

Exit Zero: Family and Class in Postindustrial Chicago

In the wake of the Great Recession, millions of Americans have lost their jobs and their homes. The unemployment rate has soared, and wages have stagnated. The middle class is shrinking, and the gap between the rich and the poor is growing wider. These trends are particularly evident in postindustrial cities like Chicago, where the collapse of the manufacturing sector has left many families struggling to make ends meet.



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In her new book, *Exit Zero*, Elizabeth 'Betsy' Wilson analyzes the social and economic decline of a once-thriving industrial town in Illinois. She explores how the collapse of the steel industry has affected families and communities, and how residents are coping with the challenges of job loss and economic insecurity.

Wilson's ethnography is based on several years of fieldwork in the town of Rosedale, Illinois. Rosedale was once a prosperous steel town, but it has been hit hard by the decline of the industry. The steel mill that once employed thousands of workers has closed, and many of the town's residents have lost their jobs. As a result, Rosedale has become a community in crisis. The unemployment rate is high, and poverty is widespread. The town's schools and other public services are struggling, and the crime rate has increased.

Wilson's book tells the stories of the people of Rosedale. She describes how they are struggling to cope with the challenges of job loss and economic insecurity. She also explores how the decline of the steel industry has affected their families and communities. Wilson's book is a powerful indictment of the policies that have led to the decline of the American working class, and it offers a hopeful vision for how we can create a more just and equitable society.

Here are some of the key themes that Wilson explores in *Exit Zero*:

- The impact of job loss on families and communities
- The challenges of economic insecurity
- The decline of the American working class
- The need for a more just and equitable society

Exit Zero is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the social and economic challenges facing America today. It is a powerful and moving book that will stay with you long after you finish it.

Reviews

"Exit Zero is a powerful indictment of the policies that have led to the decline of the American working class. Wilson's ethnography is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the challenges facing our country today." - **Barbara Ehrenreich**

"Exit Zero is a moving and insightful account of the impact of job loss on families and communities. Wilson's book is a powerful reminder of the importance of good jobs and economic security." - **Arlie Russell**

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"Exit Zero is a must-read for anyone who cares about the future of the American working class. Wilson's book is a powerful and moving account of the challenges facing our country today." - **Robert Reich**

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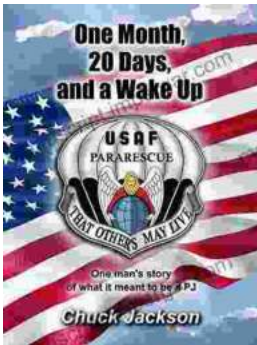


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