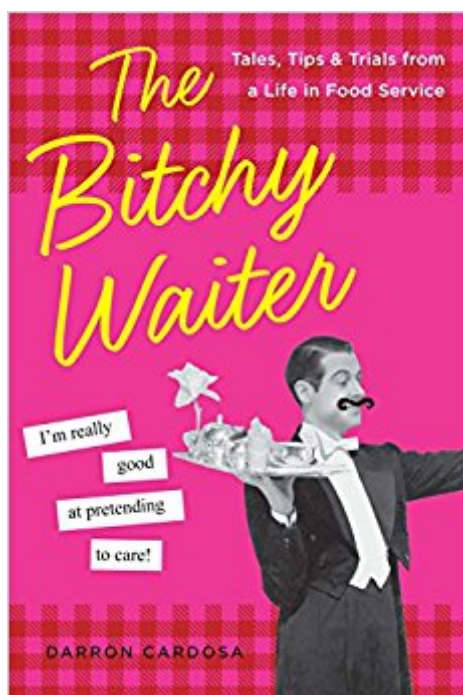


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The Bitchy Waiter: Tales, Tips & Trials From A Life In Food Service



Synopsis

Millions of people have, at some point in their lives, waited tables. Some only did it in college, or got out by sheer determination, good luck . . . or suicide. Others took it on as permanent employment. And many remain haunted by nightmare scenarios where they are the sole server in a restaurant packed with complaining patrons. For all those disenchanted current and former food service employees, Darron Cardoso has your back. His career began at a Texas steakhouse in 1984, and since 2008 he's vented his frustrations in the popular blog *The Bitchy Waiter*. A snarky mix of David Sedaris, Anthony Bourdain, Erma Bombeck, and Mo Rocca, Cardoso distills 30 years of food service into dark, funny tales about crazy customers, out-of-control egos, and what really goes on in that fancy restaurant that anyone who worked in the industry will recognize and relate to.

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"Cardosa does for wait staff what Anthony Bourdain did for kitchens: he exposes the ugly side of food service from the perspective of those working on the front lines. And he puts the potential restaurant customer on notice that someone is watching and recording their bad behavior."

• Shelf Awareness

Darron Cardoso proudly refers to himself as a media whore, and has been known to spend hours at a time linking his blog to every conceivable website that may get him more traffic. *The Bitchy Waiter*

blog now boasts nearly 10,000 followers on Twitter and 250,000 fans on Facebook. In 2011 he was featured in a New York Post article entitled "Should You Trust Your Server?" He has been a guest on WOR talk radio and also on WNYC public radio. In August 2011 he appeared as a guest on Dr. Phil to discuss children's behavior in restaurants, and in November 2011 he was a contributing commentator for CBS Sunday Morning, which reached more than five million viewers. In August 2012 his blog was referenced in an article on CNN's website Eatocracy.com, and most recently he was quoted in an article about tipping for the Wall Street Journal. Darron lives in New York, NY.

As a customer who has never been the server, I find The Bitchy Waiter's commentary both refreshing & entertaining! While some of his observations may seem heartless, they nevertheless illustrate the endless harsh realities faced by service people every day. Likewise, he brilliantly shows us that servers are real people who deserve our respect for doing something that many of us could never do. I absolutely LOVE the epilogue, "dessert!" It's relevant even to those of us NOT in the restaurant industry & it gives me hope that I, too, can be proud of who I am & what I do, and that if I work for it, I can realize my own dreams!

I was in F&B for 45 years and Bitchy has hit the nail on the head. Chapter after chapter he lays out what servers face every single day. He is also, hysterically funny, and I scared my cat several times because I laughed so hard! These things he talks about I faced every day and it really does wear on you even if you DO love making people happy! Some, you just can not. I read every "insider" waiter/server book I can find and THIS is the best one ever!! Buy it, get yourself a glass of wine, and settle in to be amused, amazed, and occasionally, disgusted by the patience it takes to deal with the public in a situation they will never understand. I still have dreams about a full restaurant, I'm the only one there, and the kitchen is miles away!!! Server Dreams are real.....

Quick and enticing read! More than enjoyable, down right satisfying!

I can't read this book in public because it makes me laugh so much that people look at me funny; He is a really great storyteller - you feel like you're there with him. If you're a server, it's completely worth the \$10. It's a totally relatable, joyous delight - with a satisfying dose of innocent cynicism. I'm so happy to have this book!

A "must read" for anyone that has been or is currently working as a waiter. Fun, endearing, smart ... And real. A look at what happens underneath the white tablecloth. It's the next "kitchen confidential" as a waiter.

AMAZING! Stayed up half the night because I didn't want to put it down. Read it all in one night. Hilarious re-telling of service industry stories. Would recommend to absolutely anyone in the industry or anyone who just wants a laugh.

I follow the bitchy waiter on instagram and absolutely adore him! I knew I was going to love his book with the first paragraph stating he thinks everyone should have to put on an apron to learn respect! I've been a server/bartender since I was 14 I'm now 28. I think most of us in the industry have a love hate relationship with it. Many of us go through stages where we try other careers etc. we always come back to it. It's like that Ex you can't stay away from. What I love about the bitchy waiter is he makes it ok that we do what we do and gives us the respect we deserve even if others don't! Thanks bitchy waiter for being you

If you're a fan of the Bitchy Waiter this book is a must read. It includes new content/stories and keeps true to Bitchy's style of writing in his blogs. I enjoyed reading this book and was glad I sprung for it. I usually do not ever buy books by bloggers or anything like this but wanted to support Bitchy in his writing and was pleased with the book I received. It's a prime item so it shipped quickly and showed up on time. I also never write reviews but felt he needed some honest reviews on here.

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