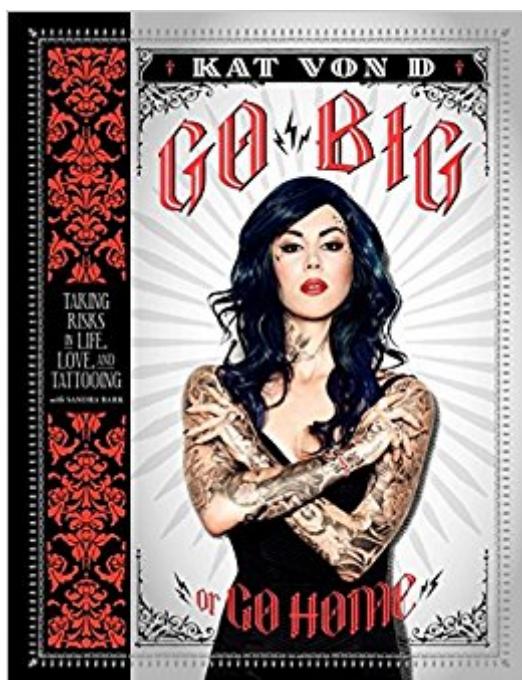


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# Go Big Or Go Home: Taking Risks In Life, Love, And Tattooing



## **Synopsis**

Renowned tattoo artist, author of New York Times bestsellers *High Voltage Tattoos* and *The Tattoo Chronicles*, and star of *LA Ink*, Kat Von D raises the bar with her most intimate work yet: *Go Big or Go Home: Taking Risks in Life, Love, and Tattooing*. Kat has always been a risk-taker in her day-to-day life, her creative work, and in love. In *Go Big or Go Home*, she writes candidly about her greatest desires, fears, successes and failures, and shares how she has dealt with them. In seven thematic essays, Kat addresses issues close to her heart—such as individuality, independence, and altruism—and draws upon her own experiences and those of her many clients. Filled with Kat's sketches, handwriting, drawings of tattoos, and process photos, as well as specially commissioned photographs of the finished large-scale tattoos by celebrity and fashion photographer Patrick Hoelck, *Go Big or Go Home* covers a wide range of her astounding work on regular citizens, as well as the many celebrities who seek her out for her artistry.

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With passion and unflinching honesty, renowned tattoo artist and New York Times bestselling author Kat Von D chronicles her journey to develop greater personal strength by taking bigger risks in life, love, and her art in this stunning illustrated book. In *Go Big or Go Home*, her most intensely personal work yet, Kat Von D raises the expository and tattoo bar as she writes candidly about her greatest desires, fears, successes, and failures, and shares how she has dealt with them—for better or worse. In seven thematic essays, she addresses issues close to her heart—individuality,

strength, creativity, independence, presence, wisdom, and altruism" and draws on engaging and inspiring stories from her own life and those of her clients throughout each section. Aligned with this focus on risk taking, making bold moves, and taking responsibility for her actions is Kat's decision to create only large-scale tattoos especially for this book. Each tattoo represents a two-fold commitment: one from Kat as an artist. and the other from the client, for whom the tattoo almost always represents a significant event or a visible manifestation of his or her evolving inner self. Filled with Kat's sketches, handwriting, and specially commissioned photographs of tattoos "both in process and complete" "Go Big or Go Home features a range of astounding work both on regular citizens and the many celebrities who seek her out, including songwriter Linda Perry, Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong, actor Ewan MacGregor, rapper Game, and comedian Bobcat Goldthwait. Above all, this special book captures the candor, compassion, and enormous talent of an artist beloved by millions worldwide.

Kat Von D is a renowned tattoo artist and the star of the former hit television series *LA Ink*, which ran for five successful years. She is the author of two *New York Times* bestsellers, *High Voltage Tattoo* and *The Tattoo Chronicles*, and is the creator of an exclusive makeup and fragrance line for Sephora. She is also the founder of *Wonderland Gallery*, an art gallery and boutique located next to her tattoo shop, *High Voltage Tattoo*, in Hollywood, where she lives.

I was too into it but I like her so I bought the book. As I read on I notice she intertwine people that inspire her with her message and awesome tattoos and their meaning. Over all that was really cool. When I read books by celebrities it's mostly just their story and the authors main message but her she added cool extras. Also the small writing were fun to read. This entire book is meant to keep your eyes interested in it and she succeeded at that. Over all cool book!

I heart everything Kat Von D! Her books, including *Go Big or Go Home* are a visual, emotional and creative feast. I turn to these books when I need creative inspiration, when I need to be reminded I am not alone on the human journey and when I just need a hug. Her honesty and transparency remind all of us that the path to self-actualization and creative fulfillment takes courage and the willingness to be vulnerable and real. Thank you Kat for continuing to inspire! Lauri Ann Lumby author of *Song of the Beloved - the Gospel According to Mary Magdalene* and *Authentic Freedom - Claiming a Life of Contentment and Joy*.

interesting book but not overly deep. mostly just small musings from kat von d about her friends' careers and how she can overcome her fear of not being a good enough singer. I was expecting more like a self help book. Mostly photographs of her work.

A beautiful book. You can tell the amount of work that Kat Von D put into this masterpiece. She has an eye for detail and it shows on every page. All of her books are a work of art.

Great inspiring novel. Wish it was longer but oh well, still worth reading. Love kat von d! Such a great person

This novel is great! Not only does she write about tattoos and her life but she gives an amazing insight on personal motivation. I give it four stars since it felt all over the place but I thoroughly enjoyed it and was inspired greatly. I would recommend for fans and outcasts alike!

This book does not fit well with the format on a Kindle Paperwhite. The print font and pictures are better suited for a hardback book.

My husband is a really big Kat Von D fan so I purchased this book for him and he absolutely loves it. The book is amazing in work, durability, and art. If you are a fan then this is a must get.

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