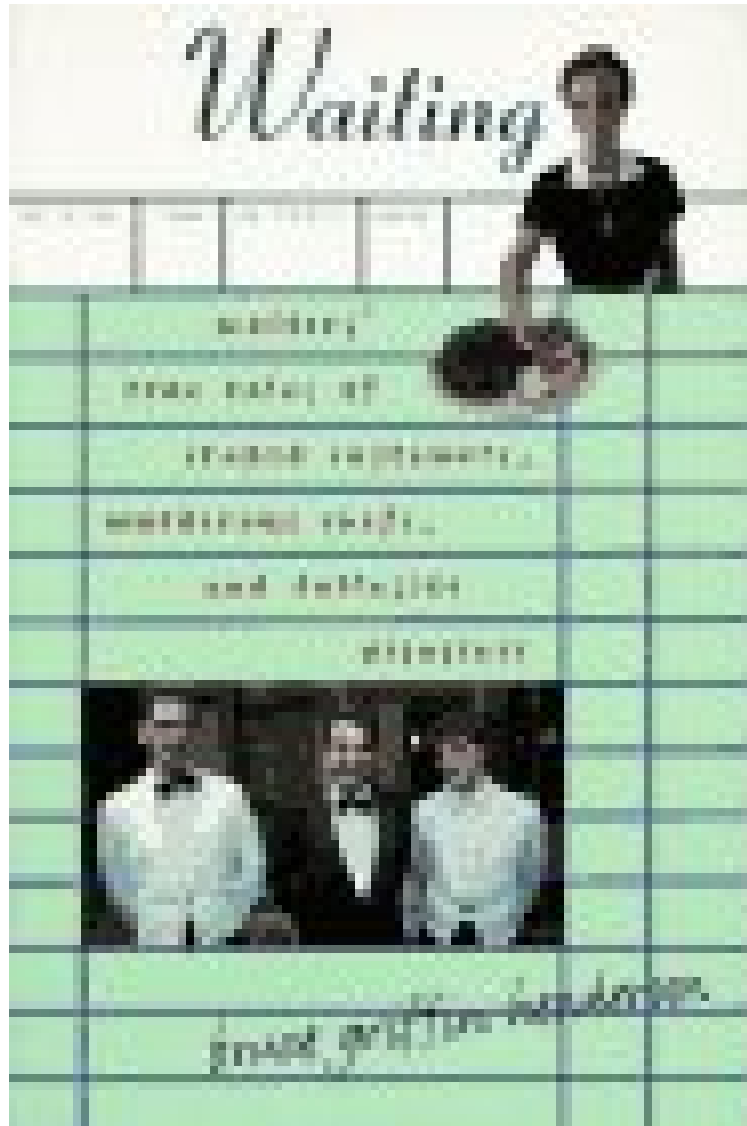


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Bruce Henderson : Waiting before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Waiting:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. read most of it last nite!By Madame Amritaawesome for anyone who's waited on tables...i laughed and sighed in complete agreement with all the stories told great read!11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. I was glad to know there were others like me!By A CustomerI just happen to discover this hilarious book while browsing through bookstore one day. I knew immediately that I would have to purchase it. I have been in the service industry for over ten years. I have experniced just about everything that was

discussed in the book. I too have dealt with irate, idiotic customers, crazy, perverted cooks, being so incredibly busy trying to wait on several people that at times I wanted to throw my tray down and walk away from the chaotic scene, and I have definitely discovered that restaurant managers are a breed of their own. I have dealt with disapproving sighs and smirks with individuals that think that all I want to do is wait tables my whole life. The fact is, many of the food servers I have worked with are students pursuing very high educational goals. I myself have been working towards my MSW. A good majority of people believe that we are just these pathetic peons that are down and out. I recall a situation when a customer saw me drive to work in a new car that I had recently purchased. He was completely astonished that I had that vehicle and couldn't understand why a waitress would have a new car. Frankly, like Mr. Henderson writes about, it is a good way to make fast money and the hours work well with school schedules, internships, and auditions (although I never personally worked with any aspiring actors). I was delighted (and somewhat relieved) that there are others that have had some of the identical experiences I had including the frustrating and ridiculous nightmares that will haunt you in your sleep when you bolt up from your bed and scream "Oh my God! I forgot to give that table their butter!".

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Anyone who has ever eaten in a restaurant must read. By Bill Thomas I have worked as a waiter, and I have also had the good fortune to work with Bruce Henderson. "Waiting" is a wonderful book, with great behind-the-scenes insights about the fairly universal experience of dining out-- but from the point of view of waiters and waitresses who take our orders and bring us our food. A great deal of humor happens as those seemingly mundane events unfold. "Waiting" is divided up into very funny, easily read chapters under headings like "Celebrities," "Pet Peeves," and so on. Truly an outstanding read, and something that every restaurant staffer should check out. Bruce Henderson is also a really fine singer/songwriter and recording artist with two current CDs available on Paradigm Associated Labels, "The Wheels Roll" from Summer 1997, and "Beyond the Pale," which comes out mid 1999. Bruce is an even better as a songwriter than he is as a storyteller. No songs about waiting tables, though.

For the past 18 years, Henderson has made his living waiting tables, and now, he's blowing the lid off the profession with this compendium of all-true tales told by waiters from around the country. Marvelously written, *Waiting* will make you think twice the next time you make that universal gesture for the check.

From *Booklist* In a rather lightweight, Studs Terkel-esque fashion, Henderson reveals the world of waiting tables to the waited upon. He divides his treatment into broad chapters topically titled "Dating," "Taxes," "Tipping," "Holidays," "Health and Safety," etc. A waiter himself, Henderson introduces each topic with a few paragraphs and fills the remainder of the chapter with quotes and anecdotes about its topic from other waiters and waitresses. As the same people are quoted in every chapter, we get to know individual styles and perspectives quickly, which adds to the book's fun. Overall, the tone underlying most of the comments suggests that the servers are fed up with the customers. Some of the anecdotes amuse, but by book's end, the whining about tips and the pet peeves get annoying. While, unlike Terkel's *Working*, *Waiting* is no great landmark of sociological literature, it does serve up some humorous enlightenment for us diners, some useful primary source material for those considering entering the food service industry. Charles Harmon