

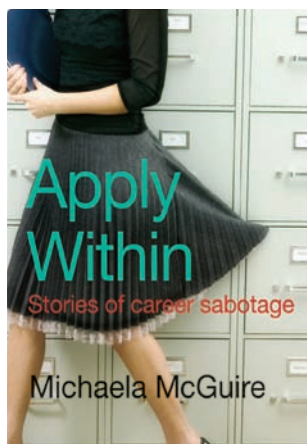
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An hilarious new comic voice



APPLY WITHIN STORIES OF CAREER SABOTAGE

By Michaela McGuire

"I spent most of my time reading three newspapers online each day so that I could anticipate what constituents would call up and complain about. One day I was reading The Australian and found this headline:

LIBERALS DITCH BITCHY BLOGGER

And I had a mild heart attack until I realised it wasn't me."

From her observations about office politics to the broader absurdities of work, *Apply Within* establishes McGuire as a new comic voice.

When Michaela McGuire was hired by a federal MP eight months before the 2007 election, she didn't know exactly what to expect. She probably should have, because before that she had worked in the highrollers' room of a casino and had overseen lap dances in a strip club. It would become another novelty job to add to her brief but colourful résumé.

She has advised a Liberal MP to campaign for his seat rather than get a haircut, cleaned ashtrays and helped organise a senior partner's stamp collection at a prestigious law firm. Whatever the contributing factors to her brilliant career, foresight was not one of them.

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