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What's common between outsourcing and Christopher Columbus's discovery of America?
How are arranged marriages related to the Software Development Life Cycle?
For you to command better appraisals, what should've your parents named you?
Why does your Project Manager always give you a new task just when you're about to sign off for the day?
Why are dumb, attractive software engineers always sent onsite?

In *Life Of A Software EngineeR (LOSER)*, author Dipen Ambalia offers some hilarious answers to these questions and more, having struggled through years of terrible appraisals, dumb instructions, Bell Curves and belles' curves.

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Nihar Panwar says

brilliant!!! i was on my way to chennai and happened to pick up LOSER at the mumbai airport... the title suggested thst it was kind of my life too!!... you wont believe if i said that i completed the book by the time i raeched chennai! very engrossing, extremely hilarious...a must read book, could not keep it down till i finished reading. the best chapter was the one on onsite and offshore deewar!... expect a lot more from the author...

Anant Chaturvedi says

If you are an IT engineer, you can't help but smile!

Arvind Passey says

My review of the book:
http://passey.info/2012/03/notes-for-...

Subrahmanyam Muramalla says

Don't read this.
Just Sucks. No matter nothing. You are not gonna gain something by just fooling your boss. Nor you gonna gain something by making him your friend...

Udit says

Just completed reading the book. Though, being a budding writer myself and an engineering student on the brink of entering the macabre wonder world of IT, i was able to empathize with Dipen's views. Though the style and the influx of creativity was not to be seen. It was like an "open-and-shut" book albeit interspersed with hilarious anecdotes but written by an abecedarian. Definitely not a page turner but a regular read to pass surplus time at hand!

Santosh Shaastry says

If this book were a person, I would characterize it as - uninteresting, boring, repetitive & obsessed with arranged marriage!

I picked up this book, undoubtedly and like many others, only because of the title. I thought this is an attempt to satirically delve into some of the aspects of Software Engineer's life. Hmm....that was not to be the case.

The experiences described in the book do not portray the reality of the Software Engineering field. Statements on the lines of "Fair skinned and beautiful people go onsite" is absurd and clearly point to either of these:
1. The author, inspite of working in the software industry, has not "got it"!
2. Author's past work experiences have not been so good!

The author loves tables and comparisons, as is evident from the innumerable tables spilled all over the book! This is mildly OK in the beginning, however as you progress through the chapters, gets to you. Bad idea!

The book seems to be a collection of the author's experience in the software world, which does not seem to have been good so far!

Even if you discount all the problems mentioned above, there is no continuity to the chapters or clarity in the expressions. I am wondering why most of the chapters must end with the text "Now you know why/how......etc". There is a clear disconnect between the title of the book and the content.

Strongly NOT recommended!

Vijay Deo says

Hats off to the Author for such good observations and plotting them so well in a book and also thanks for making us laugh so hard by such wonderful gift [;)]... the best chapter was on the difference between the onsite and offshore!

Swaroop says

Hilarious read!

Completed in 2 days, couldn't stop reading..it has a nice flow.

A must read if you are a software engineer or aspire to become one in future.

Please keep it away from managers !

Sanjay Sinha says

Hilarious! Best Stress Buster Ever!!! everything is a Fact that happens in Day to Day Life in an IT Industry, Dipen has Plotted it in a Very Well Manner with Perfect Examples that will make you go like ROFL.

Complete Funny Dictionary for Software Professionals; with unbeatable Examples. People who want to Join the Industry should also go for it(So that they can have a Better Overview) and People who are already "IN" ,there are lots of tricks and for you.!!!(so that you can enjoy it)

An awesome read!..awaiting more books frm the author!

Arcopol Chaudhuri says

This is the most fun you'll ever have inside a book about software engineering. Everyone who works in the world of software engineering, and anyone who is even mildly frustrated about his job, increments, bosses will enjoy reading this corporate satire.

Kathryn Reagan says

I picked up this book to see what my industry looks like in India, since I am here. But it is literally garbage! Bad writing! And full of tech bros! And every sentence ends with an exclamation mark!

Anupa Chatterji says

Being in the IT industry for almost 7 years now, I maybe a bit partial in rating this book a full five - but that can be excused because I loved it so much because I could absolutely relate to each word I read!
Right from the title of the book to every observation that Dipen explains is so true! The book is hilarious yet not exaggerated and I'm sure most of my fellow IT walas will agree. Such a wonderful and apt description of the IT industry can only come from an insider and so it is! For people outside the industry,I'm sure it will burst many myths about the IT sector and people working in it.
If you are feeling low, or in mood for a hearty laugh, do pick up this book and I guarantee your jaws will pain in no time!

Praveen Thumma says

Stay Away, the most Ridiculous book I have ever read.
Waste of Money and Time.

Sougata Ray says

I read this book a day ago. It describes the life of a common software engineer, and if you are a software engineer fresher(myself being one)then my advice would be consider reading it. At least you will get a feel of the world that you are going to get into. It states and explains the facts in a funny manner, you will sure have a good time reading it.

Although it has been a fun read all the way through, still I found something missing there. Don't know what it is,but still it is there. Maybe Dipen has to go a lot of distance as a writer. Another thing, a lot of things in this book have been told in Hindi,so Non-Indian guys will not be able to take out the full pleasure of reading this book. It's a point that the writer may have considered. Anyways, I have had a good time reading it.

Tarun Agrawal says

Well..... How to start with my disappointment. It is the most ordinary book I have ever read(I want my money back). The reasons which added to my ever growing frustration with this book are:

1) Creativity: Zero:- The author has not shown any creativity at all. All the examples in the book were too too ordinary. I felt like I can write a book after reading this book(believe me i am a very bad writer).

2) The chapters look like a text book of some software engineering from an author trying to be cool.

3) The content of the book looked liked an answer sheet to me written by a student in his engineering examination, who doesn't know the answer so trying to put same point again and again, sometime in form of paragraph and sometime in the form of Table. Yes table dude its not your company report why tables??.

I could hardly smile after reading the book(I left it with 2 chapter remaining).

Please don't read this......