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Niki says

Chris is one guy whose work I always come back to. I had this ebook on file for a few months before deciding to read it. I'm glad I did. It's not filled with hundreds of pages on theoretical high brow stuff. It's very focused succinct, and is gentle in its authoritative voice.

Víctor says

Probably one of the greatest and most inspiring ebook ever written on blogging and entrepreneurship. And it's free. A must read for basically anyone.

Tomi Smoto says

I've done just few semi popular blog posts, but I find this piece a very good place to start, if you're considering to make any serious endeavor in online writing. A good guidebook with honest advices, though it might be little bit outdated. But hey, it's totally free!

Michael Powell says

I great book first of all because it's free, and second of all because it's helpful. This book lives up to it's title it tells what Chris did to seemingly become an overnight success. Like most other "over night successes" he work really hard for more than one night, 279 to be exact.

What's cool about the book is that it tells his journey, what he did exactly. What's lacking is the application to the reader, but you can find that in another of his books \$100 Start-Up. I recommend this book to anyone who needs a shot in the arm to pour the gasoline of effort onto the logs of creativity.

Brianna Soloski says

I am something of a non-conformist. I am a creative thinker. I think outside the box. I'm not afraid to do things a little differently from the norm. There isn't much I'm scared of. Anyway, I first heard about The Art of Nonconformity by Chris Guillebeau from Elise a year ago. I needed something to get free shipping on Amazon, so I grabbed a copy. It's been sitting on the shelf ever since. More recently, I downloaded 279 Days To Overnight Success. I'm so glad I did.

The report details how to become a successful blogger in less than a year. Mr. Guillebeau did things unconventionally. He doesn't have any advertising on his site. Instead, he has created documents that detail

how he survives as an entrepreneur. Before launching his site, he spent a lot of time researching what other people in the blogging world were doing. He spent four years in Africa volunteering. He made a goal to visit every country in the world. He isn't afraid to try new things and see what happens.

The biggest thing I got out of reading this report was perseverance. It's not going to happen overnight. I have to work as hard as I can, every single day, in order to be successful. I'm already thinking about my goals for 2012. I'll be setting up a blog schedule and sticking to it. I'll be writing daily – there are short stories to write and novels to write. I'll be reading daily. I'm going to examine more closely the blogs I read to see what they're doing. My mind is spinning with things I can do to make some money at what I love.

One other thing I really liked is that he doesn't push ad sales. Having advertising on your blog isn't always the best way to go. I don't have crafty things to sell, so connecting with that market isn't going to do me much good. I am a writer and connecting with that market is huge. It should be my focus. I might need to do that by offering an editing service, like Roxanne does. I might need to do that by sending other bloggers one of my short stories to read and review for their blog.

I read a lot of blogs, in a lot of niches. And every single one of those bloggers has dozens of loyal followers. I want to people to come to my blog and stay. I need to give them a reason to stay. Figuring out the reason why has been the hardest thing. I often feel like my blog is all over the place. That's one thing I want to get away from in the coming year – I want to find a few set things to blog about and do them on a weekly basis.

Another thing I want to do is find people who want to guest blog for me. I'd also like to find guest blogging opportunities for myself, in an effort to get my name out there. There's a whole world of writers and readers I'm missing out on. Sure, I leave comments on a lot of blogs, but it's not as in your face as having a guest post on someone's blog. I don't want to shove anything down anyone's throat, because it's annoying and I hate when people make me feel like I have to do things their way or not at all. But I do have a lot to offer and I need to work on marketing myself so that people will take advantage of what I have to offer.

Following Mr. Guillebeau is one way to do that. He has a lot of great ideas and I agree with his way of thinking. If I can learn from him, then I'm all the smarter for it.

Jeru says

This report is highly recommended to those who'd like to dive and enter the world of blogging. i like the way that he explained that you'll have to work hard and he never failed to demonstrate and tell you how he reached the current status that he's in. For most part, I think what helped the most for him was being featured in major publications. As a blogger, he missed to mention things that are critical when setting up a blog and because of that, I would recommend reading posts by Darren Rowse first to get some helpful tips. Blogging is also a very crowded place so to get a decent following could take more than 1 year for most people. But not entirely impossible.

Colleen Wainwright says

Delighted to see this on Goodreads, even though it was released as a free PDF "manifesto" on the interwebs.

(Let's blur those lines, people!) This is a generous detailing of how Chris Guillebeau got here (a viable online business built on quality information served up in a non-exploitive fashion) from there (Internet obscurity, or "zero"). I've marveled over Chris's rise—not because he doesn't deserve it (he absolutely does) or didn't work hard for it (he absolutely did), but because he did it with breathtaking speed and grace. And all while running marathons and visiting every damn country in the world and consistently being of service to people. A wonderful summary, very informative and well-written, generously laced with actual facts and figures. AND FREE.

awesomatik.de says

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David says

Easy read, some good pointers.

Jami says

This book is a good realistic overview of one approach to online business success... and Chris has been and continues to be successful in ways that money cannot buy. He's as understatedly impressive in person as any of his books will lead you to believe.

Dixie says

I'm so glad I read this with a highlighter close at hand, because it was absolutely full of useful information I wanted to mark and remember. It's still sitting by my computer as a reference. Really excellent.

Danielius (Debesyla) says

Rekomenduo?iau visiems blogeriams, rašytojams ir freelance k?r?jams. Nors vietomis Chris kalba gana abstrak?iai, kitur jo patarimai naudingi. (Ir taip, išbandžiau jau.)

Vienintelis tr?kumas, tiesa, tai, kad ši knyga tokia trumpa. Nors gal tai ir privalumu galima b?t? pavadinti, jei niekada neturi laiko skaitymui...;-)

Lawrence Elliott says

A very informative look at some of the tips and tricks Chris Guillebeau used to obtain his remarkable success. Reading from the slant of wanting to be a novelist, a fair amount of his path is going to be hard for me to emulate. Nevertheless, I still found a few good nuggets that will help me in my own journey which makes the quick read completely worthwhile. A highly recommend for anyone curious about his "explosive" success and something to remember as a source of inspiration.

Agoes says

Sesuai judulnya, buku ini menceritakan bagaimana penulis berhasil menghidupi dirinya dengan menjadi penulis dalam waktu 279 hari. Sebagai bahan bacaan sih lumayan menarik, bukunya juga tipis sekali jadi akan selesai dalam waktu kurang dari setengah jam. Tips yang diberikan dikaitkan dengan keberhasilan/kegagalan sang penulis, sehingga mungkin tidak bisa diterapkan dalam kasus lain.

Martin Linkov says

Starts promising