


“You’re Fired!”

IT MAY BE ONE OF THE WORST THINGS TO EVER HAPPEN TO YOU—BUT IT COULD ALSO BE THE BEST CHANCE YOU’LL EVER HAVE TO BECOME YOUR OWN BOSS.

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Don’t panic. Breathe deeply. The halls of history are crowded with people who have been fired—friends and family members, the coaches of losing football teams, all those contestants on *The Apprentice*. Of course, that knowledge may not be very soothing if, moments ago, you were standing on a street corner outside your former place of employment, a box of your belongings in your hands, a dazed look on your face . . . and now you’re flipping through this magazine and thinking, “I don’t need a pep talk—I need money, and I need a \$@#%& life!”



Bouncing back: Getting fired was the perfect opportunity for Beth Shaw to turn her yoga hobby into a full-time business.