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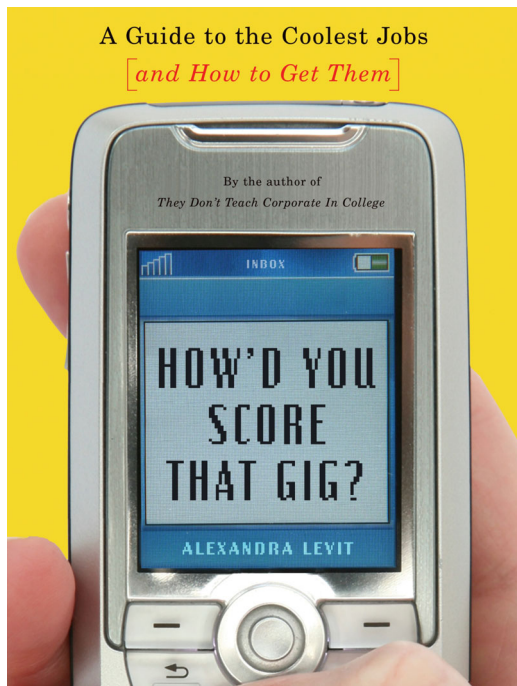
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# How'd You Score That Gig

## A Guide to the Coolest Jobs—and How to Get Them

by Alexandra Levit

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### Top 10 “Dream Jobs”:

- travel journalist
- event planner
- fashion designer
- documentary photographer
- bed and breakfast innkeeper
- forensic scientist
- interior decorator
- criminologist
- internet business owner
- professional organizer

Do you have a job that’s just like everyone else’s? Are you looking for a nine-to-five...but wish you weren’t? What if there was another option? Discover the

hidden road, the one that would lead to an exciting, unique, and fulfilling line of work, the one taken by a select few who always get asked the question... **HOW'D YOU SCORE THAT GIG? A Guide to the Coolest Jobs—and How To Get Them** (Ballantine Books Trade Paperback Original; March 2008) by career expert Alexandra Levit. Profiling sixty of the coolest careers on the planet—all rated in a national survey by twenty- and thirty-somethings—Levit outlines the steps

you can take to get a job that makes you love getting up in the morning—the job that your friends talk about enviously at Friday night gatherings.

To find the jobs that are calling your name, take Levit's short quiz and discover your "passion profile." You might be:

- **The Adventurer:** the free-spirited adventurer is naturally spontaneous and enjoys taking risks. These individuals seek out experiences and approach each new opportunity with optimism and enthusiasm. **Jobs Include:** Documentary Photographer, Foreign Service Officer, News Correspondent, Oceanographer
- **The Creator:** places extreme importance on developing products, such as art, music, or physical spaces, which allow them to express themselves and their unique view of the world. **Jobs Include:** Actor, Book Author, Fashion Designer, Interior Designer, Movie Screenwriter, Performance Musician, Restaurant Chef, Video Game Designer
- **The Data-Head:** has a knack for gathering and organizing information. These individuals prefer to work on their own and despise inefficiency and bureaucracy. The data-head is happiest setting concrete goals and then achieving them. **Jobs Include:** Computational Linguist, Financial Advisor, Information Security Specialist, Meteorologist, Pharmaceutical Scientist, Urban Planner
- **The Entrepreneur:** expert at observing the world around them and uncovering needs that they can meet. Active and high-energy, they dislike sitting down with a book or being chained to a desk from 9-5. **Jobs Include:** Event Planner, Internet-Based Business Owner, Inventor, Blogger, Boutique Owner
- **The Investigator:** places a high value on science, process, and learning. They excel at research, using logic and the information gained through their senses to conquer complex problems. **Jobs Include:** Antiques Dealer, Art Curator, Classic Car Restorer, Criminologist, Field Archaeologist, Forensic Scientist, Futurist, Historian
- **The Networker:** always has a ringing phone and a full dance card. They thrive on keeping busy and managing a diverse array of responsibilities. **Jobs Include:** Image Consultant, Lobbyist, Marketing Executive, Pro Sports Team Manager, Speechwriter, Talent Agent, Television Producer, Wine Merchant, Book Editor, Congressional Staffer
- **The Nurturer:** their top priority is to care for others. These individuals derive satisfaction from helping others in need and making an emotional impact on people's lives. **Jobs Include:** Elementary School Teacher, Life Coach, Nonprofit Administrator, Nutritionist, Physical Therapist, Social Services Caseworker, Zoologist

Engaging and practical, **HOW'D YOU SCORE THAT GIG?** includes insider accounts of twenty-and thirty-somethings currently in these careers and provides specific action steps for breaking in. So before you settle for a career that just isn't you, shake it up — and land the job of your dreams!

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