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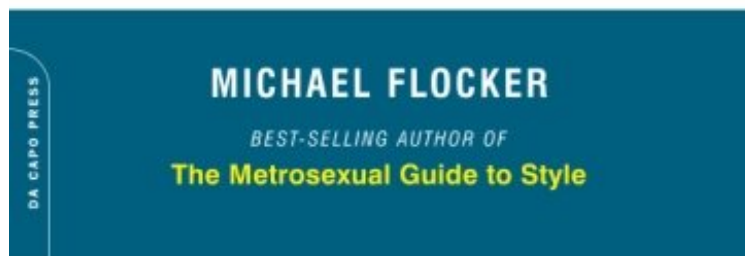
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at a single sitting and belly laughed most of the way through. I think the other critics here have missed the author's intention: He did not pretend to impart some hitherto unknown management wisdom but rather to provide a caustic critique of American office culture and offer suggestions for navigating the same. I think he succeeded. I appreciated the suggestions, though I concede they may not be novel. Good advice doesn't necessarily get old. Reading this book was a good entertainment for me and I did get something of substance from it.

Does your manager talk endlessly about "engineering synergy" and "bridging disconnects?" Does the guy in the cube next to you eavesdrop and peak at what's in your personal drawer? Have you ever come close to "death by PowerPoint" as you struggle to stay awake in a meeting? If you work in any kind of office--large or small--the answers to these questions are undoubtedly "yes" and you obviously and desperately need *Death By PowerPoint*. A life-saving guide to twenty-first century corporate culture, it provides incisive coverage of everything you'll need to get ahead (or to simply stay above water): The Art of Office Politics--sucking up effectively, how to deal with control freaks and that annoying guy with all the "new ideas" E-Mail Etiquette--responding to ridiculous requests, managing passive-aggressive messages, and how best to undo E-damage Mandatory Fun--proper etiquette for office parties, the curse of Secret Santa, and undermining your drunken co-workers Sex in the Workplace--how to spot video surveillance, telltale signs that others are getting it on, dumping etiquette, and the treacherous realm of sex with the boss

From Publishers Weekly Flocker brings the mocking humor from his *Metrosexual Guide to Style* and its follow-ups to the workplace, but the effect is like throwing a fresh coat of paint on a rundown old car. Much of his advice is exactly what you'd find in any other handbook to the corporate environment, like the chestnut about dressing for the job one level higher than your current position, while still maintaining your individual sense of style. Even worse are the passages that haven't been fresh since the mid-1990s, like a list of warning signs for e-mail addiction or making fun of "action item" and other corporate buzzwords. When Flocker does venture into original territory, his anti-corporate humor is stuck on the level of juvenile pranks. He recommends messing with your co-workers' heads by moving things on their desks when they aren't looking or interrupting meetings with silly questions. There's also a slew of wacky new vocabulary terms culled from the Internet, several of which actually have very little to do with the workplace. Marginal illustrations liven things up, but even they aren't as entertaining as reading a *Dilbert* collection—which would better equip readers for office politics as well. (Nov. 30) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "A funny (and thoroughly useful) manual on how to survive working for [a corporation]." -- (Metro, 10/30/2006) "Flocker will help you make the most of being back at work now that the summer is over." -- Hamptons, October 2006 "Gives critical information on surviving... Wrap up this great stocking stuffer." -- Playboy.com, 2006 Holiday Gift Guide "If you have the 'pleasure' to work in an office setting, this is required reading. Thankfully, it's also humorous." -- Anchorage Daily News, 12/8/06 "Much here is laugh-out-loud funny, but there is plenty of perceptive analysis and sage advice as well." -- Hartford Courant, 1/7/07 "Well illustrated and distinctive." -- The Bookseller (UK), 7/14/06 "Wildly humorous... smart-mouth author Michael Flocker nails... amusing but serious pages." -- Careers Now, 11/12/06 "Wry humor drives its workplace points home." -- (Biz Books, 11/05/2006) About the Author The author of the best-selling *The Metrosexual Guide to Style*, *The Hedonism Handbook*, and *The Fame Game*, Michael Flocker lives in New York City.