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HOW TO:
- Escape from Quicksand
- Wrestle an Alligator
- Break Down a Door
- Land a Plane . . .

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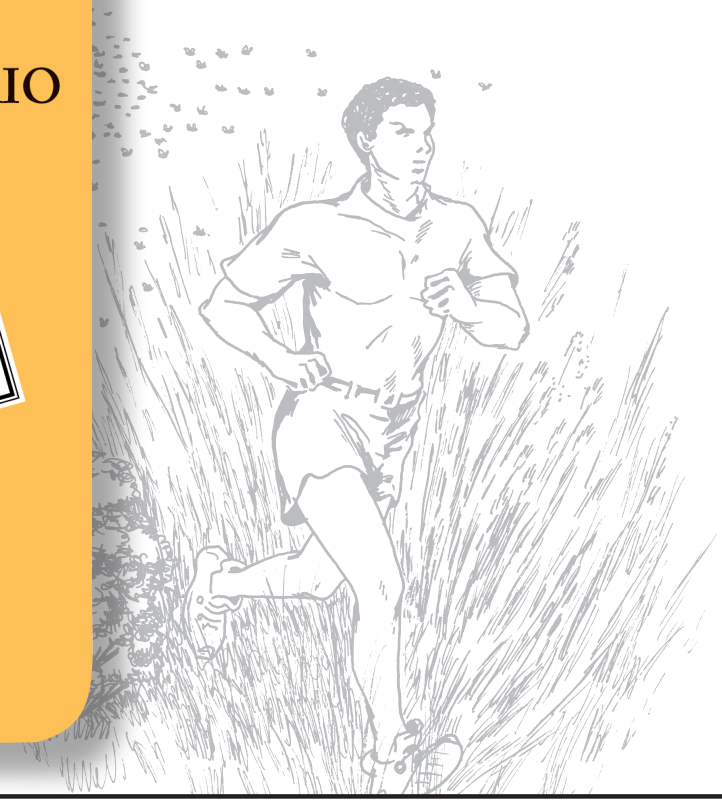


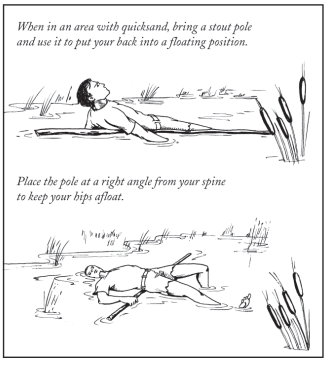
HOW TO ESCAPE FROM QUICKSAND

1. **When walking in quicksand country, carry a stout pole—it will help you get out should you need to.**
2. **As soon as you start to sink, lay the pole on the surface of the quicksand.**
3. **Flop onto your back on top of the pole.** After a minute or two, equilibrium in the quicksand will be achieved, and you will no longer sink.
4. **Work the pole to a new position: under your hips and at right angles to your spine.** The pole will keep your hips from sinking, as you (slowly) pull out first one leg and then the other.
5. **Take the shortest route to firmer ground, moving slowly.**

How to Avoid Sinking

Quicksand is just ordinary sand mixed with upwelling water, which makes it behave like a liquid. However, quicksand—unlike water—does not easily let go. If you try to pull a limb out of quicksand, you have to work against the vacuum left behind. Here are a few tips:

- The viscosity of quicksand increases with shearing—move slowly so the viscosity is as low as possible.
- Floating on quicksand is relatively easy and is the best way to avoid its clutches. You are more buoyant in quicksand than you are in water. Humans are less dense than freshwater, and saltwater is slightly more dense. Floating is easier in saltwater than freshwater and much easier in quicksand. Spread your arms and legs far apart and try to float on your back.



When in an area with quicksand, bring a stout pole and use it to put your back into a floating position.

Place the pole at a right angle from your spine to keep your hips afloat.

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Our Worst-Case Scenario is your Best-Case Scenario

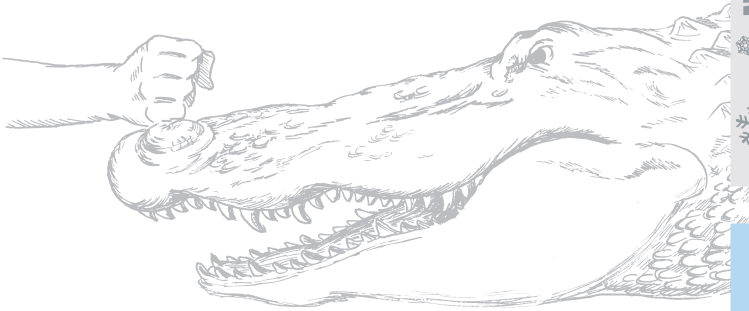
It's Murphy's Law—whatever can go wrong, will. Sometimes these mishaps aren't so bad. Lipstick on your shirt? Wearing one blue sock and one black? Late for your flight? We can handle these problems.

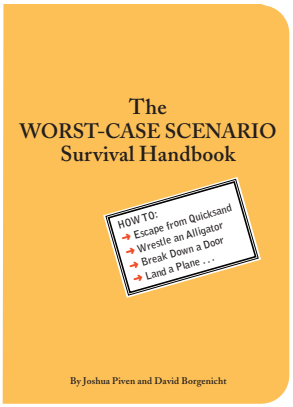
But sometimes, things take a turn for the worse. You have to jump from a moving car. You are attacked by killer bees. You find yourself stuck in quicksand.

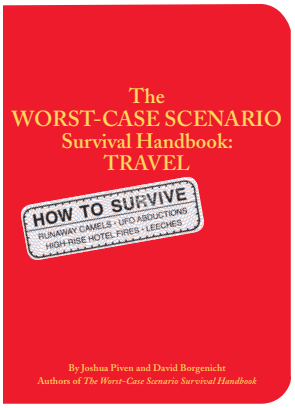
That's the worst-case scenario. Fortunately, we've got what you need.

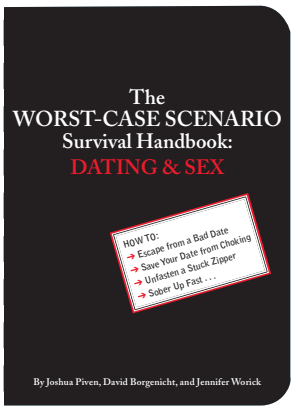
In the Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook series, you'll find everything you need to help you escape from life's sudden turns for the worse—including books that don't sell and ideas that don't fly.

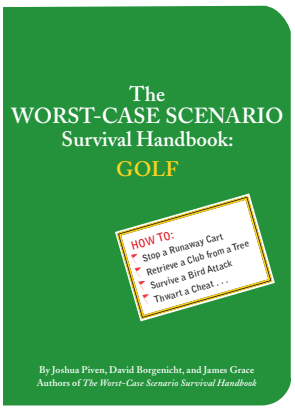
Like all of our *Worst-Case Scenario* books, you'll want to keep this one handy at all times.

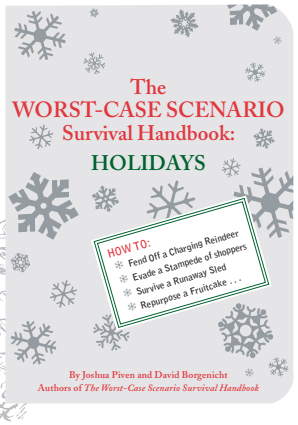


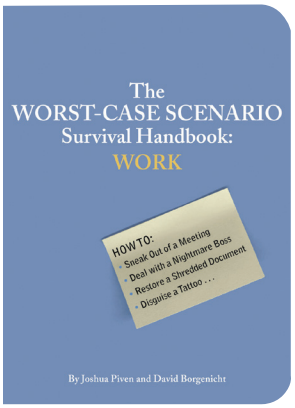


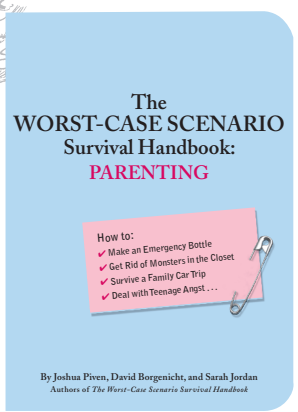


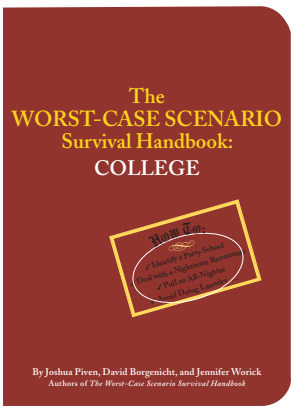












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FROM WORST CASE TO BEST SELLER

20 Years of Publishing Hits

In the summer of 1998, the amazing *Worst-Case Scenario* story began when David Borgenicht read a magazine article about a man who'd been forced to land a plane after the pilot had a heart attack. It made him think about classic action movie scenes and what he would do in those situations. How should he react if he were face-to-face with a shark or if he had to jump from a building into a Dumpster? Knowing there were answers to these questions, he and co-author Joshua Piven decided to write a book.

They spent the better part of six months trying to convince experts that they weren't pranksters. They actually wanted real answers to questions like:

- How do you safely ram a car?
- How do you perform a tracheotomy?
- How do you fend off an alligator?

The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook was published in November 1999, with a first printing of 35,000 copies. People took to the book quickly. After a strong holiday sales season, the handbook hit the *Los Angeles Times* and *Publishers Weekly* best-seller lists. Two national television appearances by the authors in May, along with articles in *Time* and *People*, launched the book onto the *New York Times* Best-Seller List. Later that year it would cross the million-copy mark, with no signs of slowing down.

In the spring of 2001, the first spin-off book was published. *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Travel* had a first printing of 500,000 copies, and soon it too became a best seller. In the fall of 2001, *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Dating & Sex* was released, with a first printing of 450,000 copies, instantly becoming a best seller. Translation rights were sold in over 25 languages.

There are now more than 10 million copies of *Worst-Case Scenario* titles in print, and the series shows no sign of flagging. With the 20th anniversary coming in November 2019, we're celebrating the classic titles with a wave of exciting licensing opportunities, including:

- New translation partnerships
- A *Worst-Case Scenario* virtual reality game
- A new pitch to Hollywood
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The *Worst-Case Scenario* series has become a publishing phenomenon. And now it can become your best licensing opportunity yet.

THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK

Expert Advice for Extreme Situations

By Joshua Piven and David Borgenicht

On the 20th anniversary of its original edition—and needed now more than ever—the authors and experts behind the internationally best-selling *Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook* are back with a new edition to deliver crucial advice and guide readers through anxious and uncertain times. Fully revised and streamlined, the core advice of the original is as clear and present as the enduring dangers it addresses (quicksand, shark attacks, the need to perform a sudden tracheotomy). This update includes 20 all-new scenarios for 21st-century threats, from the technological (how to evade a drone) to the sociological (how to determine "fake news") to the environmental (how to escape a sinkhole). Packed in a sturdy hardcover handbook, here's the emergency instruction readers desperately need to prepare for the worst!

