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Overweight and depressed, Claudia Shear eats her way through 64 menial jobs in this true account of a woman's life at the edges of society. Artist's model, receptionist at a whorehouse, waitress, proofreader, Shear is the underling's underling and gives us a droll, insightful and ultimately frightening look at the inner lives of those who serve us. Do you ever wonder what the person who asks you, "Would you like fries with that?" is thinking--about you and herself? Shear knows--and tells us with wit and compassion. A thought-provoking and funny glimpse of the nameless workers who make the world go round.

From Publishers Weekly

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At a time when everybody from stand-up comics to out-of-work actors is putting together a one-person show, hoping to catch a ride on the Spalding Gray-Eric Bogosian gravy train, Claudia Shear stands out. Not just because she has something to say about life in an age of diminishing expectations, but also because this confessed book addict writes wonderfully well. Her autobiographical show, here put between book covers, is peppered with sensitive, moving, very funny stories about life as a gypsy employee (65 different jobs and counting) working some of the worst jobs available--waitress, proofreader in a law firm, receptionist in a brothel, scantily clad actress in an Italian exploitation film. On the page, Shear's words lose none of the power that garnered critical acclaim when her show opened early last year. *Jack Helbig*

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