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Sommario/riassunto	What do you want your life to be like when you're 25? 35? 55? Do you want a job that will feed you and your family or do you want a career that will be an integral part of your life--a career that will feed your passions, enable the lifestyle you choose, and be a continual source of engagement and pride? But do you really have the luxury of even considering your dream job in an era in which more than 40 percent of college graduates can't even get jobs that require college degrees, much less jobs in their field? Or can you even afford to go to college at all? Not only should you think about your dream job--you owe it to yourself to do so. First, if done properly, the very process of deciding

upon and preparing for your dream job can dramatically improve your employability, expand your employment options, and increase the value you can provide your employer or your clients. Better yet, you can apply this same process through your entire career, as your interests and life goals continually evolve. Preparing for your dream job, however, requires much more than dreaming about the type of job that will make you happy. It also requires an objective evaluation of your strengths and limitations, a careful evaluation of the type of post-high school education that is best suited to you, and your specific career objectives and proactive management of your education to ensure that you develop the skills and personality traits you will need not just for your first job, but for your future careers and your life. And speaking of jobs, it requires a full understanding of the employment prospects and requirements for jobs in your field and intense focus on developing the skills that will be required to give you an advantage in getting that job. It also needs a contingency plan, including selection of and preparation for a safety career. A lot of work? Sure it is. And if all you want is a job--any job--you don't have to worry about it. But if you want a career (or multiple careers) that will engage your passions and put you in control of your life, you need a plan. And you need one now.