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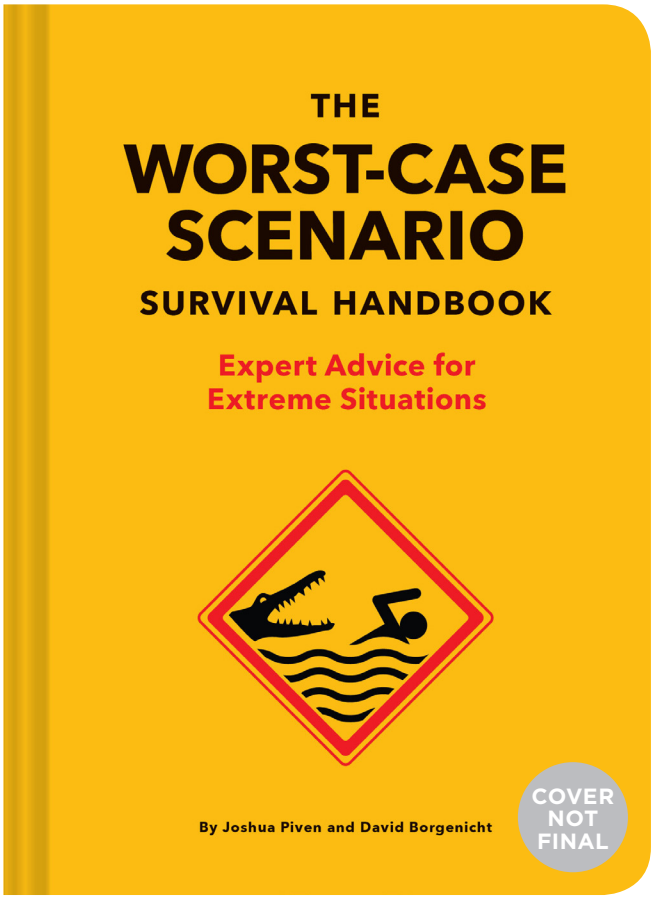

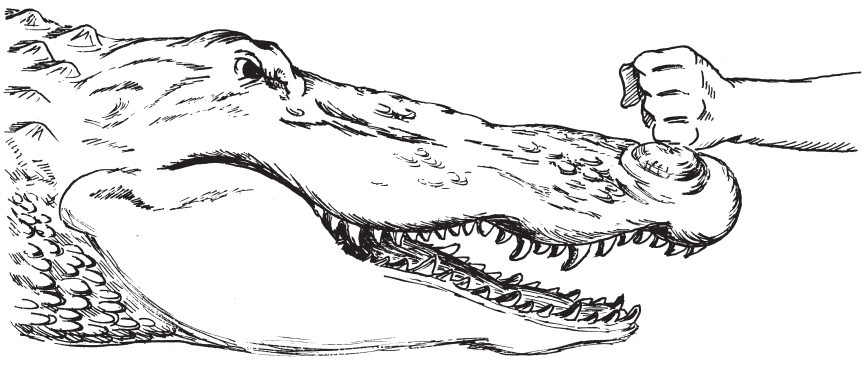

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SAMPLE SPREADS

SAMPLE INTERIORS - LAYOUT NOT FINAL

HOW TO BREAK DOWN A DOOR

INTERIOR DOORS

- **Give the door a well-placed kick or two to the lock area to break it down.**

Kicking is more effective than running at the door and slamming against it—your foot exerts more force than your shoulder, and you will be able to direct this force toward the area of the locking mechanism more specifically.

Newer Construction

In newer construction, "contractor-grade" hollow-core doors may be primarily corrugated cardboard covered in vinyl, with only thin strips of wood along the edges. (Tap on the door; if it sounds hollow, it's cheap.) For these doors, a swift kick in the middle of one of the door "panels" should easily make a hole, allowing you to reach through and open it from the inside.

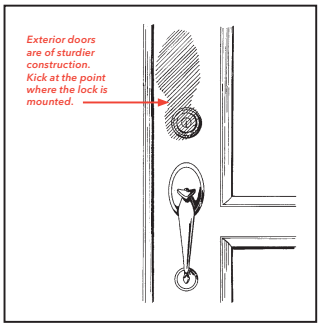
Alternate Method (if you have a screwdriver)

- **Probe the emergency access hole.**

Look on the front of the doorknob for a small hole or keyhole. Most interior doors have what are called privacy sets. These locks are usually installed on bedrooms and bathrooms and can be locked from the inside when the door is shut, but have an emergency access hole in the center of the door handle which allows entry to the locking mechanism inside. Insert a thin screwdriver or probe into the handle and push the locking mechanism, or turn the mechanism to open the lock.

EXTERIOR DOORS

Breaking down an exterior door requires more force, as they are of sturdier construction and are designed with security in mind. You can generally expect to see two kinds of latches on outside doors: a knob lock for latching and light security, and a dead-bolt lock for added security. (On older homes they may be part of a single lock set called a thumb turn.) The knob lock keeps the door from swinging open, and will also keep the door handle from



- **Give the door several well-placed kicks at the point where the lock is mounted.**

An exterior door usually takes several tries to break down this way, so keep at it.

Alternate Method

between the lock and the door and prying back and forth.

Alternate Method (if you have hammer, and screwdriver or awl)

- **Remove the hinge pins.**

Place the awl or screwdriver underneath the hinge, with the pointy end touching the end of the bolt or screw. Using the hammer, strike the other end of the awl or screwdriver until the hinge comes out. Remove the pins from the hinges and then force the door open from the hinge side. (The method only works on doors that open out.)

Assessing Amount Of Force Required

Interior doors in general are of a lighter construction than exterior doors and usually are thinner—1⅜" thick to 1⅝" thick—than exterior doors, which generally are 1¾" thick. Older homes will be more likely to have solid wood doors, while newer ones will have the cheaper, hollow core models. Knowing what type of door you are dealing with will help you determine how to break it down. You can usually determine the construction and solidity of a door by tapping on it.

HOLLOW CORE This type is generally used only for interior doors, since it provides no insulation or security, and requires minimal force. These doors can often be

HOW TO LAND A PLANE

These instructions cover small passenger planes and jets (not commercial airliners).

1. **If the plane has only one set of controls, push, pull, carry, or drag the pilot out of the pilot's seat.**
2. **Take your place at the controls.**
3. **Put on the radio headset.**

Use the radio to call for help—there will be several control buttons on the yoke (the plane's steering wheel) or a CB-like microphone on the instrument panel. Depress the button to talk, release it to listen. Say "Mayday! Mayday! Mayday" and give your situation, destination, and plane tail number, which should be printed on the top of the instrument panel. Say you have an emergency, there is no pilot, and you need to land as soon as possible.

4. **If you get no response, try again on the emergency channel–tune the radio to 121.50.**

All radios are different, but tuning is standard. The person on the other end should be able to talk you through the proper landing procedures. Follow their instructions carefully. If you cannot reach someone to talk you through the landing process, you will have to do it alone.

5. **Get your bearings and identify the instruments.**

Look around you. Is the plane level? Unless you have just taken off or are about to land, it should be flying relatively straight. If the autopilot is on, leave it on. If it is off, look for a blue button known as level-off. This newer technology automatically engages the autopilot and places the plane into a straight and level attitude.

YOKE This is the steering wheel and should be in front of you. It turns the plane and controls its pitch. Pull back on the column to bring the nose up, push forward to point it down. Turn left to turn the plane left, turn right to turn it right. The yoke is very sensitive—move it only an inch or two in either direction to turn the plane in flight. While cruising, the nose of the plane should be about three inches below the horizon for a person of average height. Measure using your fingers if necessary: The horizon should be about 4-5 finger widths above the cowling (hood) or glare-shield (dashboard) of the plane.

THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK: Travel

If you have to leave home, TAKE THIS BOOK! The team that brought you *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook* now helps you navigate the perils of travel. Learn what to do when a tarantula crawls up your leg, a riptide pulls you out to sea, a sandstorm is headed your way, or your camel just won't stop. Find out how to pass a bribe, remove leeches, climb out of a well, survive a fall onto subway tracks, catch a fish without a rod, and preserve a severed limb. Hands-on, step-by-step instructions show you how to survive these and dozens of other misadventures. An appendix of travel tips, useful phrases, and gestures to avoid will ensure your safe return.

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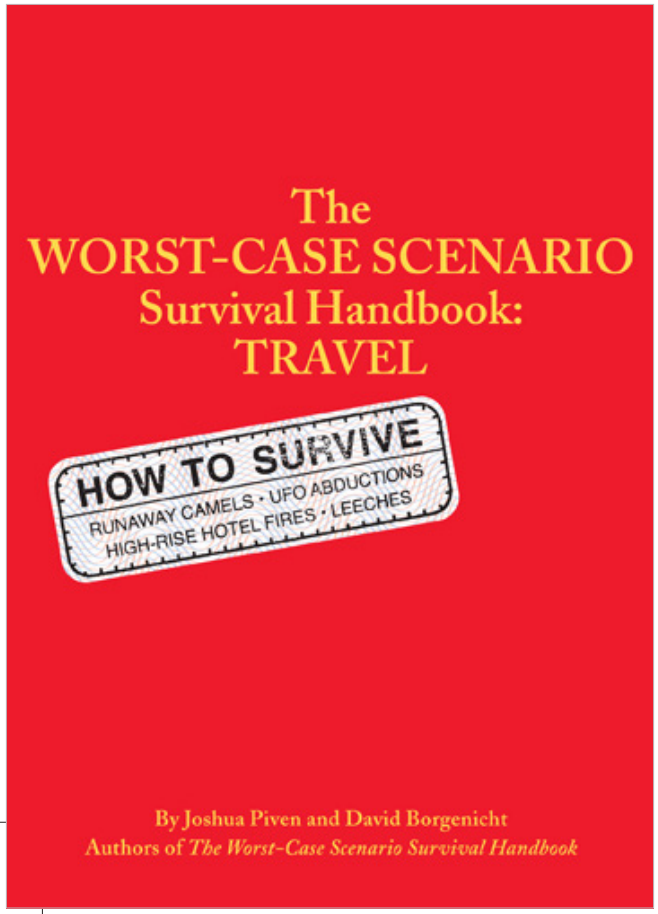

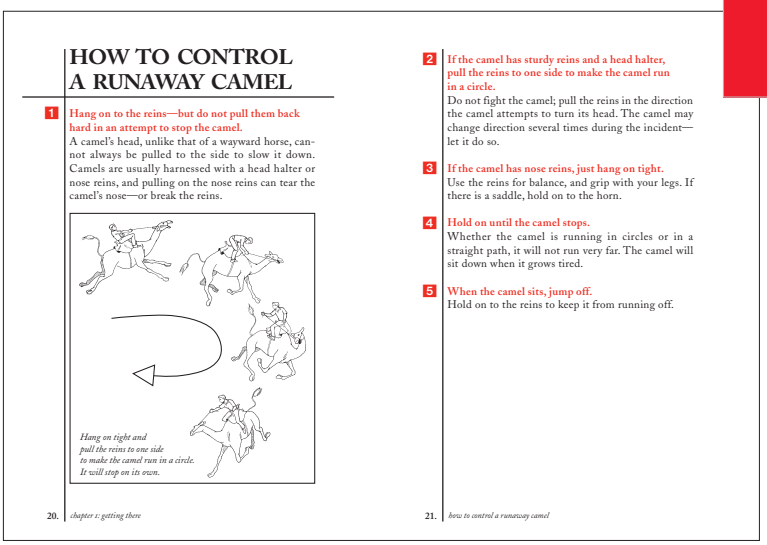

HOW TO CONTROL A RUNAWAY CAMEL

1 **Hang on to the reins—but do not pull them back hard in an attempt to stop the camel.**
A camel's head, unlike that of a wayward horse, cannot always be pulled to the side to slow it down. Camels are usually harnessed with a head halter or nose reins, and pulling on the nose reins can tear the camel's nose—or break the reins.

Hang on tight and pull the reins to one side to make the camel run in a circle. It will stop on its own.

20. *chapter 1: getting there*

2 **If the camel has sturdy reins and a head halter, pull the reins to one side to make the camel run in a circle.**
Do not fight the camel; pull the reins in the direction the camel attempts to turn its head. The camel may change direction several times during the incident—let it do so.

3 **If the camel has nose reins, just hang on tight.**
Use the reins for balance, and grip with your legs. If there is a saddle, hold on to the horn.

4 **Hold on until the camel stops.**
Whether the camel is running in circles or in a straight path, it will not run very far. The camel will sit down when it grows tired.

5 **When the camel sits, jump off.**
Hold on to the reins to keep it from running off.

