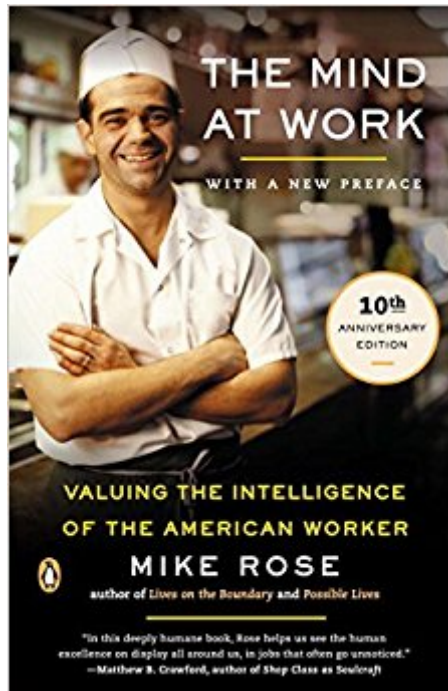




The book was found

# The Mind At Work: Valuing The Intelligence Of The American Worker



## Synopsis

Featuring a new preface for the 10th anniversary As did the national bestseller *Nickel and Dimed*, Mike Rose's revelatory book demolishes the long-held notion that people who work with their hands make up a less intelligent class. He shows us waitresses making lightning-fast calculations, carpenters handling complex spatial mathematics, and hairdressers, plumbers, and electricians with their aesthetic and diagnostic acumen. Rose, an educator who is himself the son of a waitress, explores the intellectual repertory of everyday workers and the terrible social cost of undervaluing the work they do. Deftly combining research, interviews, and personal history, this is one of those rare books that has the capacity both to shape public policy and to illuminate general readers.

## Book Information

Paperback: 304 pages

Publisher: Penguin Books; Reprint edition (July 26, 2005)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0143035576

ISBN-13: 978-0143035572

Product Dimensions: 5 x 0.5 x 7.7 inches

Shipping Weight: 6.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.0 out of 5 stars 22 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #39,485 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #26 in Books > Medical Books > Psychology > Occupational & Organizational #26 in Books > Health, Fitness & Dieting > Psychology & Counseling > Occupational & Organizational #103 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Sociology > Class

## Customer Reviews

This groundbreaking study finds that the intelligence, integrated skills and achievements of blue collar and service workers have been consistently undermined and marginalized by cultural stereotyping. Rose (*Possible Lives*) finds conventional assessment of intelligence tied to social class: to IQ tests that measure formal schooling rather than capacity, and judgments that elevate "mind work" such as teaching or surgery over so-called "body work" represented by hair stylists or plumbers. Rose demonstrates, through research and personal exploration of a variety of workplaces, that cognitive ability, including perception, judgment, memory and knowledge, is employed daily in the work of laborers like welders, carpenters and drivers. He includes an

extraordinarily moving biography of his mother, who used timing, concentration, strategic efficiency and a high degree of social skills in her work as a waitress. He profiles vocational teachers such as Jim Padilla, who motivates and guides his student electricians while passing on the concentration, problem-solving skills and persistence necessary to success. Rose also provides an excellent overview of the academic-vocational divide and argues that its effacement is necessary for a more democratic society. Well written and perceptive, but never dogmatic, Rose's book puts an important and generally poorly covered piece of the U.S.'s sociological puzzle in bold relief. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Through in-depth research, Rose, a member of the faculty of the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies demonstrates that cultural stereotyping has invariably underestimated blue-collar workers' intelligence and accomplishments. Rose quotes a policy analyst: "How do you honor a student's construction worker father while creating the conditions for his child to not be a construction worker?" Combining memoir (his mother was a waitress) with case studies, he also provides an excellent overview of the academic-vocational divide, though at times his overly scholarly descriptions of the work environment reflect this division. Generally fast paced and never dogmatic, however, Rose has certainly drawn an original portrait of America at work. Copyright © 2004 Phillips & Nelson Media, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In the interest of full disclosure, the author quoted a sentence from my first book's introduction, so of course I'm going to smile when I read *The Mind at Work*. Pirsig's book, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, has a brief chapter about the genius of welding, a glimpse at how to do it with purity and art, without ego or excessive pride. Competence is its own reward. That's the sense I get from this book. The working class contains some real geniuses, who are not scholars in the traditional sense. Even so, they study. Real, real hard. The intelligence of the average American working person is undervalued, because it's unseen. Good. It can continue to flourish in secret, exploited by its owners alone.

