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Turkey on fire? No plans for New Year's Eve? Obnoxious relatives headed your way? The authors of the best-selling *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook* are here to help you survive the dangers of the holiday season, from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day. Learn how to rescue someone stuck in a chimney, survive the office holiday party, and escape a runaway parade balloon. Expertly deal with a meddling parent, silence a group of carolers, and treat a tongue stuck to a frozen pole. Illustrated, step-by-step instructions guide you through these and dozens of other festive scenarios. With a helpful appendix of holiday excuses, last-minute gift ideas, and creative drink recipes for when the liquor runs out, this is truly the perfect gift. Gleaming silver cover. Fits all sized stockings.

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Nabilla says

Full of advice about how to survive when things take a turn for the worst the worst case scenario survival handbook turns it's attention to the holidays. With practical advice on situations ranging from the likely, e.g. how to wrap a present without wrapping paper to the highly unlikely, e.g. how to rescue someone trapped in a chimney.

A series of simple step by step guides to remind you it could be worse or if it couldn't how to minimise the damage and on the off chance Santa does get stuck in your chimney you will be the one prepared to save Christmas. I read this every year, just in case.

Kelley Something says

An entertaining, holiday read for your coffee table.

Karen says

Mildly entertaining. Some good info - how to handle your flight being canceled, driving in a blizzard, preventing the tree from toppling, putting out a burning turkey or grease fire. The fruitcake repurposing is just stupid. The advice on accepting a bad gift is something a lot of people should read.

Tamara says

I read (parts) of this so that I could have something to review for the Westerville Magazine's Nov/Dec issue. It is quite funny. For those who despise the holidays, here's some funny yet practical advice to avoiding a National Lampoon's disaster. Favorite chapter: How to repurpose a fruitcake.

What's great is that the authors actually site their sources! How to Survive a Runaway Sled tips came from John Markel, who runs a television stunt and safety consulting firm in Alaska. Who better to give advice?

In the chapter on how to survive if you have no one to kiss on New Year's Eve, the authors suggest that if you are alone, you should kiss your pet. "Dogs are generally agreeable and have relatively clean mouths. Cats are usually well groomed but are more passive and tend to get rather than give. Keep your mouth closed." Well, at least I know I can now survive another year. Thanks, Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook!

Amanda says

I picked this book up because last year, we had some issues that made our Christmas sort of a farce - including but not limited to a very dry turkey and dealing with ex-wives in the great child handoff of `12.

It's written in a very matter-of-fact tone. Some of the tips could be very useful - if I had known to cook the turkey breast-side down, the juices would have flown onto the breast and would have stayed moist. Also, there are some handy tips on re-purposing a fruitcake and how to tell if it will be yummy or brick-like. However, these few sections provided most of the humor. Most of the advice is sound, from what I can tell, and there are some genuinely useful tips, such as dealing with grease fires and food poisoning, as well as re-sizing live Christmas trees, but most of the topics are just very offbeat. I found it an amusing read for the holidays; but found that most of the humour was dry and some of the situations are HIGHLY unlikely.

I enjoyed that the authors actually cited their sources.

I thought that it was a bit dry and some sections were more factual than funny. I was expecting more laughs.

Overall, a great holiday read to get you into the Christmas spirit.

Hildegart says

I found this book highly amusing!! If you need a laugh during the holidays, read this book. If you want a laugh any time during the year, pull this book out.

Linda says

A how-to book for dealing with holiday disasters, amusing because of the scenarios described. It covers the more common situations such as grease fires to the less common such as being stuck in chimneys or dealing with a charging reindeer. However, I don't remember it explaining what to do after "Grandma got run over by a reindeer."

Karim says

its very funny

Darinda says

Entertaining book about surviving the holidays. Some useful advice, and with a good bit of humor mixed in.

Teri Temme says

Cute, fast read, a few really good suggestions: like what to do if your turkey is on fire!

Simon says

Well this book got us through our holidays, so it really does work.

T. Finley says

A good mixture of informative writing and humor. Even the strictly humorous entries contain bits of useful information. For example, the section on 'How To Safely Eat A Fruitcake' contained a note on what the color and consistency of a fruitcake can tell you about its ingredients. All in all an enjoyable read.

Did I like it? Yes.

Would I reread it? I could see myself reviewing certain sections that might be useful.

Would I recommend it? Yes.

Tracey says

An early Christmas present for each other, we bought The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Holidays a week or so before Christmas & it's been the bathroom read since then.

The matter-of-fact tone regarding both mundane and unlikely holiday situations (untangling Christmas lights, repurposing a fruitcake, dealing with a runaway sleigh) provides most of the humor of this slim how-to book. Divided into sections, each topic is dealt with in a few pages, with numbered steps and simple line drawings. Most of the advice is sound, from what I can tell, and there are some genuinely useful tips, such as dealing with grease fires and food poisoning, as well as resizing live Christmas trees, but most of the topics are just very offbeat. I found it an amusing read for this time of year; but I can see where this general theme (Worst Case Scenario) could get carried too far.

Recommended as a gift book to fans of dry humor.

Christen says

It could have been a little funnier, but parts were pretty fun and the whole thing was practical. It only takes an hour to read and maybe it will get you in the holiday spirit, you grinch.

Denise Spicer says

From dealing with ordinary stresses -- shopping, family, cooking to actual emergencies, this book is full of hilarious tips. How tos: wrap a gift without wrapping paper, regift (and safely EAT) a fruitcake, make a snowball, make an "emergency" angel or menorah, escaping a runaway parade balloon or treating food poisoning, everything you could imagine (and more!). Important tips to thwart gift snoops (wrap a fake present—old shoe or tennis ball or something broken). Silly.

