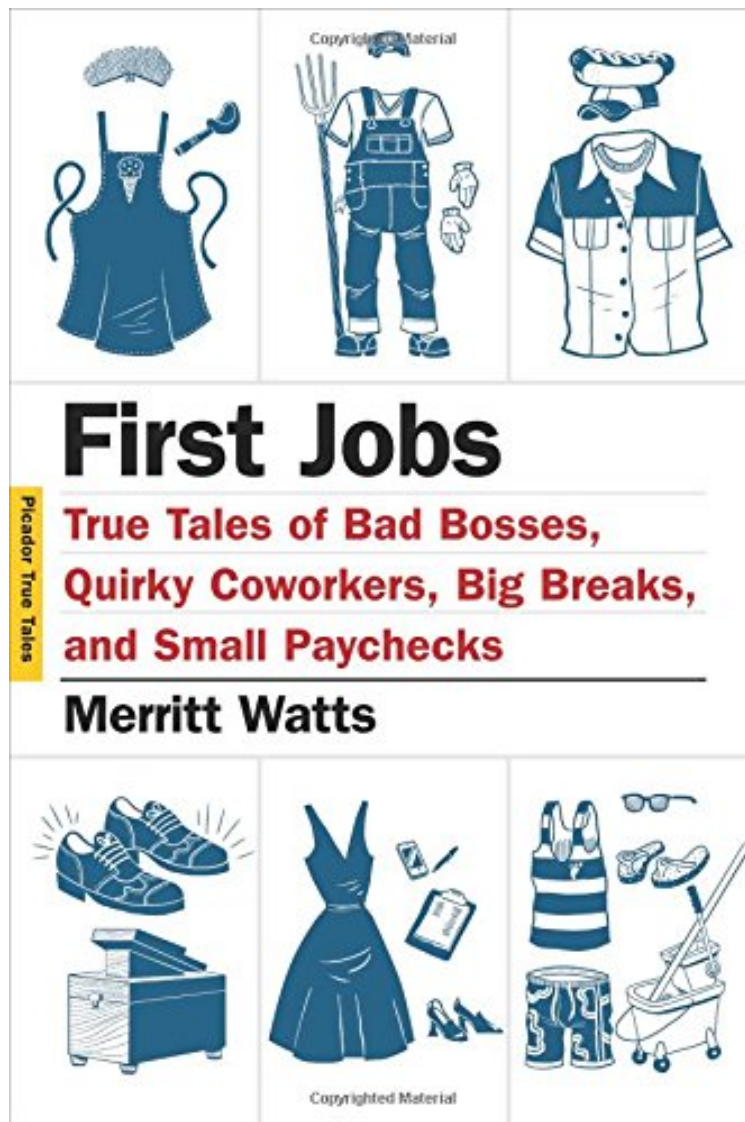


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Merritt Watts : **First Jobs: True Tales of Bad Bosses, Quirky Coworkers, Big Breaks, and Small Paychecks (Picador True Tales)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised First Jobs: True Tales of Bad Bosses, Quirky Coworkers, Big Breaks, and Small Paychecks (Picador True Tales):

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Alissa Dos Santos If your usual business/leadership book is a career fair, this book is the coffee chat with your friend about her job (and horrible boss). This book reminded me of my real life experiences, trying to navigate my career, the messiness of it all. I was surprised by how much I liked the format -- the stories are interviews by Watts, who is a journalist. As a reader, you get to sit in the seat for both the cringe-worthy moments and the bright-eyed, life-altering ones. When woven together, the stories paint a larger picture of what it's like to show up on that first day for what will later be the first line on your resume. As a start-up gal, I loved "The Serious Scooper," a story about a girl working her way up in an ice cream shop in the early 90s. I was shocked to learn the story was from Jeni Britton Bauer (of the famous shop, Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams)! I love her ice cream. It was inspiring (and a little magical) to learn she started from the bottom and ended up where she is today, still within the ice cream world. I also loved "The Pecan-preneur," a sweet tale of a self-initiated business by a twelve-year-old named Chuck Turner. I love that Chuck (Man of Pecans) kept growing his business without thinking much about the money he was making. It just kept getting bigger and the money kept coming in. No one was telling him, "Build a business!" It also made me smile to know his hard-earned cash went toward a waffle maker for his parents. This book took me back in time and reminded me of my own first job, punching in and out as a waitress at a country club the summer after graduating high school. The first-person perspective turns out to be a refreshing break from my usual business, non-fiction read. It caught me off guard, filling me with nostalgia for past jobs and inspiring me for what's to come in my own career. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good read for all ages. By simonsdad Easy and fun read. We've all had the first job with there successes and failures, so I can't imagine anyone that couldn't relate to at least some of the stories regardless of age. Very entertaining. I had a personal friend that his story was one of the ones in the book which made it of particular interest to me too. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Can't stop smiling! By Jill Raci This was a really fun read! The stories were addicting. When it was time to stop reading, I would think to myself "just one more story." This book got me thinking about all of my past jobs and coworkers that I haven't thought about in ages. Thanks for the memories!

A future mayor shining shoes, an atheist shilling Bibles, a housewife heading to work during World War II, a now-famous designer getting fired—we all got our start somewhere. A first job may not have the romance of the first kiss or the excitement of a first car, but more than anything else, it offers a taste of true independence and a preview of what the world has in store for us. In *The First Jobs*, reporter Merritt Watts collects real stories of these early forays into the workforce from a range of eras and industries, and a diversity of backgrounds. For some, a first job is a warm welcome to the working world. For others, it's a rude awakening, but as these stories show, it's an influential, entertaining experience that should not be underestimated. This book transforms what we might think of as a single, unassuming line at the bottom of a résumé into a collection of absorbing tales and hard-earned wisdom to which we can all, for better or worse, relate.

About the Author MERRITT WATTS is a former magazine editor and current freelance writer, who has written for *Details*, *Women's Health*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *SELF*, *Martha Stewart Living*, and more. Her first job was as a telemarketer. She lives in San Francisco.