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This Time I Dance!
Creating the Work You Love
by Tama J. Kieves

"Tama Kieves gives voice to the fearless spirit within each of us.
If you want to wake up to your own purpose and passion, read this book.
It will open your heart and guide you home."
-- Rhonda Britten, author of *Fearless Living*

"Tama Kieves speaks from the heart with feet firmly planted
in the soil of daily life. Her story will encourage you and
give you concrete, helpful suggestions.
-- Oriah Mountain Dreamer, author of *The Invitation* and *The Call*

"80% of Americans do not feel passionate about their work," indicates a recent survey. Many hate their jobs. One woman believes that every one could be doing something they love. She used to be one of the 80%.

An honors graduate of Harvard Law School, Tama Kieves thought a high-paying, high pressure corporate job was the safe choice. But every day she went to work, her heart broke and she didn't feel safe. A litigator on partnership track, she was exhausted by days of "pantyhose, pumps, and pretense." She dreamed of being a writer. Still, she couldn't imagine how to pay the bills and she didn't have a husband to support her or an oil well in her name. She felt stuck. Then a friend's wise words proved to be the end of her doubts and the beginning of an amazing, life-altering adventure: "If you're this successful doing work you *don't* love, what could you do with work you *do* love?"

So began the journey Kieves chronicles in *This Time I Dance* (Tarcher/Penguin, September 7, 2006) More than a memoir or a how-to, this book is anything but your conventional career-change book, or a dreamy "follow-your-bliss" one. With cutting-edge honesty and humor, Kieves writes about the struggle, fears, and emotional transition of changing not only your career, but your *identity*. Mingling the practical with the spiritual, Kieves helps readers trust their hearts and souls while transforming themselves into artists who can earn a livelihood from their creative passions and natural talents. If you're a CEO who dreams of becoming a pastry chef, a police officer who longs to own a restaurant, or an accountant who knows "there's something more to life" this book is your invitation to the dance.

Author Tama J. Kieves, an honors graduate of Harvard Law School, left her practice with a large corporate law firm to pursue a writing career and embolden others to live and

breathe their most meaningful self-expression. A dynamic speaker, workshop leader, and sought-after career coach, Kieves has helped thousands worldwide use their passions to create inspired lives. www.ThisTimeIDance.com

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Reading Kieves' book is like sitting down in her living room, drinking a cup of tea, and having your own personal mentor guide you to your destiny. She gives you smart advice and hugs. She listens attentively for hours. And before you know it, you feel awakened, electrified—and ready to dance with life.

Invoking the wisdom of Marianne Williamson, Julia Cameron, Rumi, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and others, Kieves offers fresh, witty, and profound wisdom of her own:

*It's more practical to be magical: "If you knew where your heart could take you, it wouldn't even be practical to choose practicality. Only inspiration offers you a life of passion and safety."

*There is no way out but transformation: "A problem cannot be solved at the level of the problem. Trust the process—then let creativity transport you to the borderless places, the magical spaces, where caution cannot tread."

*Critics only rattle the rattled: "Criticism only strikes a fire when we provide the wood. It doesn't matter what someone says to us. It matters that we choose to listen, agree, and seethe."

*Sometimes you have to lose the house to acquire the mansion: "Because I had to search for a sense of safety beyond dollar, privilege, and approval, I inherited the ultimate trust fund. I learned to trust in my own resources and the startling generosity of life."

*Just start dancing and the band will find you: "Guarding your gifts keeps them in the dark where they do not grow or glow. You could wait for the world to invite you to the banquet and the ball. Or you could just show up in your red dress and your headdress ready to boogie."

*...and more.

This Time I Dance! is not just for "artists." It is for lawyer-artists, plumber-artists, accountant-artists, teacher-artists, secretary-artists—for

everyone who longs to create a livelihood from their natural talents, their dreams, and their love.

If you read one book this year, read *This Time I Dance!* And remember:
When life asks you to dance, say yes.