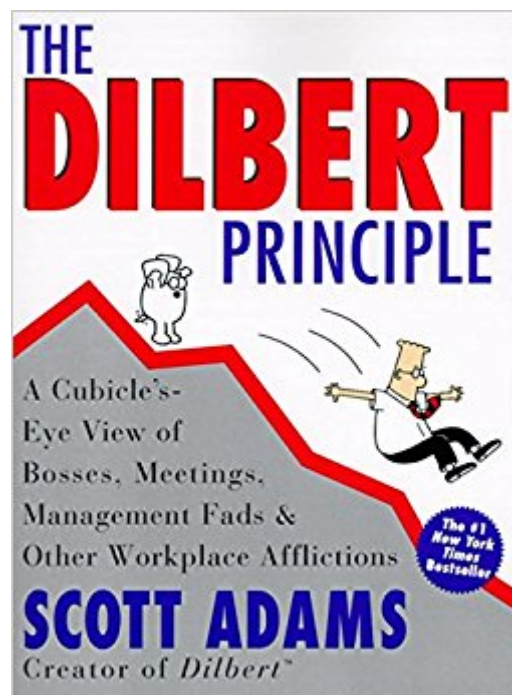




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The Dilbert Principle: A Cubicle's-Eye View Of Bosses, Meetings, Management Fads & Other Workplace Afflictions



Synopsis

The creator of Dilbert, the fastest-growing comic strip in the nation (syndicated in nearly 1000 newspapers), takes a look at corporate America in all its glorious lunacy. Lavishly illustrated with Dilbert strips, these hilarious essays on incompetent bosses, management fads, bewildering technological changes and so much more, will make anyone who has ever worked in an office laugh out loud in recognition. The Dilbert Principle: The most ineffective workers will be systematically moved to the place where they can do the least damage to management. Since 1989, Scott Adams has been illustrating this principle each day, lampooning the corporate world through Dilbert, his enormously popular comic strip. In Dilbert, the potato-shaped, abuse-absorbing hero of the strip, Adams has given voice to the millions of Americans buffeted by the many adversities of the workplace. Now he takes the next step, attacking corporate culture head-on in this lighthearted series of essays. Packed with more than 100 hilarious cartoons, these 25 chapters explore the zeitgeist of ever-changing management trends, overbearing egos, management incompetence, bottomless bureaucracies, petrifying performance reviews, three-hour meetings, the confusion of the information superhighway and more. With sharp eyes, and an even sharper wit, Adams exposes -- and skewers -- the bizarre absurdities of everyday corporate life. Readers will be convinced that he must be spying on their bosses, The Dilbert Principle rings so true!

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You loved the comic strip; now read the business advice. Or should that be anti-business advice? Scott Adams provides the hapless victim of re-engineering, rightsizing and Total Quality

Management some strategies for fighting back, er, coping. Forced to work long hours, with no hope of a raise? Adams offers tips on maintaining parity in compensation. Along the way, Adams explains what ISO 9000 really is and assesses the irresistibility of female engineers. The breath-taking cynicism of the strip should prepare readers for the author's no-holds-barred attack on management fads, large organizations, pointless bureaucracy and sadistic rule-makers who glory in control of office supplies. Readers of the on-line Dilbert Newsletter are familiar with the kind of e-mail Adams receives from his readers -- and may even have sent a few of those missives themselves. Along with illustrative strips, e-mail messages provide excruciating examples of corporate behavior which compel the reader to agree with Adams when he insists that "People are idiots". The final chapter offers a model for would-be successful businesses to follow: the OA5 model. It's introduced with little fanfare, no outrageous promises and just the right amount of self-deprecation. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

Adams worked in a cubicle at Pacific Bell for nine years. From there he went on to pen the wildly popular cartoon Dilbert, which appears in over 700 newspapers. He is also the author of six Dilbert books (e.g., *Bring Me the Head of Willy the Mailboy*, Andrews & McMeel, 1995) and an electronic Dilbert newsletter, has a Web site on the Internet, and is a frequent speaker at business gatherings. His latest book of humorous essays and observations elaborates on the corporate scenarios depicted in his cartoons. The "Dilbert Principle" asserts that the most ineffective workers are systematically moved to the place where they can do the least damage: management. Chapters include such titles as "Machiavellian Methods," "Pretending To Work," and "Engineers, Scientists, Programmers, and Other Odd People." The book is replete with such advice as "Never walk down the hall without a document in your hand" and "The worth of any project is how it will sound on your resume." He stresses the importance of using the word paradigm as often as possible, discusses the value of computers in pretending to be busy, and recommends that workers awaiting performance reviews openly display copies of *Soldier of Fortune* magazine on their desks. This cynical, satirical, all-too-familiar glimpse of corporate life is unabashed management bashing and is very funny. Recommended for all humor and business collections. ?Alan Farber, Northern Illinois Univ., DeKalb Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

This book is great and I've bought a copy for all my subordinates, and even gave one to my superior. The only complaint is that this book is not on the Kindle or NOOK. My pet theory is that

Google, Microsoft, Facebook, Apple and every other company that is doing well is using Scott Adams OA5 concept, and therefore they have blocked any future publication of this astounding work of logic and comedy.

This has been around for awhile, but it is still hilarious as all get-out. Great reading for a few pages while you are sitting in the bathroom, know what I mean? Scott is a very smart and very funny guy.

I have lived as Dilbert for over 24 years in the Government. The book is an amazingly accurate look at life in the office environment. Not to mention Mr. Adams has some terrific ideas about how to help businesses do better.

This book summarizes most workplace environments. This book also gives you some basic strategies in thriving in such situations, using the author's comic strips to illustrate the points. This book manages to be informative in the most hilarious way possible. Buy this book!

This book is one of those "It's funny because it's true!". If you like the comedy of George Carlin or Gallagher, you'll love the comedy presented in this book. You might even think Scott Adams works at your office by the scenarios he describes and then puts them in a perspective that awakens the corporate-brainwashed employee to see the proposterousness of the current bueracracy of today's employers. It's very enjoyable. It's an easy read. It's definately a book to share with other 'working' friends. One of my favorites!

It's on my desk at work, and provides an antidote to some of the daily office drama. I've suggested that it be provided as an appendix to the company's employee handbook.

I have lived "the Dilbert Principle". Scott Adams is my hero for bringing these Corporate SNAFU's into the open! laugh my way through almost every company meeting that I am required to attend!! I try to mentor all of my new trainees with the wisdom of this book! It should be required reading for all Management employees! Maybe then they won't take themselves so seriously! God knows that we don't!!

I am not a big reader, but I read the excerpt for this book online one day (of course during a bad day at work), and couldn't stop laughing. I ordered it that night and read the whole book in less than 2

days. As I said, I am not a big reader (I work in IT ... I read specs and they're usually wrong), but I couldn't put it down. Adams makes light of every folly in corporate America incentive plans, HR, consultants, management, scorecards/reviews, peers, the art of slacking off and looking busy if you don't like this book, you do not work in corporate America.

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