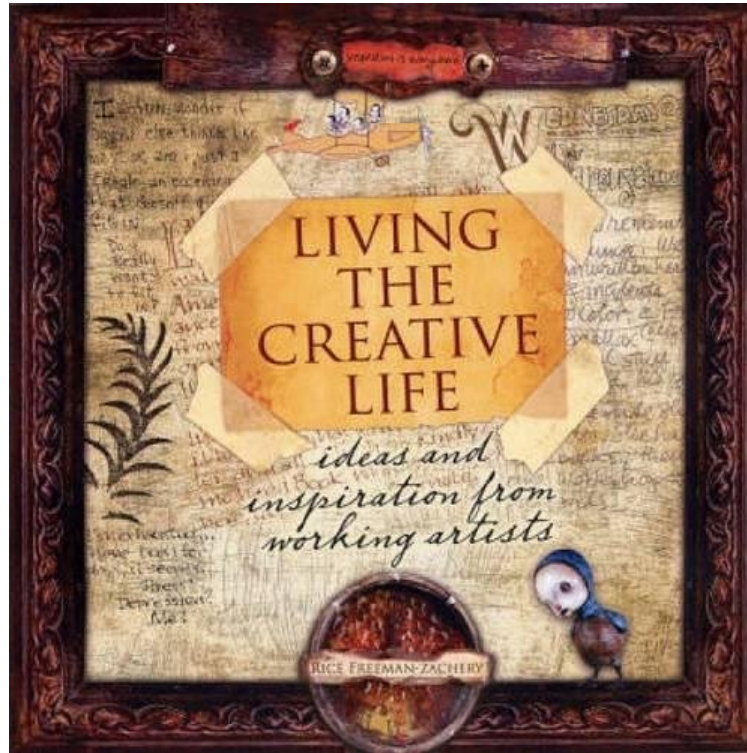


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**Rice Freeman-Zachery : Living the Creative Life: Ideas and Inspiration from Working Artists** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Living the Creative Life: Ideas and Inspiration from Working Artists:

12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Inspiring Book for the Artist By Terry Weiss I ordered this book as a fill in to get free shipping - how many times do we do that? To my surprise, I found it worthwhile and would definitely recommend it. I had expected it to be ... I don't know, not new or interesting I suppose - I think I'm feeling inundated with similar books. But I did start reading it and found myself enjoying it. Oddly enough, I returned the other book that inspired the order in the first place, but kept this one. The one thing I found annoying was that it is written with the assumption that anyone reading it is creativity-challenged. I have had to ignore some pretty simplistic bits of advice on how to bring out my creativity to get what I want out of the book - which is not how to be creative and inspired in the first place (which is not my issue), but how to make that creativity a central part of my daily life. It's too easy to bog down in day to day stuff - important stuff, but time consuming stuff - and not get down and dirty and make art. That's what I need help doing, and I will say that there is inspiration for doing just that. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Simply... Beautiful By Rhonda Markham In my possession is a stamp set that has two phrases: "I am an artist" and "I am not an artist". The former sits clean in the box, the latter is black with use. I am not an artist and will never be an artist...and I'm okay with that. I DO, however, enjoy the creative process--whichever

form should happen to emerge at any given time. Taking a path of creativity is taking a journey inward...to the soul and back again. This lovely book with gorgeous pictures and illustrations is a journey in itself, filled with enticements, wonder and inspiration. Ms. Freeman-Zachary presents 15 very different artists who work with a variety of mediums. Their work is showcased with utmost care and every example glistens with originality and deliciousness. I especially enjoyed the "try this" prompts throughout the book...nudges to allow my own creative process to sprout wings and soar. The message I received from this lovely book is that I do not have to declare myself an artist in order to live a more creative life. The pressure is off and I can fly ever higher. I have the author to thank for that. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic Inspiration for Creative Procrastinators! By Nicola Martina I love this book. I love a lot of the products I review, but this book is definitely in my top 10 (maybe even top 5) of must-have books. Period. I can't tell you how much this book changed my life. In conjunction with SARK's Make Your Creative Dreams Real, I overcame my extreme anxiety and block to create. (Julia Cameron's The Artist's Way also was an immense tool of healing, guidance, and support). If you feel stuck, blocked, or totally creatively discombobulated, pick up this book along with the other two I suggested and be prepared to have your life changed!

How DO they do it? If you could ask your favorite artist or crafter only one question, chances are you'd ask about creativity: Where do your ideas come from? How did you get started? What are your tricks for overcoming blocks? In *Living the Creative Life*, author Ric Freeman-Zachery has compiled answers to these questions and more from 15 successful artists in a variety of mediums from assemblage to fiber arts, beading to mixed-media collage. Creativity is different for everyone, and these artists share their insights on the muse (if you believe in her), keeping a sketchbook (or not), and prioritizing your art, whether you aspire to create solely for your own pleasure or to become a full-time artist. Try your hand at creative jumpstarts straight from the pros. Glimpse the artists' innermost thoughts and works in progress as you peruse pages from their journals and notebooks. Share textile artist Sas Colby's triumph over creative block during an exotic art retreat. Learn how internationally acclaimed artist James Michael Starr uses experience from his former "day job" to fuel his creation today. Explore the work of Michael deMeng, Claudine Hellmuth, Melissa Zink and the other artists right alongside their insights. No crafter or artist should live the creative life without *Living the Creative Life*! The inspiration is contagious.

About the Author Rice Freeman-Zachery is an artist and writer whose clothes, dolls and jewelry have been featured in shops and galleries in New Orleans, Taos, Albuquerque, Tacoma and Seattle, and whose art has been featured in Lynne Perrella's *Artists' Journals Sketchbooks* and Terry Taylor's *Altered Art*. She writes artist profiles for *Art Doll Quarterly*, *Belle Armoire*, *Legacy*, *Somerset Life* and *Somerset Studio*, and her two books, *Stamp Artistry* (Quarry, Nov. '03) and *New Techniques for Wearable Art* (Quarry, Sept. '04), feature her own art and that of other mixed-media artists.