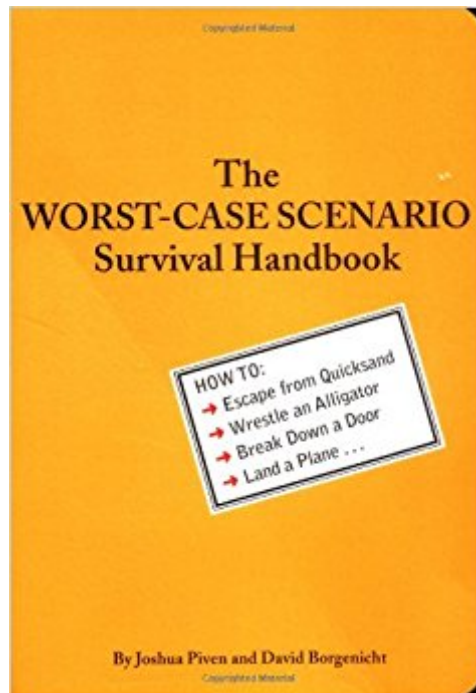




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# The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook



## Synopsis

Danger! It lurks at every corner. Volcanoes. Sharks. Quicksand. Terrorists. The pilot of the plane blacks out and it's up to you to land the jet. What do you do? The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook is here to help: jam-packed with how-to, hands-on, step-by-step, illustrated instructions on everything you need to know FAST--from defusing a bomb to delivering a baby in the back of a cab. Providing frightening and funny real information in the best-selling tradition of the Paranoid's Pocket Guide and Hypochondriac's Handbook, this indispensable, indestructible pocket-sized guide is the definitive handbook for those times when life takes a sudden turn for the worse. The essential companion for a perilous age. Because you never know...

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## Customer Reviews

How to Wrestle Free from an Alligator: 4. If its jaws are closed on something you want to remove (for example, a limb), tap or punch it on the snout. Though it's being marketed as a humorous title--after all, it's unlikely you'll be called upon to land a plane, jump from a motorcycle to a moving car, or win a swordfight--the information contained in The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook is all quite sound. Authors Joshua Piven and David Borgenicht consulted numerous experts in their fields (they're cited at the end of the book) to discover how to survive various and sundry awful events. Parachute doesn't open? Your best bet for survival is to hook your arms through the straps of a fellow jumper's chute--and even then you're likely to dislocate both shoulders and break both legs. Car sinking in water? Open the window immediately to equalize pressure, then open the car

door and swim to the surface. Buried in an avalanche? Spit on the snow--it will tell you which direction is really up. Then dig as fast as you can. Each survival skill is explained in simple steps with helpful illustrations. Most stress the need to be prepared--both mentally and physically. For example, to escape from quicksand, you will need to lay a pole on the surface of the quicksand, flop on your back atop the pole, and pull your legs out one by one. No pole? No luck. "When walking in quicksand country, carry a stout pole--it will help you get out should you need to." Hopefully you'll never need to know how to build a fire without matches, perform a tracheotomy, or treat a bullet wound. But in the words of survival evasion resistance escape instructor "Mountain" Mel Deweese, "You never know." --Sunny Delaney

You've just leapt off a building and, noticing a Dumpster below, you thank your stars that you've spent several hours listening to this cassette, and you can now land in said Dumpster without breaking your back. Although it is rather unlikely that you will ever use any of the material presented in the book how to perform a tracheotomy, or bring a plane in for an emergency landing these things do happen every once in a while. To someone, somewhere maybe. So it couldn't hurt to bone up on some skills, right? Though neither written nor read in a humorous manner, the book nevertheless amuses in a strange way; the decision to group numerous bizarre crises into two hours of tape, not to mention some of the particularly far-fetched scenarios ("How to Leap from a Motorcycle to a Car" or "How to Escape from Killer Bees") often exceed our expectations of absurdity. You can imagine needing to know CPR some day, but how many of us will have the opportunity to wrestle free from an alligator? As a man who has seemingly leapt into Dumpsters and jumped into moving vehicles (or had a stunt double perform these things), Reynolds seems a wise choice for a reader.

Unfortunately, his presentation is flat and unenthusiastic, and it sounds like he's reading the material for the first time. Misplaced emphases render several passages difficult to understand. However, Reynolds's familiar voice, combined with the offbeat material, affords some camp appeal in the tradition of outdated high school safety films. Based on the Chronicle paperback. Copyright 2001 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Audio Cassette edition.

