

Adult Films on Class

Waging a Living by Roger Weisberg

The term "working poor" should be an oxymoron. If you work full time, you should not be poor, but more than 30 million Americans — one in four workers — are stuck in jobs that do not pay the basics for a decent life. "Waging a Living" chronicles the day-to-day battles of four low-wage earners fighting to lift their families out of poverty.

<http://www.pbs.org/pov/pov2006/wagingaliving/?gclid=CKay9uC2upICFSK9FQodLTGSbQ>

How Class Works – interactive graphic

While there are many characteristics that could be used to describe a person's class, among the most influential are the person's occupation, education, income and wealth. The links below will take you to a graphic that shows different ways of looking at class using these factors, as well as an examination of how mobility has changed in recent decades.

http://www.nytimes.com/packages/html/national/20050515_CLASS_GRAPHIC/index_01.html

http://www.nytimes.com/packages/html/national/20050515_CLASS_GRAPHIC/index_02.html

Class Matters

<http://query.nytimes.com/search/query?srch=s&srchst=m&vendor=&query=%22class+matters%22>

1. Class Matters: Life Among the Hyper-Rich
2. Class Matters: The Story of Two Immigrants

Adult Resources

Books on the personal experience of class

Dorothy Allison, *Skin: Talking about Sex, Class & Literature*, Firebrand Books, 1994.

Joanie Bronfman, *The Experience of Inherited Wealth: A Social-Psychological Perspective*, Ann Arbor, MI: UMI Dissertation Services, 1993.

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Joanna Kadi, *Thinking Class: Sketches from a Cultural Worker*, South End Press, 1996. Visit Joanna Kadi online at joannakadi.org.

Alfred Lubrano, *Limbo: Blue-Collar Roots, White-Collar Dreams*, John Wiley & Sons, Hoboken, 2004.

Susan Raffo, *Queerly Classed: Gay Men and Lesbians Write about Class*, South End Press, 1997.

Lillian B. Rubin, *Families on the Faultline: America's Working Class Speaks About the Family, The Economy, Race, and Ethnicity*, HarperCollins, 1994.

Books on the US class system

Teresa L. Amott and Julie A. Matthaei, *Race, Gender, and Work: A Multicultural Economic History of Women in the United States*, South End Press, 1991.

Chip Berlet and Matthew N. Lyons, *Right-Wing Populism in America*, Guildford, 2000.

Chuck Collins and Felice Yeskel, *Economic Apartheid in America*, New Press, 2000.

Barbara Ehrenreich, *Fear of Falling: The Inner Life of the Middle Class*, Harper, 1990.

Paul Kivel, *Ruling Class Democracy: Who Benefits, Who Pays, and Who Really Decides?*, 2004.

Michael Zweig, *The Working Class Majority*, Cornell University, 2000.

David K. Shipler, *The Working Poor: Invisible in America*, Vintage, 2005.

Class Matters: A Bibliography

Class Matters by The New York Times,

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Bowen, William G., et al Equity and Excellence in American Higher Education (Thomas Jefferson Foundation Distinguished Lecture Series)

Bowles, Samuel, et al (Editors) Unequal Chances: Family Background and Economic Success (2005, Princeton University Press)

Conley, Dalton The Pecking Order: Which Siblings Succeed and Why (2004, Pantheon)

Corak, Miles (editor) Generational Income Mobility in North America and Europe (2004, Cambridge)

Frank, Robert; Cook, Phillip J. The Winner-Take-All Society: Why the Few at the Top Get So Much More Than the Rest of Us (1996, Penguin)

Fussell, Paul Class: A Guide Through the American Status System (1983, Touchstone Books)

Herberg, Will Protestant Catholic Jew: An Essay in American Religious Sociology (1955, 1960, 1983, The University of Chicago Press)

Kingston, Paul W. The Classless Society (2000, Stanford University Press)

Lamont, Michele Money, Morals, & Manners: The Culture of the French and the American Upper-Middle Class (1992, The University of Chicago Press)

Lareau, Annette Unequal Childhoods: Class, Race, and Family Life (2003, University of California Press)

Neckerman, Kathryn M. (Editor) Social Inequality (2004, Russell Sage Foundation) [Chapter 2, on family structure, and Chapter 10, on working hours, are especially relevant.]

Niebuhr, H. Richard The Social Sources of Denominationalism (1929)

Scharnhorst, Gary, with Jack Bales The Lost Life of Horatio Alger Jr. (Indiana University Press, 1992)

Student Resources

Picture Books for Lower School Students

Adler, David The Babe and I

Alphin, Elaine Marie A Bear for Miguel

Baylor, Byrd The Table Where Rich People Sit

Brumbeau, Jeff The Quiltmaker's Gift

Brumbeau, Jeff The Quiltmaker's Journey

Williams, Vera B. A Chair for My Mother

Williams, Vera B. Something Special for Me

Chapter Books for Middle School Students

Bulla, Clyde Robert The Chalk Box Kid

Bulla, Clyde Robert Shoeshine Girl

Carlson, Natalie Savage The Family Under the Bridge

Clements, Andrew The Jacket

Clements, Andrew The Janitor's Boy

Greenwald, Shelia My Fabulous New Life

Hesse, Karen Just Juice

Kurusa The Streets are Free

Patron, Susan The Higher Power of Lucky

Smothers, Ethel Footman The Hard Times Jar

Woodson, Jacqueline Miracle's Boys