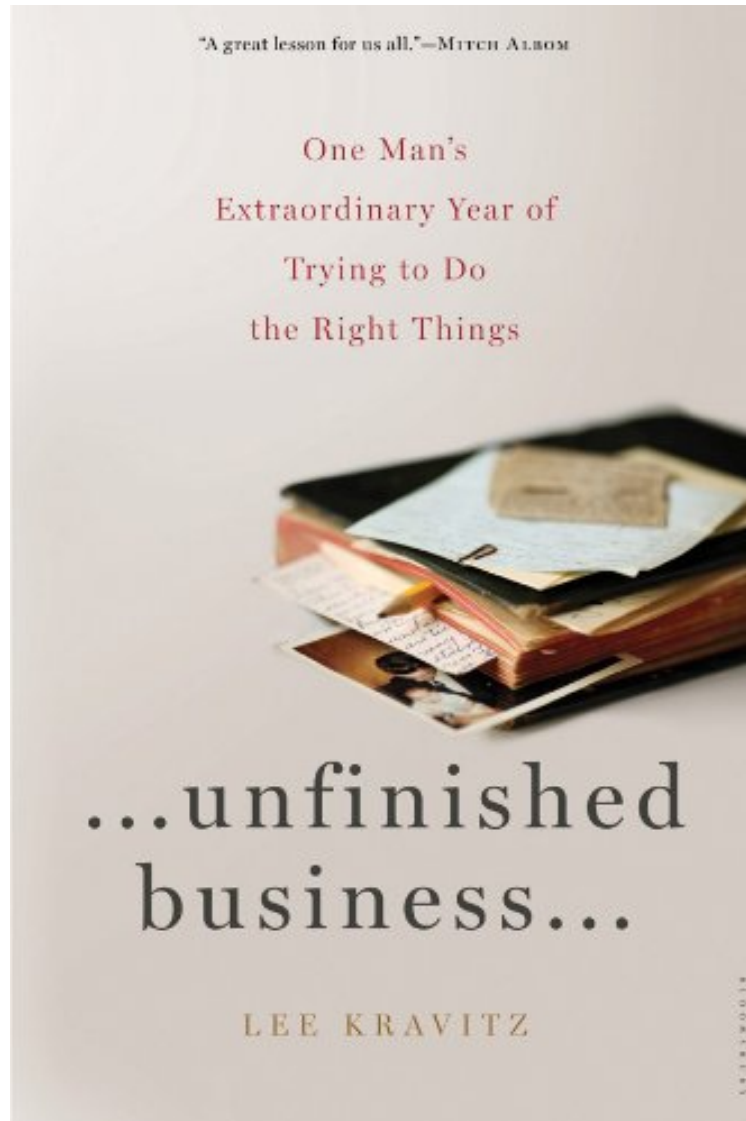


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you want to follow his example and try to be a better person. Terrific!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting personal account of what to do after job lossBy The Global WandererKravitz used his unemployment to catch up with life in a very special way. He addressed the "wrongs" he did in the past, finished things he started, and in general used one year off "trying to do the right things". In other words, he used his time strategically for things important to him, things he had forgotten about and had not been able to do during employment. I liked his story, because it shows how you can turn the trauma of unemployment into something meaningful. In my career book on job loss, I recommend readers to take a close look at Kravitz's account.

After losing his job, Lee Kravitz, a workaholic in his midfifties, took stock of his life and realized just how disconnected he had become from the people who mattered most to him. He committed an entire year to reconnecting with them and making amends.

