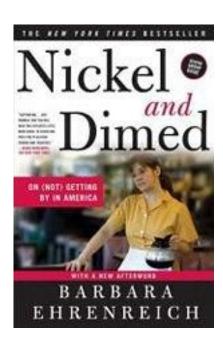
## Nickel and Dimed On Getting By in America



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Our sharpest and most original social critic goes "undercover" as an unskilled worker to reveal the dark side of American prosperity.

Millions of Americans work full time, year round, for poverty-level wages. In 1998, Barbara Ehrenreich decided to join them. She was inspired in part by the rhetoric surrounding welfare reform, which promised that a job -- any job -- can be the ticket to a better life. But how does anyone survive, let alone prosper, on \$6 an hour? To find out, Ehrenreich left her home, took the cheapest lodgings she could find, and accepted whatever jobs she was offered. Moving from Florida to Maine to Minnesota, she worked as a waitress, a hotel maid, a cleaning woman, a nursing-home aide, and a Wal-Mart sales clerk. She lived in trailer parks and crumbling residential motels. Very quickly, she discovered that no job is truly "unskilled," that even the lowliest occupations require

exhausting mental and muscular effort. She also learned that one job is not enough; you need at least two if you int to live indoors.

Nickel and Dimed reveals low-rent America in all its tenacity, anxiety, and surprising generosity -- a land of Big Boxes, fast food, and a thousand desperate stratagems for survival. Read it for the smoldering clarity of Ehrenreich's perspective and for a rare view of how "prosperity" looks from the bottom. You will never see anything -- from a motel bathroom to a restaurant meal -- in quite the same way again.

## 作者介绍:

Barbara Ehrenreich is an American writer and political activist who describes herself as "a myth buster by trade", and has been called "a veteran muckraker" by The New Yorker.

During the 1980s and early 1990s she was a prominent figure in the Democratic Socialists of America. She is a widely read and award-winning columnist and essayist, and author of 21 books.

Ehrenreich is perhaps best known for her 2001 book Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America. A memoir of Ehrenreich's three-month experiment surviving on minimum wage as a waitress, hotel maid, house cleaner, nursing-home aide, and Wal-Mart clerk, it was described by Newsweek magazine as "jarring" and "full of riveting grit", and by The New Yorker as an "exposé" putting "human flesh on the bones of such abstractions as 'living wage' and 'affordable housing'"

She lives near Key West, Florida.

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书评
先得说一句,这本书不知道是否是翻译的原因,言语不够流畅,而作者的原文,絮絮叨叨的废话也太多,但是这本书我依然推荐大家一读。 美国专栏作家芭芭拉・艾伦瑞克在1998年,为了体验底层美国人民的生活,选择了六个地方,在不同的城市去打工。 为了确保她能真实体验当地底层

自去试。。还记得说第一天清洁大楼因为速度太慢,垃圾没赶上垃圾车,熟练了一阵是以后勉强能按时下班。。 下班后躺在破烂的临时住所里,累成狗了突然体会到穷人们光是维持生活都精疲力竭了,体力	子 了
前阵知乎上曾讨论过"生活大爆炸"中Penny的收入能否真的让她过得比较滋润,当时有人引据各种美国的生活数据,证明她是可以过得还不错的。不久之后又看到这本亲历女服务员生活的书,才发现了阳光下的另一面。 《我在底层的生活》,也就是芭芭拉的《Nickel and Dimed》。在《社	<u>寸</u> 力
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自己會對這書感興趣,源于在別處偶然看到的評論,大意提到作者在超市打工時,在精神和身體雙重折磨的高壓下,怎樣從一個心懷憐憫、關心底層、遠見卓識的Intellectuel,逐步被同化爲她的"一些底層同事"那樣——苛刻、狡猾、小肚鷄腸、滿懷怨恨。而 我則同樣非常能夠理解"離人...

必须找到住的地方,这个有点复杂,因为她会付更多的钱住MOTE...

看到豆瓣上的那些吐槽,怀疑真的读了这本书吗?让人拙计啊。 这说的主要是一个中产女作家,为了体验blue collar人民的生活,分别跑去了美国的三个地方,做角色体验:没有住所的单身母亲。 她必须找到工作,最低工资

在中国,薪水多少算低,我不知道。因为仿佛自己从未拿过底薪(只有换工作停发薪水的时候)。但是我还是和那些低薪者共事过。大学毕业找工作,去麦当劳应聘储备经理,曾经和服务员一起劳动过三日。培训我的员工是个老员工,但也是服务员,是个中年妇女。因为带我一起做事,所以...

评论來自健仔/香港独立媒体)

「在社會如此富足豐裕的時刻,即便有著種族、教育、健康及動機所帶來的一切優勢, 一個人在經濟的最底層仍然必須掙扎求生。」

《我在底層的生活》的作者—芭芭拉.艾倫瑞克—是一位美國白人女性,過了六十歲的她是一位相當活躍的女性主義者。作者...

The book Nickel and Dimed is a captivating piece of journalism in which Barbara Ehrenreich goes undercover in three cities to discover what life is like for single women who earn minimum wage, namely, in the low-wage workforce. Ehrenreich worked as a waitre...

有意思,文中美元换成人民币就是前几年我在二线城市的收入和消费水平,简直一模一样! 10年我在沃尔玛工作,时薪是7.5元。一个月加满班230个小时(规定加班不能超过50小时好像),这样一个月扣去社保到手就只有1400元不到。离市区近的地方出租的小隔间(十平不到)一个月房租 ...

书就是书名所说的,我在底层的生活。"我", 芭芭拉,美国畅销书作者,生活水平属于上游20%的人。有天在一个颇为奢华的法式乡村风饭店跟《哈泼》杂志的编辑讨论未来可以替他们写什么文章,当话题转到贫穷时,说了一句"实在应该有人去做一些老式的新闻调查工作,就是自己实...

大一上专业课的时候,有位讲师貌似简略提起过这本书,所以在网上碰巧遇到时就下单购买了。具体是不是这本书我也不是很清楚,但即使不是,内容也是相似的,起码讨论的话题有交叠。 读书最忌囫囵吞枣,而合上书本以后,我陷入思考,不想"浪费",于是写下此文记录自己不成熟的看... 在准备GT考试时,读了许多励志文章,作者都描写自己准备考试的不易最后终于通过的故事,看了太多,这都让我对自己产生了一种感动,一种我在受难但结果将会是值得的感动,升华到认为经历苦难是有价值的,只要你努力了,一定会获得回报。我甚至会假想自己在异国他乡遭遇许多不顺...

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很多人总是把"寒门难出贵子"视作一种极大的不公包括最热门评论里提到的任志强他爸爸不是商务部副部长的话他不会取得这么大成就在我看来这不是一句巨大的正确的废话? 这和你不去健身房就不会有好身材不做够前戏就不会有愉悦的性体验有什么区别?家庭难道不是一个人...

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