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After giving us eleven novels in fourteen years, USA Today bestselling author Claire Cook (Must Love Dogs, which became a movie starring Diane Lane and John Cusack) has reinvented herself once again with her first nonfiction book—Never Too Late: Your Roadmap to Reinvention (without getting lost along the way).

Wondering how to get to that life you really thought you'd be living by now? Finally ready to dig up that buried dream? Still trying to figure out what you want to be when you grow up? Then Never Too Late is the book you've been looking for.

Claire Cook speaks to real women—our fears and obstacles and hopes and desires—and gives us cutting edge tools to get where we want to go. Bursting with inspiration, insider stories, and practical strategies. Filled with humor, heart, encouragement, and great quotes.

You'll hop on a plane with Claire as you figure out the road to your own reinvention. She'll share her own stories, successes, and failures, as well as those of other reinventors, plus tips for getting a plan, staying on track, pulling together a support system, building your platform in the age of social networking, dealing with the inevitable ups and downs, overcoming perfectionism, and tuning in to your authentic self to propel you toward your goals.

A little bit memoir, a lot inspiration, Never Too Late: Your Roadmap to Reinvention (without getting lost along the way) is real, grounded, and just the book you need to start reinventing your life.

Read an excerpt and download the free Never Too Late workbook at ClaireCook.com

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Beth says

If you dream of reinventing, reshaping, and expanding your life, then this book is for you! With her trademark wit and charm, Claire Cook unveils everything she's learned on her own personal journey to reinvention. Intermingled with insights, valuable information, and spot-on advice, Claire shares fascinating stories about herself and other women who have dared to reach for their dreams. And, she tells the truth (sans candy-coating) about the bumps, setbacks, and detours she's navigated while traveling the road.

It's impossible to read this book and not feel inspired to throw open the door and discover a world that you thought was beyond your reach. Highly recommended.

Karen Vail says

great advice

Lesia says

What do you want to be when you grow up? Or, another way Claire Cook phrases it, "What would you like your life to be in five years and what's getting in your way?" Cook, the author of eleven novels, has turned to nonfiction for *Never Too Late: Your Roadmap to Reinvention (without getting lost along the way)*. It's a thought-provoking, inspiring book. If you've thought about changing your career and following your passion, Cook's book just might provide the needed push.

Cook tells her own story, mixing in writing advice, career changing advice, and life stories of people who reinvented themselves. She says she always wanted to be a writer, but choked. She finally found her voice at 45, sitting in her minivan writing her first book. At fifty, she walked the red carpet when her book, *Must Love Dogs*, premiered as a movie. Cook is excited about the changes she made to her life, celebrates with the statement "Midlife Rocks!", and offers pointers to help others who want to change their lives.

The author points out that her books are aimed at women, and, in each of her novels the heroine is stuck in some way, trying to find her own next chapter. Her novels, and her life, are about reinvention. She's learned a few lessons along the way to reinvention, and she is generous in sharing those lessons and tips for moving to a different career and life. Cook relates her points with humor and anecdotes. And, for those of us who love animals, there are plenty of stories about cats and dogs, including one chapter called "Catitude".

If you're looking for a push, some tips, some inspiration, it might be time to check out Claire Cook's *Never Too Late*. Is it ever too late to ask "What is the thing you feel so passionately about that you'd do it for free?" Claire Cook reminds us it's Never Too Late.

Claire Cook's website is www.clairecook.com. She's on Facebook at Claire Cook (author), and on Twitter as [@ClaireCookwrite](https://twitter.com/ClaireCookwrite).

Alex Poulos says

The tales in this book were helpful and pretty inspiring on how to reinvent your life no matter what your age/circumstance/financial status may be. The story of Claire's overall reinvention lended some helpful tips and tools as well. I really liked the "2 pages a day principle." The story of Claire writing in her van was a bit redundant. A nice read overall.

Sheilah says

With her first non-fiction novel, Never Too Late, Claire Cook takes your hand and leads you down the path of reinvention. Having traveled this path in her own unique way, she gives insightful, thought-provoking stories of those she's met on her journey. The stories are both humorous and touching, teaching us that failing is not really failure, it is actually success. Never Too Late, gives inspiration, guidance and invaluable tips for those of us who have ever wondered, "What happened to ME?"

April says

I don't even know where to start when describing how awful this book is. According to the description it is supposed to be a self help book that will start you on the path to reinventing your life to what you dreamed it would be. In reality it is a combination of story about a business trip and a recounting of how the author started writing. She led a wonderful life prior to becoming an author but that wasn't enough so she wrote a novel which sold immediately to the first publisher she submitted to (which so rarely happens that it is like a unicorn) and then her next novel was made into a successful movie. You'd think that would make her happy but it doesn't.

I wish I hadn't wasted the money or the time on this.

Ken Harvey says

In this wonderfully readable and inspiring book, Claire Cook shows us how to shift gears and reinvent ourselves at any age. Her stories of real women who discover what they really want to do with their lives -- and then do it! -- make this book hard to put down. It's just what you'd expect from this always charming novelist.

