

# ["don’t eat fortune cookies"](https://assignbuster.com/dont-eat-fortune-cookies/)

The audience for Michael Lewis’s speech isthe Princeton University graduating class of 2012. The tone of Lewis’s speech can best be described asengaging. At the beginning of his speech, Lewis states that when he graduated from college, hedid not feel prepared for the job market. Lewis first realized he wanted to be a writer when hewrote his senior thesis in college. Lewis says he was hired for a prestigious position with a Wall Street investment firm becausean executive’s wife convinced her husband to hire him. Lewis quit his high-paying Wall Street job towrite a book about Wall Street. For his book Moneyball, Lewis studied how baseball teams hired players. An important lesson helearned from this research is thatteam managers often misjudge a player’s value because they fail to consider therole of luck in the player’s success. Lewis uses the word arbitrarily when he describes how he was assigned his Wall Street positionand also when he describes how a leader was chosen in the cookie experiment. In this context, arbitrarily meansin a manner determined by chance or whim. According to Lewis, the cookie experiment shows that when people are “ blind to their own luck,” theybelieve they deserve extra rewardsWhich of the following statements best expresses what Lewis wants his audience to “ neverforget”? They have all been lucky, so they should not feel entitled. At the beginning of the speech, Lewis says he will explain how he “ wound up rich and famous” because he wants his audience “ to understand just how mysterious careers can be.” What wouldLewis consider to be the mysterious aspect of his career? Cite examples from the speech. Lewis would consider luck to be the mysterious aspect of his career. He was lucky in being able togo to Princeton, in getting his Wall Street job, in having the support of his parents, and in following hisinterests to become a successful writer. Why does Lewis tell his audience that all of them “ have been faced with the extra cookie”? Whatdoes he want them to do when they are faced with more extra cookies? Lewis means that the graduates have all been lucky and successful. Because they are Princetongraduates, they will be perceived as leaders. He wants them to remember that luck has played a rolein their success and they should not allow themselves to be carried away by a sense of entitlement. They should remember their obligation to act “ in the nation’s service, in the service of all nations.”