

Recommended Reading

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Many people are ready to leave their current jobs, but they aren't ready to retire. We asked Marika and Howard Stone, authors of "Too Young To Retire," one of the best guides to the changing face of later life, to choose some of the most useful resources that address alternatives to retirement. Here's a partial listing of their suggestions, with their comments about each pick. The complete list of selections can be found at WSJ.com/Reports:

- **"The Best Home Businesses for People 50+,"** *By Paul and Sarah Edwards*
"The gurus of self-employment advice turn their attention to home-based businesses best suited to the 50-plus generation. Packed with practical tips on how to choose, operate and grow a business, with some 70 examples."
- **"Support Your RV Lifestyle! An Insider's Guide to Working on the Road,"** *By Jaimie Hall*
"For boomers itching to hit the road, this encyclopedic volume offers more than 300 employment opportunities to support life on the road, from an author who has lived it."

- **"Prime Time: How Baby Boomers Will Revolutionize Retirement and Transform America,"** *By Marc Freedman*
"A well-written, passionate argument that aging is an opportunity rather than a problem, with numerous examples of how older adults are transforming America."
- **"It's Only Too Late If You Don't Start Now: How to Create Your Second Life at Any Age,"** *By Barbara Sher*
"A therapist and motivational author/speaker, Ms. Sher offers exercises and provocative questions to break old habits and encourage fresh thinking about the second half of life."
- **"Don't Retire, Rewire!"** *By Jeri Sedlar and Rick Miners*
"Lively and upbeat in tone, this book promotes 'flunking retirement' and offers a practical and fun self-discovery process that will help boomers reimagine and design fulfilling work."
- **"Second Acts: Creating the Life You Really Want, Building the Career You Truly Desire,"** *By Stephen M. Pollan and Mark Levine*
"Best known for his iconoclastic book 'Die Broke,' Mr. Pollan is a master of second (and third) acts, and this book is filled with original exercises and examples that will inspire many acts of reinvention."
- **"Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do,"** *By Studs Terkel*
"A classic imitated but never equaled, Mr. Terkel's book of interviews with working people is a treasure trove of examples that give meaning to how we spend most of our waking hours."
- **"What Color is Your Parachute?" (2005 edition)** *By Richard Nelson Bolles and Mark Emery Bolles*
"A career-advice classic ideally suited for the boomer generation, loaded with practical advice on how to navigate uncertain times, how work is changing and what one needs to do to adapt and survive."
- **"Don't Stop the Career Clock: Rejecting the Myths of Aging for a New Way to Work in the 21st Century,"** *By Helen Harkness*
"Career-management expert Harkness busts stereotypes of aging with wit and wisdom. Her 'Seven Steps for Resetting Your Career Clock' is as good a remedy for the 'About Schmidt' syndrome as can be found."
- **"The Portable Coach: 28 Surefire Strategies for Business and Personal Success,"** *By Thomas Leonard and Byron Laursen*
"Written for executive and life coaches by the late founder of the coaching profession, this is a landmark guide for getting more out of life, work and relationships."

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