This book is great for kids because it has lots of fun pictures to go with the topics, and it's also great for adults because it has lots of fun pictures to go with the topics. Hehe!If you've ever wanted to know the best way to escape quick sand, you'll finally know after reading this book. It's comical at times, frank at others, and all around light reading.I gave a couple copies away at Christmas this year (to the boys in my family) and EVERYONE was pawing at it before the nights end, wanting to

learn the most efficient ways to survive this thing called life... when you happen to be stuck out on your own in the African bush or somewhere similar. ;) Really - a fun gift for someone you may not know too well, and a great gift for the youthful bunch in your own family. I recommend!

I love it when I can find something for everyone, this book was the gift for all of the guys on my Christmas list one year well over a decade ago and everyone loved it! In fact, my brothers, uncles, and cousins quote it all the time and it's such a fun reference that when someone becomes 'part of the group' or 'part of the family' or 'of age' they receive a copy as a Christmas gift, it has become a very funny, tongue-in-cheek right of passage. All the guys consider themselves part of a club based on their copy :)

I'm impressed with this book. Irony of ironies, I read this book the day before the 6.8 earthquake here in Seattle. How did the section on "How to Survive and Earthquake" fare? Pretty well. Tip No. 1 is "If you are indoors, stay there!" Having looked outside the window of my downtown office building and watched the light poles, electrical wires, stop lights etc. bounce around over the heads of pedestrians, I'd say that was pretty good advice. The authors also suggest where to go - under a desk or table, under a doorway, in a hallway or against an interior wall - and stay away from glass. I went for the doorway option, which wasn't that great an idea because the door kept trying to slam closed. Next time I'll take the first suggestion and get under the desk. The authors also suggest that you stay off the phone so that the lines will remain clear for emergencies. Good advice, but virtually impossible to follow. The cellphone lines were immediately jammed (and I know this because, yes, I did try to check in with family). Nevertheless, the overall advice is very sound, and I was glad to have read it. The rest of the book is a mix of things that might actually be useful someday and things that are just there for amusement's sake. I'm absolutely positive that I'll never leap from a motorcycle into a car, but it was fun to read how to do it.

This book is hilarious and just academic enough to actually provide useful information to an incoming (or current) college student. It gives advice, along with graphics, on everything on how to make t-shirt curtains to writing a last minute paper. I purchased it for a high school grad and can't wait to gift it!

I was given this book as a gift. From the cover and the title, I assumed it was a humorous book. I was really surprised when I started to read it, to discover that it is a serious summary of how to

survive any number of disasters. Quicksand. Being eaten by an alligator. Needing to jump from one moving vehicle to another. Each of these situations is explored with an eye to helping you survive it in as good health as possible. (Some of them you probably can't survive without injury: this book explains why and how you can minimize the injury you suffer.) I was surprised by how interesting the book was. It's written in a clean, clear style, which would be easy to understand in case of emergency. My only fear is that in case of emergency, I would not have the book with me. On the other hand, the book gives lots of suggestions for staying out of worst-case situations altogether, which is certainly useful. I found this book to be an enjoyable read, and I learned a lot from it. I just hope I never have to use any of the things I learned!

I bought this book for my son for Christmas. He is 10 and his favorite TV show is the Deadliest Warrior. He likes the survival shows as well as Mythbusters. This book is right up his alley. He has showed me many tricks he learned from it. He recently took it camping with him. It is a good fun book to get kids reading who might not otherwise pick up a book, but it is also interesting to me. I enjoy reading through it as well. I think it would work well for a gift for people of all ages. I gave it five stars because it is exactly what it says it is, and I am very satisfied in it. Great value and great gift.

We LOVE this series of books. Our 8 year old son is a good reader but he doesn't like to sit still. Except for these books! He loved "The Worse-Case Scenario Survival Handbook - Extreme Junior Edition," so I thought we'd try this one, expecting pure imaginative fiction. But instead, it's a mix of fiction/unexplained objects (UFO's, Big Foot, etc.) with actual FACTS, such as what astronauts do to survive in space. It's the perfect book to keep your child reading and his or her imagination soaring.

I ordered this book for my Kindle after having seen it around for years. I enjoy non-fiction books like this and this did not disappoint. As you read you can see how Man vs. Wild derived from it, although the book could use a little more levity; I found it a little dry in that regard. As I read it I wondered whether, if faced with these situations, I'd be able to remember and apply what the book describes. In that sense it gets your heart pumping a little as you visualize yourself in these situations. I think this is a great gift book for a guy; not terribly expensive, an easy read, entertaining.

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