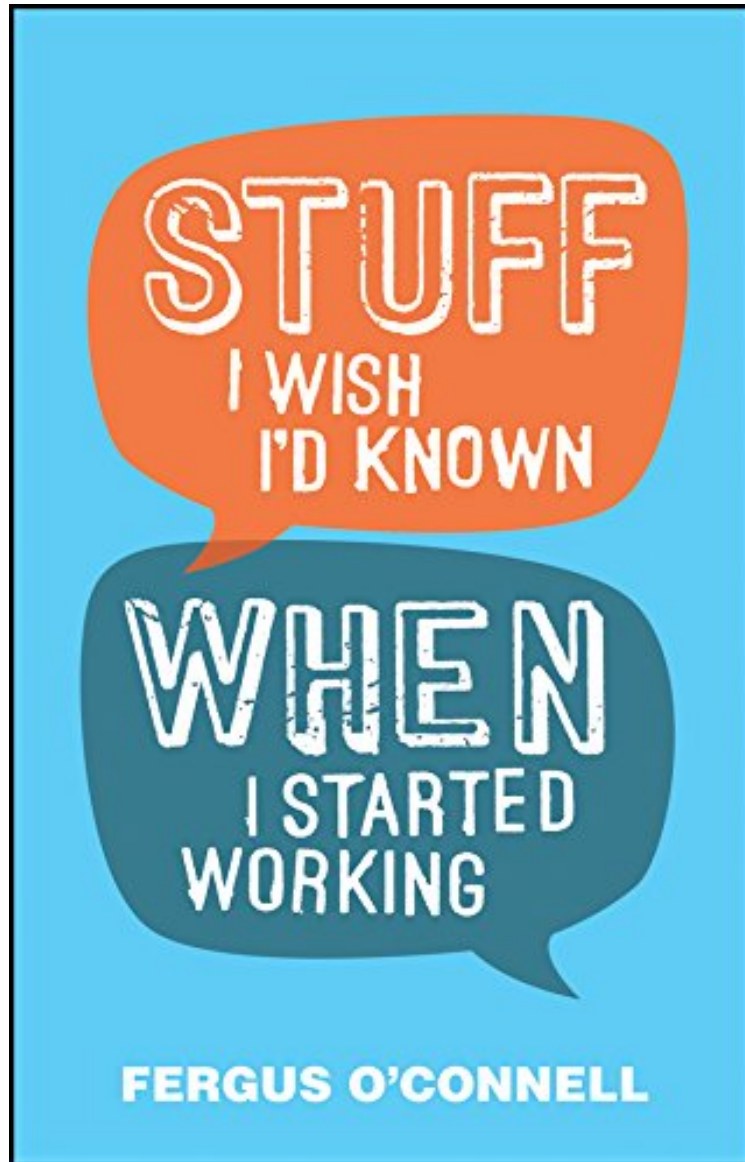


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personal development book. The title describes what the book is trying to do- to help younger people get the knowledge they need to navigate the world of work successfully- hopefully without repeating too many of the previous generation's mistakes. I think its spirit matches that of the French observation, "si jeunesse savoit, si vieillesse pouvoit." This book is written straight into that gap. There's a part of me reminded of the Philosopher in The Message of Ecclesiastes: A Time to Mourn and a Time to Dance (The Bible Speaks Today) and his observation, "No one remembers the former generations, and even those yet to come will not be remembered by those who follow them." Perhaps the new generations of workers have to make their own mistakes? This book is aimed at those entering the world of work for the first time. I suspect this transition- from education to the workplace is one of the more sharp transitions we make in our lives. This book will help with that transition- if the new workers are ready to take its help. It should save some of the worst comments of older workers such as "clever he may be: smart he ain't." It should also save some young workers the indignity of being sent to stores for a "a long stand (in the corner)" There's a lot of good sense in this book, and a lot of good ideas- which will benefit experienced old hands as much as new starters. In particular his idea of try stop doing some things and see if they are missed has entertaining possibilities. The book is written as series of short punchy topic based chapters- with some very good quotes that frame each chapter. There's a very clear emphasis on productivity from focused work, as opposed to the laborious inefficiency that passes itself off as work in all too many organisations. Is a Dilbert style workplace a joke or a way of life? (e.g. Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook) I can recommend this book to those moving into the world of work for the first time. It will help you avoid a few mistakes, and have a lot more idea of what is going on around you. I can also recommend it to experienced workers- its ideas and questions will make you think about what sort of rut you've got yourself into and what you want to do to improve it.

Don't learn the hard way; get work advice from some of the world's most successful people, all in one place! Work is a tricky business; the politics, the workload, the career ladder. It can take years and years of battling away and learning through mistakes to fully get to grips with the dos and don'ts. What if you could fast track that process? Cut out all those years of learning the hard way and working it out for yourself? Enter *Stuff I Wish I'd Known When I Started Working*, the unique guide to making work work! Fergus O'Connell has had a wonderfully varied career spanning three decades, and in this book, he will teach you the things it takes others years to figure out. You'll also find nuggets of wisdom and invaluable career advice from some of the world's most successful people; people like Oprah Winfrey, J.K. Rowling, Steve Jobs, Richard Branson and Jeff Bezos. Whether you're new to the workforce, changing roles, or just stuck in a professional rut, this book shows you what you need to know to get ahead. By learning from the common mistakes of others, you can avoid making those mistakes yourself; and possibly skip a few rungs on the corporate ladder. Quickly learn what others have taken years to work out. Get nuggets of work wisdom from some of the world's most successful people. Learn how to get more done in less time, and stimulate your creativity. Aim high, and get where you're going faster. You'll spend the majority of your waking hours at work for the majority of your life. Make it time well spent. Learn how to be more effective, more accountable, more visible, and less afraid. If you want a seat on the bullet train to success, *Stuff I Wish I'd Known When I Started Working* provides the tips and tools you need. Buckle up.

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