

Exit Zero: Family and Class in Postindustrial Chicago

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Winner of CLR James Book Prize from the Working Class Studies Association and 2nd Place for the Victor Turner Prize in Ethnographic Writing. In 1980, Christine J. Walley's world was turned upside down when the steel mill in Southeast Chicago where her father worked abruptly closed. In the ensuing years, ninety thousand other area residents would also lose their jobs in the mills—just one example of the vast scale of deindustrialization

occurring across the United States. The disruption of this event propelled Walley into a career as a cultural anthropologist, and now, in *Exit Zero*, she brings her anthropological perspective home, examining the fate of her family and that of blue-collar America at large.