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hard physical work in a faltering middle classBy harriet schwabRidiculously fascinating book. She spends a great deal of time with one group of America's workers after the other ... coal miners, blueberry pickers, truck drivers, gun retailers, oil rig workers, landfill workers. No overt politics here. No finger pointing. But, oh my, how interesting it is to spend quality time with Americans who have chosen to-- primarily -- do work with a significant physical component. Loved meeting them. Wished many times to have been her and had her experiences. Read her book on Concussions before this and recognized there that she was a fine reporter. This is an earlier book well worth the read as we navigate our current dangerous political waters.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I will be forever grateful and will not miss a day of saying a Prayer of Thanks to those wonderful people! Thank youBy Peggy's PostsThis book enlightens us as to who REALLY should have the kudos of this world! The "Hidden People" who bring our food and stuff to our lives - and with such sacrifice of their own lives. I will be forever grateful and will not miss a day of saying a Prayer of Thanks to those wonderful people! Thank you, Jeanne Laskas!! Wonderful, enlightening book! Out of the dark, into the light - just like the Coal Miners.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Educational.By I. FentonI found the book very interesting and educational. I will never understand why any author has to use the "f" word so very much. The book would have been just as readable, educational, and enjoyable, if not more so, without that word on almost every page. I taught history for years. This would be a good addition to high school curriculum, but I cannot recommend it because of the profanity in it.

An Oprah.com "Must-Read Book" Award-winning journalist Jeanne Marie Laskas reveals "enlightening, entertaining, and often poignant" profiles of America's working class--the forgotten men and women who make our country run. Take the men of Hopedale Mining company in Cadiz, Ohio. Laskas spent several weeks with them, both below and above ground, and by the end, you will know not only about their work, but about Pap and his dying mom, Smitty and the mail-order bride who stood him up at the airport, and Scotty and his thwarted dreams of becoming a boxing champion. That is only one hidden world. Others that she explores: an Alaskan oil rig, a migrant labor camp in Maine, the air traffic control center at LaGuardia Airport in New York, a beef ranch in Texas, a landfill in California, a long-haul trucker in Iowa, a gun shop in Arizona, and the Cincinnati Ben-Gals cheerleaders, mere footnotes in the moneymaking spectacle that is professional football."Jeanne Marie Laskas is a reporting and writing powerhouse. She doesn't just interview the people who dig our coal and extract our oil, she goes deep into the mines and tundra with them. With beauty, wit, curiosity, and grace, she finds the hidden soul of America."Hidden American is essential reading."--Rebecca Skloot, author of "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks"