

Ambition: Steps to boost up your ambition,
climb up the dream ladder and be successful

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Best Wishes

It's been a long journey till here.
Thank you for being a part of it.

Best Wishes

I would like to wish you the best for your journey ahead and I hope that I've succeeded a bit in my quest to help you find some of the missing parts of your life's puzzle. But remember that I can only help you in finding them, but it is you who has to put them together.

I would even like to apologize again for any kind of error I made in this book. It was your dedication and patience that kept you with the book till the end.

I don't know how to write the concluding lines but I would say only one thing:

The ending of something good is the beginning of something better ahead.

Final words.

Introduction

One evening, a sudden realization of being lost in life hit me and I found myself standing in front of my old friend- one who is the wise one to guide me, support me and even sympathize with me during bad times. The look on my face made clear that I was looking for an answer again but the urge to find out was more than ever. I simply started blabbering whatever came in my mind in front of him- I'm finding myself unable to figure out what to do? I need help overcoming certain facts and I'm clueless about where to go in life? Okay, now let me pause my story here for a bit and ask you- do you get questions like this popping in your head? Do you find yourself searching for answers like an oasis in the vast desert but no one to guide? If yes, then let's continue.

I was about to give up on myself and my depressing thoughts when I finally got an answer, but it was more of a question, to myself- Am I ambitious enough? Am I willing to go through what majority won't even consider doing? And do I know how will I head in front if I knew all this? I was now with two sets of questions, but somehow one thing I knew for sure that there was some part of me that always craved for being at the top, somewhere I wanted that feeling of being "successful" and I even knew doing what sparked that little fireball in my belly. And then I got a reply that changed my ways of approaching problems and being lost in my own chaos forever. It said, "all you need to take is the first step. Just do it no matter what the outcome may arise." And..

Not here folks. Let's pause my journey again and talk about YOU. If you go through the same sets of questions, confusions, and chaos in your mind, then welcome aboard. These few pages of the written manual are for you. And from my experience, it was not at all easy to find the answers. But it was my friend who helped me a lot. But hey! I didn't introduce him to you. He's quite shy and has a beautiful name: MIRROR. He has been in my life since forever and I've always looked up at him for

all the answers. Growing up as the only child of my parents, I had no sibling support kinda to guide me through my inner turmoil. I could turn up to my parents but it's more relatable when advice comes from someone of your age group and being an introvert, I didn't want to open up. I still remember the first time I wept in front of it, saw a small child weakened by his thoughts and dreams. But the tears washed away the sorrows and made my view more clear. I knew I was down and no one will come to pick me. I'll have to be my everything at the end because it's MY journey. My friend gave me the biggest lesson that day. He always shows me the answer I keep searching for and never denies to back me up whenever I'm down. Remember that everything in this world starts and ends with YOU. No matter what you do or where you want to go, people will come along and leave, things will change but you are always going to be with yourself no matter what. And I've covered a full section talking about this.

The arrangement of certain steps of success along with life stories in my narrative voice is what you're going to mine in this book.

If you had a miserable past, then don't worry because the future can be better than the present and you have the power to do so.

Anonymous

What does this book contain?

The book will provide you some insight about your situation and may show you the answers you keep searching for. The steps given in this book will totally guide you through the milestones that you'll have to encounter at some point in your journey. The steps are even accompanied by wise sayings of some of the most successful souls on the earth. Real life case studies are also included as a *compliment* for you to ponder over and grab something of value.

But let me tell you that if you're here for some flattery talk about a beautiful millionaire fairyland and flashy deals about doing no work and earning money and stuff, then please do not go further. You've taken a wrong turn and I would advise you to take a U-Turn ASAP. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

I did learn a lot from my journey and a thought clicked my mind - many others like me must have faced or may be facing the same questions right now. What can I do to help them to some extent at least so I wrote this small piece of content for you. I took advice from my mentors and interviewed some real-life heroes and followed their suggestions while writing this book. If you find anything awesome, that is because of them. And if you find something ridiculous, it is because I made a mistake or didn't follow their suggestions. And I chose the title as AMBITION because it is the one thing or say the one quality that kept me going when other things faded and it may guide your lamps as well.

So if you're ready, then let's jump in now! **TOGETHER.**

Ambition: Your path to.....!

ambition

/ am'biʃ(ə)n/

Noun

a strong desire to do or achieve something.

Confused why did I leave a blank there? Okay, let me tell you what this is all about.

I've come across a lot of people and whenever I indulged into a conversation with anyone about ambition and dreams, I found that every single individual had his own meaning added to the word and a different story behind following it. But one thing that was common in all of these conversations was the fact that people were keener and interested in telling why they wanted something and the how part came much later. All of this made me conclude one thing: ***It's the story of any individual that fuels him up for the journey ahead while keeping his eyes on the prize.***

No matter how different people are, it's the same fuel that ignites one to do things on his journey to make his story a better one.

But what exactly is all the fuss about? The blank above is to fill out your own meaning of ambition in there. A thing that you strongly desire to act upon or an achievement you would like to cherish. It could be anything that brings a smile to your face, glitters your eyes and makes your heart skip a beat. ***A PRIZE that would make the Clark Kent within you to be the Superman of his own story.***

Ambition is that ignitable energy within you waiting to be touched upon and utilized. I have always experienced ambition as a fuel. All I have to do is gently

touch upon it and a Ferrari of passion, desire, drive and conviction within me are ready to go at full speed. Ambition is the strong desire to be, have, do and experience something greater in your life. I believe it to be the most important tool for achieving success, as it overrides both talent and resources. Ambition can lead anyone to triumph, regardless of what is put in front of them. Having a dream, coupled with the will, courage and ambition to be on top of the world will get you further in life than you can imagine.

