

Poverty

**Sure, we can beat the odds.
Your're reading this book by
a service worker, after all.
But the irony of my success here
is that I didn't get this chance
because I worked my balls off
for some asshole who thought me
ungrateful for my sub-living wage.
You're reading this book by me
because lightning struck,
because my story went viral.
And by definition, that can't
happen for everyone.**

**Linda Tirado,
Hand to Mouth**