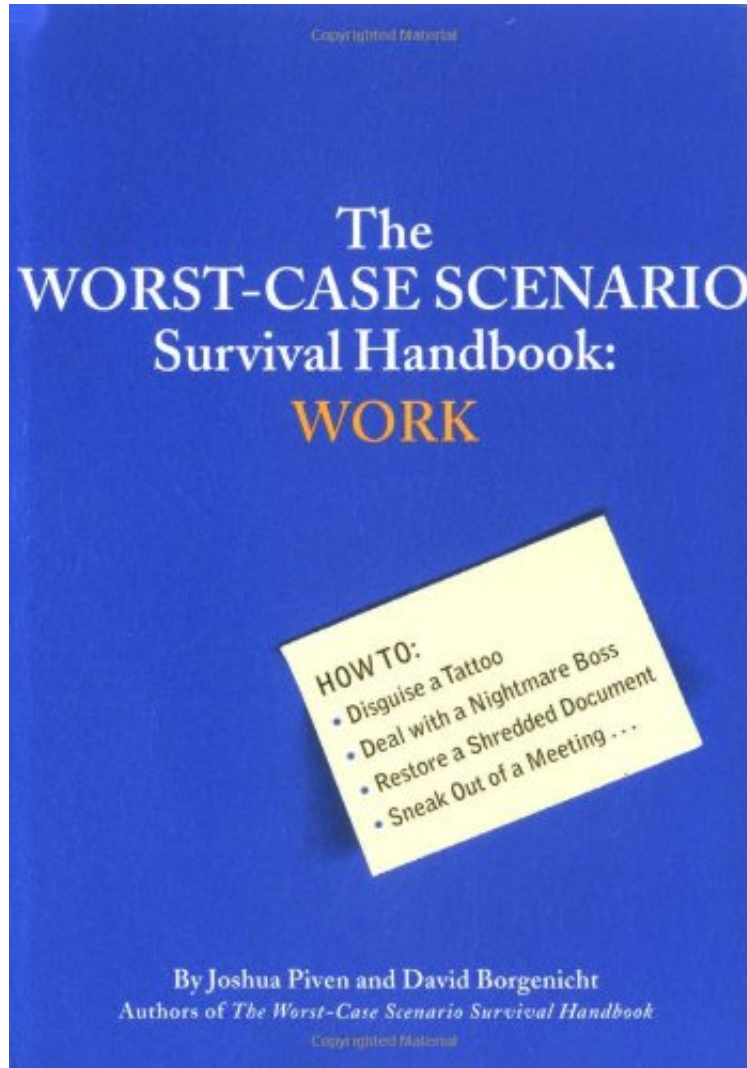


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Joshua Piven, David Borgenicht : The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Work before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Work:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Shantonu KunduArrived quickly and as expected.4 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Silly, entertaining, but may actually be useful to someone!By A•HaEveryone has had dreadful bosses, scary or annoying co-workers, and everyone has felt that they aren't qualified for at least one job for which they are interviewing. Fewer of us get to sneak out of meetings- although many would love to!, or how to get out of various small places one could get trapped in. I personally really loved the section on

"How to fix a Dented Company Vehicle" since my Volvo has a few dings I'd love to see gone. The non-emergencies might be do-able; you might remember the various steps needed to pull those things off when you need a status-enhancing rumor to start flying around the workplace. Sadly, the emergencies will likely catch you unaware and you won't have the handy smooth edged guidebook in your pocket to pull out just as the office supplies start avalanching down upon you. Alas. I was writing this review in order to be able to move the book out of my house when I decided I might need a refresher on some of these things. After all, someday soon my children will grow up and I'll need this book in case I decide to be a slacker! Just kidding! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining but less informative than the original Worst Case Book By NukedudeNice book on job interviews and surviving the workplace. Advice on how to set up your cubicle and common sense items on what to wear. Some tongue in cheek parts though. Such as the section: "How to Get a Job You're not Qualified For". I hope nobody gets the Brain Surgeon job using the advice in this book! Good advice such as staying positive during a job interview and answer confidently is addressed here. Liked the area on how to disguise tattoos and how to fake tattoos if needed as well. This book has some good information, but is slanted more toward corporate America, where you have a set dress code, and work in cubicles.

Work is bad enough, but what if things go really wrong? The Worst-Case Scenario authors come to the rescue with expert advice for surviving dozens of nightmare on-the-job scenarios, whether in the office or on the loading dock. From savage bike messengers to a bag of pretzels stuck in the lunchroom vending machine, peril is everywhere. Learn how to sneak out of a meeting, treat a deep-fryer burn, and survive a stockroom avalanche. Expertly remove a dent from the company car, extract a tie caught in the photocopier, and survive a workplace romance. Hands-on, step-by-step instructions guide you through these and other crises that can strike between 9 and 5, or on the swing shift. With an appendix of useful interview phrases, a career-path decoder, instructions for playing Jargon Bingo, and more, this is the one desk reference you can't live without.

From Publishers Weekly The latest addition to this wildly popular series continues-surprisingly-to display the wit, style and plain-old smart-ass insight of its multiple predecessors. The secret to Piven's and Borgenicht's success seems to be in maintaining, at all costs, a dead-pan and practical approach to survival techniques in ever-wilder scenarios (though, considering that these are "survival" guides, wilder in this case actually means increasingly mundane). Thus, in this volume-based on the assumption that we spend "so much time in the work environment that the odds are staggering that something is going to go wrong while you are there"-the authors provide precise instructions on how to survive working in a cubicle, being trapped in a bathroom or walk-in freezer, and getting caught "slacking" ("Blame your browser" is one suggestion for habitual Web-surfers). Helpful hints on how to survive an interview are balanced with equally helpful, but funnier, tips on how to ditch a meeting ("If you are planning to crawl under the table, wear loose-fitting clothes"). From dealing with a "nightmare" boss or co-worker to escaping from a lion cage, and from removing a tie caught in a document feeder to treating a finger cut on a deli slicer (step one: "Turn off the slicer"), the authors know the secrets. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Joshua Piven, a writer and former cubicle dweller, enjoys working in his pajamas until noon. Coauthor of the Worst-Case Scenario series, he lives in Philadelphia. David Borgenicht lives in Philadelphia and is co-author of The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook series (Chronicle Books). From AudioFile The authors promise a bevy of valuable information, which for the most part has limited application. How often does one really have to restore a shredded document, sneak out of a meeting (somehow crawling under the conference table and scooting out, unnoticed by all), or avoid a stockroom avalanche? The authors make no apologies for wrapping the meat of this recording in a lot of Wonder Bread, but it's ultimately filling, if a little thin. Though it's highly amusing to hear how one can avoid a lion attack on the job or thwart a lunch thief (think hidden jalapeños), this is certainly a gag gift more than a guide. But it's good fun. D.J.B. © AudioFile 2003, Portland, Maine-- Copyright © AudioFile, Portland, Maine