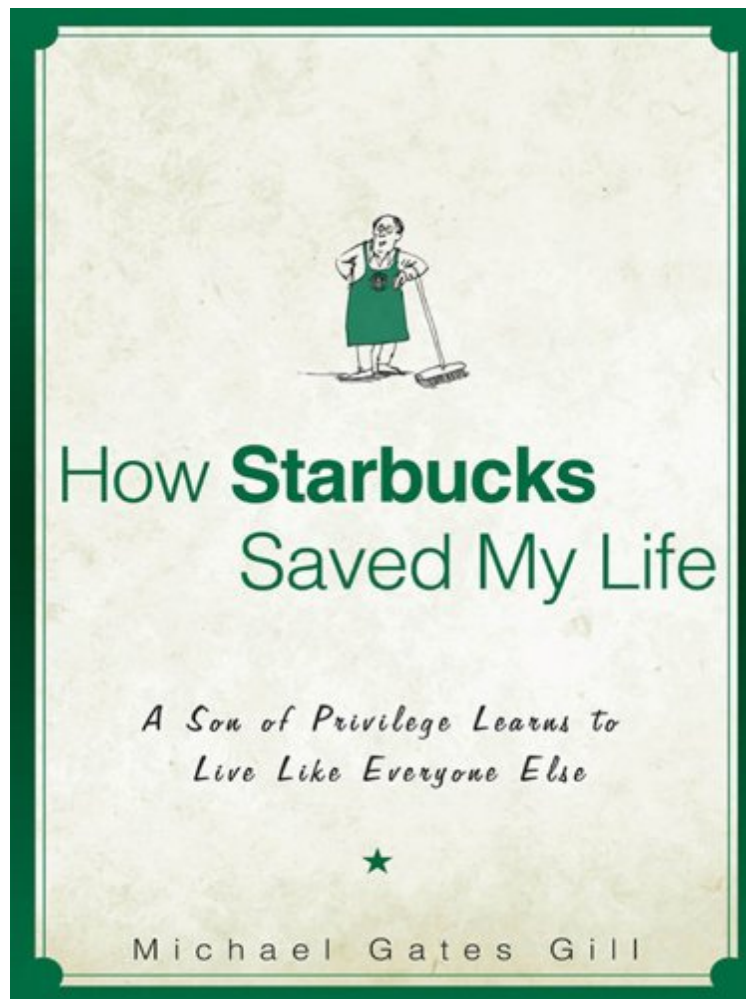


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most people, but that he uses to turn himself around. Because he's willing to take a job serving people at Starbucks, and because he's willing to open his mind and heart to a new (simpler and more humble) way of life, he demonstrates how others of us might choose to do the same. Unlike cheery "you can achieve if you believe" self-help books, this novel shows how a real guy fell off his high horse, dusted himself off, and learned to appreciate walking on his own two feet. Instead of feeling sorry for himself, the leading character accepts his own flaws and chooses to learn from those experiences and build a new life that is better because he CHOOSES to become a better man. I loved it. Inspiring. Moving. A tale that can be deeply appreciated in these hard economic times, where many more will be thrown into a similar circumstance. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Enjoyable Read By beryl byrd As a Starbucks partner of about the same age as MGG was when the book was written, I could empathize and identify with much of his situation. Starbucks has been a wonderful and welcoming experience and it was fun to compare my story with his. The only reason I didn't give it 5 stars was because the writing was somewhat "elementary" and his continued referencing to his former life got a little tiresome. But, an enjoyable, quick read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A very good read and inspiring By Fiona I was inspired by this book. Perhaps he harps a bit much on his posh, posh background. But we all stumble in life and to be humble enough to work in a Starbucks after a successful career, realise that what he may have thought were dead-end menial jobs were not as easy as they look, and that he had lots to learn from these new people in his life, I found remarkable and quite inspiring. Most of all, it's very well written and a breeze to get through. Was left wanting more.

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