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Dirty secrets: explosive research behind closed doors.

They clean our toilets, take care of our kids and change grandma's nappies – we hardly allow anyone so far into the privacy of our lives and homes as our cleaning ladies, babysitters or caretakers. Who are these 'service providers' with keys to our homes? Where are they from, what are their lives like? Journalist Sybille Hamann relentlessly investigates a work sector that our society can no longer live without. In her book she peeks behind closed doors, visits children left behind and encounters a world full of lies and feeling ashamed. To get an even closer look, she went undercover in the self-experiment of working as a cleaning lady under a false name. Full of hard and poignant facts, this book is a thrilling read.

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