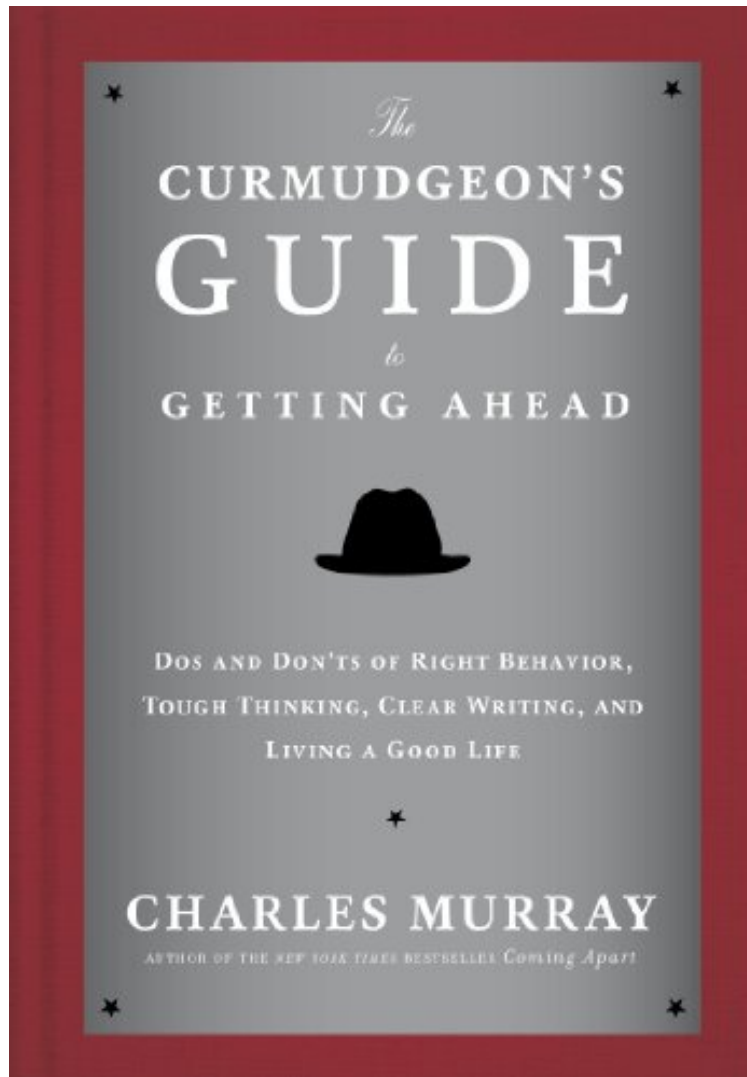


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 By Odysseus at home I bought this book expecting to find exactly what it gave me during --and after-- reading it. And it gave me a lot of wisdom in a funny way and, as a bonus, in a nutshell. I'm in my fifties and I have read hundreds --in fact, many more than thousand-- books of whatever you want, so it is difficult for me to feel or experience surprise when it comes to literature. Charles Murray did a really good job in giving advice to the young people by thinking in adult ones too. Wisdom is ageless, and this is perhaps the Murray's better achievement. He has read the same books I have read (or almost) but he is capable to offer a new perspective, a fresh new reading to people like me or whoever that is tired of stereotypes and cliché.
 In doing so he embraces from grammar to ethics, and from leaving home to get a good wife. All oriented to teach you --tip after tip-- how and why to live a good life. Mr. Murray jump over the risk of writing a recipe, giving us instead a bunch of good and relevant advices. I don't share his religious perspective at all but --and this is not easy to say-- the book is good anyway. Highly recommended.

For those starting out in their careers—and those who wish to advance more quickly—this is a delightfully fussy guide to the hidden rules of the road in the workplace and in life. As bestselling author and social historian Charles Murray explains, at senior levels of an organization there are curmudgeons everywhere, judging your every move. Yet it is their good opinion you need to win if you hope to get ahead. Among the curmudgeon's day-to-day tips for the workplace: Excise the word "like" from your spoken English; Don't suck up; Stop reaching out; and sharing; Rid yourself of piercings, tattoos, and weird hair colors; Make strong language count. His larger career advice includes: What to do if you have a bad boss; Coming to grips with the difference between being nice and being good; How to write when you don't know what to say; Being judgmental (it's good, and you don't have a choice anyway). And on the great topics of life, the curmudgeon urges us to leave home no matter what, get real jobs (not internships), put ourselves in scary situations, and watch Groundhog Day repeatedly (I'll explain). Witty, wise, and pulling no punches, The Curmudgeon's Guide to Getting Ahead is an indispensable sourcebook for living an adult life. From the Hardcover edition.

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