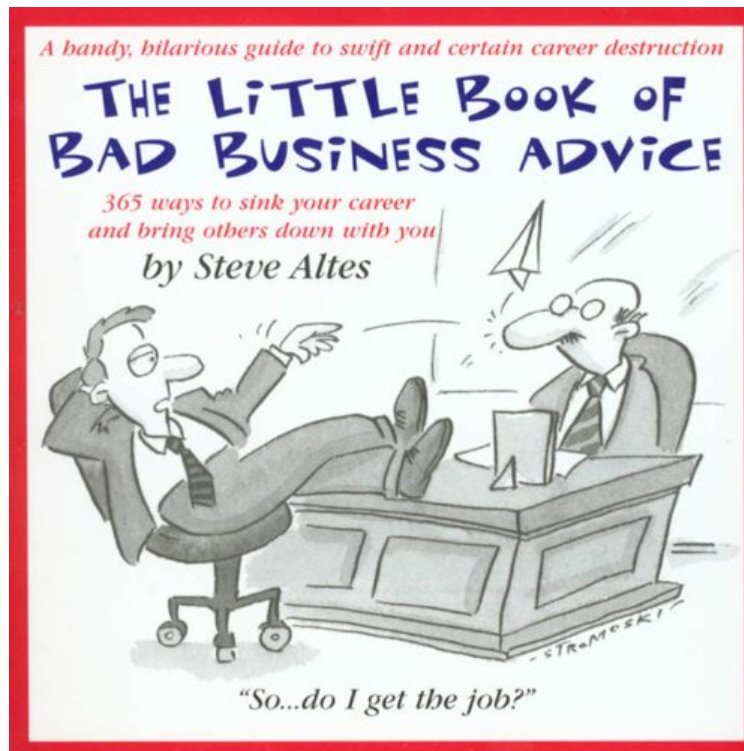


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to the destructive fantasies so nicely articulated in Bad Business Advice. BBA does not belong alongside the all those glam displays for Dilbert Dupes (really now, is a Dilbert mug on your office desk the most you can do to challenge the controlling institution you've yielded your life to?). Put it next to THE OVERWORKED AMERICAN and THE OVERSPENT AMERICAN instead. Snap this gem up (it's a micro book at a micro price), give copies to your colleagues, post-it a "kind of makes you think" note on top and leave one for your boss too. You might want to give `em to the people who report to you and discuss it - better to tackle some of these latent frustrations head on. Better still, give them to! someone you know contemplating an office job or career. And please, take it to heart yourself - Mr. Altes' quips are BRIGHT, FUNNY, AND INSIGHTFUL BUT FRIGHTENING for what we can recognize in them. Thank you, Mr. Altes, for helping us laugh at ourselves and the freedom and self-realization we've so sadly given up for the company paycheck. With luck in a hundred years Dilbert will be but a quaint reminder of a deeply flawed society; appreciating books like BBA might help us get to a saner means of finding and expressing our self worth.1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. This book reminds me of Shakespeare, in that . . .By A Customerboth arranged letters to form words and, thus, create sentences.It is my fervent belief that reading this book will improve your gas mileage, make you more attractive to the opposite sex, and make you live longer. In addition, the pages of this book, when burned, provide a clean, inexhaustible source of energy.

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