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From California earthquakes and Rocky Mountain wildfires to Midwest floods and Atlantic hurricanes, you can't escape that inevitable day when catastrophe strikes your home town — but you can be prepared! Offering a simple DIY approach, this book breaks down the vital steps you should take into 101 quick, smart and inexpensive projects:

#6 Make a Master List of Passwords

#16 Calculate How Much Water You Need

#33 Start a Food Storage Plan for \$5 a Week

#60 Make a Safe from a Hollowed-out Book

#77 Assemble an Inexpensive First Aid kit

#89 Learn to Cook Without Electricity

#94 Pack a Bug-out Bag

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Nathanael Coyne says

I feel this book suffered from similar problems to When Duct Tape Just Isn't Enough in terms of being a poor reference. For something marketed as a pocket guide I expect to be able to pick this up and find what I'm looking for, but this seems to be more a random collection of tips in rough categories that aren't particularly useful or findable. I wouldn't be surprised if the author decided to list 101 items before having the 101 items to include. That said, there are some good tips in there and some new things I hadn't thought of but it certainly isn't the introduction to prepping or the quick-reference guide for existing preppers that I hoped. Solar still? Survivalists debate whether solar stills are even useful in a wilderness survival situation, let alone an urban prepping introductory guide. And factual errors on antibiotics - the body does not build up an immunity to antibiotics, the bacteria do! There are some checklists but I would have liked to see them used more extensively and with conditions such as "If you live in a cold climate, also include". I hoped to use this book to check the readiness of my preparations but it was not suitable for this purpose. I did want to rate this book 2 stars but decided that was a little harsh and if I hadn't had such specific expectations of the book I wouldn't have been so disappointed, so I rated it 3 stars.

Shelly says

This is a good way to get prepared for a disaster. I read only about 30 pages into it, then skimmed the rest. It made me feel sufficiently guilty for being a lazy lame-o, and forced me to confront the myriad ways I will not be able to survive a disaster with my family. The end result was that I renewed my Costco membership and vowed to spend all my savings on canned goods... Just as soon as I am done digging that bomb shelter in my back yard.

No really, it's a good book for stocking the basement, but has more ideas than most people will have time to do.

Mikko says

A basic introduction to prepping with a down to earth attitude. Carr does not attempt to convince the reader to stock up on MREs and weapons to be ready for the doomsday scenario that will certainly unravel within the next 15 minutes. Instead the book encourages a sensible evaluation of potential risks and making appropriate, incremental preparations without excessive financial or time burden.

Unfortunately the 101 Things-format does not suite the book. Some of the things cover fairly large issues and the treatment is shallow, while some small tips get an undue amount of attention. Also, finding an individual item is not a fast nor an easy task.

Tiffany says

This book is packed with useful information for the beginning prepper. It provides a foundation to begin preparations for your family, and also takes you step by step on how to use the preparations in the event of an emergency. It is an easy read and packed with useful information.

Kevin says

This is the one book you should have for SHTF and or TEOTWAWKI

Josh L says

This book is a cheap, cargo pocket-sized introduction to preparing for a disaster. With 101 easy tips, Bernie Carr takes the reader through dozens of simple ways you can start preparing today.

This guide covers a variety of disaster scenarios, and one of its benefits is that the author does not assume an end-of-the-world scenario. Carr offer suggestions for hurricanes, earth quakes, and power outages alongside tips on how to prepare a bug-out bag and a long-term survival plan. The book will help you now matter how big a disaster you want to prepare for.

I give this only four stars because of the book's brevity and generality. This is a great introduction to the topic, but it is not sufficient for all your prepping needs. Once you read this book, you'll be eager to start learning more. This will only whet your appetite.

Maybaby says

If you are on a budget and want a book that will help you make it through an ice storm/earthquake/solar flare/flood/tornado etc...this is an excellent basic book to start with.

Marty Mixon says

Straightforward and useful

Easy read, well organized
Good basic information primarily for a new prepper.
I found it helpful, and will keep in my library.

Alfajirikali says

Concise.

Robert says

A wonderful and practical little book on preparing for any of life's little unexpected moments. Not an end-of-world-guide (though it also works for that), but a general preparedness guide. And not a "buy a bunker and order a year's supply of freeze-dried food", but *practical*: when you have coupons for something you use regularly, use the savings to buy one extra and stash it as part of your emergency supply.

Guillermo says

I never thought I'd be reading a book about prepping, the tendency to get ready in case of disasters, as I always figured it was a thing to do if you were a bit paranoid and/or on the crazy side of life, dressed in camo, saving in canned goods and zombie apocalypse proofing the basement. However, this book came to my hands thanks to folks at Ulysses Press and I started reading it with every bit of a smirk in my face. Fortunately, this is a book targeted to the regular people, who can have all kinds of different emergencies, in different levels of importance, but with a lot more occurrence ratio than crocodile droids: hurricanes, floodings, earthquakes, power outages and even car trouble and getting lost while camping.

Full Review

Ted says

Excellent little book with plenty of practical advice and without the political rhetoric and paranoia that plagues many in this niche genre.

Irene McHugh says

The flooding in the Denver area in September 2013 gave me pause. How prepared would I be if I lost electricity for several days? What if I were cut off from the rest of civilization? Would I have enough food and water to survive?

I started with some internet research, but preppers are a blogging bunch and the amount of information overwhelmed me. I decided to find a simpler resource through my local library and this book hit the mark. I appreciated the organization the most. Sections on "Getting Started," "Water Needs," "Food Supplies," and "When the Power is Out" are about half of the topics contained in this 200 page overview. Very easy to go through this book section by section, and list off what I thought I could manage in terms of prepping my small home. The sections kept me focused on what was feasible. If I want to get more involved, then there are additional resources listed at the back of the book. Internet resources and books.

chucklethescot says

This was a really useful and educational book. If you are a beginner prepper or are just interested in learning more about self sufficiency, then this is a great starter book. It is a smaller sized paperback and can fit nicely on any bookshelf as a self help manual.

There are sections on financial affairs, water needs, food stocks, home defence, health, power outages and when you should consider bugging out for a safer location. Each section goes into detailed instructions on a variety of topics. You don't need to be a prepper to get advice on clean water sources, paying off debt, fire safety, fitness, alternate cooking options and basic navigation. There are a lot of ideas that help you to save money and do simple DIY around your property.

I found the book educational and entertaining.

Oliver Eike says

Most of what this book offers in ways of information is what people already know or easily should be able to conclude on their own.

However there are a few "Aha!" moments in the book worth studying. Especially in terms of water supplies that should be pretty obvious, but provided the most "Aha!" moments for me.

This is a book that if studied enough it should help drastically cut down on your response time when disaster hits, because most of us are not wired to think that way, most of us are used to the power being on, wifi being up and having the means to just google whatever we are curious about. A great book to have in the home as well.

If you are curious about the Prepper society too, it does give a few peeks inside. And honestly that was mostly why i picked up this book.
