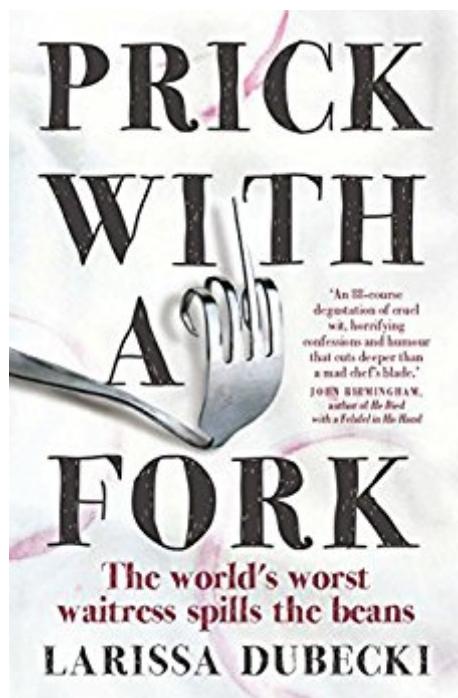


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# Prick With A Fork: The World's Worst Waitress Spills The Beans



## Synopsis

If a bad attitude could be subject to copyright, my ten years as a waiter would have left me obscenely wealthy. Working the floor, I was the Kerry Packer of passive aggression. Sullen insolence was my personal trademark, diligently honed and perfected over time. For a long list of perceived diner slights - ranging from ordering the tomato sauce separately to the fries, to calling me 'dear' - I could perform a Jekyll and Hyde switch into the most perfunctory, robotic and joyless server the world has ever seen. If I didn't like a group of people I would endeavour to do my very best to ensure that the only thing left of their night was a cold, dry husk. That I regularly used something I privately referred to as the 'Dead Eyes' should reveal plenty. Before she was one of Australia's top restaurant critics, Larissa Dubecki was one of its worst waitresses. A loving homage to her ten-year reign of dining-room terror, *Prick With a Fork* takes you where a diner should never go. From the crappiest suburban Italian to the hottest place in town, what goes on behind the scenes is rarely less fraught than the seventh circle of hell. Psychopathic chefs, lecherous owners, impossible demands and insufferable customers are just the start of an average shift. Therapy for former waiters, a revelation to diners, and pure reading pleasure for anyone interested in what really happens out the back of the restaurant, *Prick With a Fork* is an hilarious and horrific dissection of the restaurant industry, combining the gritty take-no-prisoners attack of Anthony Bourdain's *Kitchen Confidential* with the gross confessions and forensic grunge of John Birmingham's *He Died with a Felafel in His Hand*. Dining out will never be the same again.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The style is easy and amusing to read however I would have liked more of the funny stories as opposed to the autobiographical stuff. "Insider" expositories of the food service industry have fared well since Kitchen Confidential which is the gold standard for these books and I would rate Prick with a Fork among the top five that I've had the pleasure to read.

Larissa Dubecki is very well known in Australia and her book is a gem. Very aptly titled! I was amazed at the goings-on-behind-the scenes of Restaurants, and it will change the way you view one next time you eat out! Very funny in parts, and certainly full of fascinating stories. Read and learn, and remember to ALWAYS leave a tip if you intend to eat at that Restaurant again, otherwise, be afraid, very afraid!

A really charming book. A terrific exposÃ© of restaurant hierarch and behind the scenes drama that is light hearted and funny. Larissa writes very well and it is great to hear about what being in hospitality is really like. Highly recommended. I really loved the title too!

Maybe if you have worked in the foodie industry this would be your cup of tea but generally not as funny as the reviews make out.

A great read. Made me laugh and cringe at the same time. A window into what really goes on in restaurants. Won't stop me going to dinner and could , quite possibly, make me enjoy it more!!

I didn't finish it. She had some good one liners, but I mainly found it long winded.

Those in the hospitality industry will totally relate. Love the sense of humour and wit throughout the book too !

Easy read, people in the hospitality business could likely recognise people they know.

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