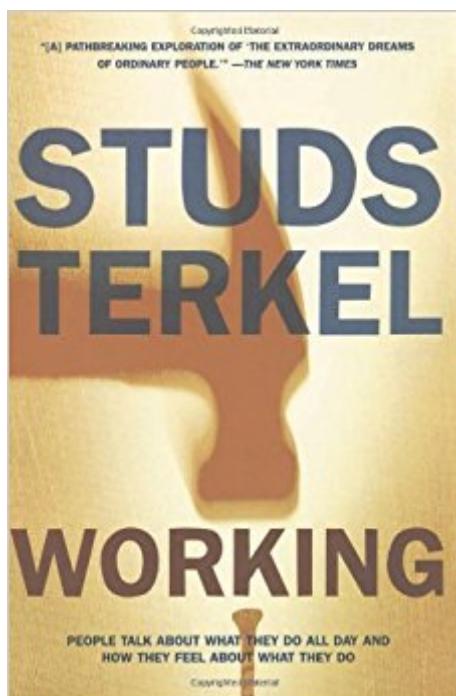


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# Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day And How They Feel About What They Do



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Perhaps Studs Terkel's best-known book, *Working* is a compelling, fascinating look at jobs and the people who do them. Consisting of over one hundred interviews conducted with everyone from gravediggers to studio heads, this book provides a timeless snapshot of people's feelings about their working lives, as well as a relevant and lasting look at how work fits into American life.

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This book should be required reading for congress critters and for employers. These are the words and experiences of Real People, doing the Real Work that keeps the rest of us functioning. These are the people who grow, process, and serve our food; who construct the stuff we need; who take care of us and our families; who clean up after us. These are the builders and maintainers who are too often underpaid and overworked, but who carry on with courage, devotion, and humor. Highly recommended.

Terkel has put together a valuable compilation of interviews that share important views into the psyche of the American worker. There are pieces from all types of people - factory workers, waiters, stewardesses, even teenagers. Being able to see first hand how various people feel about their job and the behind the scenes issues they have to deal with is really interesting and in some cases, eye opening. My only issue is that the book is very limited to what Terkel wants us to see. Some sections, for example, only have stories from women when a man's perspective would be welcome.

This is a fantastic book and I'm only 1/4 into it. The personal words by so many working people is a glimpse into life in the early 1980's before so many societal changes in modern times. A wonderful sociological text. After reading this , I can see now, how we've changed into a service economy. So many tedious/hard jobs have been replaced by automation. The book can be read in short doses because of its brief chapters. I can't say enough good things about this book.

Terkel is an amazing writer -- or perhaps editor, or even interview. Whatever he should be classified as, his work on these books is unparalleled and deeply revealing. Totally satisfied with the Kindle format as well.

I read this book a few years ago and found it so interesting that I decided to start a website ([...]) based on the book. It isn't a fast read, but has bite sized stories which one can read on the train. Oral histories always read well and this is no exception.

Oldie but goodie. An entertaining and informative read. Easy to read increments.

Still good reading and even more meaningful 40 some years later as many of these jobs have disappeared.

The book is out dated. Things have changed a lot since it was written. I read the entire book it was hard to put down. Good book to read if time is limited. Most stories are only three or four pages.

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