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Book Title: *Work Like Any Other* Book Author: Virginia Reeves

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*Work Like Any Other* is a piece of historical fiction following the journey of Roscoe T Martin after he accidentally commits a major crime. Despite his affinity for electricity, Roscoe is forced to live with Marie, his wife, on her farm with no access at all to the precious resource. Deciding to regain his connection with electricity while also aiding in Marie's agricultural business, he illegally constructs power lines throughout his area. After an electrician is killed by touching Roscoe's lines, Roscoe is sent to prison for nearly a decade, his wife unforgiving of his mistake. Uniquely, this novel is divided into two parts, with the first switching from third-person narrations of the power line incident and first-person accounts of Roscoe's time in prison. The second portion of the novel explains the happenings after Roscoe is released from prison, as he finds his way home.

I feel that this book contains countless descriptive scenes, stimulating the reader's mind and providing particularly vivid images of thrilling events. Reeves' diction and choice of sentence structures really adds to the experience, and her characterization of each person in the novel is noticeably different. I thoroughly enjoyed Wilson's character, who is a worker on Marie's farm. Despite personally suffering consequences from Roscoe's crime, Wilson is understanding and forgiving of his employer. On the other hand, while I understand Marie's distrust in her husband after such an incident, I dislike her cruel stubbornness against communicating with Roscoe.

I would recommend reading *Work Like Any Other* to all audiences. Despite a few mentions of expletives, I think that readers of all ages would enjoy this storyline. Slightly heavy in topic, this novel is informative about the extent to which being sent to prison can change one's life drastically.