

THIS TIME I DANCE

Trusting the Journey of Creating the Work you Love

By Tama Kieves

Rev. Sue was feeling guilty about not having time yet to read this book so she handed it to me, asked me to read it and do a book report for the Newsletter. It turned out to be one of those serendipitous Spirit things!

I wanted to highlight something on almost every page of this beautiful, happy, scary, dancing book. Whether it is wisdom from her own journals of experience, or quotes from some of our other favorite Dancers, you will definitely feel you are in familiar territory. No matter what the Dance is for you – Sales person, fund raiser, potter, teacher – you cannot help but be encouraged to Just DO IT! . We've heard "Do What You Love and the Money Will Follow." Tama tells us that is the Truth. She writes Truths we already know, maybe, but they are written in such a way -- it's scarier than heck! Takes away all of our excuses for not Following our own Bliss.

More than a wordsmith, Tama is an artist-magician with words, plays with them like toys, like a weaver creating a net that will capture you and not let you go. (Butterflies and leftover caterpillars. Twinkling laws of a mysterious and mirthful Universe.)

This book is NOT about rigidity, what we SHOULD be doing; it is not the sea of compromise, avoidance, suffocating minds, or anybody else's critiques or opinions. Your Love outranks their rules.

Kieves states, "Everything is Art. Everything you do with love and integrity is ART. It doesn't matter whether your Real Self is to be found in your computer, today's phone calls, the canvas, classroom, or boardroom. Just Show UP! Give 300 seconds to your dream and go from there. Open even a small window in your mind. This is the ride of your life. Do expect what you can't explain. Because we who are awkward, hapless, small, and slow are also gifted, transcendent, radiant, and glittering."

I want to send this book to my dear friend in NZ who can't seem to accept her huge creative worth; to all my children, each already an adventurer, to encourage them to go even further and to my sister, Dean of English at a good California school. I also want this book for ME, to overcome all the negatives my terrified, blithering ego comes up with to keep me from whatever it is the Real Me wants us to do. I'll re-read it - well, my own copy - until the pages fall out. Or until I am dancing to MY own tune! Even after that, because I trust that some of my experiences and hers will be very similar.

"The Question that became an Answer: If you're this successful doing work you *don't* love, what could you do with work you *do* love?" May this question become YOUR answer, and the beginning of YOUR amazing adventure as well. I double dog dare you to read this outrageous, scary, beautiful, full-of-possibilities book

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