



The Boy Kings A Journey into the Heart of the Social Network

By Katherine Losse

Free Press. Paperback. Condition: New. 256 pages. Kate Losse was a grad school refugee when she joined Facebook as employee 51 in 2005. Hired to answer user questions such as What is a poke and Why cant I access my ex-girlfriends profile her early days at the company were characterized by a sense of camaraderie, promise, and ambition: Here was a group of scrappy young upstarts on a mission to rock Silicon Valley and change the world. Over time, this sense of mission became so intense that working for Facebook felt like more than just a job; it implied a wholehearted dedication to the cause. Employees were incentivized to live within one mile of the office, summers were spent carousing at the company pool house, and female employees were told to wear T-shirts with founder Mark Zuckerberg's profile picture on his birthday. Losse started to wonder what this new medium meant for real-life relationships: Would Facebook improve our social interactions Or would we all just adapt our behavior to the habits and rules of these brilliant but socially awkward Internet savants who have become todays youngest power players Increasingly skeptical, Losse graduated from customer service to the internationalization team tasked with...

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