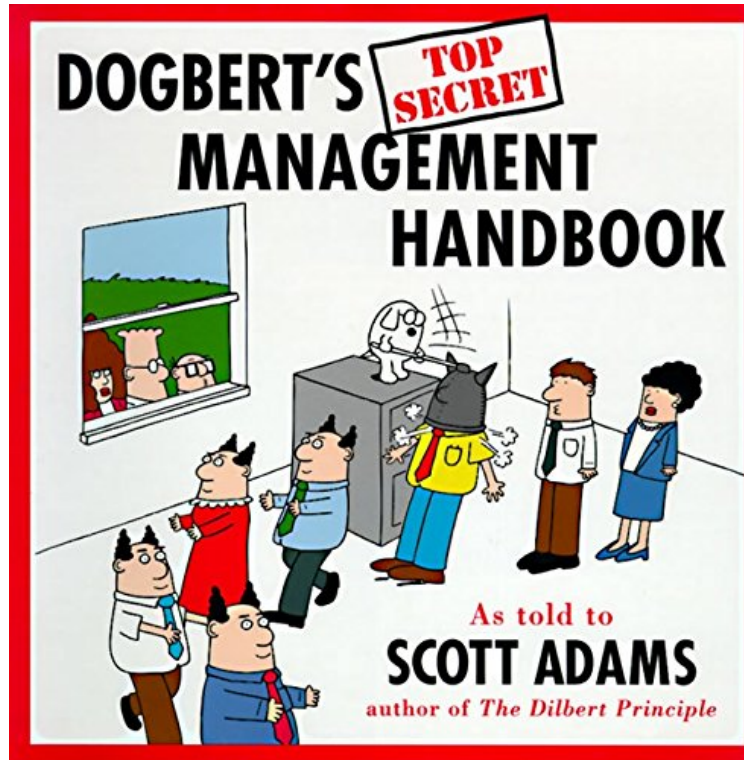


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Scott Adams : Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. At last, an explanation for governmentBy Jasper T. Working on my 3rd decade in Federal service, and having a wife who is also a long-term Federal employee, at last I understand why government operates as it does. This book is not describing the workings of a Federal agency; it is clearly the textbook followed by all Federal agencies when developing their policies and operational procedures. I began reading a selection from this book out loud to my wife, who was in another room. She had not the slightest idea what it was I was reading to her. I asked her what she thought when I was finished, and she hollered back, "What is that? Is that a draft for the updated manager's manual?" As Dave Barry says, "I swear, I am not making this up." Lest you think my wife a bit "slow", I assure you, she is not. I have read countless operations bulletins over the years that used some of the language in this book almost verbatim. In fact, and again, I am not making this up, when setting up certain of our computers at work for speech recognition capability, several pages of this book have been selected as source reading material to teach the software to recognize specific user speech patterns. It is sorely tempting to suppose there is also an ulterior motive to imbue the readers with certain expectations as to the conduct of management. This is a 5 star read, highly recommended for those times when you need a little cheering up, or when you wish to plumb the otherwise incomprehensible source for Federal policies and practices. At the next presidential debate, observe carefully and you just might see a little red and white corner of a book peeking out of some jacket pockets. Apparently, Dilbert makes

for good debate prep, too.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. awesomeBy Neall love dilbert and always will1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A satire of business books that's actually a good business book!By Arthur DigbeeIf you are familiar with the Dilbert cartoon, then you know Scott Adams' ability to skewer modern business organizations. This book mostly consists of text organized in little easy-to-understand bits, just like a real business book. This satirical text is illustrated with Dilbert cartoons. Of course it's funny, and if you like Dilbert, you'll enjoy it.What makes the book really work, though, is that it's actually loaded with good management advice. When the book came out, I was an object of management and enjoyed the book as making fun of the people above me in a large organization. Now I'm a low-level perpetrator of management and I find this to be a really good source of "what not to do." I still laugh but I also appreciate Adams' ability to find the humor - - and the inhumanity - - in even well-meaning management.

Behind the closed doors of corporate management lurks a manifesto so devious, so insidious, and of such diabolic power, it has the ability to transform normal human beings into paradigm-spewing zombies. Its purpose: to help bosses stick it to their employees. Its author: none other than Dogbert, the canine corporate consultant out to rule the world. All too often, new managers make mistakes such as rewarding good work with good pay, communicating clearly and improving departmental efficiency. Dogbert shows that this could have devastating consequences: Employees begin to expect fair treatment and compensation, productive workers show results (making managers look bad by comparison), and the department's future budget allotment could be decreased because it spends only what it needs. Drawing from his years of experience tormenting Dilbert and advising his boss, our Machiavellian mutt uses pithy essays, illustrated by scores of comic strips, to teach neophyte managers such potent practices as: The power of verbal instructions: Sound like a boss while maintaining complete deniability! Empty promises of promotion: all the motivational benefits, none of the costs! Pretending to care: Learn how to hear without listening! Incentives: Inspire employees by giving them worthless knickknacks! Once again firmly establishing Scott Adams as the spokesman for the absurdities of the workplace (and Dogbert as the guru of sticking it to the masses), Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook is the perfect gift for all cubicle dwellers and their bosses.

.com Cartoonist Scott Adams gives us still more corporate belly laughs with a point in Dogbert's Management Secrets Revealed, the 10th book based on his wildly popular Dilbert comic strip. Taken this time directly from the word processor of world-class consultant Dogbert, it focuses on critical management responsibilities like keeping up with fads, implementing pointless reorganizations and demanding status reports. "Leadership isn't something you're born with," it declares. "It's something you learn by reading Dogbert books."From BooklistNipping at the heels of the number-one best-seller, The Dilbert Principle , lampoonist Adams' new book is another collection of managerial wisdom and Dilbert cartoon strips. This time, Adams lets loose Dogbert, a caricature of the management guru types responsible for turning those in charge into "fully functioning, paradigm-spewing management zombies." Dogbert offers secrets on how to act like a manager, motivate employees, communicate, get ahead, understand compensation programs, establish staffing levels (get rid of employees), and most important, be happy as a manager. WARNING! This book should be kept hidden in your organization's loose-leaf^bound action plan and should not be read at work unless you have a soundproof cubicle! David RouseAbout the AuthorScott Adams is the creator of Dilbert, the comic strip that now appears in 1,550 newspapers worldwide. His first two hardcover business books, The Dilbert Principle and Dogbert's Top Secret Management Handbook, have sold more than two million copies and have appeared on the New York Times bestseller list for a combined total of sixty weeks.