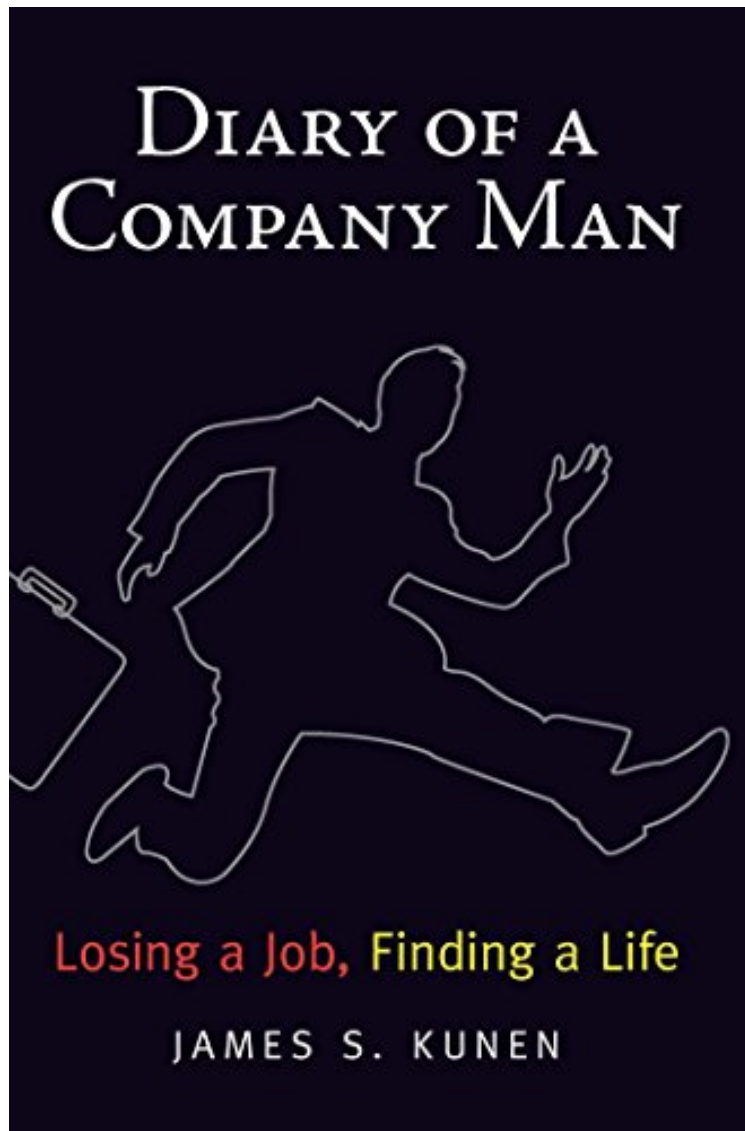


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. "Too Young to Retire, too Old to Hire." What Next?By Charles BookmanHow dpo you regain your footing after you have been thrown off the gravy train.? James Kunen knew that being a corporate communications flack for the head honchos at Time Inc. was a tenuous and shallow path to fulfillment. He hadnrsquo;t expected to be tossed on the sidewalk two months shy of being eligible for retirement and health insurance. To his credit, once it happened, he knew there was no going back. He followed his interests and built

a new career teaching English to immigrants. He found he was good at the work, and it filled his need to "Make a difference." "Diary" does an especially good and clever job of describing the vacuousness of his corporate career and colleagues, the wrenching nature of hitting the sidewalk (figuratively and literally) at 60, and finding fulfillment in a new career, even if the work carried neither cash nor cache. Kunen marvels at the diverse and varied backgrounds and experiences of his students, who span the globe from Latin America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. Some are economic refugees, others political, still others just are seeking, always seeking. He captures their voices and tells their stories well. Kunen's memoir reminds us that we all hail from immigrant stock. All of our families have been strangers in a strange land. What distinguishes his students from his—and our—experience is that the immigrants look down the road to the next generation. Today's immigrants are here to build long-term opportunities for their families. Opportunity still knocks here in the United States (but for how much longer?).

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Breezy Book That Informs By Ken Lizotte CMC, author of *The Speaker's Edge* (Maven House) and *The Expert's Edge* (McGraw-Hill) As one who spent many years coaching and guiding "career explorers" and job hunters, I picked up Jim Kunen's latest book with great interest, curious to see how his career experiences reflected those of my clients in the 80s and 90s. Sad to say, despite the lofty heights Jim had reached (communications director for AOL-Time Warner), the abrupt shove-out-the-door he endured reflected exactly what I had observed in professionals of all stripes, on all levels 20 years earlier. In other words, no matter how much you may give to your employer over years and years, all too suddenly... you could be OUT. In reporting his personal travails with this widespread syndrome, Jim engages us in the same manner he did when he recounted the political turmoil of the 60s in his first (brilliant) book "The Strawberry Statement." This time around we again get the full range of his reactions and emotions -- shock, confusion, anger, acceptance, humor, mind shift, resolve --- served up in a literary style both comprehensive and accessible. Jim Kunen's latest book both informs us of what happened to him while alerting us that the very same can potentially happen to us all. You will breeze through this book not because it's fluff but because Jim has a talent for personalizing even the most trying true story so that it's easy (even fun) to absorb. He's done the same in the past with similarly tragedy-centered themes such as his alternately depressing and amusing account of his years as a public defender called "How Can You Defend These People?" It's a style that also helps the reader ease into the latter part of "Diary" in which he faces the daunting challenges of transitioning to a new career. Fortunately-- spoiler alert-- faith and hope prevail at book's end. For all who have been victimized by today's workworld rules of the road, this book can help you navigate. For those who live in fear that your own sudden job termination could be looming in your future, this book can help you prepare. For everyone else, read this book for its assurance that, when life fires you a surprise curve ball, it might be possible to avoid striking out and instead slam the sucker out of the park.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great read By J. Derouin Kunen's funny but biting image of the corporate world he left rings true. I enjoyed watching as he looked for a new path, eventually teaching English as a second language to immigrants. It's not a glossy 10-step guide to a second career, but an honest look at a very difficult time of change. He struggles with loss of the status that came with his big corporate job and the uncertainty of finding work late in life. His description of connecting with his students and how much meaning that brought to his life was a joy to read.

James S. Kunen—author of *The Strawberry Statement*, an account of the 1968 student uprising at Columbia University—chronicles his adventures on the road to finding meaning in work and life. He traces his evolution from a rebellious youth who sees working as a kind of death, to a laid-off corporate executive who experiences not working as a kind of death, to a reinvented and reinvigorated individual who discovers something important and meaningful to do. The experience of falling victim to America's recession-ravaged economy (and the people who run it) leads him along a career path far different from anything he had planned. After years of making a living, Kunen finally learns how to make a life. *Diary of a Company Man* will be a revelation not only to baby boomers but to young people trying to figure out what to do with their lives.

"When I was a teenager, *The Strawberry Statement* shaped my view of the world and my place in it. Now James Kunen has done it again, with his acute, observant, funny and moving story of what's truly important in life. *Diary of a Company Man* is timely and timeless—a beautiful piece of writing and enduring source of inspiration."—Jonathan Alter, author of *The Promise: President Obama, Year One*