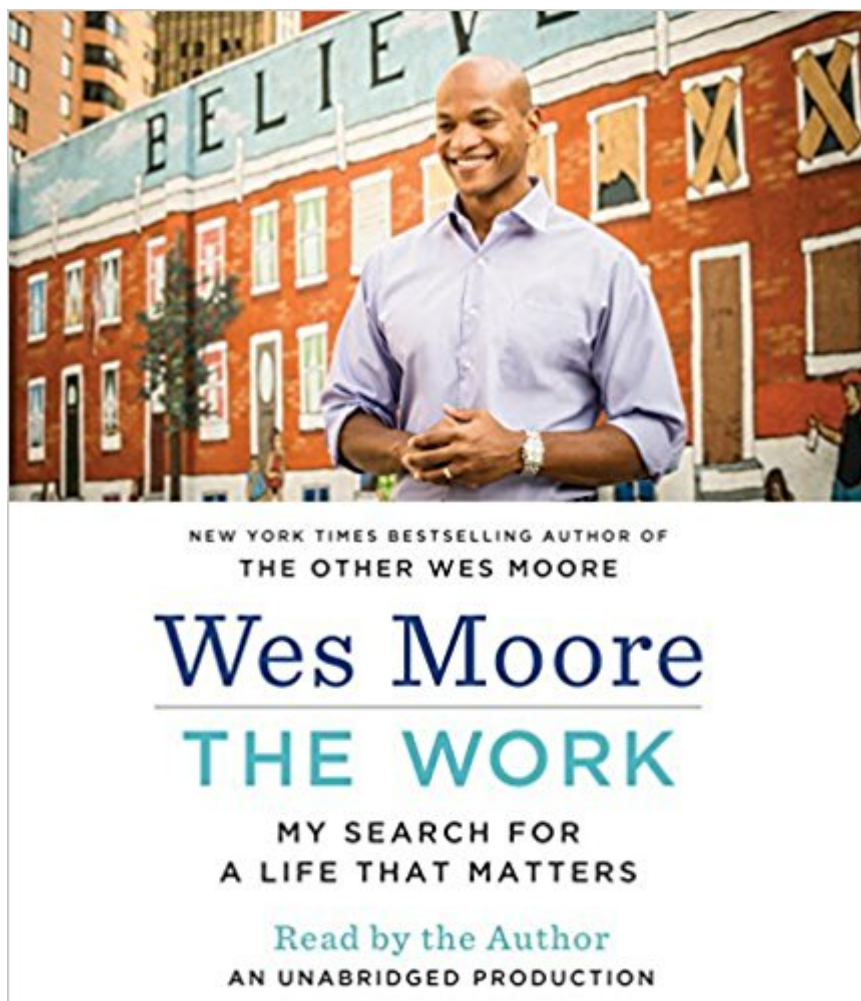


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# The Work: My Search For A Life That Matters



## Synopsis

The acclaimed author of *The Other Wes Moore* continues his inspirational quest for a meaningful life and shares the powerful lessons about self-discovery, service, and risk-taking that led him to a new definition of success for our times. *The Work* is the story of how one young man traced a path through the world to find his life's purpose. Wes Moore graduated from a difficult childhood in the Bronx and Baltimore to an adult life that would find him at some of the most critical moments in our recent history: as a combat officer in Afghanistan; a White House fellow in a time of wars abroad and disasters at home; and a Wall Street banker during the financial crisis. In this insightful book, Moore shares the lessons he learned from people he met along the way from the brave Afghan translator who taught him to find his fight, to the resilient young students in Katrina-ravaged Mississippi who showed him the true meaning of grit, to his late grandfather, who taught him to find grace in service. Moore also tells the stories of other twenty-first-century change-makers who've inspired him in his search, from Daniel Lubetzky, the founder of KIND, to Esther Benjamin, a Sri Lankan immigrant who rose to help lead the Peace Corps. What their lives and his own misadventures and moments of illumination reveal is that our truest work happens when we serve others, at the intersection between our gifts and our broken world. That's where we find the work that lasts. An intimate narrative about finding meaning in a volatile age, *The Work* will inspire readers to see how we can each find our own path to purpose and help create a better world. Praise for *The Work*

