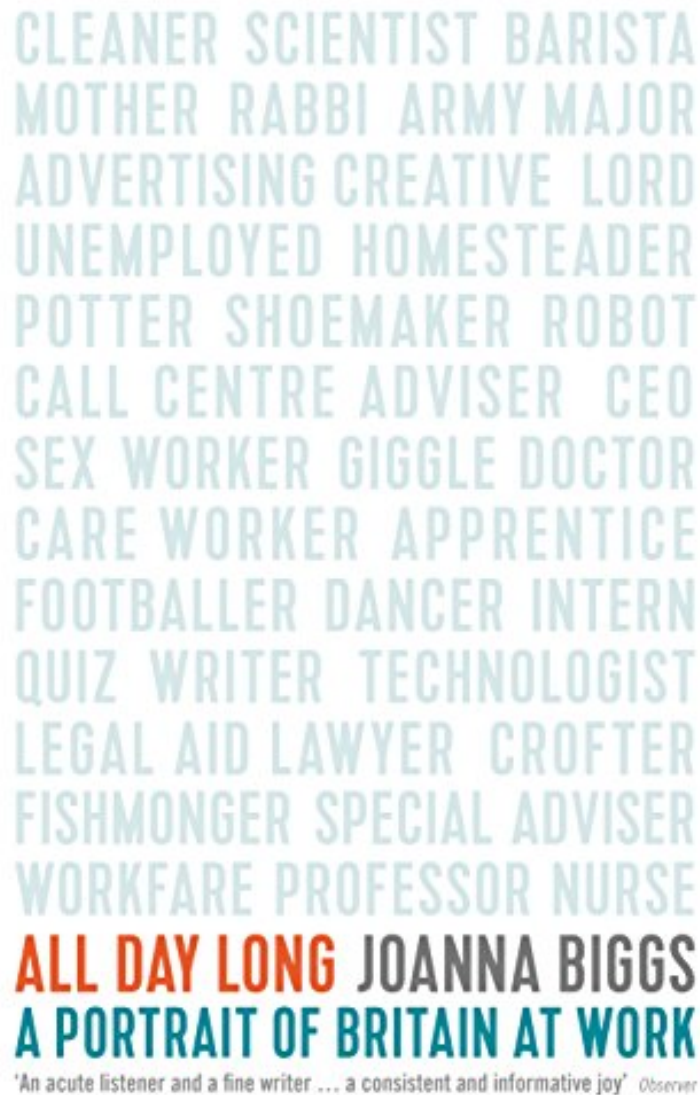


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be a fishmonger, a sex worker or an Orthodox rabbi? Or a banker, a research scientist or a carer? How do our jobs affect our lives, beliefs and happiness? And what happens when we don't work? Joanna Biggs has travelled the country to find the answers, talking to interns and bosses, professionals and entrepreneurs, thinkers and doers. She takes us from Westminster to the Outer Hebrides, from a hospital in Wales to the industrial Midlands, introducing us to different worlds of work and the people who inhabit them. Rich with the voices of the wealthy and poor, native and immigrant, women and men of the UK in the twenty-first century, *All Day Long* shows us who we are through what we do.

Joanna Biggs offers an excellent contribution to our knowledge of the world of work in all its variety - not through tedious sociological analysis (thank goodness), but through the stories of real people she has interviewed all over the country. Reading this book reminds me how times have changed dramatically since my generation left school or college in the Sixties with no worries about finding a job. We were lucky. -- Bel Mooney Daily Mail Biggs is both an acute listener and a fine writer, and the combination makes her book a consistent and informative joy. -- Tim Adams Observer A compelling read and easy to dip into, with pithy vignettes ... The book rewards with some poignant insights ... a thoughtful read ... a neat idea, lucidly written, thoughtfully observed and well executed. -- David Cohen Evening Standard Detailed, quirky and faithful in its likeness, yet simmers with the artist's rage at the unfairness of it all ... an intelligent, surprising and elegantly written book. -- Lucy Kellaway FT Brilliant -- Paul Mason [on twitter] Biggs traces her wider narrative with a light touch, without using her interviews as a soapbox. Instead she lets the sad, funny, inspiring and alarming stories they tell take centre stage. -- Anthony Cummins Metro It feels like a good time to publish a book about work ... Biggs's quick eye and ease with description make her a lovely observer ... the potent, finely drawn impression it leaves is of workers sweating away in their own separate worlds, some happily, some not, most of them accepting of their lot. -- Andy Beckett Guardian Eloquent ... I liked the quietness of this book, the way its argument emerges organically out of the material rather than in polemic. -- Joe Moran New Statesman Biggs has a lovely, calm, measured style, with just a hint of menace behind it - like a tour guide in a stately home who suddenly pulls out a baseball bat and just holds it there, smiling. -- Julie Burchill Spectator A bravura study of our working nation ... a subtle, observant, quiet, devastating book -- Yasmin Alibhai-Brown Independent I thought *All Day Long* was a brilliant, varied and humane study of the way we have to live now. There's the great capitalist dream, in which we are fulfilled, rich, successful and (preferably) famous with it. Joanna Biggs shows us the brutal reality: one of youthful keenness, talent and desire to contribute, ill-served by a sometimes unequal and unfair job market in which what you can offer and what you get offered don't always match up. Biggs uses her peerless interviewing skills to draw truth, nuance, humour and subtlety from the people she speaks to. As a result *All Day Long* is beautifully complex and multi-faceted, an anthropological study of hard, as-we-live-it capitalism which is judicious yet never overtly judgemental. -- Bidisha If you believe Britain is an under-described territory, you will welcome a brilliant new voice in non-fiction, Joanna Biggs. Her debut, *All Day Long: a Portrait of Britain at Work* is so well-written I'm taking it on holiday to read again. Biggs writes profiles of workers in different parts of the country, demonstrating fantastic delicacy and a true passion for accuracy, discovering the pulse of austerity in the way we get busy now ... she brings the spirit of Studs Terkel onto the British scene. Read a terrific profile each night before you fall asleep and dream of a greener and more pleasant land. -- Andrew O'Hagan Daily Telegraph A fascinating read -- Chris Mason, BBC Political Correspondent Books of the Year: that rare thing, an insight into Britain with no ideological preconception ... sobering and surprising. -- Tim Adams Observer About the Author Joanna Biggs is a writer and editor at the London of Books, where she has reported on the student protest movement, the recession in Middlesbrough, Legal Aid cuts, censorship in China, and manufacturing. She was born in London and educated at Oxford, the Sorbonne and London.