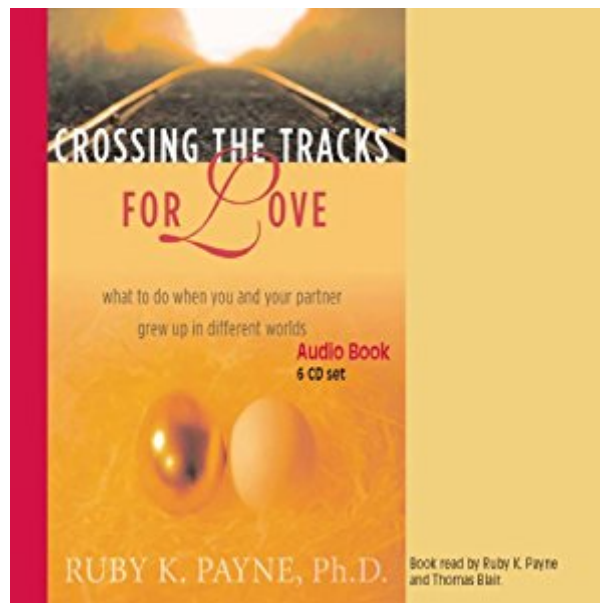




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Crossing The Tracks For Love: What To Do When You And Your Partner Grew Up In Different Worlds



Synopsis

Timely guidance for minimizing the impact of economic class differences on intimacy, gender roles, employment, decision-making, raising children, in-law relations, dining, and mobility between classes.

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Customer Reviews

This is an interesting book for some big themes but in general it feels more like stereotypes, and stereotypes from a different part of American than here in the San Francisco Bay Area. Is it east coast maybe? I don't know. But a lot of the poverty and middle class expectations in the the Bay Area are markedly different if you're black vs. white vs. Asian vs. Hispanic, and even those groups have different expectations within them. Filipinos are not Chinese and Mexicans are not El Salvadorans. As an example, it has been an article of faith for generations of black families here that one *must* own some real estate in order to be secure. I don't know where it came from, and it drives me crazy as a financial professional because it's not always the best financial decision in a bubble market, but there it is. (The white middle class counterpart I run into is that one must max out one's 401(k) if possible, even when there are better strategies for your particular scenario or when the 401(k) options in your plan are horrendous.) So I am enjoying this book but I am getting more sceptical as I read along. It is starting to remind me of that series (which I love) called "The Xenophobes Guide To.... " They're fun because they are stereotypes but they can't really be used except as factors in the back of your mind.

this book is great although the title may offend some people. the books contents do not reflect any offensive thoughts and has little to nothing to do with "crossing the tracks" but is very helpful and insightful for relationships as well as working with those who grew up in different areas or reared in different settings. it is very good and was great to read along with her other book, " a framework for understanding poverty." i highly recommend both books

This book really helps explain the differences of the three social classes in our culture. Great insight!

Ruby Payne has a keen understanding of class mores. In our culture today ways to help relationships is keenly needed

Such an eye opening book!

This book is not only for people trying to understand their spouse. This helps understand and interact with other social classes. Its very informative and has dashes of humor. Its a quick read, and very informative.

This book was amazing. It is written in a simple matter yet with so many profound ideas that I had never consiered. It was very eyeopening for me!

This book is a good place to start in terms of social class expectations, something that doesn't get talked about very much in American society. On a personal level, it gave me a lot of insight into a failed relationship with a working class man that I loved, and helped me understand why he chose to marry someone with more similar values. Still, what I hoped to see was a chapter or two on "What to Do When You and Your Partner Both Shift from One World to a Different One". This was the case with my parents, who came from working class backgrounds and retained working-class attitudes toward child-rearing despite adopting middle-class attitudes in other areas of life. Some people really do retain both sets of values rather than making the transition that the author implies occurs automatically. It would have been nice to see those viewpoints included. Also, middle-class and upper middle-class are two very different experiences in America, in my opinion. Some of the behaviors this author describes as middle class (extreme attention paid to quality of food, childrens' extracurricular activities, and the status of a college or university which a child attends) are more

properly described as upper-middle class values. I wish the author had separated middle-class from upper middle-class, and used four basic categories instead of three. Nonetheless, I enjoyed this book and learned quite a bit from it. The author does a good job of explaining that a particular set of behaviors does not constitute stereotyping, since many who self-assess as being members of a specific class would not identify with all of the attributed associations (I found myself a hybrid of working-class and middle-class values). She also fits observations into general categories in a way that makes sense. The current edition is a good starting point for discussion, but an expanded version of this book would be even more insightful.

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