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and say "Well, I'm good at x, y, and z, and p and q are growth fields, so therefore I should be a ..." You may (as I did) end up in a job you do moderately well, but hate! You'll do far better to start by asking yourself, "What do I value the most?" and "What do I most enjoy doing?" -- and then ask yourself "How can I make this into a job?" Books like this always remind me of the scene in "The Graduate" where a helpful elder takes Dustin Hoffman aside and tells him he has one word of advice for him: "Plastics!!" Barbara Sher's books are a great antidote. 7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. 100 Best Careers For The 21st Century-2nd Edition By Grace Lynne This is a great book! It has real jobs for real people. I recommend it if you're looking for a new career. I even went to the author's web site listed in the book and e-mailed a question and she answered right away. Get this book. 6 of 10 people found the following review helpful. I agree with the reader from Santa Fe By A Customer I definitely agree with the reader from Santa Fe. The idea that there's a preset template, or that there's a way to find a perfect fit for a job just by looking at yourself is pretty naive. I'd recommend looking within a certain industry and making a decision on a company by company basis. VaultReports, for example, is a good resource for doing that kind of thing because they publish books that don't tell you what to do, but what working in a specific place will be like. I'd also recommend any book that will give firm- or industry-specific info, without telling you what's best or worst.

The popular job-seeker's reference returns in a new edition, analyzing labor and economic trend, reviewing essential job skills, and providing one hundred detailed job evaluations. Original.

.com It's the great contemporary struggle--finding work that satisfies the soul and fills the purse. In the old days, you'd have mended shoes, tempered iron, or tilled the fields, and if there was food on the table and your children were healthy, you'd count yourself a success. But those times are long past. Now there's the pernicious concept of job satisfaction to deal with, plus requisite baubles like 27-inch televisions, Pentium-chip computers, and name-brand sneakers to purchase, and so the pressure mounts. If you're vying with notions like downsizing and job marketability, it's worth looking at the jobs of the future. Shelly Field lists 100 careers, from geriatric social worker and travel agent to CAD specialist and pet sitter. For each, she provides a job description, earning range, recommended education and training, and necessary skills, personality traits, experience, and qualifications. She then spends a couple pages discussing just what the job is like, what the employment opportunities are, and what the future holds for that position. Where do you apply if you're fresh out of college and mom's saying, "Get a job?" With a mortgage to pay off, do you stay in the old job you hate or make a change? Shelly Field's guide to careers of the 21st century doesn't answer these questions directly, it doesn't replace old-fashioned soul-searching and creative initiative, nor does it tell you what to do if you've got the soul of a poet with champagne tastes, but it's a great, practical place to start the process of matching you (your interests and skills) with reality (the job market). --Stephanie Gold