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How could it get any worse? For the most extreme book in the phenomenally successful Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook series, the authors have pulled out all the stops, harkening back to the core appeal that made the first book a runaway best-seller. Here are all-new scenarios for living life on the very edge. Imperiled readers will learn immediate hands-on strategies for surviving an elephant stampede, a 16-car pile-up, a mine collapse, and a nuclear attack. Discover how to take a bullet, control a runaway hot air balloon, break a gorilla's grip, and free a limb from a bear trap. Whether stranded on an iceberg, being chased by a pack of wolves, spinning out on a motorcycle, or getting buried alive, *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Extreme Edition* has all the right stuff for those times when everything goes wrong.

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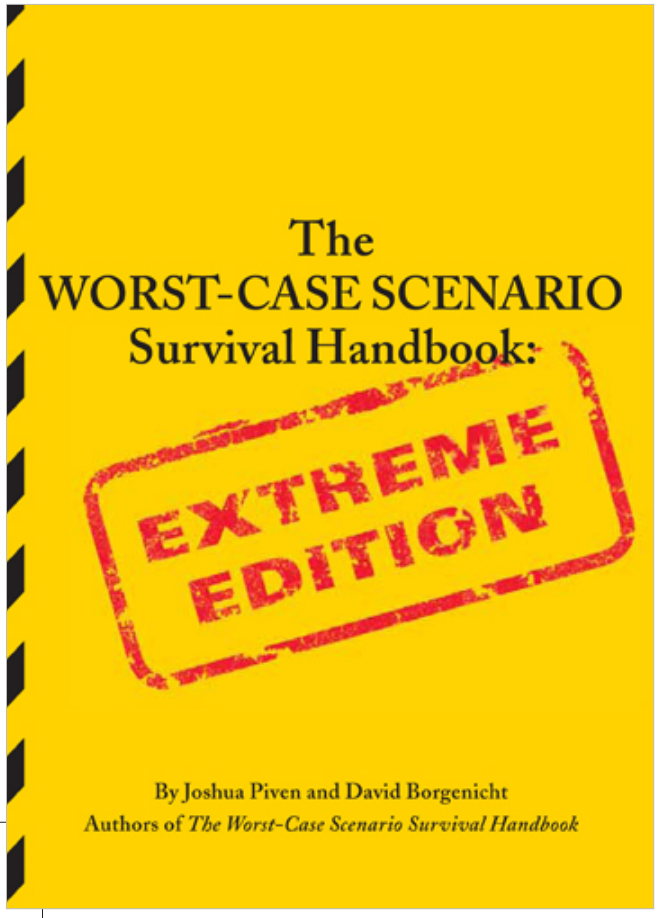

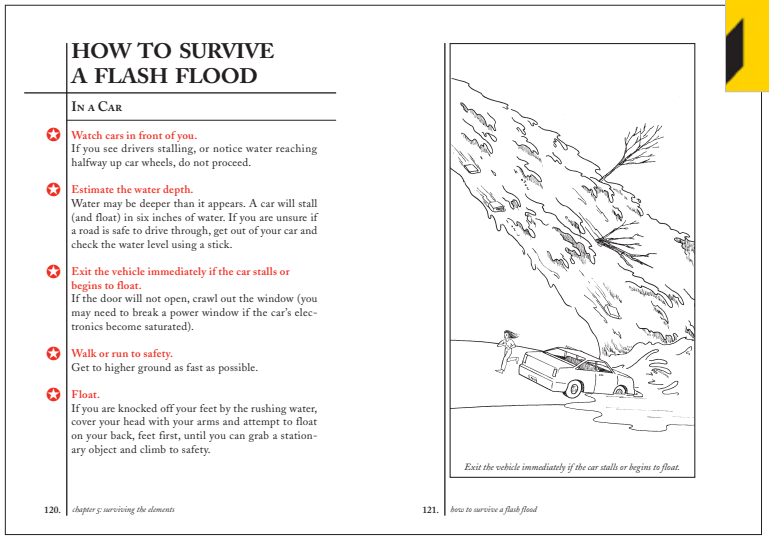

HOW TO SURVIVE A FLASH FLOOD

IN A CAR

Watch cars in front of you.
If you see drivers stalling, or notice water reaching halfway up car wheels, do not proceed.

Estimate the water depth.
Water may be deeper than it appears. A car will stall (and float) in six inches of water. If you are unsure if a road is safe to drive through, get out of your car and check the water level using a stick.

Exit the vehicle immediately if the car stalls or begins to float.
If the door will not open, crawl out the window (you may need to break a power window if the car's electronics become saturated).

Walk or run to safety.
Get to higher ground as fast as possible.

Float.
If you are knocked off your feet by the rushing water, cover your head with your arms and attempt to float on your back, feet first, until you can grab a stationary object and climb to safety.

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Exit the vehicle immediately if the car stalls or begins to float.

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THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK: Life

An omnibus of fast-access survival advice on the full range of everyday-life emergencies, *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Life* packs hundreds of real solutions to daily crises in categories covering home, relationships, travel, sports and hobbies, animals and pets, money, school, beauty and fitness, holidays and celebrations, and more. Clocking in at a chunky 288 pages, and containing hundreds of scenarios and solutions, *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Life* will keep readers informed and safe whether battling a bobcat or busted faucet. Because anything can go wrong anywhere at any time.

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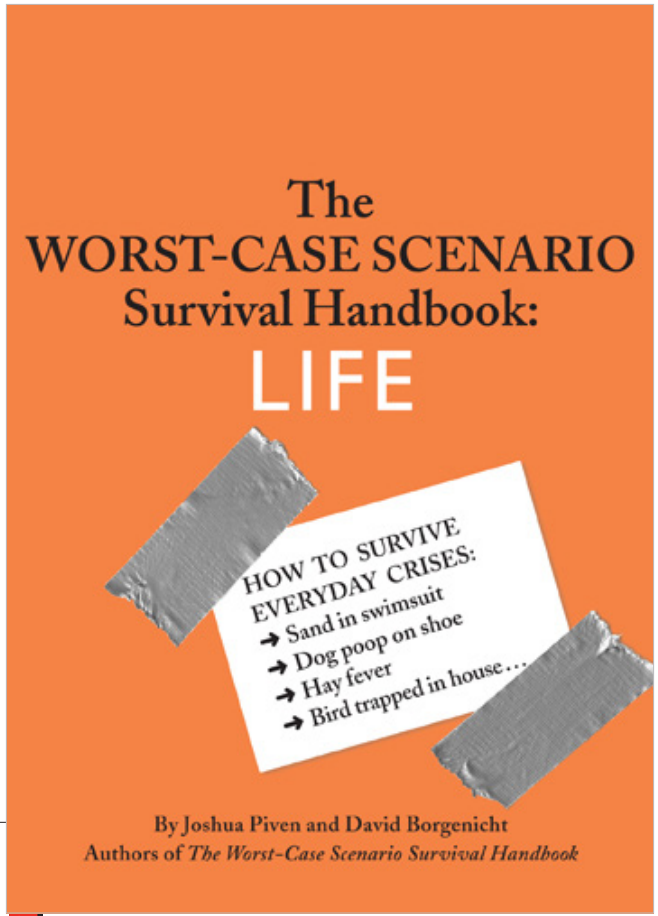

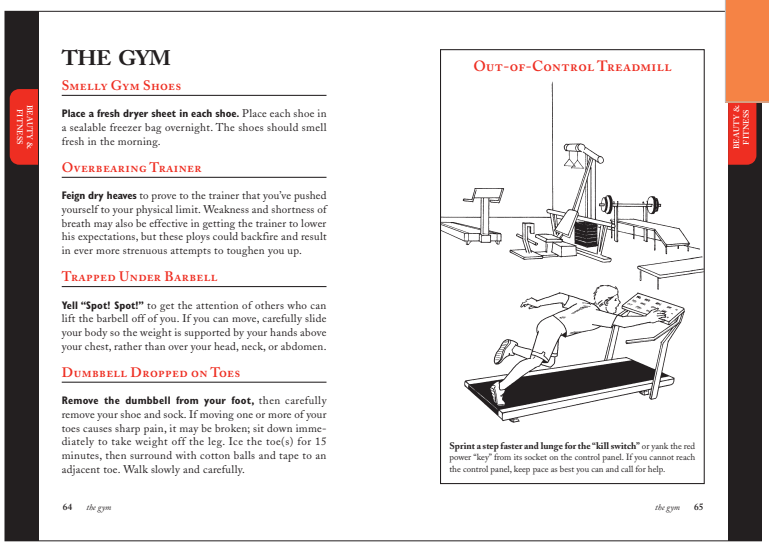

HEALTH & FITNESS

THE GYM

Smelly Gym Shoes

Place a fresh dryer sheet in each shoe. Place each shoe in a sealable freezer bag overnight. The shoes should smell fresh in the morning.

Overbearing Trainer

Feign dry heaves to prove to the trainer that you've pushed yourself to your physical limit. Weakness and shortness of breath may also be effective in getting the trainer to lower his expectations, but these ploys could backfire and result in ever more strenuous attempts to toughen you up.

Trapped Under Barbell

Yell "Spot! Spot!" to get the attention of others who can lift the barbell off of you. If you can move, carefully slide your body so the weight is supported by your hands above your chest, rather than over your head, neck, or abdomen.

Dumbbell Dropped on Toes

Remove the dumbbell from your foot, then carefully remove your shoe and sock. If moving one or more of your toes causes sharp pain, it may be broken; sit down immediately to take weight off the leg. Ice the toe(s) for 15 minutes, then surround with cotton balls and tape to an adjacent toe. Walk slowly and carefully.

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Out-of-Control Treadmill

Sprint a step faster and lunge for the "kill switch" or yank the red power "key" from its socket on the control panel. If you cannot reach the control panel, keep pace as best you can and call for help.

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THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK:
Dating and Sex

The authors of the best-selling *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook* are back—and they've brought a date. Whatever your own dating nightmares are, take it from the professionals, things can get worse. Just in time for Valentine's Day, here are dozens of scenarios covering every phase of romantic—or not so romantic—turn of events. Learn how to remove stubborn articles of clothing, slip away from a blind date, and get rid of unsightly stains. Discover the secrets of dealing with a bad kisser and surviving a meeting with your date's parents. Hands-on, step-by-step illustrated instructions guide you through these and many more perils d'amour. Tasteful and useful, with an appendix of great pickup lines, breakup lines, and all-purpose excuses, this is the book you need when you wake up next to someone whose name you can't remember.

