

# [PDF] Unfinished Business: One Man's Extraordinary Year Of Trying To Do The Right Things

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## Description:

**From Publishers Weekly** When Parade editor-in-chief Kravitz loses his job, he takes account of the many things he let slip in his quest to get to the top of the publishing world. He decides to take the next year to pursue all he's let pass: a reconciliation with a long-lost aunt; an exploration of spirituality; a payment of a 30-year-old debt; and other pursuits. In the process he learns a great deal about patience, humility, love, and family and reminds readers that the best time to do the things you say you're going to do is now. Kravitz is a thoughtful writer, and his memoir reveals a

delicate personal journey, but many of his grand setups result in poor payoffs. While readers will be pleased that the author has made these valuable connections and has enriched his life, they may not connect sufficiently with him to be able to sympathize. His account is full of small, personal gestures, but their ultimate accumulation doesn't have much resonance. END

## Review

"[Kravitz] has written an achingly candid account of following through on the *Unfinished Business* of a life in which, like many of us, he was always too busy to do the human things that matter the most." - **Gail Sheehy, USA Today**

"[Kravitz's] journeys take him all over the world, helping him put into perspective what truly matters in his life. He teaches readers to appreciate what they have and to tackle any unfinished business they may have themselves. He does what so many people wish they could do and inspires others to take a step back and see what is missing in their life." —**Baltimore Jewish News**

"Kravitz is a thoughtful writer, and his memoir reveals a delicate personal journey."  
—**Publishers Weekly**

"Kravitz writes with an inspiring sincerity. His experiences are so familiar that it would be hard for readers not to reflect on their own unfinished business — and want to tend to it." —**Denver Post**

"When Lee Kravitz lost his job as editor-in-chief of Parade magazine, he decided to spend a year connecting all the dots his busy working life had left emotionally adrift, reaching out to grasp the hands and hearts of family members, friends, and mentors he had left behind. His adventures in outreach are moving, and quietly inspiring." —**Barnes & Noble Review**

"This book will strike a chord with those of us who feel we've left some things behind in the relentless pursuit of work and careers. What better time than summer vacation when our bodies have left the office, but our minds may still be there, than to read this book and think about our own unfinished business." —**The Republican**

"He was one of the many; he lost his job. But what he did next might be a bit distinctive. Instead of setting out to get a new job, he took a year to set some things straight, things that had been neglected during his years steadfastly dedicated to his profession. His unfinished business led him on ten journeys of redemption, including repaying long-overdue debts, keeping promises, and reaching out to a distant friend. The stuff that life should be made of - re-thinking, redoing, reliving."  
—**UrbanBaby**

"Kravitz writes with an inspiring sincerity. His experiences are so familiar that it would be hard for readers not to reflect on their own unfinished business -- and want to tend to it." —**Washington Post**

"Kravitz presents an honest look at himself as a workaholic who, jarred from his routine when fired from his job, decides to spend a year mending fractured relationships and catching up on forgotten promises. A lively read. In the often-obnoxious realm of the feel-good memoir, this one stands out as a rare success." —**Jew-ish.com**

"A candid account of how a person takes all the things he always meant to do and transforms them into meaningful learning experiences." —**J., The Jewish News Weekly of Northern California**

"Inspirational but never preachy, Kravitz's memoir reminds us of what really matters ... and shows us how to begin searching for, and finding it." —**Hudson Valley News**

"When award-winning journalist Lee Kravitz is laid off from his job, he realizes he has spent most of his life working too hard. He uses this life-changing moment as an opportunity to take stock of his life. *Unfinished Business* takes readers on 10 transformational journeys in which Kravitz reconnects with those dear to him and makes amends. The lesson to be shared: 'Be mindful of what is most important, and act on it. The rewards will be immediate and lasting.'"—**Cleveland Jewish News**

"Kravitz sets out on a mission, devoting a year to completing the unfinished business in his life, including making amends to the people he has hurt. Self-effacing, self-aware, he embarks on a journey in which he reconnects with a schizophrenic aunt neglected by their family, forgives a high school nemesis and honors a forgotten promise to an underprivileged African boy. What could have turned into a self-congratulatory, Disneyesque odyssey becomes an occasion for real kindnesses and growing sensitivity." —**Time**

"A fascinating read, and an example of how anyone's life can be interesting."—**Jen A. Miller, Book a Week with Jen blog**

"[Kravitz's] journeys...are truthful, generous and worthwhile. Through his experiences, he found meaning, an acceptance of life's absurdity and the insight that so much comes down to attitude and keeping the many threads of life thrumming."—**Kirkus Reviews**

"Lee Kravitz's illuminating and uplifting midlife memoir, *Unfinished Business*, is the perfect antidote to those middle-of-the-night sweats, when we toss and turn and torture ourselves with endless shoulda-coulda-wouldas. Achingly candid, this beautifully written and touchingly personal chronicle traces the author's year-long journey of searching for the pieces he left behind, and how it led him to finding his better self. Kravitz has written a triumphant love letter to the human condition."—**Marlo Thomas, author of *The Right Words at the Right Time***

"*Unfinished Business* is not just the story of how and why and when Lee Kravitz decided to tie up his loose ends, although all that is here. It's also about the extraordinary and unexpected events that unfold in his life and others' once he states the intention to pursue completion and becomes determined to see it through. This is an uplifting and truly life-affirming book."—**Hope Edelman, author of *The Possibility of Everything***

"Everyone complains about not having enough time—but what happens when we get it? Lee Kravitz used losing his job as a springboard to the human things he should have done. In so doing, he turned bad into bountiful. A great lesson for us all."—**Mitch Albom, author of *Have A Little Faith***

"*Unfinished Business* is a rich, wise and powerful work that reminds us to be ever mindful of that which is truly important. By taking honest and courageous stock of his own unfinished business, Lee Kravitz calls on us all to live lives that honor our best selves. It is a timely and inspiring book."—**Dave Isay, founder of StoryCorps**

"Lee Kravitz has written the perfect memoir for our time. He turns a personal setback into a sweeping affirmation of life, family, and resilience. *Unfinished Business* will surprise you with its nuance and amaze you with its grace and have you reaching out to someone you love."—**Bruce Feiler, author of *Walking the Bible***

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