

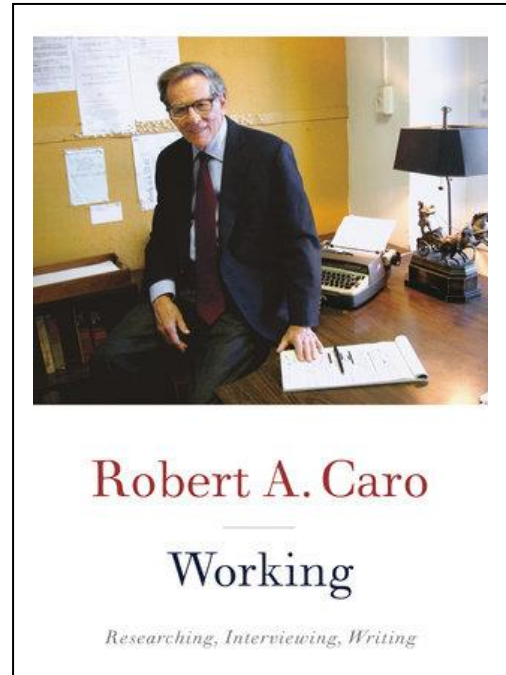
From the Planners' Bookshelf...

Working, Researching, Interviewing, Writing.

Robert A. Caro, Alfred A. Knoff, NY, 207 pages, 2019.

Robert Caro's work, *The Power Broker*, is a fascinating book on the evolution of a city [NYC] and the accumulation of power by Robert Moses without election to any office. The costs and benefits of near absolute power for four decades are revealed along with the process of his power grab.

But *Working* is only tangentially about Moses, or President Johnson. The book's focus is on how Mr. Caro does his work. How he engages with people involved in the lives of his subjects. How researching the record and "turning every page" is a critical part of uncovering the truth. His candid description of his interviewing, researching and writing methods is a great instructional guide of every city planner. His process is highly productive and successful at challenging myths and half-truths. Issues and opportunities in cities and towns throughout America deserve the level of effort described by Mr. Caro. An inspirational read.



ABOUT WORKING

From the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Power Broker* and *The Years of Lyndon Johnson*: an unprecedented gathering of vivid, candid, deeply revealing recollections about his experiences researching and writing his acclaimed books

For the first time in book form, Robert Caro gives us a glimpse into his own life and work in these evocatively written, personal pieces. He describes what it was like to interview the mighty Robert Moses; what it felt like to begin discovering the extent of the political power Moses wielded; the combination of...read more at <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/605159/working-by-robert-a-caro/9780525656340/>