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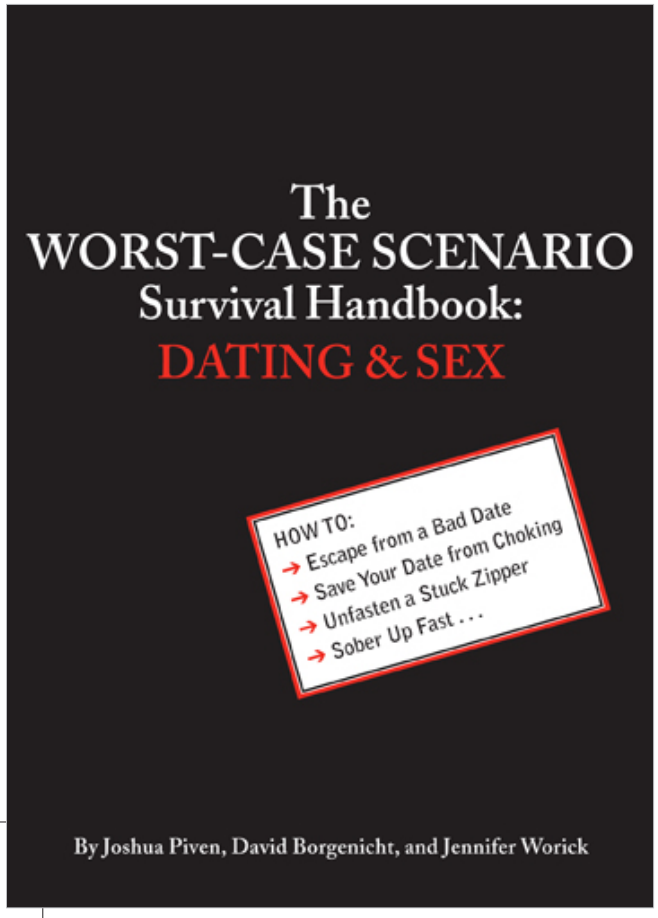

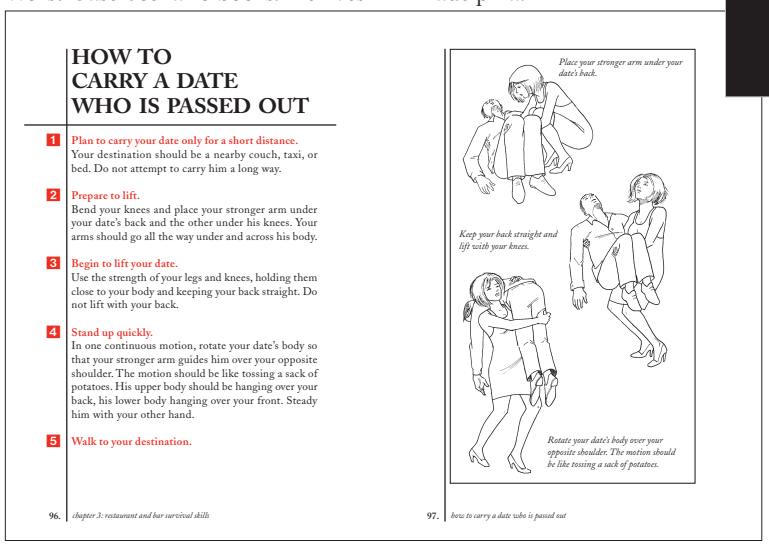

HOW TO
CARRY A DATE
WHO IS PASSED OUT

1. **Plan to carry your date only for a short distance.** Your destination should be a nearby couch, taxi, or bed. Do not attempt to carry him a long way.
2. **Prepare to lift.** Bend your knees and place your stronger arm under your date's back and the other under his knees. Your arms should go all the way under and across his body.
3. **Begin to lift your date.** Use the strength of your legs and knees, holding them close to your body and keeping your back straight. Do not lift with your back.
4. **Stand up quickly.** In one continuous motion, rotate your date's body so that your stronger arm guides him over your opposite shoulder. The motion should be like tossing a sack of potatoes. His upper body should be hanging over your back, his lower body hanging over your front. Steady him with your other hand.
5. **Walk to your destination.**

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THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO:
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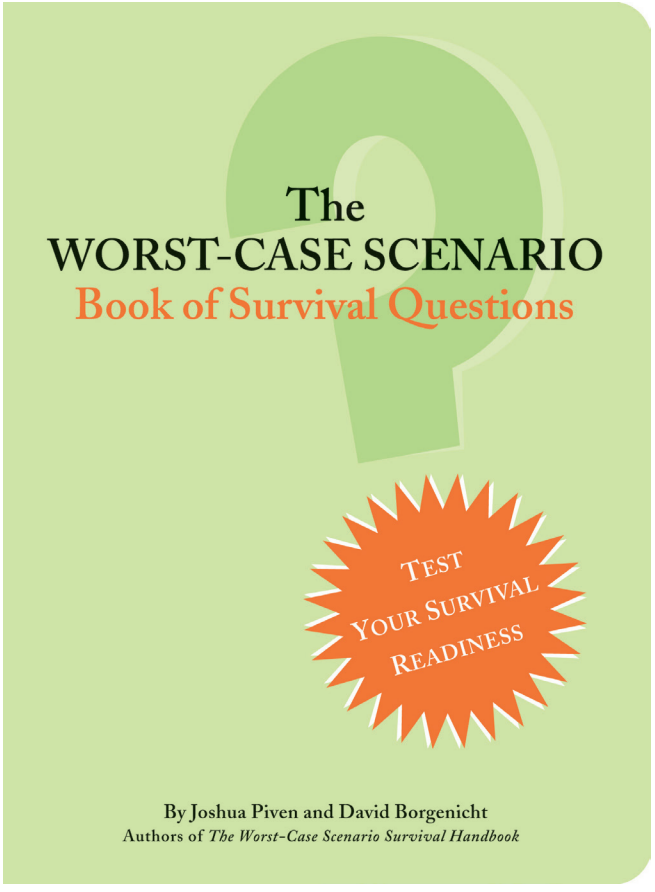

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THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK: Work

Work is bad enough, but what if things go really wrong? The Worst-Case Scenario authors come to the rescue with expert advice for surviving dozens of nightmare on-the-job scenarios, whether in the office or on the loading dock. From savage bike messengers to a bag of pretzels stuck in the lunchroom vending machine, peril is everywhere. Learn how to sneak out of a meeting, treat a deep-fryer burn, and survive a stockroom avalanche. Expertly remove a dent from the company car, extract a tie caught in the photocopier, and survive a workplace romance. Hands-on, step-by-step instructions guide you through these and other crises that can strike between 9 and 5, or on the swing shift. With an appendix of useful interview phrases, a career-path decoder, instructions for playing Jargon Bingo, and more, this is the one desk reference you can't live without.

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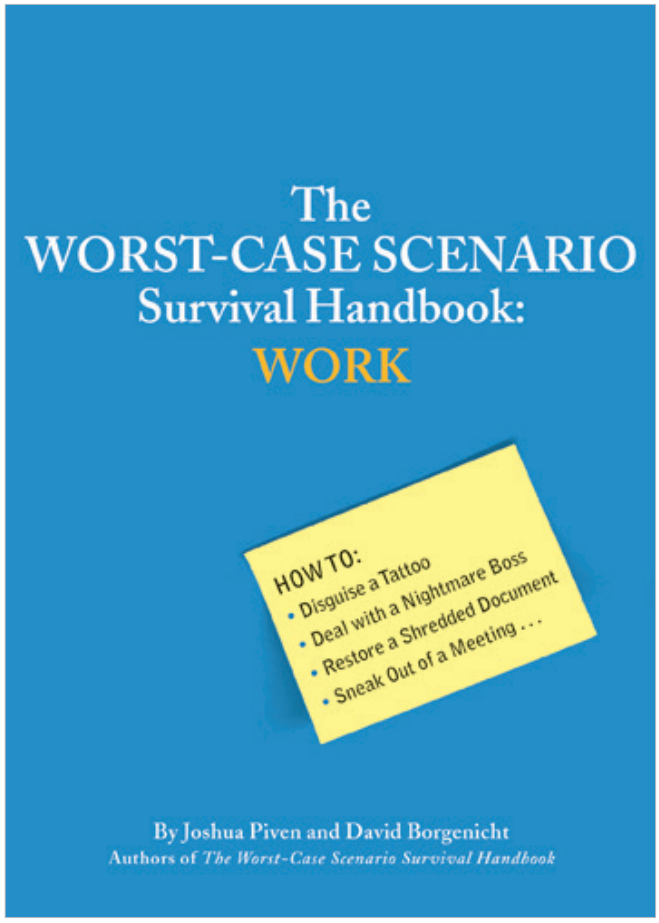

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THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK:
Paranormal

On hit TV shows and in best-selling books, blockbuster films, video games, and comics, pop culture has been overrun by hordes of vampires, zombies, werewolves, ghosts, wizards, and other paranormal creatures. Luckily, the authors of the *Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook* series are back with all-new expert advice designed to help readers fend off the furry, fanged, freaky, and frightful. This classic handbook format is packed with illustrated instructions for crucial scenarios ranging from the domestic (How to Host a Cocktail Party When Your House Is Haunted) to the scary (How to Survive a Zombie Attack in the First Day, First Week, and Long Term) to the practical (How to Break Up with a Vampire).

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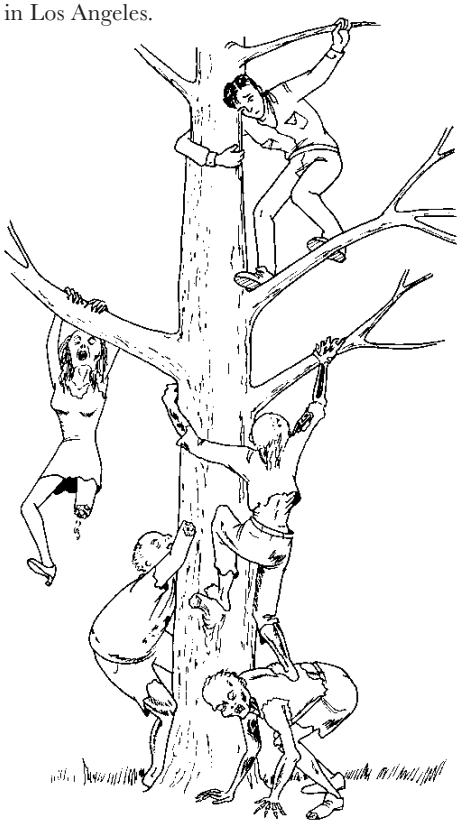

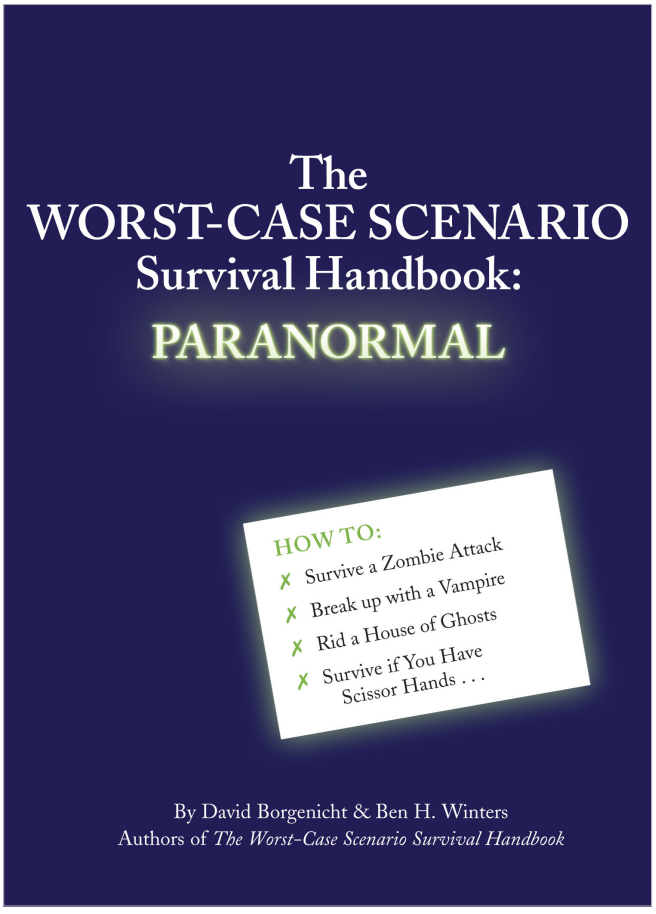

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THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK: Parenting

Forget quicksand and shark attacks, child-rearing is the truly terrifying activity. A screaming baby on an airplane, no diapers (!), monsters hiding in the closet, a long family car trip, the first date—these are the high-risk adventures you need to survive. Fortunately, the authors of the phenomenally best-selling Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook series will keep parents safe, from cradle to teens. Hands-on, step-by-step instructions show you how to remove objects stuck in a child's nose or gum stuck in hair, as well as how to survive endless soccer games, slumber parties, and sleep deprivation. From baby-proofing the house to dealing with a dead pet, from the perils of the play-date to explaining where babies come from, this essential guide tells parents what to really expect when your worst-case scenario is all in the family.

