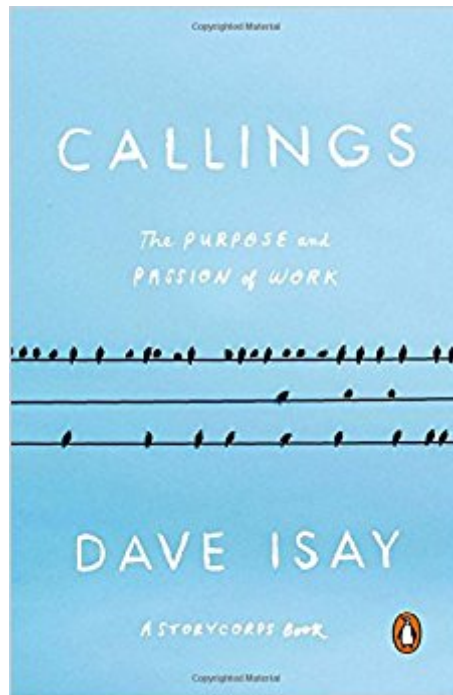




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Callings: The Purpose And Passion Of Work (A StoryCorps Book)



Synopsis

Stories of passion, courage, and commitment, following individuals as they pursue the work they were born to do, from StoryCorps founder Dave Isay In Callings, StoryCorps founder Dave Isay presents unforgettable stories from people doing what they love. Some found their paths at a very young age, others later in life; some overcame great odds or upturned their lives in order to pursue what matters to them. Many of their stories have never been broadcast or published by StoryCorps until now. We meet a man from the barrios of Texas whose harrowing experiences in a family of migrant farmers inspired him to become a public defender. We meet a longtime waitress who takes pride in making regulars and newcomers alike feel at home in her Nashville diner. We meet a young man on the South Side of Chicago who became a teacher in order to help at-risk teenagers like the ones who killed his father get on the right track. We meet a woman from Little Rock who helps former inmates gain the skills and confidence they need to rejoin the workforce. Together they demonstrate how work can be about much more than just making a living, that chasing dreams and finding inspiration in unexpected places can transform a vocation into a calling. Their shared sense of passion, honor, and commitment brings deeper meaning and satisfaction to every aspect of their lives. An essential contribution to the beloved StoryCorps collection, Callings is an inspiring tribute to rewarding work and the American pursuit of happiness. From the Hardcover edition.

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Dave Isay is the founder of StoryCorps and the recipient of numerous broadcasting honors, including six Peabody awards, a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship, and the 2015 TED Prize. He is the author/editor of numerous books that grew out of his public radio documentary work, including four StoryCorps books: *Listening Is an Act of Love* (2007), *Mom: A Celebration of Mothers from StoryCorps* (2010), *All There Is: Love Stories from StoryCorps* (2012), and *Ties That Bind: Stories of Love and Gratitude from the First Ten Years of StoryCorps* (2013).

I was sorry the book ended. What engaging stories - and what a tribute to hard working people the world might never have heard from without StoryCorps. Read it. Aspire to live it. Read it again!

Such an inspiring book - I love Story Corps and I love reading all of these stories and seeing photos of the people at the end of the story. I would buy more like this!

I love reading about the 'back story' how regular folks are able to 'move forward' in their lives no matter the sometimes difficult 'road-block' situations come their way .The love and support the authors of each story shined the light they sometimes need to keep moving their life forward !! so identify with this 'spirited ' journey !

I bought as a gift for people struggling with employment choices.

Best text book prices!! Saved \$\$\$

I started out really liking this, but as it went on I found it to be a bit monotonous and less interesting. I got halfway through and added it to the book swap at work.

I gave copies of this book to my graduating grandchildren and friends this year. What a wonderful way to begin to discover their own stories through these beautiful and moving conversations.

I read it on kindle and immediately bought a book for each of my sons. The stories cover the spectrum of jobs and paths that different people found meaning in. Loved it.

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