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A delightfully evil gift, *How to Be a Villain* is a step-by-step guide to joining the forces of darkness. Because, though villains may never win, they sure have more fun, hatching master plans for world domination, smoothing their dastardly tights. Neil Zawacki answers all the most urgent questions: Should I go with a black or red theme? Do I invest in an army of winged monkeys or ninja warriors? And just where will I put the evil hideout? Whether readers choose to pursue a career as a Criminal Mastermind, Mad Scientist, Corporate Bastard, or just a Wanna-be Evil Genius, they are sure to find plenty of tips for jumpstarting any evil enterprise. Cheaper than attending the annual bad guy conference and way more fun than being good, *How to Be a Villain* is guaranteed to elicit deep-throated evil laughs across the land.

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Angel says

An excellent book. Very funny, well written, and mostly for all ages. Some might say it's not entirely appropriate for young children, but that is purely because there are a number of jokes in the book that they are not likely to understand, and not because the book has content that will traumatize them.

A satirical book, poking fun at many things in politics, economics, and just society in general, How to Be a Villain is an intelligently humorous read in the superhero/supervillain genre. Despite not being a narrative, it's bound to keep readers hooked and turning the pages for more.

It is a very helpful book for anyone who writes superhero fiction, as it's bound to give them countless ideas. It even sports a good message to all who read it: to believe in one's self. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves the superhero genre.

Danni Green says

I probably shouldn't let anyone know whether I read this book, or what I thought of it.

::disappears in a cloud of green smoke::

Seth Mavigliano says

BWA-HA-HA-HA-HA! Oh, erm, uh excuse me, I was just practicing my evil laugh for my new book How to be a Villain: Evil Laughs, Secret Lairs, Master Plans, and More by Neil Zawacki. Thanks to this step by step guide, I learned how to really connect to my bad side and become the villain I so desperately wanted to be. The first and second chapters teaches us the basics about the forces of darkness -- why we should be evil, evil characterizing, the many types of evils, and how to get started as a villain. The third chapter relays how to defeat the forces of good and chapter four teaches us what evil tools we can use to do so. Finally, in chapter five, we get to form our own Evil Plans for WORLD DOMINATION BWA-HA-HA-HA-HA! In all seriousness and all evil doing beside, How to be a Villain is an insanely cute and easy book to read. If I had a dime for everytime I belted out laughing, I would be a very rich man. The authors sarcastic tone of voice can almost lead us to believe that he is being one-hundred percent serious which only adds to the childish humor this book presents. Not only does this book provide hilarious commentary but it includes a plethora of graphs, charts, and tables to help aid in the daunting task of becoming evil. Overall the book, which was only 160 pages long, was definitely a quick read. I only wish Mr. Zawacki could have elaborated on everything just a few sentences more to extend the comedic genius that came from this book. I would strongly recommend this book for anyone in need of a quick laugh. I would keep it away from younger kids or people who might not find its humor or references tasteful. All in all, How to be a Villain teaches us that sometimes in life we can joke around while we work towards our goals, or maybe we need to blow up the planet to have some fun. BWA-HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!

Benjamin says

Received this as a gift some years ago and quite enjoyed it.

Pamela(AllHoney) says

A fun, humorous instruction book on how to be a villain. Loaded with villain cliches that will have you on the floor laughing. If you are interested in exploring your inner villain, then this book is for you. Makes a good bathroom read. :)

Icats says

For all you wanna be Evil-Doers out there, this book is a must read. Neil Zawacki 's How To Be A Villain helps you discover and develop your inner talent of being malicious, power-hungry, and/or insane. His book starts off with a simple test to answer what those voices inside your head have been asking, "Am I Evil?" including questions such as:

What did you want to be when you grew up?