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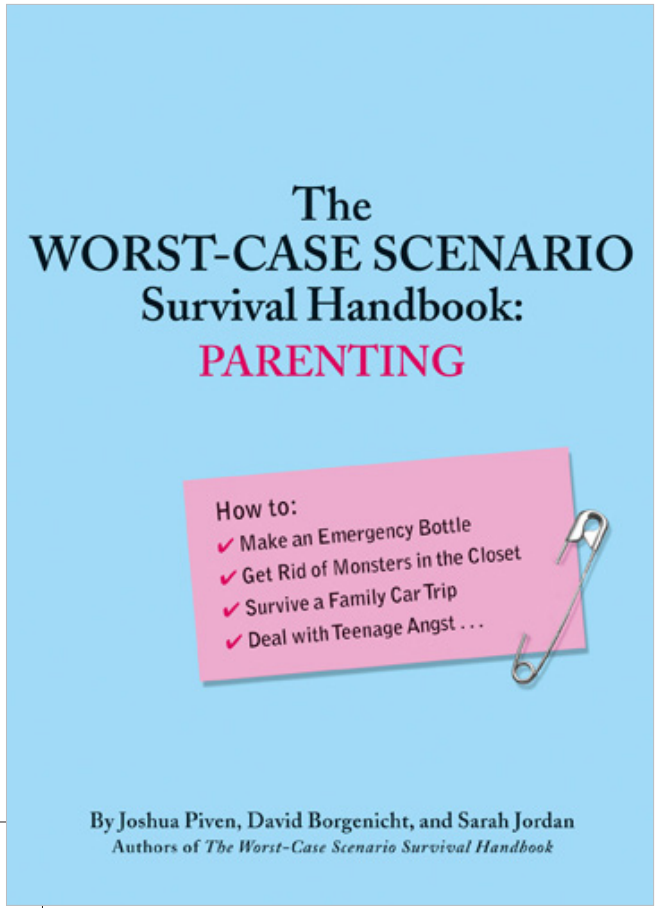

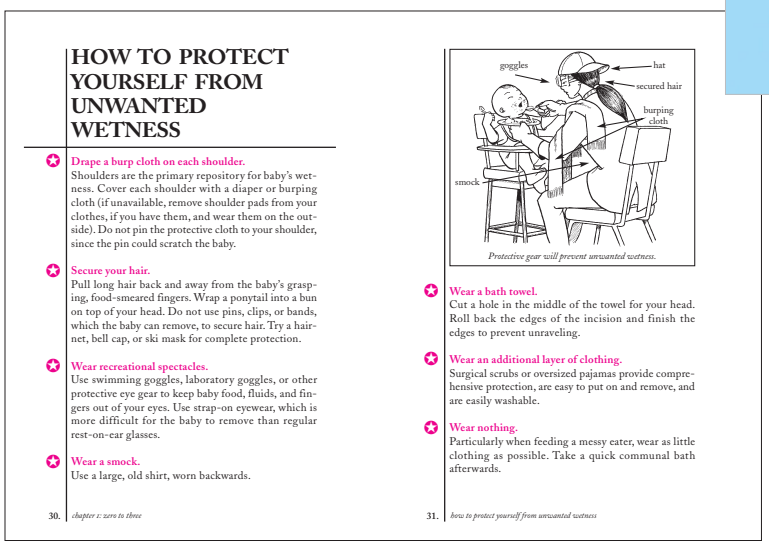

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM UNWANTED WETNESS

Drape a burp cloth on each shoulder.
Shoulders are the primary repository for baby's wetness. Cover each shoulder with a diaper or burping cloth (if unavailable, remove shoulder pads from your clothes, if you have them, and wear them on the outside). Do not pin the protective cloth to your shoulder, since the pin could scratch the baby.

Secure your hair.
Pull long hair back and away from the baby's grasping, food-smeared fingers. Wrap a ponytail into a bun on top of your head. Do not use pins, clips, or bands, which the baby can remove, to secure hair. Try a hairnet, bell cap, or ski mask for complete protection.

Wear recreational spectacles.
Use swimming goggles, laboratory goggles, or other protective eye gear to keep baby food, fluids, and fingers out of your eyes. Use strap-on eyewear, which is more difficult for the baby to remove than regular rest-on-ear glasses.

Wear a smock.
Use a large, old shirt, worn backwards.

goggles
hat
secured hair
burping cloth
smock

Protective gear will prevent unwanted wetness.

Wear a bath towel.
Cut a hole in the middle of the towel for your head. Roll back the edges of the incision and finish the edges to prevent unraveling.

Wear an additional layer of clothing.
Surgical scrubs or oversized pajamas provide comprehensive protection, are easy to put on and remove, and are easily washable.

Wear nothing.
Particularly when feeding a messy eater, wear as little clothing as possible. Take a quick communal bath afterwards.

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THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK:
Weddings

Wedding dress torn? Ring lost? Cake collapsed? Groom gone missing? Despite all the planning, the happy couple might not actually be prepared for the Big Day and all that can go awry. Luckily, the authors of the phenomenally best-selling Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook series are back with all-new step-by-step instructions to help the bride and groom—and everyone else—survive the nuptials, from trimming the guest list to repurposing unwanted presents. This matrimonial magna carta teaches how to charm nightmare in-laws, survive the bachelor party, combat floral allergies, stop a disastrous toast, and respond to honeymoon surprises. A helpful appendix provides creative solutions to other wedding emergencies: how to make a ring—or a bouquet—out of paper, conceal wedding day blemishes, and painlessly generate thank-you notes. No one should say "I do" without this essential survival guide: it's the perfect shower gift and an indispensable self-help guide to getting hitched without a hitch.

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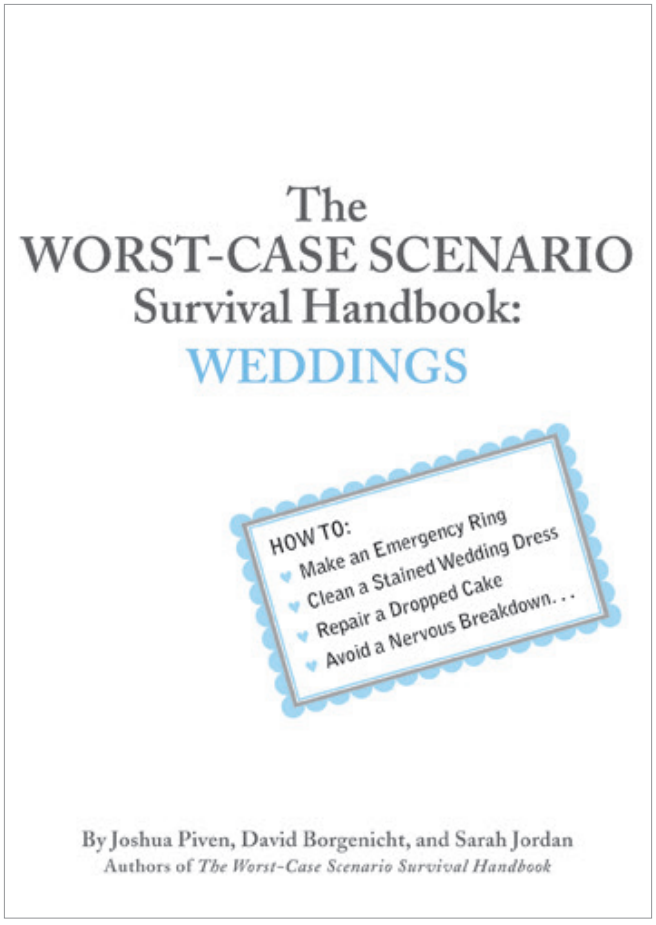

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THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK: College

The college years are a time of noble pursuit of knowledge, self-betterment—and unending peril! Students are at risk from the moment they receive their acceptance letters. Fortunately, the authors of the phenomenally best-selling Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook series have come to the rescue, offering all-new, hands-on, step-by-step instructions for surviving the worst that higher education has to offer, on campus and off. Learn how to identify a party school, engineer a hookup, survive "the spins," and escape a stadium riot. Discover the best way to sleep in class, pass a test you haven't studied for, avoid the "freshman fifteen," and pull an all-nighter. With practical advice for avoiding laundry and identifying unsafe institutional food, along with an appendix of excuses for missed deadlines and a back-up diploma, this is truly required reading for all college students—and a perfect high school graduation present.

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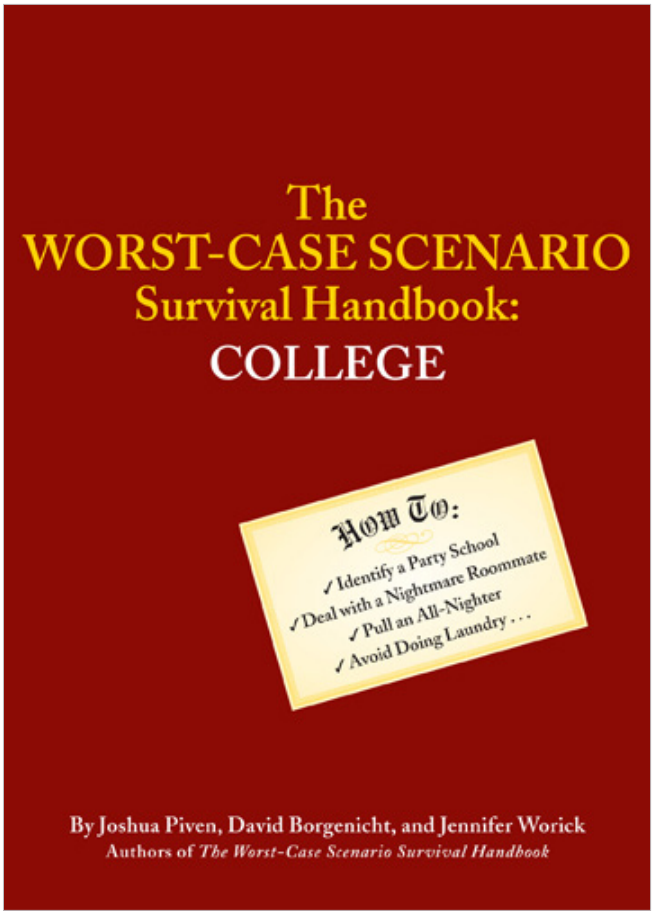

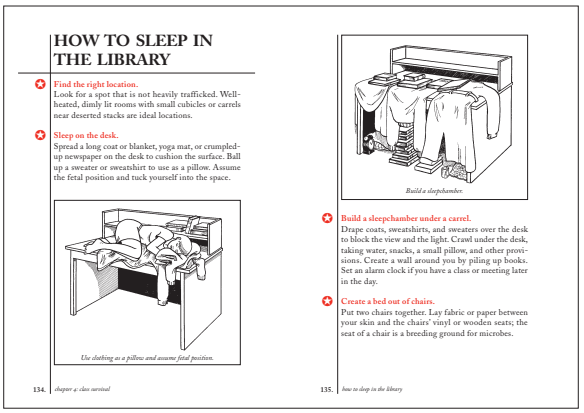
HOW TO SLEEP IN THE LIBRARY

Find the right location.
Look for a spot that is not heavily trafficked. Well-heated, dimly lit rooms with small cubicles or carrels near deserted stacks are ideal locations.

Sleep on the desk.
Spread a long coat or blanket, yoga mat, or crumpled-up newspaper on the desk to cushion the surface. Ball up a sweater or sweatshirt to use as a pillow. Assume the fetal position and tuck yourself into the space.

Use clothing as a pillow and assume fetal position.

134. chapter 4: class survival

Build a sleepchamber.

Build a sleepchamber under a carrel.
Drape coats, sweatshirts, and sweaters over the desk to block the view and the light. Crawl under the desk, taking water, snacks, a small pillow, and other provisions. Create a wall around you by piling up books. Set an alarm clock if you have a class or meeting later in the day.

