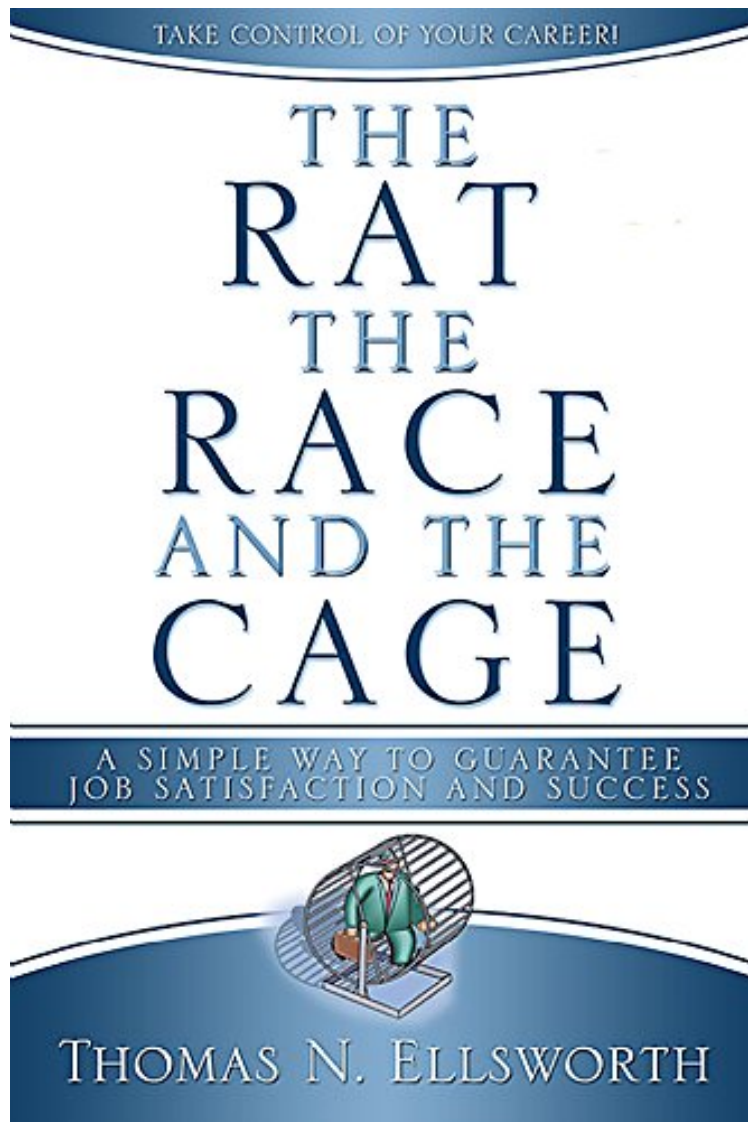


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recently switched jobs and agonized over all the decisions that come with leaving a job you like for the unknown, this book resonated particularly well with me. While there are no shortage of career guidebooks available in the market, there are none that offer such a quantitative, rigorous approach to determining not only what industry you are best suited for, but also the specific functions and bosses you will respond best to. Using a method that can best be described as Socratic--complete with a litany of questions that force introspection--the author does a fine job of helping the reader unpack what, exactly, will satisfy them in the workplace, and how to get there. The writing is strong, and the book is (very thankfully) concise and to the point. It could have benefited from a few more real-world examples to help illustrate successful career changes, but it's clear that the author chose an approach that enabled him to speak to a broader audience. And, for all intents and purposes, the style does the substance a lot of justice. Well worth the read if you are considering switching jobs anytime soon.

Are you tired of running the proverbial rat race? Do you feel caged in with your current position, trapped in an industry you've become comfortable with but bored? Are you ready to chuck your present job...but you're not sure whether a change would be better or worse? Is there a way to ensure that a particular career path is the right one for you? In easy-to-understand terms, *The Rat, the Race, and the Cage* offers a way to analyze your job situation and build a personal career compass with which to chart the best course for your future. It presents a simple model for understanding and organizing three components of your job: your function, the industry in which you work, and the company for whom you work. Analyzing these three areas will help you define your individual goals and thus point you toward a more enjoyable and fulfilling career. *The Rat, the Race, and the Cage* is about finding direction, whether you're a college grad or caught in a mid-career rut. What you do for a living can be more than just a way to pay the bills. You can find fulfillment and personal satisfaction in your work by following the method described in this book.

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