From Publishers WeeklyWhen Parade editor-in-chief Kravitz loses his job, he takes account of the many things he let slip in his quest to get to the top of the publishing world. He decides to take the next year to pursue all he's let pass: a reconciliation with a long-lost aunt; an exploration of spirituality; a payment of a 30-year-old debt; and other pursuits. In the process he learns a great deal about patience, humility, love, and family and reminds readers that the best time to do the things you say you're going to do is now. Kravitz is a thoughtful writer, and his memoir reveals a delicate personal journey, but many of his grand setups result in poor payoffs. While readers will be pleased that the author has made these valuable connections and has enriched his life, they may not connect sufficiently with him to be able to sympathize. His account is full of small, personal gestures, but their ultimate accumulation doesn't have much resonance. END "[Kravitz] has written an achingly candid account of following through on the Unfinished Business of a life in which, like many of us, he was always too busy to do the human things that matter the most." - Gail Sheehy, USA Todayldquo;[Kravitz's] journeys take him all over the world, helping him put into perspective what truly matters in his life. He teaches readers to appreciate what they have and to tackle any unfinished business they may have themselves. He does what so many people wish they could do and inspires others to take a step back and see what is missing in their life.rndquo; Baltimore Jewish Newsldquo;Kravitz is a thoughtful writer, and his memoir reveals a delicate personal journey.rndquo; Publishers Weekly ldquo;Kravitz writes with an inspiring sincerity. His experiences are so familiar that it would be hard for readers not to reflect on their own unfinished business rndquo; and want to tend to it.rndquo; Denver Post ldquo;When Lee Kravitz lost his job as editor-in-chief of Parade magazine, he decided to spend a year connecting all the dots his busy working life had left emotionally adrift, reaching out to grasp the hands and hearts of family members, friends, and mentors he had left behind. His adventures in outreach are moving, and quietly inspiring.rndquo; Barnes Noble ldquo;This book will strike a chord with those of us who feel we've left some things behind in the relentless pursuit of work and careers. What better time than summer vacation when our bodies have left the office, but our minds may still be there, than to read this book and think about our own unfinished business.rndquo; The Republicanldquo;He was one of the many; he lost his job. But what he did next might be a bit distinctive. Instead of setting out to get a new job, he took a year to set some things straight, things that had been neglected during his years steadfastly dedicated to his profession. His unfinished business led him on ten journeys of redemption, including repaying long-overdue debts, keeping promises, and reaching out to a distant friend. The stuff that life should be made of - re-thinking, redoing, reliving.rndquo; UrbanBaby ldquo;Kravitz writes with an inspiring sincerity. His experiences are so familiar that it would be hard for readers not to reflect on their own unfinished business -- and want to tend to it.rndquo; Washington Post ldquo;Kravitz presents an honest looks at himself as a workaholic who, jarred from his routine when fired from his job, decides to spend a year mending fractured relationships and catching up on forgotten promises.nbsp; A lively read.nbsp; In the often-obnoxious realm of the feel-good memoir, this one stands out as a rare success.rndquo;Jew-ish.com ldquo;A candid account of how a person takes all the things he always meant to do and transforms them into meaningful learning experiences.rndquo; J., The Jewish News Weekly of Northern Californialdquo;Inspirational but never preachy, Kravitz's memoir reminds us of what really matters hellip; and shows us how to begin searching for, and finding it.rndquo;Hudson Valley News ldquo;When award-winning journalist Lee Kravitz is laid off from his job, he realizes he has spent most of his life working too hard. He uses this life-changing moment as an opportunity to take stock of his life. Unfinished Business takes readers on 10 transformational journeys in which Kravitz reconnects with those dear to him and makes amends. The lesson to be shared: lquo;Be mindful of what is most important, and act on it. The rewards will be immediate and lasting.rsquo;rdquo;Cleveland Jewish News ldquo;Kravitz sets out on a mission, devoting a year to completing the unfinished business in his life, including making amends to the people he has hurt. Self-effacing, self-aware, he embarks on a journey in which he reconnects with a schizophrenic aunt neglected by their family, forgives a high school nemesis and honors a forgotten promise to an underprivileged African boy. What could have turned into a self-congratulatory, Disneyesque odyssey becomes an occasion for real kindnesses and growing sensitivity.rndquo; mdash;Timeldquo;A fascinating read, and an example of how anyonersquo;s life can be interesting.rndquo;mdash;Jen

A. Miller, *Book a Week with Jen* blog
"Through his experiences, he found meaning, an acceptance of life's absurdity and the insight that so much comes down to attitude and keeping the many threads of life thrumming." — Kirkus
Lee Kravitz's illuminating and uplifting midlife memoir, *Unfinished Business*, is the perfect antidote to those middle-of-the-night sweats, when we toss and turn and torture ourselves with endless shoulda-coulda-wouldas. Achingly candid, this beautifully written and touchingly personal chronicle traces the author's year-long journey of searching for the pieces he left behind, and how it led him to finding his better self. Kravitz has written a triumphant love letter to the human condition. — Marlo Thomas, author of *The Right Words at the Right Time*
"Unfinished Business is not just the story of how and why and when Lee Kravitz decided to tie up his loose ends, although all that is here. It's also about the extraordinary and unexpected events that unfold in his life and others'; once he states the intention to pursue completion and becomes determined to see it through. This is an uplifting and truly life-affirming book." — Hope Edelman, author of *The Possibility of Everything*
"Everyone complains about not having enough time—but what happens when we get it? Lee Kravitz used losing his job as a springboard to the human things he should have done. In so doing, he turned bad into bountiful. A great lesson for us all." — Mitch Albom, author of *Have A Little Faith*
"Unfinished Business is a rich, wise and powerful work that reminds us to be ever mindful of that which is truly important. By taking honest and courageous stock of his own unfinished business, Lee Kravitz calls on us all to live lives that honor our best selves. It is a timely and inspiring book." — Dave Isay, founder of StoryCorps
"Lee Kravitz has written the perfect memoir for our time. He turns a personal setback into a sweeping affirmation of life, family, and resilience. *Unfinished Business* will surprise you with its nuance and amaze you with its grace and have you reaching out to someone you love." — Bruce Feiler, author of *Walking the Bible*