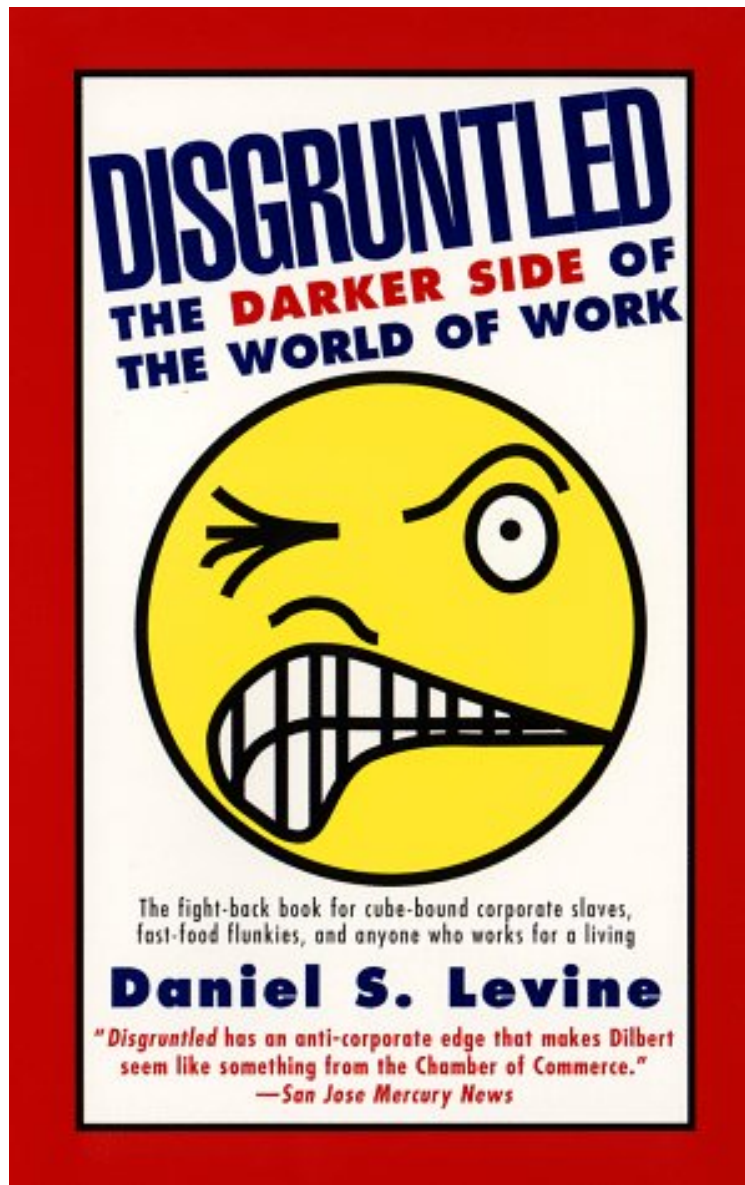


[Free download] Disgruntled

Disgruntled

Daniel S. Levine

*ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*



DOWNLOAD



READ ONLINE

#4401938 in Books 1998-09-01 1998-09-01 Original language: English 8.22 x .77 x 5.261, Binding: Mass Market Paperback 304 pages | File size: 61.Mb

Daniel S. Levine : Disgruntled before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Disgruntled:

5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic! Why aren't there more books like this? By Carey Holzman Bosses behaving badly, company policies that are clearly illegal, work environments that OSHA is unaware of and true stories of incompetent management (is there any other kind) and executives that have no clue. You are not

