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Review

- "Bought a new book today. Had a quick glance at it. Donald Roos I must say you're a genius for this."
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From the Back Cover

As creative people, we have ideas. Bad, good, weird, clever, and even brilliant ideas. But most of them (even the great ideas) never see the light of day. Why? If you ask a creative person, the answer will always revolve around time. We simply need time to execute an idea, and do it well — more time than we have.

Don't Read This Book focuses on how to make choices about everything you do in your daily creative practice and life. The book follows the 'ToDon'tList' method: When you say 'no' to one to-do, task, or project, you have more time to execute another one. The more you subtract, the more focus you get.

The book is divided into 3 parts: Life, Work, and Projects. It covers everything from defi ning your life goals, to writing a 5 sentence email, to leaving out as much as possible in a project. Whether you are a student or a professional, this book will save you time. Or, don't read this book. That will save you time too.

About the Author

Don't Read This Book was written by Donald Roos, an independent typographic designer, entrepreneur, and teacher at the Royal Academy of Art in the Netherlands. In his daily life as a designer he creates movie titles for motion pictures and national television. He also designs complex interfaces and teaches type design and typography. He set up several online projects because he loves to execute new ideas. His biggest problem: too much to do and too little time. That's why he came up with the To Don't List method and this book.

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