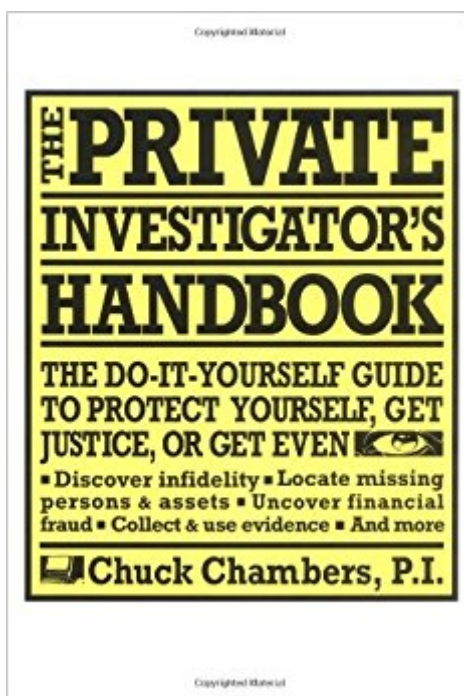


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The Private Investigator Handbook: The Do-It-Yourself Guide To Protect Yourself, Get Justice, Or Get Even



Synopsis

Chuck Chambers has seen it all in his 22 years as a P.I., working thousands of cases. His hands-on experience and hard-nosed detective work has made him one of the most sought-after private investigators in the business. Here, Chambers shares his insider expertise, with true case histories from his files, tricks of the trade, and step-by-step advice to help readers be able to:- Catch a cheating spouse- Uncover hidden assets, monetary malfeasance, and fraud- Tail and track a mark- Use the Internet to get information on anything and anyone- Protect one's privacy- Prepare an intelligence file on anyone-on and off line- Find and preserve legal evidence*The Private Investigator's Handbook is as fascinating to read as it is useful for anyone looking to get the undercover legal help they need, and the peace of mind they deserve.

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Customer Reviews

Chuck Chambers has worked as a private investigator for over 22 years. He now speaks and conducts seminars across the country.

Good basic introduction to what private investigators do and how they do it. I bought the book for basic research and it served my purpose. This book covers fidelity cases (suspected cheating spouses and domestic partners) pretty heavily which is probably to be expected since that seems to be the sort of case private investigators get quite often. I wasn't really interested in that part of it, but there was a lot of interesting information on how private detectives collect information and build files

on the people they investigate. One thing you learn quickly while reading this book is that the work of a private eye is not nearly as glamorous as has been depicted on television and in the movies. Of course, that's true of most things.

I realize this book was written in 2005, but it's horribly outdated. Forget the fact that there is no mention of smartphones or other more modern technology that can be helpful to a private investigator. I know, it was written over ten years ago, so some of that technology wasn't around, or was very new, so I can get past that. The first chapter talks about investigation methods people can use to see if their spouse is cheating. When I got to the point where it says, many female clients "have husbands who control their finances and only allow them a small allowance," I just closed the book and put it in the donate pile. That was after I went outside to make sure I wasn't somehow transported to Mayfield and living next door to the Cleavers in 1957. The author's "voice" sounds like a cliched gumshoe from 1930's PI movies. I'm sure there may be some information of value in this book, but if it's too annoying to read, I don't waste my time. Neither should you.

Great book to be used with caution. In the chapter on surveillance he advises to help to disguise your surveillance vehicle you put on a tag from another vehicle. No, no, no. If caught you may go to jail and your vehicle impounded. 1. unregistered motor vehicle. 2. mis-use of tags 3. getting even on front cover doesn't sound benevolent so you may be charged with stalking if arrested with this book in your possession while surveying, no insurance, insurance must match registration, check out and understand your State's stalking laws unless you are a licensed P.I.

not bad for those who are looking to start a career. Not an ultimate research guide for the beginner. And anyone with STREET sense knows much of this anyway. NEVER THE LESS, important reminders on how to take care of your business and stay out of trouble.

Not what I thought it was going to be. It's not even help except for maybe kindling. It's mostly outdated junk, common sense and stuff you can find on a Wikipedia page. Don't buy it.

Interesting book. very informative

It's outdated -- the techniques involve websites that are no longer active and also using a "home" phone/land line. It seems cellular technology hadn't reached its peak at the time this book was

published.

This book gets four stars because it's an entertaining guide. However, it serves more as a guide for amateurs who don't plan on doing any real investigative work. I was hoping for a handy guide that would outline investigative techniques for on-the-job training. This book is written well for anyone who isn't serious about investigating as a career option; for those who want to be private investigators, I would recommend Ahearn's "How to Disappear".

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