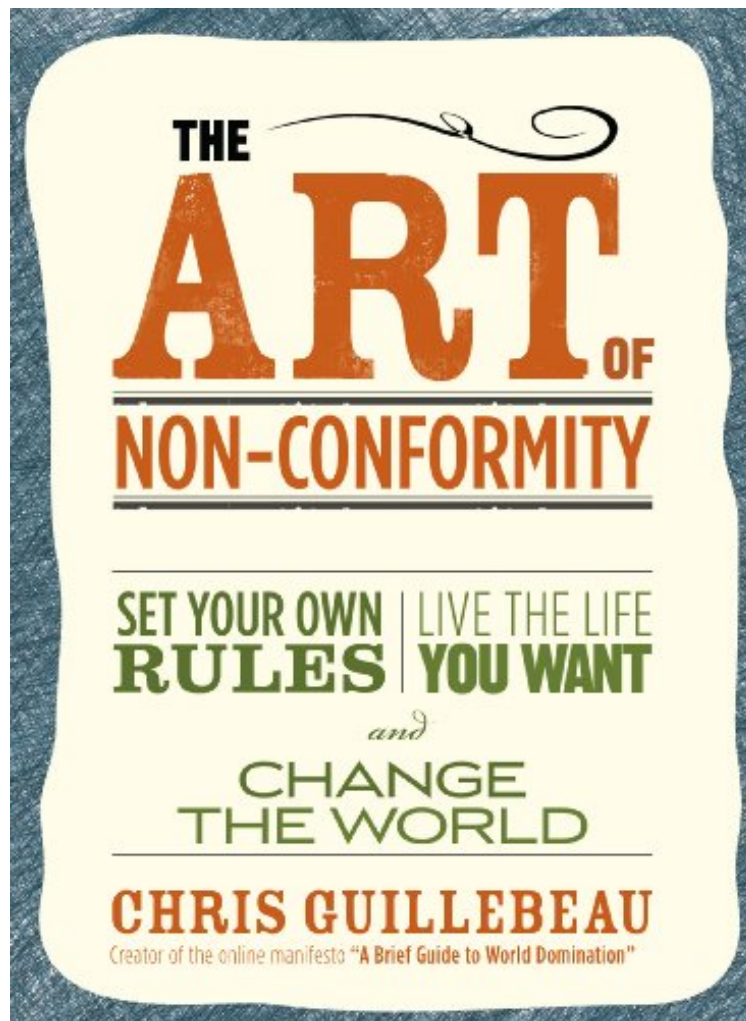


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Helped change my thinkingBy Jason VI really liked this book. I bought the audiobook based on a referral from someone that I respect. The reason that I found this book helpful is that is really enlightened me and helped me see that there is an entire world out there that I had been missing. All that I have ever known is the 8-5 cubicleville lifestyle. Thanks to Chris for sharing his story and helping me see that there is

another possible lifestyle and way of thinking about work and creating the life that I want. He doesn't say that it's easy, but that it's possible. He gives us hope and permission that living a life that is authentic to ourselves is possible. This book is along similar lines to "A Million Miles in a Thousand Years" that also helped me think new ideas. This book isn't for everyone. This book will challenge your status-quo thinking. I recommend looking up and reading Chris's Manifesto and seeing if it resonates with you first. If it doesn't, this book isn't for you. Google AONC Manifesto. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Art? Guillebeau has non-conformity down to a science. By Just A Review. These types of books have become all the rage-- 4 hour work week, vagabonding travel, etc-- and this one fits right in the same category. It is almost as if you put down the last one and pick up this one and it is the same author. However, whereas 4-hour work week is really, REALLY self-absorbed, Guillebeau is quite a bit more down to earth. He really wants to help. In summary, he doesn't want people dwelling on the past or wasting time doing busy work. And he drums home the message of no excuses. Just go out and do the things you dream about. There was one point about 1/3 in where the book drifted into a spot where I was like, 'come on, give us more details'. But half way through there were lots of good stuff and as the pages counted down-- and I finished this book fast, like 2 days-- I felt definitely as if the book was really good. By the way, if you are inclined to writing and/or traveling the book will be closer suited to you. Specifics:- Underdogs can win using unconventional strategy (statistics on page 79 based from Malcolm Gladwell article in NY Times on 5-11-09- Create a peer network (LifeRemix)- Set goals even on a weekly basis.- Set up an alternative graduate school experience (of things to read and do, like read Bible, read Economist, etc, publish on a time schedule)- Ralph Nader: "I start with the premise that the function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers"- Education is fine but inspiration and personal component is even bigger. Why should someone care about what you are doing? That is the point. He says, people don't necessarily care that Guillebeau travels around the world to every country. So he had to do more than just write about his travels around the world. So he focused on "achieving big goals" and "creating a life of personal freedom". There needs to be a good answer to the "reason why".- What is the single, most important thing I can do today? How much time did I spend creating today? Did I move closer to achieving a big goal?- Measure your work in output, not hours. Create.- Create a metric for your work. 1,000 words a day is 300,000 words per year or about 100 blog posts, 20 newspaper columns, 20 guest articles, 3 information products, 1 book.- Focus on deliverables and metrics.- Process (journey) is more important than the final destination. Time is needed but make the work count.- Original goal: accumulate enough wealth to live off the interest. Now: create financial security through an income-based strategy. Self-created income. Increase and diversify your income.- Win-win: you enjoy your life and at the same time make the world a better place- Define what we want and then find a way to make it happen. Take your dreams more seriously.- Life list (of goals)- Be prepared to work for it though. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not for everyone. By E-Marie-which, to be fair, the author declares in the book. He also writes about his book definitely being for a certain demographic. I'm a first-generation college graduate and work with low-income, first-generation college students -- there wasn't really anything here for them. He talks about shelling out money for grad school being a waste -- we help our students get funding so graduate school doesn't have to equal more debt. He talks about ways of being independently bringing in income when in reality his wife was working a legitimate teaching job. It doesn't sound like he's ever operated without significant safety nets -- which is fine. There is good elements to this book and helpful information. He does address that he isn't writing about methods that will work for everyone but then writes as though they will. So, yeah. It's okay.

If you've ever thought, "There must be more to life than this," The Art of Non-Conformity is for you. Based on Chris Guillebeau's popular online manifesto "A Brief Guide to World Domination," The Art of Non-Conformity defies common assumptions about life and work while arming you with the tools to live differently. You'll discover how to live on your own terms by exploring creative self-employment, radical goal-setting, contrarian travel, and embracing life as a constant adventure. Inspired and guided by Chris's own story and those of others who have pursued unconventional lives, you can devise your own plan for world domination-and make the world a better place at the same time.