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Nota di contenuto	Post-PhD Possibilities: Discovering academic-adjacent and skill-transfer career paths -- I love that something I design can become a real product that could be used to find new treatments or new biomarkers -- I'm not a researcher anymore, I'll be a scientist forever -- Make a prioritised 'life list' of all the things you desire from life – independent of any single job or career -- It was really inspiring to find companies carrying out really impressive missions -- I can see team members grow and can help them reach the next step in their career -- Being good at question-asking is a transferable skill” -- Ask yourself– does this role fulfill the aspects I enjoy in my current career path? -- It's healthy to evaluate your situation and it might lead to staying where you are or finding new challenges -- My work-life balance has clearly separated boundaries -- The process of doing a PhD isn't about the outcome of the research or getting the qualification - it's about developing yourself -- I love helping people communicate their ideas

and maximize the impact of their work -- Working in academia was great but I missed the work-life balance -- A PhD is a substantial training opportunity, not just a sprint to the finish -- My PhD shaped the way I think and solve problems -- Leaving academia doesn't permanently close doors -- Looking back now, I wish I'd been more honest with myself at the time and looked at alternative careers -- At NIH, there are many tasks and operations that need to be done or grants would not be reviewed and funded -- I am more passionate about supporting researchers than with any research I did during my PhD -- Look for internship or placement roles in areas that support research -- The idea of a more immediate impact of my work was very appealing -- Find something that is worthwhile to you -- The title of Dr holds significant weight when you enter the world of industry -- Being near family and friends felt more important to me than continuing to pursue an academic career -- In academia, recruiters care about what you've done, outside they care about what you would be able to do next -- Having a PhD doesn't mean you'll impress people with your education, it means you have to impress them with how you apply it -- People are more often willing to connect and have a conversation than you might think -- Your PhD could serve as the most potent intellectual exercise, fuelling your entire career's journey -- I enjoy reading books before they are published and getting them polished for publication -- One of the big values of a PhD to an industry role is the proven ability to tackle a substantial project largely independently -- I like thinking about the best way to word something so that it is clear and concise -- Having a broad set of responsibilities is energizing because I hardly ever get bored.

Sommario/riassunto

A common question posed to PhD students from friends and family is, "What will you do after?" But many students are too focused on the PhD itself and have not yet had a chance to sufficiently think about post-PhD life. This book is a collection of 31 interviews with those who have completed a PhD and are now in a non-academic role. Interviewees provide background into their PhD topic and discuss how they transitioned to their current position, including what additional training was necessary and how their PhD training has helped them succeed. In these interviews, two broad non-academic career paths are explored: academic-adjacent careers use research expertise through industry, policy, and publishing; and skill-transfer careers, applying transferable abilities like critical thinking. Recognising a PhD need not lead to a faculty career opens possibilities to leverage doctoral skills in impactful new contexts.
