

How To Live More Creative Life In The Age Of Distraction

Living in the age of distraction can pose significant challenges to our creativity. With so many technological advancements and digital distractions constantly vying for our attention, it can be difficult to find the focus and inspiration needed to lead a truly creative life. However, with a few strategies and mindset shifts, it is possible to reclaim our creative potential and live a more fulfilling and imaginative existence.

The Power of Unplugging


In this fast-paced digital age, we are constantly bombarded with notifications, alerts, and endless streams of information. These distractions can hinder our ability to think deeply and creatively. To counteract this, it's important to carve out designated time for unplugging – disconnecting from the online world and finding moments of solitude.

By intentionally setting aside time each day to unplug, whether it's through meditation, engaging in a creative hobby, or simply taking a walk outdoors, we allow ourselves the mental space necessary to think more critically and generate innovative ideas. We give our brains the chance to rest and recharge, leading to increased creativity and a greater sense of fulfillment.

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Cultivating Mindfulness

Mindfulness is the practice of being fully present in the moment, without judgment. This state of mind can greatly enhance our creativity by allowing us to fully engage with our surroundings, thoughts, and emotions. It enables us to observe the world with fresh eyes, noticing details and connections that may have previously gone unnoticed.

To cultivate mindfulness, we can incorporate practices such as meditation, deep breathing exercises, or even simply taking a few moments each day to consciously engage our senses. Paying attention to the sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and textures of our environment can help us tap into our creativity and generate new ideas.

Embracing Boredom

In our always-connected world, boredom is often seen as something to be avoided at all costs. However, embracing moments of boredom can actually be a catalyst for creativity. When our minds are not occupied with external stimuli, they have the opportunity to wander and explore unconventional thoughts and ideas.

Allowing ourselves to be bored from time to time can spark our creativity, as it encourages us to seek out new experiences and engage in activities that are intellectually stimulating. By resisting the urge to constantly fill our time with distractions, we open ourselves up to a richer creative life.

Creating a Creative Environment

Our physical surroundings can greatly influence our creative output. Designing a space that promotes creativity is essential for living a more imaginative life. This could involve organizing our workspace in an inspiring way, surrounding ourselves with art, books, and objects that spark our curiosity, and removing clutter and distractions.


Furthermore, we can cultivate a supportive social environment by seeking out like-minded individuals who share our passion for creativity. Collaborating with others, exchanging ideas, and seeking feedback can enhance our creative process and lead to even greater originality.

Setting Realistic Goals

In the age of social media, it's easy to compare our creative pursuits to those of others and feel inadequate. To live a more creative life, it's crucial to set realistic goals and focus on our own progress and growth, rather than constantly seeking validation from external sources.

By breaking down larger creative projects into smaller, manageable tasks, we can maintain a sense of accomplishment and motivation. Celebrating small victories along the way provides the encouragement needed to continue pushing the boundaries of our creativity.

Living a more creative life in the age of distraction requires intentional effort and a commitment to nurturing our creative potential. By unplugging, cultivating mindfulness, embracing boredom, creating a supportive environment, and setting realistic goals, we can reclaim our creativity and lead a more fulfilling and imaginative existence.

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Technological proliferation has expanded the potential for creators like never before. For very little comparative investment, musicians can do live performances for online audiences, photographers and videographers can create beautiful media, and writers can share ideas and conduct interviews in real-time. Truly, we're in the middle of a golden age for creativity. But if that's true, why doesn't it feel that way? While the tools used to generate creative output are more widely available, as society becomes increasingly connected and dependent on these tools -- there is less time available to let our minds wander, purposefully. The result is a sort of creative paradox, where it is both easier and more challenging to foster creative expression.

In "Mindspace," author Bill Connolly explores the innate and varied benefits of creative thinking, including its impact on personal identity and growth, its ability to breed empathy, and its potential to help solve big global problems. Through third-party research, personal anecdotes, and interviews with creative leaders across a wide spectrum of entertainment and broader industry, Connolly will uncover a set of master techniques for readers to reignite the creative spark that is so often extinguished as we enter adulthood. This book is for painters, sculptors, actors, writers, musicians, filmmakers, podcasters, gardeners, advertisers, designers, teachers, chefs, executives – and everyone in between. As he notes, "We feel most purposeful, most clear-minded, and most alive when we are creating."

"Mindspace" is a blueprint for creativity in a modern world.

What people are saying about the book:

"In Mindspace, Connolly takes the essence of creativity – what it is, what gets in its way and why we need it as individuals and as a society – and brings it to life in a way that makes it feel he is in the room with you having a conversation. He backs everything up with evidence from industry, academia and his own research, but the book is never textbook boring. If you can't go have a beer with him to discuss the importance of creativity and how to practice it, this book is the next best thing."

- Andrew Aylesworth, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Marketing, Bentley University

"Bill Connolly has written an engaging reflection on the topic of creativity, its role in the world and, particularly, our private lives. In a clear and elegant writing style, he blends personal observations with insights from academic research, conversations, film, and a variety of other sources. The result is an enjoyable and well-balanced book."

- Freek Vermeulen, author of *Breaking Bad Habits*, Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship at the London Business School

"Connolly's argument about the need for habit and routine will resonate with anyone who has learned to be -- or who wants to be -- creative. As he notes, making some tasks ones that can be performed without having to think much about them leaves more 'mindspace' for creativity."

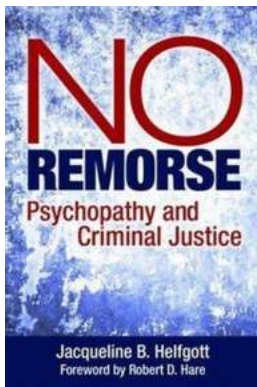
- Nancy Napier Ph.D., Distinguished Professor Emerita, College of Business and Economics, Boise State University

"Through clear and inviting language—and backed by immense research and experience—Bill's done a fantastic job of teaching you not only how to push yourself, but others when it comes to using creativity to fuel your success. He uses his personal anecdotes and the stories of others to drive his point home. If you want to grow your career and your brain, buy this book."

- Andy Boyle, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author of *Adulthood for Beginners: All the Life Secrets Nobody Bothered to Tell You*

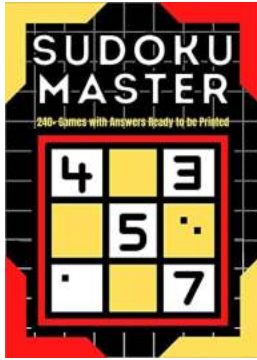
"[The] creative power of human beings is unlimited. No problem is beyond solution if we apply our creative power. Bill Connolly's book has attempted to draw our attention to it."

- Professor Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Peace Laureate, Founder, Grameen Bank, Chairman, Yunus Centre



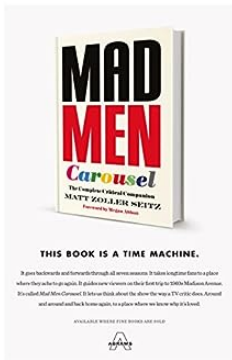
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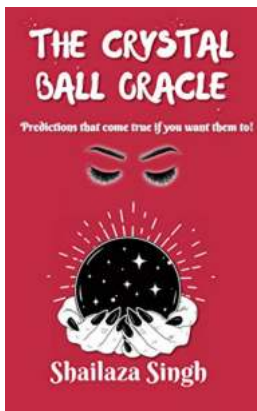
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