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## MasterClasses for the Mediocre

We're lowering our standards to match your low standards.

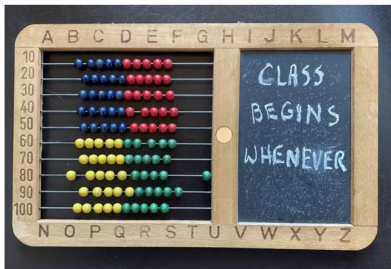


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### A MESSAGE TO OUR MASTERCLASS.COM SUBSCRIBERS:

Despite the best efforts of our celebrity instructors, none of you seem to be able to analyze the planets like Neil deGrasse Tyson. Or act like Helen Mirren. Or nail a lay-up like Stephen Curry. Or poach an egg like Gordon Ramsay. Or muse on menstruation like Judy Blume.

Clearly, we aimed too high. So, let's try this another way, shall we?

Introducing our new lineup of masterclasses specially tailored to subscribers who are fueled by small dreams and low standards!

Punctuated by easily attainable goals for people who aspire to mediocrity, these masterclasses will turn your dreams of merely squeaking by in life into a reality. And while we can't promise any A-list celebrity instructors this time around, we've got a solid 'maybe' from a guy who

once appeared on *Antiques Road Show* with a set of vintage hemorrhoid amputation forceps.

Take a look at your new curriculum:

#### ANXIETY MANAGEMENT

Allowing Your Fears and Paranoias to Rule Your Life

#### ART

Don't Just Covet, Steal It!

#### BUSINESS

Responsibly Disposing of the Surplus Inventory You Have in Your Garage Now That Your 'Invention' Got Rejected On Shark Tank

#### CATERING

Bake a Stunning 3-Tier Wedding Cake with Sponges From the Dollar Store

#### COMMUNICATION

Effectively Instigate Gossip About People Who Have Wronged You

#### CONSERVATION

Regifting Crappy Gifts Without Getting Caught

#### ENTERTAINING

How to Get Invited to Dinner Parties Without Ever Hosting One Yourself

#### FAMILY VALUES

The Power of Bottling Up Your Emotions, Then Letting Them Out Without Warning at Thanksgiving Dinner

#### FINANCE

Blow Your Inheritance at the Casino in 10 Easy Steps

#### GARDENING

The Ups and Downs of Burying Bodies in a Community Garden

#### SURVIVAL

Be a Follower, Not a Leader: Avoid Culpability

#### HISTORY

Did Catherine the Great Get It On With a Horse or Not?

#### INTERIOR DESIGN

Converting Your Billiard Table Into a Bed to Save On the Cost of Buying a New Mattress for Your Guest Room

#### MEDITATION

How to Hold In Your Fart for the Duration of a Bikram Yoga Class

#### MUSIC

Distinguishing Between the Shuffle Icon

#### PEOPLE SKILLS

Turning Your Aggression Into Less Detectable Passive-Aggression

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Stretching Your 15 Minutes of Fame Into 16.2 Minutes of Fame

#### REAL ESTATE

Get a Big Commission for Selling That Tiny Murder House

#### RELATIONSHIPS

Dump Them Before They Can Dump You

#### RELIGION

Choosing Your Faith Based on Which Institution Demands the Least Standing During Worship Services

#### SELF-EXPRESSION

Discover Your Passion for Scrapbooking and Then Squash It Because No One Wants to Be Friends With a Scrapbooker

#### SURVIVAL

Refilling the Ink Cartridges In Your Printer Without Getting Ink On Your Hands

#### TRAVEL

How to Be a Backseat Driver In an Uber

#### WRITING

Adjusting the Margins and Font On Your Document to Make Your 10-Page Essay Look Like a 200-Page Novel

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