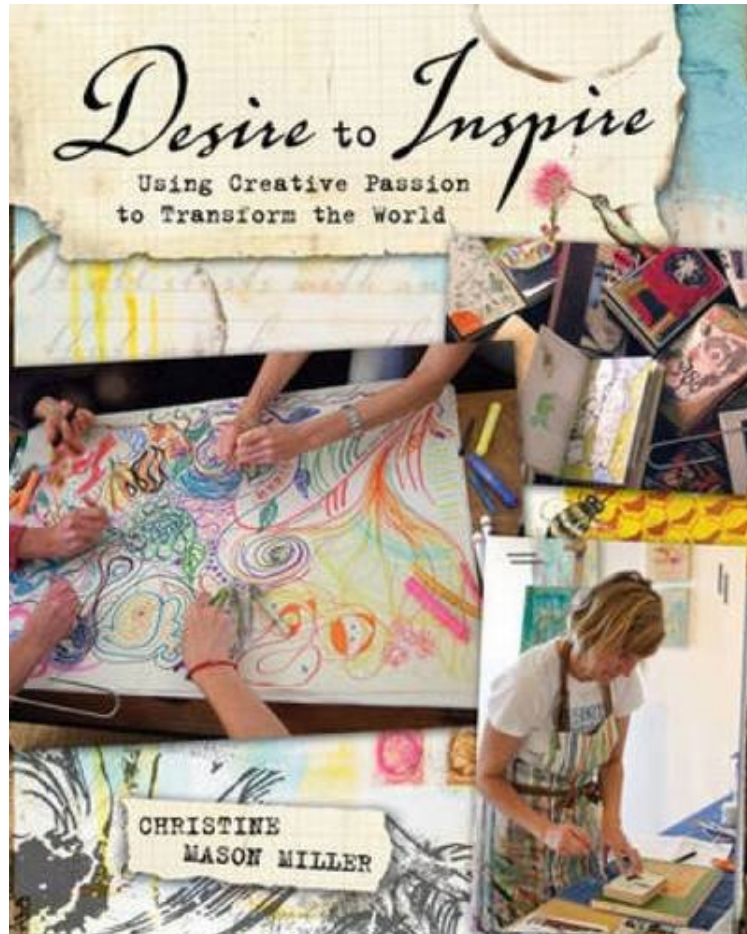


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20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Food for the Soul. By Sandy Dempey This book is pure food for the soul. I could not put it down. I gave up trying to copy inspirational passages after page 38 because there were just too many. Christine weaves her own story about living a creative life throughout every chapter while also sharing the insights and stories of 19 other writers, artists, coaches, entrepreneurs and teachers. "Desire to Inspire: Using Creative Passion to Transform the World" speaks to the quiet little part of you that secretly knows that you have a gift to contribute to the world, a gift that not only lifts you up, but has the potential to lift others up, too. So many times we suppress this inner knowing out of fear, lack of self-love and self-confidence and a host of other reasons. Many of us have suppressed this small voice for so many years it only whispers to us in the dark when we can't sleep, when we stop our busyness or in moments when discontent rears its ugly head. Then we hear, but, again, we may not

listen. "Desire to Inspire: Using Creative Passion to Transform the World" will open the door to your heart and soul and give space to that inner knowing, that inner voice. It's not just about following your heart, expressing your creative self, or making a living doing what you love. It is about becoming who you were born to be and meeting the responsibility of sharing your gifts. It's about sharing your truth, being true to yourself and making your world and the world around you better for it. Through personal stories, sharing how others have overcome the many obstacles of living a creative, authentic life, a wide variety of exercises, inspirational quotes and page after page of beautiful images this book will help you begin 'using your creative passion to transform the world', starting with your own. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A Wonderful Roadmap to seeing your dream through to reality. By Jessica Brogan Upon opening and reading the first chapter, I was instantly aware that this book was not a showcase of art (though in fact it very much is and I reveled in so many pieces sprinkled liberally throughout the pages) but a map. A map of how to take my current self and transform it into my newer, brighter, better, MOST TRUE self. A map of how to do that while also moving forward with any tangible business/art goals I have. What Christine has done in this book is to say, "Hey you, you've got this dream you want to follow or find? Well, not only am I going to give you all of the right inspiration and motivation via my and other artists' stories, but I am also going to tell you a secret - you need a tool kit to do so." The chapters of her book are your tool kit. She lays out some of the most important elements to making your way wholeheartedly and genuinely with your dream. Aspects of the life of an artist, especially one making their way, that are not often pulled up and examined. But Christine did, and I'm so thankful she did. She's outlined how to transform and filled that outline with so much sparkling, inspiring content. A beautiful book, both in artwork and text. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Soulful, compassionate, personal, deeply wise inspiration. By Maya Papaya Christine Mason Miller's "Desire to Inspire" is a hand to gracefully and supportively lift us creatives out of the muck of our isolation, self-criticism, and awkward navigation of our own place in the world. Christine and her warm and wise interviewees provide compassionate guidance and tools to help steer the ship of a life that yearns to make the most of its gifts. I love how many layers of intelligence are at work here, and the sense of knowing that Christine seems to have of her subject and her readers. There's something remarkably soulful about this book, a work of true art and heart. It's a spirit companion, an instruction manual for navigating the moonscape of questions about why we are here, doing what we do, a light to turn on when we lose our way. The power of these learnings is poignant and vital for our time.

In *Desire to Inspire*, readers will be introduced to twenty extraordinary women - writers, artists and entrepreneurs - all of whom share a unique example of how they create a meaningful life and, in turn, make a positive impact on the world. The stories and examples explore the roots of their desire to inspire and how they manage to pursue their passions in the midst of all the twists and turns life has given them. In addition to a beautiful collection of quotes, stories, and anecdotes, readers are given substantive, encouraging exercises aimed at supporting their own journey towards a meaningful, mindful life.

About the Author Christine Mason Miller is a Santa Monica-based mixed-media artist and writer who launched her own greeting card and gift line, Swirly, in 1995, which has since evolved into a strong line of licensees, freelance clients and retail partners that includes Target, Andrews McMeel Universal, Barnes Noble and Girl Scouts of America. She maintains a strong audience on her website and blog and self-published her own book - *Ordinary Sparkling Moments* - in 2008. She is a contributor in three other NL titles - *Taking Flight* by Kelly Rae Roberts, *The Artist Unique* by Carmen Torbus and *Art Saves* by Jenny Doh. Her mixed media work and inspiring sentiments are currently licensed for a wide array of gift items, including greeting cards, journals, and wall art, and she continues to teach and speak at workshops and retreats across the country. Visit her at christinemasonmiller.com