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# How To Be Here: A Guide To Creating A Life Worth Living



## Synopsis

The popular pastor and New York Times bestselling author of *Love Wins* and *What We Talk About When We Talk About God* shows us how to pursue and realize our dreams, live in the moment, and joyfully do the things that make us come alive. Each of us was created for something great—we just need to figure out what it is and find the courage to do it. Whether it's writing the next great American novel, starting a business, or joining a band, Rob Bell wants to help us make those dreams become reality. Our path is ours and ours alone to pursue, he reminds us, and in doing so, we derive great joy because we are living our passions. *How to Be Here* lays out concrete steps we can use to define and follow our dreams, interweaving engaging stories, lessons from biblical figures, insights gleaned from Rob's personal experience, and practical advice. Rob gives you the support and insight you need to silence your critics, move from idea to action, take the first step, find joy in the work, persevere through hard times, and surrender to the outcome. Like Stephen Pressfield's classic *The War of Art*, *How to Be Here* will inspire readers to seek the lives they were created to lead.

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## Customer Reviews

"Bell has an uncanny ability to sneak beautiful truths past the bodyguards of our hearts and wake us up to more inspired, vibrant and complete lives. Every single part of *How to Be Here* is profound and inspiring (except for the blank pages; those did very little for me)." (Pete Holmes, star of the HBO comedy *Crashing*) "While reading this book, you get this crazy feeling that the matrix is being revealed, as infinite possibilities for your life start unfolding before your eyes. And all this miraculousness and excitement happens without a trace of darkness or

danger; here is a wild journey that you can actually trust.” (Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *Big Magic*)

“Listing all the ways in which Rob has positively impacted my life would take up too much space; so I’ll simply say that he has inspired me to live life with a deeper level of appreciation and to love people with a greater awareness of our connectivity.” (Aaron Rogers, quarterback for the Green Bay Packers)

“Bell will be joined by the likes of Brian McLaren, James Martin, Diana Butler Bass and Carol Howard Merritt.” (Christianity Today)

“Forever grateful for the brilliant mind, boundless heart and fierce faith of Rob Bell. His work convinced me that it was possible--maybe necessary and thrilling--to be a person of both faith and intellect. . . . Please read everything Rob’s ever written and then go see him live.” (Glennon Doyle Melton, author of *Carry On, Warrior*)

“This book lays out concrete steps we can use to define and follow our dreams. Bell interweaves engaging stories, lessons and biblical figures, insights gleaned from his personal experience, and practical advice.” (Publishers Weekly)

“Bell continues to share pastoral wisdom . . . incorporating personal stories of struggle as well as those of key figures in the Bible, Bell also addresses how to identify and pursue your passions. The book encourages people to take the initial step towards joy and empowerment.” (Publishers Weekly)

“Because he’s Rob Bell, he packed *How to Be Here* with plenty of inspiration and provocation for his readers to follow suit.” (Relevant Magazine)

“If you want to start living a life that you create with intention, instead of falling out of bed only to fall back into it, this book is for you. I can’t offer a higher recommendation. This work changed my life, and I believe it can change yours too.” (Mike McHargue (aka Science Mike))

“Engaging, accessible, and engrossing.” (Englewood Review of Books)

Combining spiritual wisdom with practical life advice, international teacher and New York Times bestselling author of *Love Wins* and *What We Talk About When We Talk About God*, Rob Bell guides and inspires readers to discover the life they were meant to live. He writes, “Life is not something that happens to you. You take what you have been given and you get to shape it, form it, steer it, make it into something. And you have way more power to do this than you realize. What you do with your life is fundamentally creative work: the kind of life you lead, what you do with your time, how you spend your energies—it’s all part of how you create your life. It’s all part of being here.” The result is a refreshing and unique manual for finding purpose, joy, and meaning in your life, and wisdom for how to keep moving forward on your path. For the recent graduate or for anyone feeling stuck or unfulfilled, Rob Bell provides wise and

spiritually rich advice that you will find yourself returning to again and again.

If you've ever dreamed that you could do something, but have been afraid to try, this book is for you. If you play it safe instead of taking the big risk because of white-knuckled fear, this book is for you. If you want to start living a life that you create with intention, instead of falling out of bed only to fall back into it, this book is for you.

Literally, I just completed this book. I finished it in two sittings..as I read I thought to myself that it was a simple read. I also wondered where my aha moments would occur, if any. This book read like a narrative, just hanging with the author as he shared his story, which I was thoroughly enjoying ....similar to listening to his weekly podcasts. As we approached the last section it really grabbed my heart, took my breath and tied everything into place...I highly recommend this book. Thank you Rob Bell for this.

Rob Bell always brings up more questions than answers, but in an absolutely positive way. His energy is infectious and I when I read his books I feel as though God not only loves me but likes me. I was a little bit disappointed by how small the book is: There aren't many pages, the line spacing is, well, spacious, and the font is relatively large. But, as I enjoy Rob Bell's books enormously, I'll take it.

Wow! Such a great, easy, inspiring read. I raced through the book in just 2 morning coffees! Rob Bell's joy and encouragement were exactly what I was needing having been "stuck" in a messy midlife space and needing to move on. His thoughts on just doing #1 and not worrying about #4 or #7 or #42 was perfect!

I love Rob Bell and everything he's written. It's hard to say more without writing a book. I highly recommend everything he has done!

It was hard to follow along with the book because it was full of examples that weren't really connected. I felt like I was reading other people's experiences that I didn't always identify with. The experiences weren't that long so you just got a little insight before being led into another person's journey.

Not his best though

But then again, he probably couldn't write as well if he surfed less. This book is profound, amazing, and life changing. And simple read with complex truths. LOVE IT!

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