Create a bed out of chairs.
Put two chairs together. Lay fabric or paper between your skin and the chairs' vinyl or wooden seats; the seat of a chair is a breeding ground for microbes.

135. how to sleep in the library

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THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO SURVIVAL HANDBOOK: Golf

The authors of *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook* take to the links! Dave and Josh join golf fanatic James Grace, drawing on their own tragic exploits and the experience of experts to help golfers survive dozens of dire situations. Learn how to finish a round with a broken arm, deal with a cigar brush fire, cure golf addiction, or remove a tick. Discover the best way to play out of a water hazard, make it through a lightning storm, or survive being hit in the privates. Hands-on, illustrated, step-by-step instructions guide you through these and other perils lurking on the fairway. With an appendix of rules for bizarre mishaps, strategies for surmounting dress-code and equipment crises, and other essential survival tips, this handy guide won't help you save par—but it could save your bacon! Don't tee off without it.

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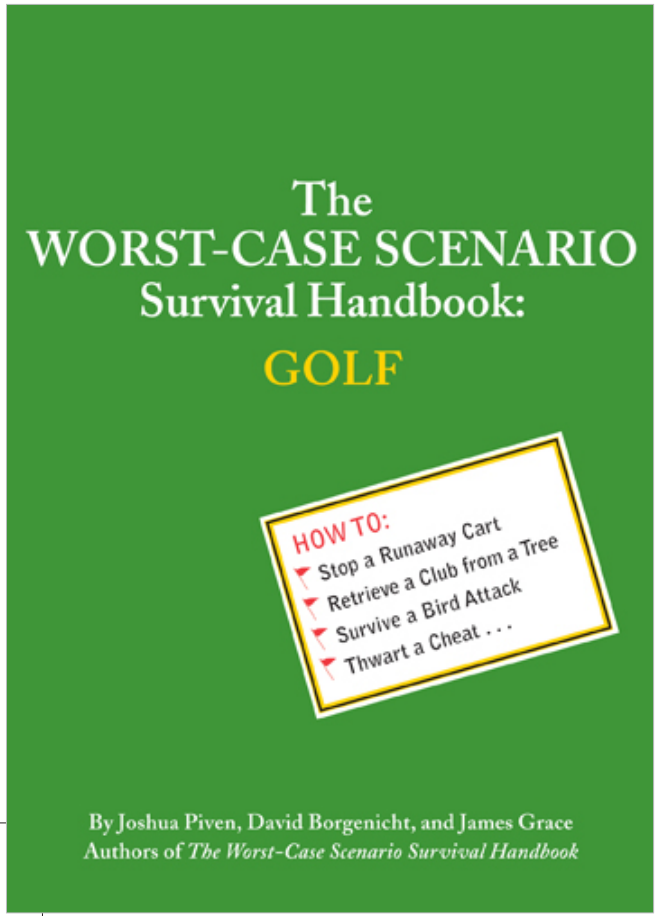

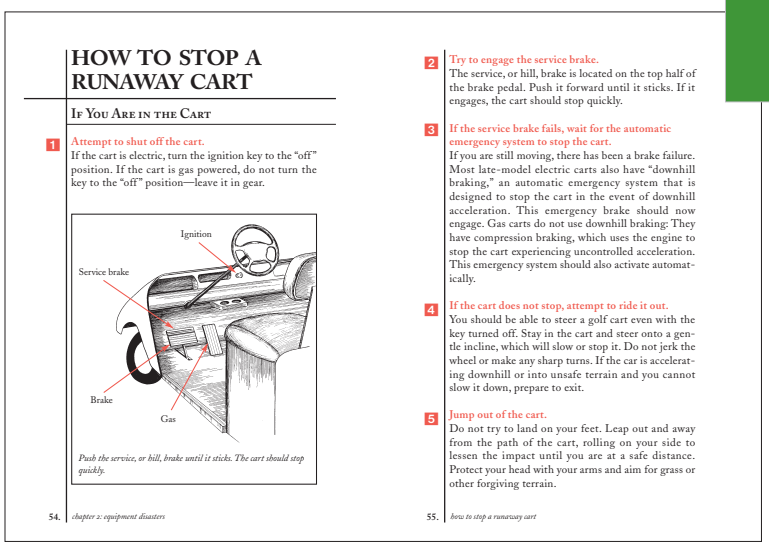

HOW TO STOP A RUNAWAY CART

If You Are in the Cart

1 **Attempt to shut off the cart.**
If the cart is electric, turn the ignition key to the "off" position. If the cart is gas powered, do not turn the key to the "off" position—leave it in gear.

Push the service, or hill, brake until it sticks. The cart should stop quickly.

2 **Try to engage the service brake.**
The service, or hill, brake is located on the top half of the brake pedal. Push it forward until it sticks. If it engages, the cart should stop quickly.

3 **If the service brake fails, wait for the automatic emergency system to stop the cart.**
If you are still moving, there has been a brake failure. Most late-model electric carts also have "downhill braking," an automatic emergency system that is designed to stop the cart in the event of downhill acceleration. This emergency brake should now engage. Gas carts do not use downhill braking: They have compression braking, which uses the engine to stop the cart experiencing uncontrolled acceleration. This emergency system should also activate automatically.

4 **If the cart does not stop, attempt to ride it out.**
You should be able to steer a golf cart even with the key turned off. Stay in the cart and steer onto a gentle incline, which will slow or stop it. Do not jerk the wheel or make any sharp turns. If the car is accelerating downhill or into unsafe terrain and you cannot slow it down, prepare to exit.

5 **Jump out of the cart.**
Do not try to land on your feet. Leap out and away from the path of the cart, rolling on your side to lessen the impact until you are at a safe distance. Protect your head with your arms and aim for grass or other forgiving terrain.

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THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO ALMANAC:
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Bears. Avalanches. Grill fires. The great outdoors is packed with perils, so be prepared from the moment you lace up your boots. With detailed instructions on how to get out of every kind of trouble in the wild, this dynamic almanac format in the best-selling Worst-Case Scenario series provides maximum protection and gives you something scary to read around the campfire. Profiles of worst-case locations and intrepid explorers, charts and graphs of life-endangering situations, offbeat lists and facts: here is all the information you need in the wilderness to feel safe and terrified at the same time.

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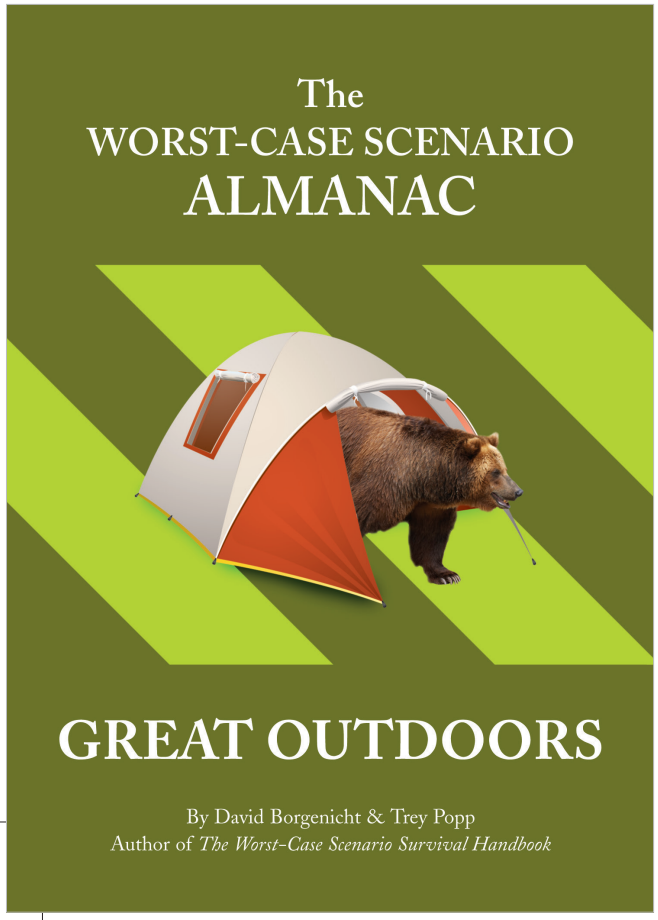

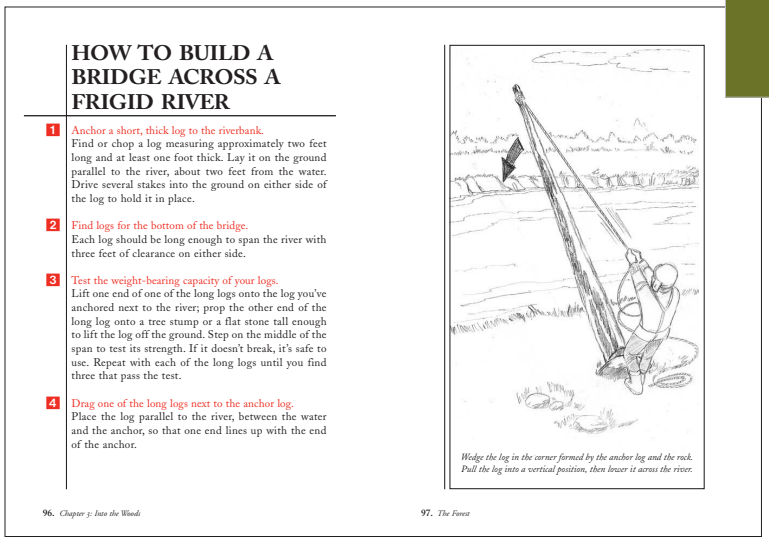

HOW TO BUILD A BRIDGE ACROSS A FRIGID RIVER

1. Anchor a short, thick log to the riverbank.
Find or chop a log measuring approximately two feet long and at least one foot thick. Lay it on the ground parallel to the river, about two feet from the water. Drive several stakes into the ground on either side of the log to hold it in place.

2. Find logs for the bottom of the bridge.
Each log should be long enough to span the river with three feet of clearance on either side.

3. Test the weight-bearing capacity of your logs.
Lift one end of one of the long logs onto the log you've anchored next to the river; prop the other end of the long log onto a tree stump or a flat stone tall enough to lift the log off the ground. Step on the middle of the span to test its strength. If it doesn't break, it's safe to use. Repeat with each of the long logs until you find three that pass the test.

4. Drag one of the long logs next to the anchor log.
Place the log parallel to the river, between the water and the anchor, so that one end lines up with the end of the anchor.

96. *Chapter 3: Into the Woods*

Wedge the log in the corner formed by the anchor log and the rock. Pull the log into a vertical position, then lower it across the river.

97. *The Forest*

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THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO ALMANAC:
Politics

Leave it to the experts of the best-selling Worst-Case Scenario series to ferret out the most scandalous, dangerous, incompetent, and downright awful people ever to seek power. The most lavish palaces, the bloodiest coups, the stupidest declarations. . . . Plus all the lists, charts, maps, and profiles that have made the Worst-Case Scenario Almanacs such a success. Which country had more governments in the past 175 years: Italy or Bolivia? Whatever happened to all those people who ran for vice president of the United States of America and lost? Illustrated step-by-step scenarios describe how to respond when confronted with misfortune or challenge, including how to give a concession speech, kiss a drooling baby, escape a sex scandal, and evade the truth.

