

Death by Leisure



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The hilariously intrepid young author of *War Reporting for Cowards* returns from Iraq only to dive head-first into another absurd, terrifying world: the American leisure class.

Like Hunter Thompson crossed with one of David Brooks' s bobos in paradise, Ayres embeds himself in LA' s "liesuretocracy" : an over-the-top world of caviar facials, billionaire charity balls, souped-up SUVs, and monster home loans . . . not to mention \$1,000-a-night brothels and million-dollar poker tournaments. Ayres' s highly leveraged lifestyle lands him a surreal night with a supermodel, a date at Michael Jackson' s birthday party in Neverland Ranch (Ayres bribes the organizers five grand to get in), and a wife courtesy of Craigslist. But disaster is never far away.

In the book' s brutal final section, Ayres is forced to confront the excesses of his generation at a scene of apocalyptic destruction: the Katrina-ravaged South. Told with a blend of offbeat irreverence, genuine pathos, and incisive social commentary, *Death by Leisure* is a savage and darkly humorous odyssey that taps directly into the contemporary psyche.

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