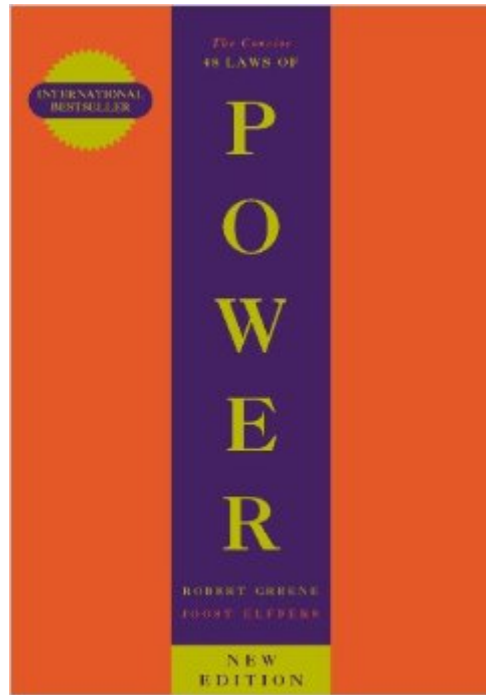


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Customer Reviews

This book is a slimmed down version of the original book, which I also own. It is paperback, 4.5 in X 6.5 in, and 195 pages, versus the original, which was 9 in x 6.5 in and 452 pages. What it leaves out: All of the historical anecdotes and extensive examples of each law. What it leaves in: The law, the Judgement (a short description), the Keys to Power (the author's direct description of the law and its consequences), the Image (a symbolic representation of the law), and the Authority (a supporting quotation). This book also has some of the stories that were printed in the margins in the original book. I loved the original book, which typically had three or four long anecdotes, stories or historical references to illustrate each law. This book is useful as a easy-to-carry reference to the laws now that I have read the original. If, however, you really want to learn these laws, I recommend the original.

This is a guidebook for the ruthless careerist type. Is that you? If so, read the book. If not, beware of how they operate - read the book to avoid being a tool. It definitely DOES contain outstanding

advice for dealing with people, regardless of who you are. There is one law for each chapter. Each 3-5 page chapter states a law of power, explains it, then gives a few examples. It also tries (and fails in my opinion) to create a visual image for each law. Most of the examples are taken from Renaissance or ancient Chinese times, which most readers will have difficulty relating to. If there is a new edition, it could be vastly improved by using modern-day character examples from business or government. The book is easily readable. The short chapters make it ideal to read when time is limited, e.g. commuting, waiting, etc. While almost all the chapters are surely relevant, it would be a bit difficult to keep all 48 in mind when confronting each situation. So, it's a bit overwhelming. Also, I think to really integrate these laws into everyday behaviors, a reader would have to practice or attend a workshop. Visually, the book is extremely dull - only 1 photo of the author. Any new edition would need serious visual re-design - fonts, colors, real images, etc. This book is invaluable for aspiring executives. (It's probably required reading at intensely competitive schools like Wharton, Harvard, etc. If not, it should be.) Having deduced many of these laws through firsthand work experience before reading this book, I absolutely agree with almost all of the laws the book states. The main caveat is that readers shouldn't expect to be able to apply every one of the 48 laws appropriately to all situations - at least not without a lot of practice!

Excellent book which is a must for everyone who are spectacular failures in all walks of life. In this book you will certainly find the answers for your failure to attain your potential. It is more than likely that you are violating one or more of these laws and / or you are not following the 48 excellent laws of Power. The ancient wisdom is distilled in a clear and racy format which keeps your attention through out. Only regret that I did not find this book earlier. Brazenly honest book with none of the idealistic crap. A book to be lived by! for survival and beyond.

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threat to his (or her) job, until it's too late for your boss to do anything about it. That is the tip of the iceberg. In fact, the author opens with that kind of advice, building up to more devious tactics. If you're looking for the very best, tried-and-true Machiavellian ways to lie, cheat, and (maybe) steal your way to the top -- and you didn't learn enough from Othello's Iago -- this is the book you want. It's loaded with tips, background information, and pithy quotations so you'll feel like these are venerable business practices. (I could counter that by saying -- in true hippie style -- two things: 1) Karma!, and 2) What goes around, comes around, so watch your back if you rise to the top following the advice in this book.) For many of us who wouldn't think about doing half of what's in this book, it's kind of stomach-turning. Yes, we know we may lose opportunities to people who play by the rules (or lack of them) in this book. It's okay. We'll sleep better at night. If you're laughing as you read this, thinking, "That poor, deluded, excessively idealistic woman....," you will love every morsel of advice in this book. In fact, buy two copies, because you'll wear out the pages of the first copy. Me...? I'm keeping this book as a writing reference. When I need a sleazy character, or someone who will reform in the course of my story, this is an ideal guide to understand his characters and the things he might do, on his way to redemption.

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