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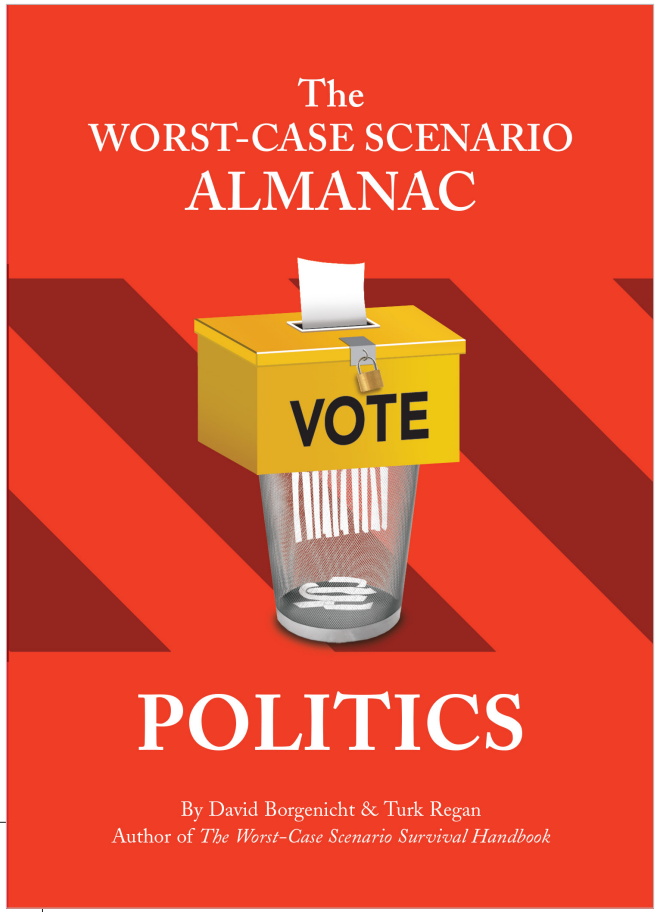

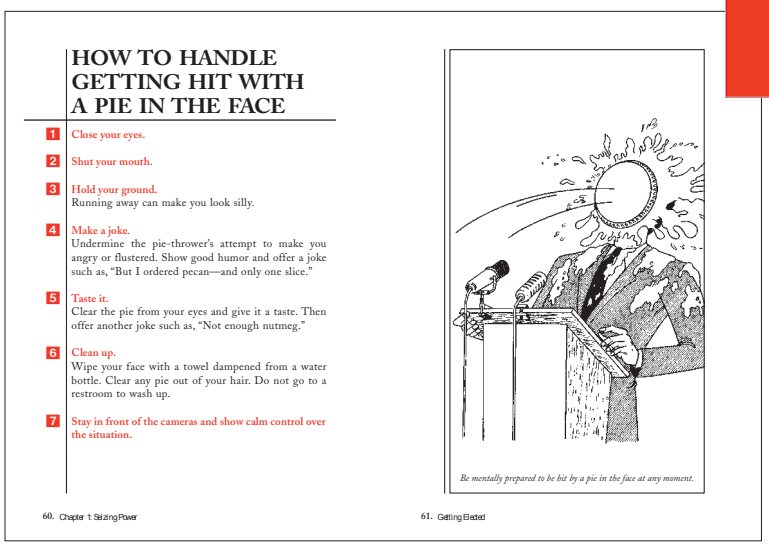

HOW TO HANDLE GETTING HIT WITH A PIE IN THE FACE

1. Close your eyes.
2. Shut your mouth.
3. Hold your ground.
   Running away can make you look silly.
4. Make a joke.
   Undermine the pie-thrower's attempt to make you angry or flustered. Show good humor and offer a joke such as, "But I ordered pecan—and only one slice."
5. Taste it.
   Clear the pie from your eyes and give it a taste. Then offer another joke such as, "Not enough nutmeg."
6. Clean up.
   Wipe your face with a towel dampened from a water bottle. Clear any pie out of your hair. Do not go to a restroom to wash up.
7. Stay in front of the cameras and show calm control over the situation.

60. Chapter 1: Seizing Power

Be mentally prepared to be hit by a pie in the face at any moment.

61. Getting Elected

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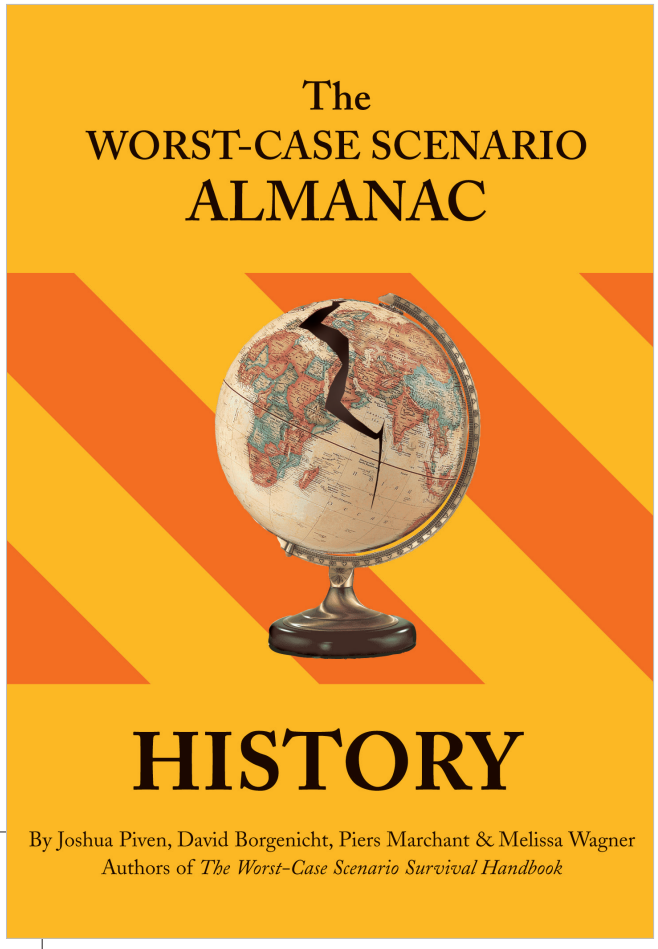

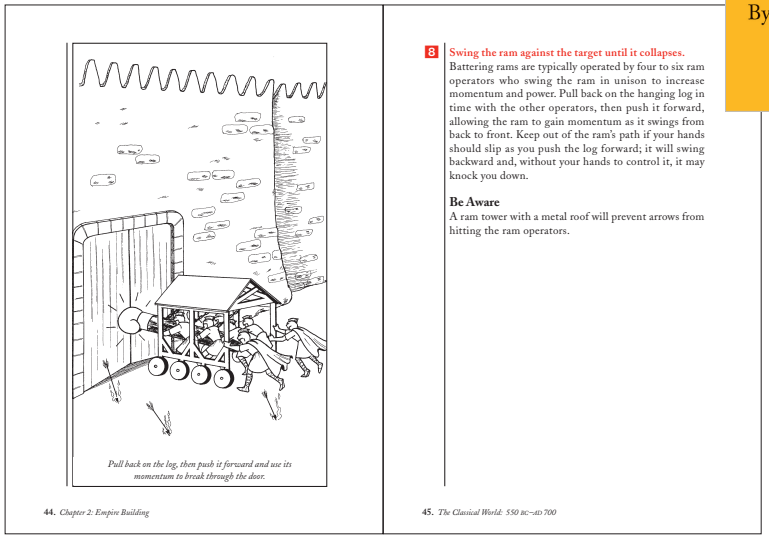

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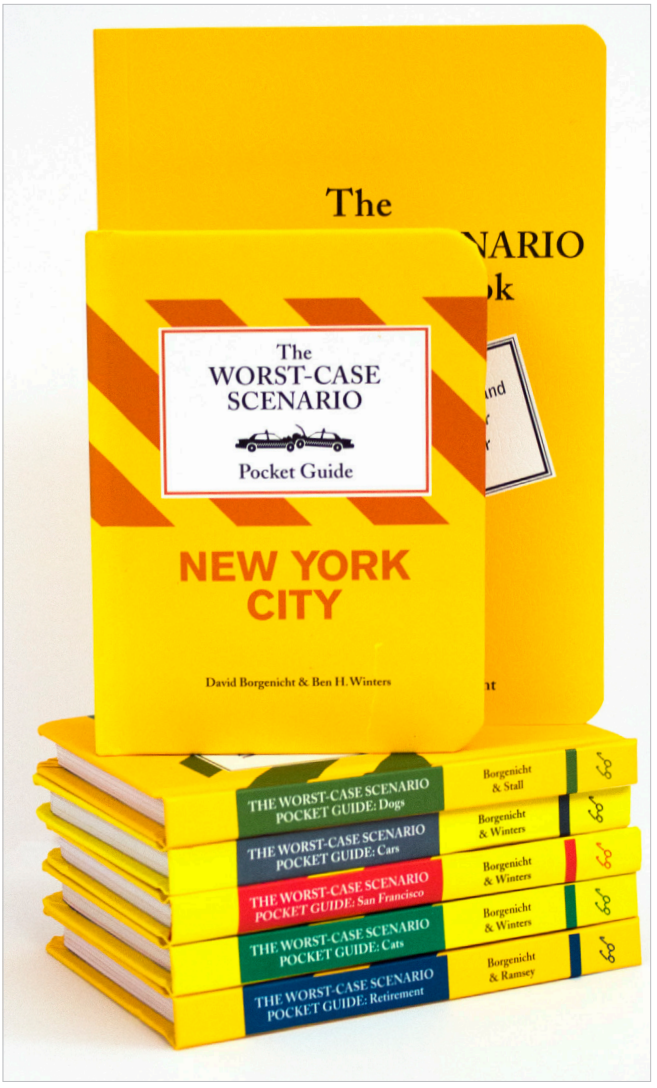

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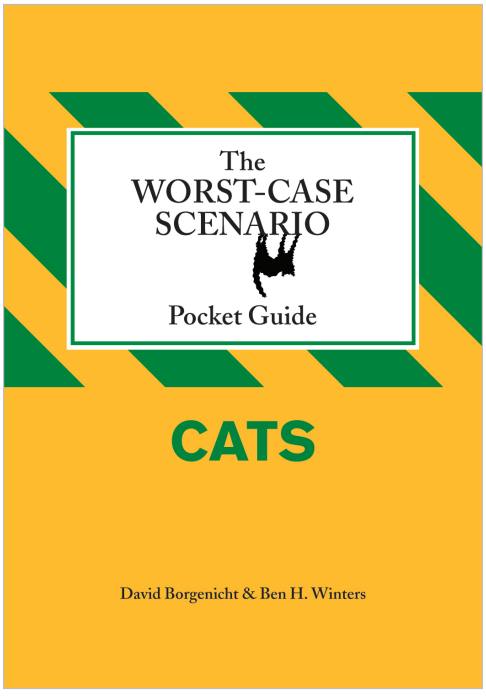

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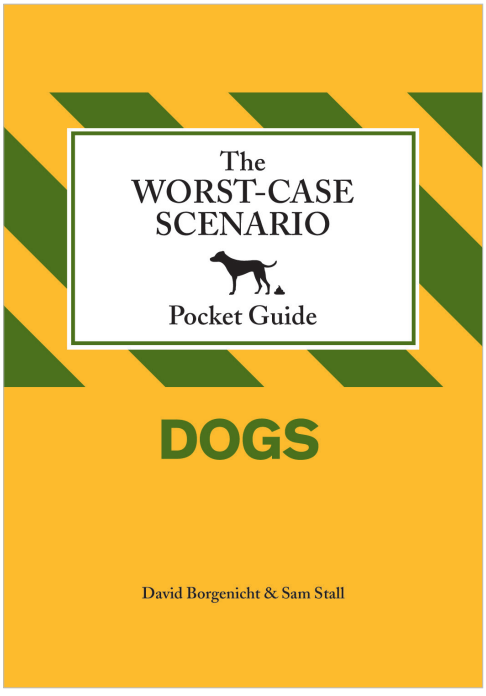