- A. Police Officer
- B. Doctor
- C. Ballerina
- D. Supreme dark overlord of all mankind, or a lawyer

Once you have determined if you possess the qualities to be a villain, you are ready to begin your journey down the destructive path of darkness with Zawacki's book to help guide you along the way. He covers how to determine your underlying evil motives (greed, revenge, insanity or evil by nature), the importance of evil branding (evil name, slogan, jingle, logo, etc.), developing your evil laugh, choosing your sinister lair, deciding on your method of mayhem, how to select your henchmen, thwarting the forces of good, and the right fashion for your particular bedlam. But it does not end there my disturbing friends, also included is The Evil Plan Generator. This simple fill-in the blank form will assist you in constructing your own diabolical plan to wreak havoc on the unsuspecting world.

Once you have successfully become a Villain, I highly recommend Zawacki's second book, The Villain's Guide to Better Living, for better evil home design, evil health, evil work, evil social life, and evil travel.

Jordan says

This is my favorite book. Ever. Lots of great tips on how to improve your everyday evil lifestyle. Thanks to this book, I found what kind of henchman I wanted, how to make your own props, and my preference on how to achieve world domination. Thank you, Neil Zawacki!

Julie (jjmachshev) says

MWAH HAH HAH...erm, excuse me. I was practicing my evil laugh per page 23 of "How to Be a Villain". First, a great big THANK YOU to Pamela who turned me on to this wonderfully wicked and side-splittingly seditious book. "How to Be a Villain" is your step-by-step guide to all things villainous. Conveniently divided into five informative sections, each containing suggestions and examples to help you on your journey into the heart of darkness. From picking a villain outfit to choosing the perfectly evil minion to thwarting the forces of good...this book has it all and is sure to be a hit with budding villains everywhere. There's even a fill-in-the-blank Evil Plan form towards the end of the book to help you or your evil friend settle on a devious plot or scheme to take over the world, cause death and destruction, or amass large fortunes via corporate evilness. This book has something for everyone and if nothing else, will leave you gasping and laughing at Neil Zawacki's wacky humor.

D.G. says

4.5 stars

This book was hilarious. I laughed out loud in almost every page – especially because as a fiction reader, I've seen all of these villains (and even the 'forces of good') in books and they are so freaking cliche! The author has a way of putting into words the most ridiculously (funny) statements that made you realize how many eye-rolling villains we've seen in books or movies. One of my favorite pieces of advice:

If you should happen to snare [a defender of justice], for evil god's sake dispatch them quickly. Even if you long to use your excruciatingly slow hourglass death device, resist the urge. Heroes typically escape this kind of situation.

If I got a dollar for every time I've seen/read the villain gloated about his evil plans, giving the hero time to escape/get help, I think I'd be rich at this point.

This book is a must read for authors as to what NOT to do so your villain is not clownish and two-dimensional. Regardless, it's a great and short read for everybody who has ever read fiction and wants a good laugh.

Stef says

I actually first read this once upon a time but picked it up again because I was writing a cartoonishly villainous character and needed some inspiration! The sense of humor in this is great, and the retro-style illustrations alone are worthy enough to check this book out.

Douglas Debner says

I'm not sure who this book is for unless 13 year olds are a lot more attuned to story cliches than I was at that age. On the good side this book is humorous without being juvenile. On the bad side it lacks any kind of story and so is just a series of observations about villain stereotypes. Bottom line: it was fun enough that I don't regret reading it but I won't be rereading it or picking up the sequel.

Tony Go says

It worked. I control the world.

Megan says

The 160-pages aren't very full--I read this entire book in the waiting room of a doctor's office.

It's funny in spots, but I'm not sure a lot of effort was put in. It's basically a series of references to villains in other media. Also, I'm super uncomfortable how much of this book describes Donald Trump

XX Sarah XX (former Nefarious Breeder of Murderous Crustaceans) says

A very funny little book that enabled me to perfect my evil laugh, choose an evil lair, recruit my evil army and find my perfect evil outfit:) Beware, for world domination by me is only but a few months away! This complete step-by-step guide is an absolute must-have that will delight all my fellow villains in the making! The "evil plan generator" at the end of the book proves particularly helpful and Neil Zawacki even came up with a web site to help those who want to join the forces of darkness: So You've Decided to Be Evil. Villains of the world unite!

Madisen says

The book purpose was really lost on me. I didn't understand if it made fun of media or if it was all sadistic.
