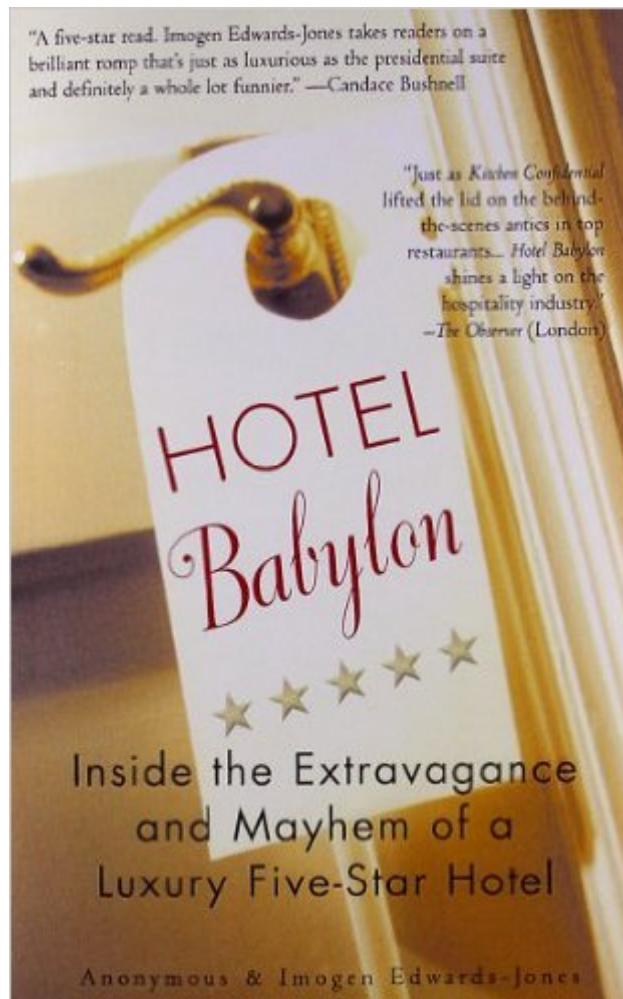


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Hotel Babylon: Inside The Extravagance And Mayhem Of A Luxury Five-Star Hotel



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The manager of an exclusive boutique hotel (who shall remain nameless) exposes the low-life styles of the rich and famous. And we're not talking just loud all-night bashes...The anonymous author has encountered lavish drug parties, gorgeous call girls, naked guests falling out of windows, \$9,000 bottles of wine, astronomical telephone porn bills, bathtubs of Evian, and on more than one occasion, dead sheep. And every dirty word of it is true. This is a trawl through the decadence and debauchery of the ultimate service industry "where money not only talks, but gets guests the best room, the best service, and also entitles them to behave in any way they please.

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I worked in the hotel industry for a while in my 20s, some of it in the same part of the world this novel's set in, and can say that a lot of the author's information is pretty accurate concerning the behind the scenes workings of hotels, the kitchens, fact that they all have pests, and the lack of pay a lot lower level workers such as housekeeping get paid next to nothing resulting in most of them being filled by foreigners without the language skills or visas to get other work. You'll certainly deal with drunks, boring people who want to chat to you, see a lot of nudity, prostitutes, deal with difficult and stupid customers, people who don't want to pay for things they've used and who think they can bully their way out of it by causing a scene. So it gets those parts right and this may well be an eye opener if you thought working in a hotel was a completely glamorous easy career, or as some people believe, staff just stand around all day/night doing nothing between check ins. But what Hotel Babylon lacked for me was being an entertaining novel. You knew it would be a lot of B S and urban legends would make up the majority of the fictional male narrator's 24hr back to back double shift.

It's just that this just seems to only have the basic well known myths, such as the generous highest dollar (pound in this case) note handshakes particularly by drunken tycoons. The hot blonde guest who asks him to bring up a coffee and is waiting legs spread naked on top of the bed when he brings it up, the lowly paid cleaner being a doctor in his former country and insane female guest who had a naked mental breakdown. A lot of aspects are exaggerated to make a better novel, especially the tipping in a country where tipping pretty much doesn't exist.

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