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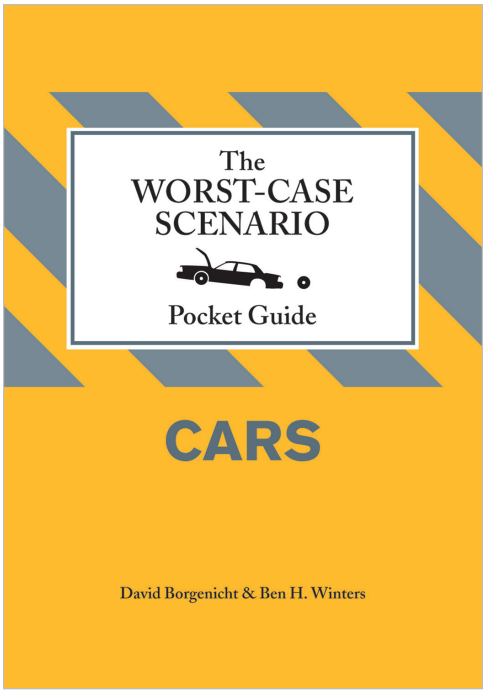

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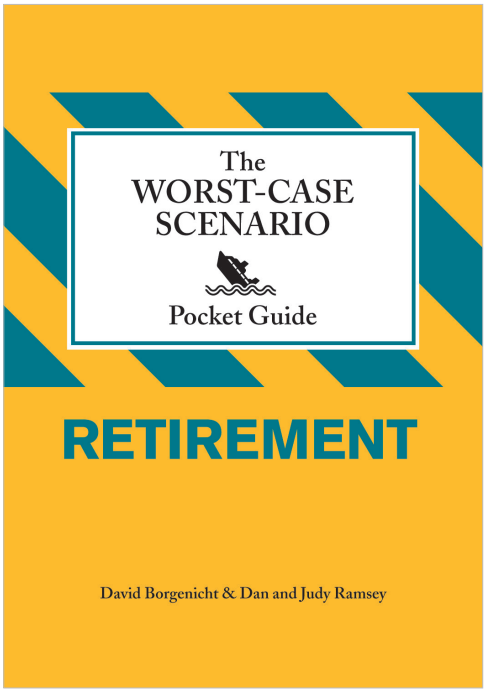

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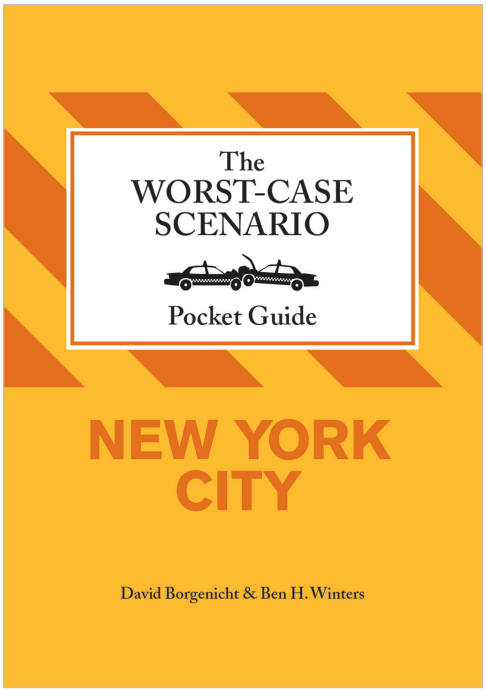

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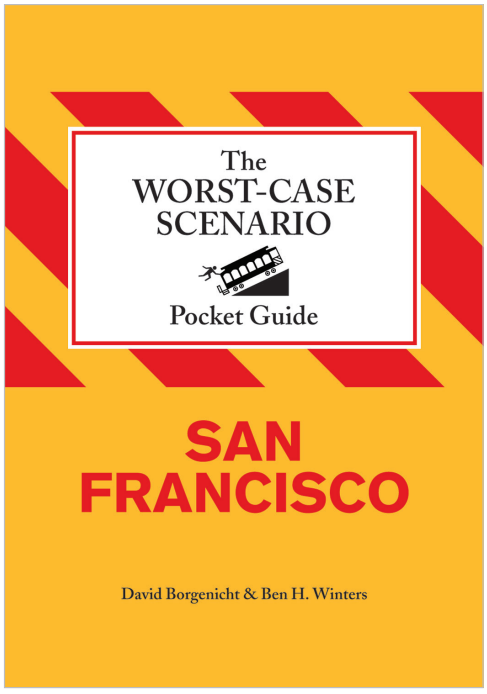

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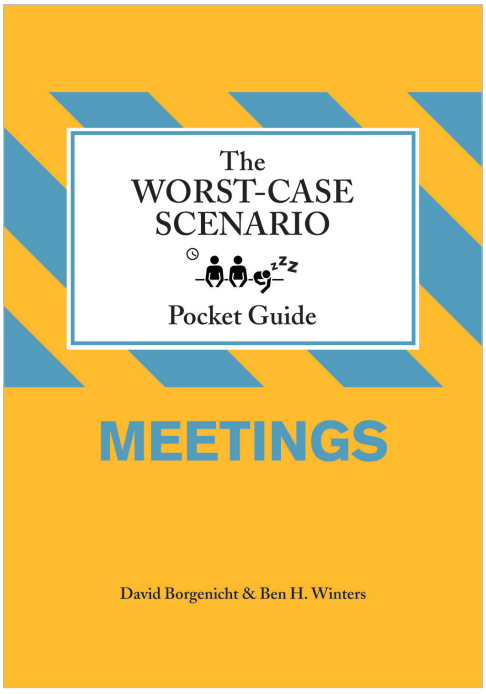

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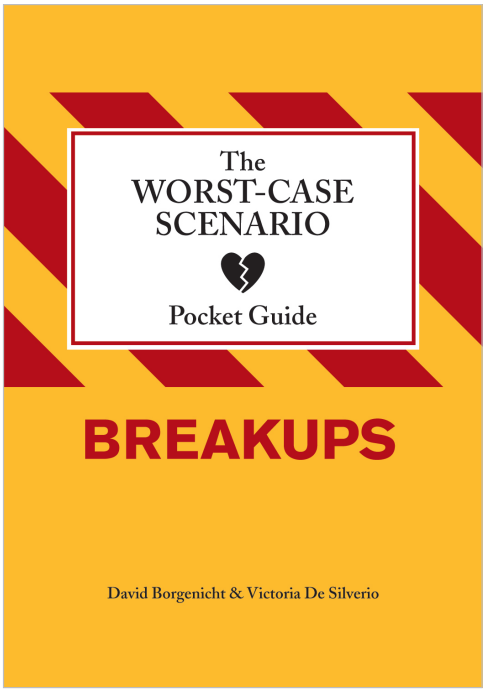

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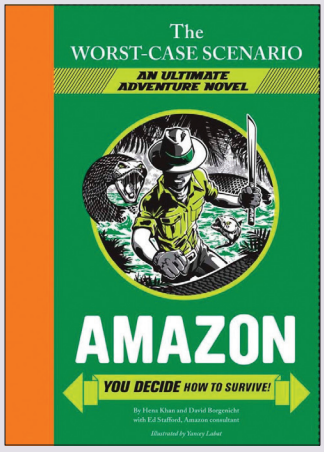

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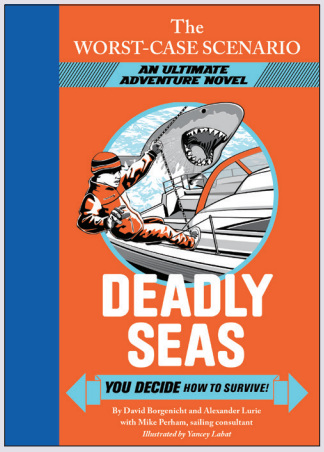

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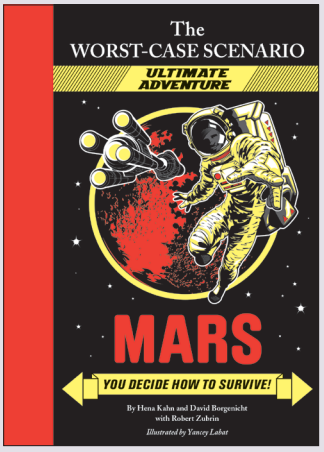

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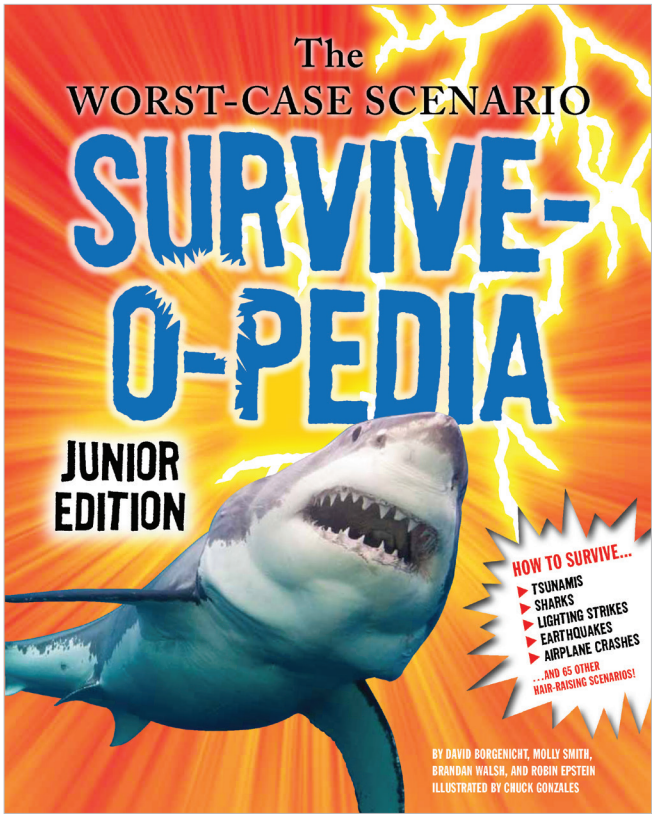

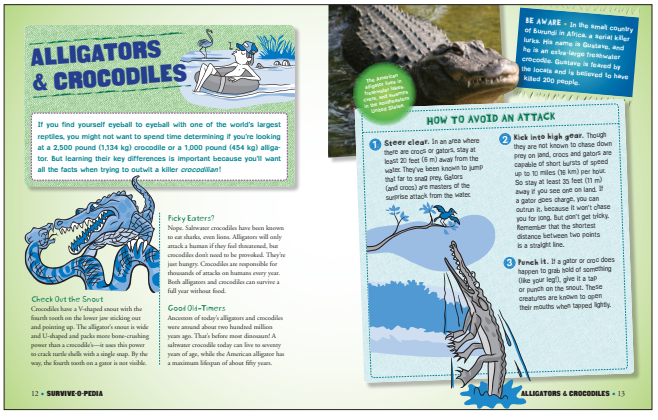

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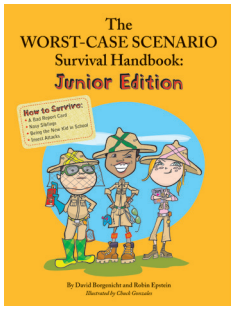

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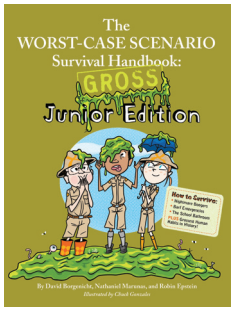

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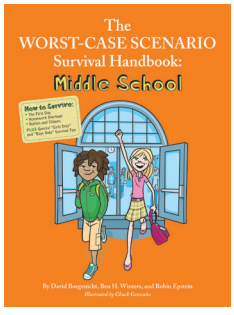

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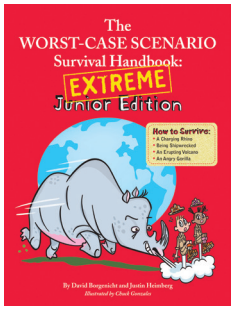

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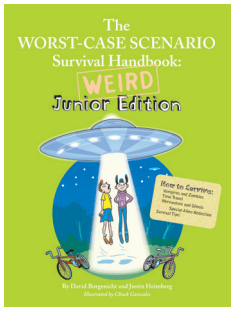

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