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#### The 7 Key Principles to achieving YOUR business and life goals

What could a graffiti artist, eminent neurologist, star athlete, celebrity chef, fashion designer, rocket scientist, and Grammy Award–winning musician possibly have in common?

In this groundbreaking new book, Rana Florida shares their formula, giving you the tools to achieve unimaginable success in work and life. *Upgrade* gathers the best practices, not just from CEOs and business executives but from entrepreneurs, innovative thinkers, and creative leaders.

*Upgrade* includes interviews with Sir Ken Robinson, Dan Pink, Mark Cuban, Andre Agassi, Kenny Scharf, Zaha Hadid, Governor Martin O'Malley, Tory Burch, Tim Brown, and many other leading figures. Despite this cast's vastly different backgrounds and skills, Florida's research concludes that there are seven key principles to achieving your business and life goals:

- Envision the future
- Find your passion
- Get creative
- Design your time
- Collaborate
- Take risks
- Embrace failure

Unfortunately, this is exactly what the majority of us don't do. Instead of developing a real strategy to upgrade and optimize our lives, too many of us just slog through life in a state of "managed dissatisfaction."

But it's never too late to envision an entirely different future—or to actively upgrade your life. It's not about finding more time, money, or resources. Anyone can do it.

This smart and entertaining guide delves deep into each principle, giving you the insights, tools, and inspiration to take your life from ordinary to extraordinary.

#### Praise for Upgrade

"Why ride in coach, when you can upgrade? A must-read for a better journey through life." **Don Tapscott, bestselling author,** *Wikinomics* **and** *Grown Up Digital* 

"Upgrade is an a-ha book that will change how you look at life's challenges and give you tools to upgrade your life."

Touré, cohost of MSNBC's The Cycle

"Read *Upgrade* for its stories, examples, and strategies and get ready to live the life you always wanted." **Frank Toskan, founder, M.A.C. Cosmetics** 

"Creative and innovative strategies to upgrade your work and life, with seven simple principles."

#### Tony Hsieh, CEO, Zappos.com, Inc., and New York Times bestselling author of Delivering Happiness

"Rana's perspective on business and life is a fresh new take, breaking the traditional corporate mold. *Upgrade* is a must-read for anyone not buying into the conventional wisdom."

Ali Velshi, CNN Chief Business Correspondent; anchor, CNN-I World Business Today; and host, CNN Your Money

"Upgrade welcomes you to take a fresh approach to everything you do to get the most out of work and life." **Nelly Furtado, Grammy Award–winning musician** 

"If I'm going to listen to anyone's good advice about how to improve my approach to work and life, it's Rana's."

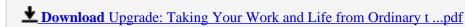
Kate Betts, contributing editor, TIME, and columnist, The Daily Beast

"Rana's voice is refreshing--as real as a memoir and a great vessel for this self-help and business book wrapped up in one easily-digestible package."

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