alone. This book vindicates the hard workers of America. We're not whiners. We ARE being treated with little respect equally by employers around this once great nation. Where once you received a gold watch for loyalty and dedication of years at job, now your 'Thank you' is an early retirement package or top management (CIO's, CEO's, VP's, EVP's) who cash in their stocks with your 401k money, bankrupt the company, collect their millions and leave you with nothing. You think Enron was alone in this behavior? Used to be postal employees killing people...now ANY employees are. Why? Read this book. It explains partially why, in between the lines. 32 of 33 people found the following review helpful. Doesn't assume your work problems are all your fault. By Holier Than You! If you're one of those who is tired of meaningless mission statements, patronizing inspirational posters, lame corporate-speak, paternalistic slogans and has realized that your employer doesn't have your best interests in mind, then you'll love this book! Disgruntled is a polemic blast for working men and women who have suffered in silence for too long. What makes Levinson's book refreshing is that it's the first one I've seen that doesn't assume that all one's misgivings about his/her company and all one's problems at work are his/her own fault. It's great to see someone finally validate what so many of us have been feeling: corporate America chews workers up and spits them out. Levinson does a nice job deconstructing the myth of the benevolent employer one layer at a time. He shows over and over again that in the corporate world, only profits matter; employees are useful only in the way that cannon fodder is useful. Executives get huge salaries and perks even if the company isn't doing well while the rank and file don't even get raises large enough to cover cost of living increases. Employers say they're pro-employee, but demonstrate absolutely no responsibility to protect their employees from unsafe conditions, sexual harassment, etc. I also liked that Levinson offers some real solutions, up to and including walking away. This book is sure to get you fired up enough to change the situation you're in and work towards positive change for American workers. 18 of 19 people found the following review helpful. He makes it clear where he stands? I'm glad he's on our side. By A Customer. Disgruntled: The Darker Side of the World of Work by Daniel S. Levine review by Martin Sprouse, editor of Sabotage in the American Workplace. For most Americans, experiencing the darker side of work is a daily routine. It starts with dreading the morning alarm and ends with a bargain basement paycheck. In between, there's an endless amount of frustration, humiliation and boredom; not to mention supervisors, managers and bosses. And that's if you have a job, the darker side becomes pitch black if you're looking for work, or were recently downsized or fired. In his new book, Disgruntled, Daniel S. Levine breaks down the world of work piece by piece. With a sharp sense of humor, straightforward reporting and an inherent distrust for most authority figures, Levine explains the bitter truth about the American work experience. With the grim reality, Levine offers insight, knowledge and resources, turning the book into a how-to fight and survive manual for the American worker. Disgruntled is an informative and entertaining read. Levine's confrontational approach makes him the Michael Moore of the old school newsroom. He makes it clear where he stands and I'm glad he's on our side.

White collar, blue collar, pink collar, choke collar...is there really that much of a difference? Based on the popular online magazine, read by thousands each month and winner of "Internet Underground" magazine's highest rating of Five Stars and Yahoo's four star best rating, "Disgruntled" is the essential handbook for anyone who has a boss. It mixes real-life workplace horror stories with information about resources useful to all employees as it mercilessly dissects work today. Disgruntled is the fight-back book for cube-bound corporate slaves, fast-food flunkies, and anyone who works for a living!

About the Author Daniel S. Levine is an award winning business journalist and creator and editor of Disgruntled, "The Business Magazine For People Who Work For A Living". Mr. Levine's work has appeared in The New York Times, The San Francisco Examiner, Adweek, PC World, The San Francisco Business Times, World Trade, Wired News and The Oakland Tribune. He has a masters in journalism from the University of California at Berkeley and an A.B. in English from Vassar College. Excerpt. © Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. (from the opening of chapter I -- Why Work Sucks) Bobby Northington had nothing to lose but his chains. A \$5.50-an-hour production worker at Hambleton-Hill Publishing in Nashville, Tenn., Northington had been on the job three days. Early in the afternoon of July 12, 1995, he rose from his seat, walked about ten feet to a colleague to give her a piece of chewing gum and immediately returned to his workstation. His supervisor then approached him with a chain and padlocked him to his desk. Amused, she laughed and said that she should now finally be able to get some production out of him. He was kept that way for 40 minutes, a fitting image of life on the job today. Northington worked the rest of the day, then resigned and filed suit against his company and supervisor for false imprisonment, outrageous conduct and for creating an extreme and abusive work environment. Some people just don't have a sense of humor. In response to the allegations, Hambleton-Hill Publishing denied any wrongdoing. The company said it immediately checked into the charges and found conflicting reports. Though the case is still pending, the company said as a matter of policy it does not approve the activity alleged in the suit -- at least not without the supervisor completing all of the requisite forms in triplicate. Welcome to the wonderful world of work. From the moment God threw Adam's sorry ass out of Eden and told him to go work for a living, we have toiled to get our bread from the sweat of our brows. For many of us, the hot sun may have been replaced by the harsh glow of fluorescent bulbs, the green fields by gray cubicles and the physical

strain by that unique brand of torment that could only come from working for someone stupider than ourselves, but it's work just the same. If the existentialists are right -- that action defines being -- then we are what we do and what we do is work. It defines us and consumes us. When we are not at work, we are driving to it or escaping from it, doing it at home or preparing for it. If our struggle for the legal tender has put us a bit on edge these days so that we go home and yell at the kids or kick the dog now and then, that's too bad. But it's part of making a living and they probably deserve it anyway.