Ambition is a lust that is never quenched, but grows more inflamed and madder by enjoyment.

Thomas Otway

An ambitious attitude can lead anyone to triumph and satisfaction, regardless of what is put in front of them. To have the will, the dream and the courage to be on top of the world will get you a lot farther in life than any skill you can possibly possess.

Having talent means nothing if you have no ambition behind it to work your ass off at any given point of the day. Do you know how many people are out there and are wastes of ability and potential?

A lot more than the ones that have talent and are actually successful. The majority of the people that have attained elite status and rewards were underdogs that had the ambition to prove the world wrong rather than prove it right and simply be a nobody. Those that are fuelled by ambition to work hard and make the sacrifices necessary to have the lives they dreamed of will almost always come out on top. They love the determined, passionate person they are striving to become and the feeling their work gives them, so they find no reason to quit or not believe in themselves. Ambition separates the man on the subway from the man flying in a private jet. Humanity would not have thrived as a civilization had it not been for our natural ambition to

survive in triumphant fashion. Ambition is what gives us a purpose in life and allows us to fight for what we believe in.

My ambition far exceeds my talents!

Johnny Depp

Now talking about qualities, self-esteem plays an important role in this aspect. Research shows that people with high self-esteem are more ambitious than people who have low-self esteem. The more self-esteem you have, the more ambitious you are because you think you can do things. Whether or not you have the specific talents to achieve those things matters less than your idea that you believe you can achieve them.

If we hear so many people talking about ambition and dreams, why only a few get the PRIZE they are willing to attain through their journey? The reason is Fear.

There are so many things people would love to do, but they're almost too embarrassed to try to do them. There is a false belief that in order to achieve great things, you have to trample other people along the way There is also a fear among people that if they try to do something, they will fail or will be viewed by others in a bad light. There are too many people who say 'I don't think I'll bother' when it comes to fulfilling their ambitions. It's like a novelist who writes books and then puts the manuscript in a drawer because they are scared that the publishers will reject it. If it's not even sent, it'll never be published. My advice to aspiring leaders is to research thoroughly where you want to be. The best leaders in the world don't know it all; they give the illusion of brilliance – and at some stage in their careers they just went for it.

Society looks at heavy ambition as a bad thing because most mistake this characteristic for greed or an addiction to power, but this is not the case at all. It is just the desire to escape mediocrity. The reason why people hate greed and power is that they are too afraid to see where their own ambition can take them.

Ambition is like a bridge: it fills the gap between where you are and where you want to be. But walking on the bridge takes the desire to walk, to take the first step, to fight our way through the obstacles we may face, enjoying the present journey and to cherish the joy of reaching the other end and we will be going through all that in the later parts of the book. “Now” is the only time you have that is directly under your own authority. Give your ambition to what is in front of you. Do not waste time worrying about what has already been done. Utilize every minute of this current moment to maximize your potential and your success. The past is the past, you must choose to learn from it and apply that learning to the current moment, so as to avoid repeating the same mistakes. Your future depends upon what you are putting into action right now.

But in the end, it is on us to make the choice to take a step towards making our story a good one to tell about.

It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.

J.K.Rowling

RECOMMENDED BOOKS TO GO THROUGH ON THIS TOPIC:

- [Deep work](#), by Cal Newport.
- [The Defining Decade: Why Your Twenties Matter - and How to Make the Most of them Now](#), by Meg Jay
- [The Power of Meaning: Creating a life that matters](#) by Emily Smith
- [Scratch: Writers, money and the art of making a living](#) by Manjula Martin.

Part I:
Battlefield

Action steps to climb up the Ladder

Where's the battle and who's the enemy?

knowledgeable

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intelligent and well informed.

Now, what do I mean here by being knowledgeable about your prize? Many of us think that we know what we want in life or what are we supposed to do to achieve the things we are going after. But we fail to realize that many of our beliefs about our so-called story are not ours. It may be what we are hearing from our childhood, maybe what our friends are believing and we got in as well etc. So do we really know about our true story that we want to walk through or are we just trying to match our footsteps with someone else in their fable considering it ours? Many of us feel like we are stuck on a path we can't change. Maybe it's the time already invested or fear that making a change could actually be a worse mistake. But the majority of successful homo sapiens make a leap into the uncharted territory of one's own pool of thoughts and find the lighthouse they always wanted to. So what is that lighthouse that we need to find? It's commonly known as PASSION. What I mean by passion is the powerful feeling of enthusiasm we all have inside of us. We are all enthusiastic and passionate about something, whether its finance, food or a favorite sport. That enthusiasm is very powerful. When we can combine it with our work, we are setting ourselves up well for achieving true success. When we are enthusiastic and proud of the work we do, the better equipped we'll be to overcome the many obstacles that will surely arise in the process of starting a business or moving up in a career. Also, the more enthusiasm we have, the more inclined we are to work harder at improving ourselves. This will allow us to continuously get better at the work we do. The better we get at our work, the better we can get paid for doing it. The passion we have for our work can be the difference between making a living or making a killing.

I cannot continue talking about passion without mentioning Steve Jobs. One of the most

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