This is an inspiring book. Everyone should read this! Enough said. Sadly... is requiring me to write a certain amount before I can submit my review. This book will help you realize the truly complicated lives we all live and the intelligence and beauty in everyone. It poses questions about self and about

different perspectives of others and may not only be good for recognizing the brains and hearts of others but your own worth.

I really respect the important work of people who serve others - hairdressers, restaurant servers, house cleaners. I wanted more from this book. More stories, more insight. More.

This book was totally AWESOME!!! I have even more respect for service workers after reading and learning of the time, patience, education, skill, use of senses and years of hard work necessary to hone a craft. Big UPS to Mike Rose for breaking it down!

Describes complexity of thought in "manual" professions. Rose manages it with skill and elegance. Highly recommended for all readers both expert and new to the area.

The most important book on the dynamics of Vocational Education that I have ever read.

The shipping was on time as described!! The book is also clean and no mark on it. Reasonable price with good item, a nice shopping experience and that is all I can tell.

Great book that everyone should read.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Mind at Work: Valuing the Intelligence of the American Worker Emotional Intelligence: Why You're Smarter But They Are More Successful (Emotional intelligence leadership, Emotional Quotient, emotional intelligence depression, emotional intelligence workbook) Master the Case Worker Exam (Arco Master the Case Worker Exam) Emotional Intelligence: 3 Manuscripts - Emotional Intelligence Definitive Guide, Mastery, Complete Step by Step Guide (Social Engineering, Leadership, ... (Emotional Intelligence Series Book 4) Master Your Mind: Achieve Greatness by Powering Your Subconscious Mind [mental power, mind control, thought control] (brain power, subconscious mind power, NLP, Neuro Linguistic Programming) The Big Squeeze: Tough Times for the American Worker Emotional Intelligence: The Top Secret to Using Emotional Intelligence to Get the Most Out of Your Life Emotional Intelligence: Why it can matter more than IQ (Leading with Emotional Intelligence) Emotional Intelligence: The Complete Step by Step Guide on Self Awareness, Controlling Your Emotions and Improving Your EQ (Emotional Intelligence Series Book 3) Emotional Intelligence: How to Increase EQ, Interpersonal Skills, Communication Skills and

Achieve Success (emotional intelligence, emotions, how to read ... problem solving, communication  
Book 3) Writing Classified and Unclassified Papers for National Security: A Scarecrow Professional  
Intelligence Education Series Manual (Security and Professional Intelligence Education Series)  
Ethics of Spying: A Reader for the Intelligence Professional (Security and Professional Intelligence  
Education Series) Readings in Medical Artificial Intelligence. The First Decade (Addison-Wesley  
Series in Artificial Intelligence) Humanitarian Intelligence: A Practitioner's Guide to Crisis Analysis  
and Project Design (Security and Professional Intelligence Education Series) The Senate  
Intelligence Committee Report on Torture: Committee Study of the Central Intelligence Agency's  
Detention and Interrogation Program The Power of Your Subconscious Mind: There Are No Limits  
to the Prosperity, Happiness, and Peace of Mind You Can Achieve Simply by Using the Power of  
the Subconscious Mind, Updated Valuing a Business, 5th Edition: The Analysis and Appraisal of  
Closely Held Companies (McGraw-Hill Library of Investment and Finance) Understanding Business  
Valuation: A Practical Guide to Valuing Small to Medium Sized Businesses Valuing Small  
Businesses and Professional Practices (Irwin Library of Investment & Finance) Valuing Early Stage  
and Venture Backed Companies (Wiley Finance)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)