Sharon Duran says

Wonderful book! My usual reads include light fiction and light mystery. Claire Cook is the reason I branched out to read Never Too Late, my first "make me a better me" book. Actually Claire's latest included a travelogue on Isla Mujeres, Mexico as well as an autobiography. I felt that I learned so much about Claire

and her journey that we became friends by the end of the book. I met many exceptional women in these pages, including me. I realized I've been reinvented several times and am now plotting my next personal journey. There's no preaching, it's more like a conversation with a dear friend. Loved it!

Candace says

This book was the perfect tool at the perfect time for me. I've done plenty of reinventing, believe me - divorce, career changes, relationships, empty nest, moving, and then moving again. But the thing is, I often felt like I was doing it wrong, like everyone had the secret code but me.

As I read this book I was inspired, and a bit relieved. Hey, Claire Cook struggles too, and so don't a lot of other women (and men) when working hard to change their lives. Maybe I'm not alone! No, I know i'm not.

Reading this has helped me to get motivated to yet again go through some reinvention (you didn't think you just did it once did you?!).

Life would be so unexciting without change. Most of us kind of dread it, but now with this book, we've got some directions and a great cheerleader helping us to see it's not so scary, and we're all in it together.

Eileen Goudge says

Novelist Claire Cook's foray into the self-help field reads like a pep talk from a good friend. I loved that she doesn't make you feel you have to adopt her roadmap for reinvention. She tells what worked for her and encourages you to create your own. Her advice is wise and never overbearing and delivered mostly through example. Success, as she defines it, is as much about achieving personal happiness as professional goals. Anyone who finds themselves at a crossroads would benefit from reading NEVER TOO LATE. An enthusiastic two thumbs up from me.

Kendra Hovey says

This book was awesome and I will definitely be reading all of her fiction books, too! If you've been thinking about something you've really wanted to do in your life, or if you're at a stage of transition, pick up this book and go ahead and reinvent yourself. I'm doing exactly that right now, and this book is such a great encouragement! ❤?

Lori Sparks Shoemake says

Fabulous! Claire had to be speaking to me, ha! This book is about ANYTHING you have felt is your calling, mine just happens to also be writing. This is just what I needed to start my two pages each day, I actually have several stories to tell.

I have been part of online writing groups but there was too much coming in from too many people and too many directions, but Claire made it more personal and to the point, she is a "real" person and one of "us" :) I have been caught in the full-time mother/wife mode for 23+ years now. I gave up my career as an executive assistant in Atlanta and really miss it. I was always a writer and reader from a very young age, then I let life and guilt for wanting something just for me get in the way.... telling myself that once I get this and that done, then I will sit down and write, but it never happens because there is always a this and that, and Claire uses these exact words, as well as the word "reinvention" that I have been slinging around for at least 10+ years now, knowing that at my "age" trying to re-enter my career field would be very disappointing even though I have kept up my skills, knowledge of technology and professionalism..... it is all very different now. I do have an online Etsy business which I have enjoyed immensely, it is a great supplement to get my daughters through college and launched into the world, but it is time consuming "busy" work. I have given from my heart through my hands for so long I am almost feeling tapped out.

Well, NO MORE..... Claire has done it for me, she has given me "permission" to reinvent myself. At a young 53 years old, I realize that I am closer to the end than the beginning of this life, so I had better start really living it! I have survived cancer, just dealt with getting my mom into assisted living, am working with agencies to help my learning disabled brother, launched two lovely daughters into the world and am trying to rekindle romance with my big ol' teddy bear hubby! Digging in feels good, look out world, here I come, the chains of worry, stress and responsibility are falling away!

Keryn says

A practical and engaging read to recommend to all women (and perhaps men though it seems self-help readers are mainly female for some reason? ...a topic for another book) who are at the point in their lives, no particular age, where they seek what the author calls 'reinvention', or a second/third/fourth/nth career.

Also a courageous read: "If I sound less than sympathetic, it's because writing this section is giving me major flashbacks to my own pre-reinvention days....I kept myself ridiculously busy because I was afraid if I had any extra time, I might have to look at the fact that I'd chickened out on living the life I was born to live."

Yes Ms Cook, I will certainly add your book to my pile of 'biblio self-medication'!

Ann Roth says

Just finished reading Never Too Late. Awesome, inspiring, funny, so real, and so fun the way Claire weaves different stories throughout her own experience and advice. Loved every last drop!

With her signature humor and grasp of what it means to be a woman in today's world, Claire gives us an honest, inspiring look at how other women have found their lost dreams and brought them to life. She tells her own roller coaster story of ups and downs, and gives practical advice and guidance for getting unstuck. I feel ready to take those first steps toward my own dreams, and I truly do believe it is Never Too Late. Thank you, Claire!!

Karen McQuestion says

What a fun, easy read! I found it to be both inspirational and entertaining. As a writer, I especially loved hearing how the novel, MUST LOVE DOGS, became a movie.
