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Recommended Reading

Books to support you through every stage of your career transition.

Know Yourself

- ***The 6 Types of Working Genius*** by Patrick Lencioni (2022). Identify the work that energizes you and the work that drains you.
- ***Personality Intelligence: Master the Art of Being You*** by Merrick Rosenberg (2025). Use the DISC model to understand your style and work better with others.
- ***Transitions: Making Sense of Life's Changes*** by William Bridges with Susan Bridges (40th anniversary edition, 2019). Understand the emotional stages of change: endings, the in-between, and new beginnings.

Explore and Pivot

- ***Designing Your Life and Designing Your New Work Life*** by Bill Burnett and Dave Evans (2016 and 2021). Apply design thinking to figure out what comes next.
- ***What Color Is Your Parachute? Your Guide to a Lifetime of Meaningful Work and Career Success*** by Richard N. Bolles with Katharine Brooks (current edition). The long-running guide to career change.
- ***Working Identity*** by Herminia Ibarra (updated edition, 2023). Test new directions through small experiments before you commit.

Search Smarter

- ***The 2-Hour Job Search*** by Steve Dalton (2nd edition, 2020). A step-by-step system for targeting employers and landing networking meetings.
- ***Never Search Alone*** by Phyl Terry (2022). Build a small peer council to support and sharpen your search.
- ***Ask for More: 10 Questions to Negotiate Anything*** by Alexandra Carter (2020). Ask better questions to negotiate your offer, your salary, and your next step with confidence.

Faith and Calling

- ***Living Fearless: Exchanging the Lies of the World for the Liberating Truth of God*** by Jamie Winship (2022), plus its Guided Journal (2025). Trade fear for a clear sense of who God says you are.
- ***Every Good Endeavor: Connecting Your Work to God's Work*** by Timothy Keller with Katherine Leary Alsdorf (2012). See how your work connects to God's purpose.
- ***TranSpirations: Guidance for the Head & Heart through Career and Beyond*** by Thomas Bachhuber (2nd edition, 2022). A spiritual companion for job, career, and retirement transitions.

After You Land

- ***The Unspoken Rules: Secrets to Starting Your Career Off Right*** by Gorick Ng (2021). Learn the unwritten expectations that help new hires stand out from day one.
- ***The First 90 Days*** by Michael D. Watkins (updated and expanded edition, 2013). Get up to speed quickly and build early wins in a new role.
- ***Atomic Habits*** by James Clear (2018). Build small, steady habits that help you thrive in your new role.