Down and Out in the New Economy: A Journey into the Shadows of the American Dream



Down and Out in the New Economy: How People Find (or Don't Find) Work Today by Ilana Gershon

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In her groundbreaking book, Down and Out in the New Economy, Barbara Ehrenreich takes readers on a journey into the hidden world of poverty in America. She reveals the devastating impact of economic inequality and the erosion of the American Dream, painting a vivid portrait of the working poor, the unemployed, and the homeless.

Ehrenreich's journey begins in Florida, where she takes a job as a waitress at a Denny's restaurant. She quickly learns that the "service economy" is anything but glamorous, and that the low-wage workers who keep it running are often struggling to make ends meet. She meets single mothers who work two or three jobs just to keep their families afloat, and she sees firsthand the toll that poverty takes on their health and well-being.

From Florida, Ehrenreich travels to Maine, where she spends time with unemployed loggers and mill workers. She hears their stories of job loss, despair, and addiction. She also visits a homeless shelter in New York City, where she meets people who have lost everything they once had.

Through her travels, Ehrenreich comes to understand that poverty is not simply a matter of individual failure. It is a systemic problem that is rooted in economic inequality and the erosion of the social safety net. She argues that the American Dream is no longer a reality for many people, and that the gap between the rich and the poor is only getting wider.

Down and Out in the New Economy is a powerful and moving book that shines a light on the hidden world of poverty in America. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the challenges facing our country today.

About the Author

Barbara Ehrenreich is an award-winning journalist, author, and activist. She has written extensively about poverty, inequality, and the American Dream. Her other books include Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America, Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of Success in America, and Bright-Sided: How the Relentless Promotion of Positive Thinking Has Undermined America.

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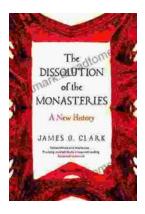
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