

Possum Living: How to Live Well Without a Job and with (Almost) No Money

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In the 1970s Dolly Freed lived of the land dirt cheap and plum easy. Living in their own house on a half-acre lot outside of Philadelphia for almost five years, Dolly and her father produced their own food and drink and spent roughly \$700 each per year. Thirty years later Dolly Freed's *Possum Living* is as fascinating and pertinent as it was in 1978. Tin House is reissuing the survivalist classic with a foreword by David Gates and an afterword by the author. After discussing reasons why you should or shouldn't give up your job, *Possum Living* gives you details about the cheapest ways with the best results to buy and maintain your home, dress well, cope with the law, stay healthy, and keep up a middle-class facade - whether you live in the city, in the suburbs, or in a small town. In a delightful, straightforward style Dolly Freed explains how to be lazy, proud, miserly, and honest, live well and enjoy leisure. She shares her knowledge for what you do need - your own home, for example - and what you don't need - such as doctors, lawyers, and insurance. Through her own example, Dolly hopes to inspire you to do some independent thinking about how economics affect the course of your life now and may do so in the coming "age of shortages." If you ever wondered what it would be like to be in greater control of your own life, *Possum Living* will show you - and help you do it for yourself.

Following her success as an author, Dolly Freed grew up to be a NASA aerospace engineer. She put herself through college after she aced the SATs with an education she received from the public library. She has also been an environmental educator, business owner, and college professor. She lives in Texas with her husband and two children.

Dolly Freed is my hero. [If] this smart, engaging, funny, and frank manifesto doesn't make you want to quit the rat race at least a little bit, then you must be one big, fat rat."

--Vice Magazine

Compulsively readable [In]this strange, engaging hymn to the laid-back life now, in 2010, one message comes out loud and clear. As the 18-year-old sage Dolly Freed wrote: I refuse to spend the first 60 years of my life worrying about the last 20."

--New York Times Art Beat

Dolly is a sharp writer, an autodidact and an 18-year-old of unusual competence and grit [T]here's nothing precious about *Possum Living*: it's genuine in a way few books are."

--Jezebel

this book will not only make you laugh but might actually inspire you to embrace a simpler life."

--Oprah Magazine

An elegant memoir"

--Philadelphia City Paper

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