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—Chelsea Clinton

“Wes Moore proves once again that he is one of the most effective storytellers and leaders of his generation. His gripping personal story, set against the dramatic events of the past decade, goes straight to the heart of an ancient question that is as relevant as ever: not just how to live a good life, but how to make that life matter. Above all, this book teaches us how to make our journey about more than mere surviving or even succeeding; it teaches us how to truly come alive.”

—Arianna Huffington, author of *Thrive*

“How we define success for ourselves is one of life's essential questions. Wes Moore shows us the way by sharing his incredible journey and the inspiring stories of others who make the world a better place through the choices they've made about how they want to live. We come away from this important book with a new understanding of what it truly

means to succeed in life. **•Suze Orman** “An intriguing follow-up to his bestselling *The Other Wes Moore* . . . Moore makes a convincing case that work has the most value if it’s built on a foundation of service, selflessness, courage, and risk-taking. **•Publishers Weekly** “A beautifully philosophical look at the expectation that work should bring meaning to our lives. **•Booklist** “The Work will resonate with people seeking their own purpose. **•BookPage** From the Hardcover edition.

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• General Stanley McChrystal, former commander of U.S. and international forces in Afghanistan "As a Rhodes scholar who fought in Afghanistan and later became a social entrepreneur, Wes Moore is a shining light of his generation and one who captivates audiences. But he's also humble, inquisitive, and constantly searching, which makes his story accessible, relevant, and illuminating to all of us. The Work will inspire everyone who seeks greater meaning and impact in their life."

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What a great inspirational book! We ordered this as a required text book for my daughter, a college freshman. When it arrived I flipped through it and read a few pages, then found myself reading the whole book that afternoon. His message is perfect for everyone, but a brilliantly ant message for new college students. What smart professors making this one required reading! My daughter was thrilled to also gave the opportunity to meet Mr. Moore at a special workshop and also hear him speak at the Convocation at Montana State University. I believe he is blessing so many young people with his inspirational message of hope, and finding one's true calling.

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purpose is a luxury some of us don't have. Everyday we go to work unfulfilled, but the author has a simple message. Our life is defined by what we make of it. Overall entertainment is five stars. I really enjoyed this look into his life, and the view of his time in Afghanistan.

I am a huge fan, and I find this book to be a nice update of the story I read several years ago. It provides depth to the man I've seen on MSNBC, OWN, PBS and lots of places in between. I like the counter point of other stories to balance his POV. All of the people in this book could succeed on the simplest of terms, but they chose 'the road less traveled', as Robert Frost put it, and it has 'made all the difference.' Moore practices what he preaches -- he's smart, he's connected, he believes in mentorship and is living a life that matters.

Ordered this book for my sons summer reading book requirement. He has commented that he likes the story so far but he wouldn't have bought it if he wasn't part of his reading program but that's a teenager for you. He did like the book though.

I would definitely recommend this book for those searching for their way to connect to the society of people. It doesn't give you the answer just a sign post to know if you're traveling the right path for you. Wes Moore is an impressive person but you can see in his book, "The Other Wes Moore" that it was his families determination not to let him take the wrong path as a youth that contributes strongly to the admirable man his is today. Both books are a good read!

I am astounded and humbled by what this young man has done...and still has to do. Many things I suspected about government/policy/big business has been 'verified', but the potential for change those institutions offer has also been reaffirmed. Thank you for sharing your story.

This book is fantastic. I love it.

I loved what Wes shared about his passion of going above what his job description may have entailed. Live life with the purpose of doing good for others in whatever you decide as your career. Only then, will you be truly fulfilled by the what you accomplish by who and how you helped make the world just a little better.

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