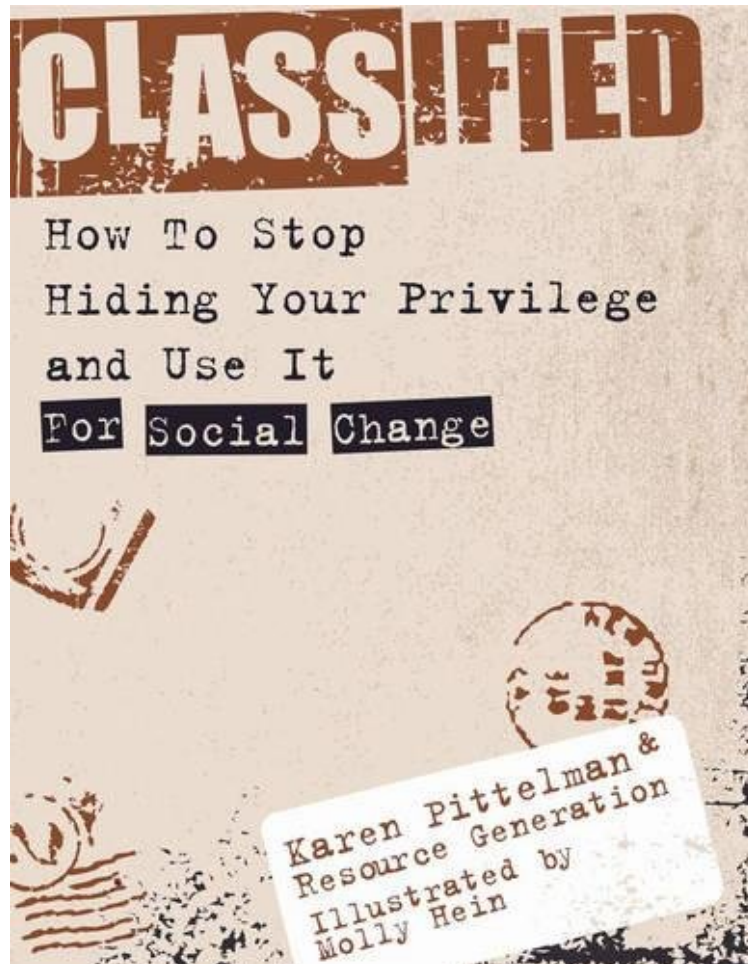


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The fight for economic justice can draw stark battle lines, with the fight portrayed simplistically as Us versus Them, with the rich in the role of "Them." So where does that leave young people with wealth who believe in social change? Afraid of being branded the enemy, yet deeply committed to social justice, they're left in a confusing no-man's land. This conflict can lead most young people with wealth to keep their privilege hidden, making it impossible for them to bring their resources, access, and connections to the struggle for social change. Coauthored by Karen Pittelman, who dissolved her \$3 million trust fund to cofound a foundation for low-income women activists, Classified is a resource guide for people with class privilege who are tired of cover-ups and ready to figure out how their privilege really works. Complete with comics, exercises, and personal stories, this book gives readers the tools they need to put their privilege to work for social change.

From Publishers Weekly In this incisive guide, Pittelman and members of the Resource Generation—a group of wealthy young people working for social justice—coach other privileged youth anxious about inherited advantage to use their economic position for social change (which, they write, "means we believe that there is an unjust distribution of resources and that we want to be a part of working towards change"). Emphasizing the positions of power occupied by upper-class youths' parents, and the likelihood of useful connections, the book argues for the importance of being up front about wealth and societal position instead of shying away from activism because of guilt over privilege. Divided into two parts, "understanding privilege" and "taking action," the book is peppered with quizzes, word searches, comics and role-playing games that may be a bit juvenile for the intended audience—people at the age to manage their own wealth (identified by the book as aged 15-35). However, with sections devoted to becoming comfortable without hiding wealth, developing a giving process and using socially responsible investing strategies, the book offers useful and hard-to-find information.

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About the Author Karen Pittelman has worked with Resource Generation for the last 5 years, including serving as their program coordinator. At 25 she dissolved her three million dollar trust fund to co-found the Chahara Foundation, a fund run by and for low-income women activists in Boston. She's now 31 and living and writing in her hometown of New York City. Resource Generation is a national non-profit organization that supports and challenges young people with wealth (15-35) to use their resources for social change. Molly Hein is a 27-year-old New York City native currently living in Minneapolis, MN. She brings her background as a cartoonist, graffiti artist and documentary videographer to her illustrations for Classified.