Title of book:

How Starbucks Saved My Life

– A San of Privilege Learns to Live Like Everyone Else –

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This book is little bit difficult for me.

Summary:

Michael Gates Gill, the author of “How Starbucks Saved My Life”, used to have everything in his life, who had been born into a rich family, graduated from Yale, and worked for advertisement as an executive, which sounds a perfect white-collar. Oneday, however, he kicked out from the company, lost everything. Moreover, he cheated on his wife, and made a baby between the other one. His life was totally corrupt. In his gloomy days, he met an African-American woman in her middle of 20s, Crystal, at Starbucks by chance. She offered him a job, surprisingly, for Starbucks. He had no choice without “Yes”. She became his boss, and he restarted his life as a blue-collar. Soon, he got used to the job as well as thanked, and realized what happiness was for him.

Impression part:

The position where Michael was standing ought to be the goal such as wealthy, fame, and high-status job for everyone who is on capitalism. He mentioned in this book that now, as a member of Starbucks, is happier than before. I can’t believe that obediently because I have not experienced in his way, can imagine though. According to my work experience, actually, that was like hell. I was treated like a dog, out of respect and dignity, however, I could earn good salary. At the point of view, I mean respect and dignity, I was inspired by Crystal’s words: "Provide great work environment and treat each other the respect and dignity.”. This phrase is really simple but how many companies do this attitude toward their staff members? Maybe, under 1%, especially, here in Japan. Employees are forced to do their task bossy, to do overtime, and to be a machine. That sucks but that is true which we may have to accept otherwise can’t live in this country. Despite such a terrible situation, if there were lots of managers who had like Starbucks’s idea, the work environment would become more comfortable, and we would feel alive easily than now. Naturally, the company’s record would be improved too. When I am on the place, kind of manager, I would feel like to behaving such as Crystal’s.