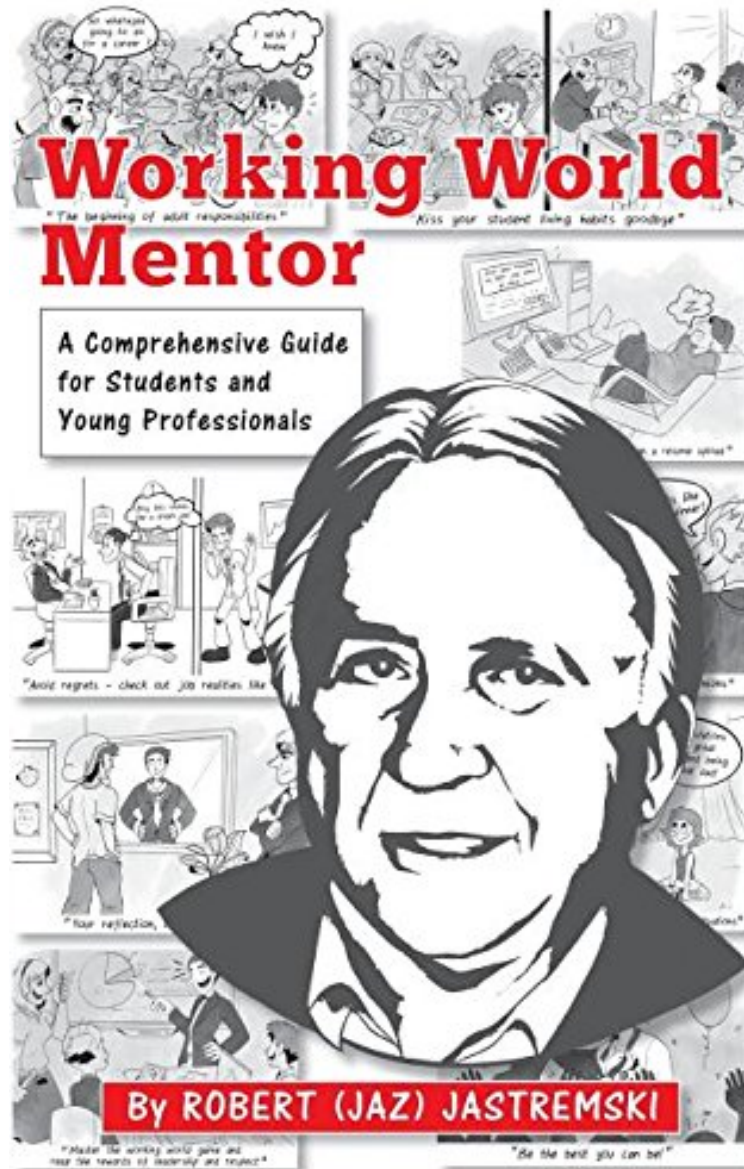


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Personal Mentor: Always Available to You!By Brooklyn45Very few individuals (entering the workforce or already there) meet experienced people with the time necessary or the desire to act as their mentor. This book addresses that void by compiling (as a guide) the widest range of issues that will be encountered throughout a career, provides an explanation of how they occur, and provides approaches that could be applied to either capitalize on them or nullify their effect. In other words a mentor that is always with (and available) to you. It is clear that the author spent his career digesting these issues, helping others cope with them, reading about them, and thinking them through. The book projects a labor of love on his part since it brings together in one place all of the experiences that he has had (positive and negative) and the solutions applied. This is a book that can (and should) be used as a reference whenever positive or negative workplace events require analysis, thought, and action. Keeping it handy, annotating additional personal observations in the margins, and referring to it frequently throughout a career would serve as the surrogate mentor that all of us would like to have had.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Not a bunch of fluff- this guy cuts to the chase and tells it like it isBy Bruce R.I bought this book with a great deal of skepticism because, after all, I have worked for years and been on many teams. I was good at job interviews and always good at getting things done. So why should I tap into someone else's experience- particularly as someone who thrives in the nonprofit dynamic and not the corporate world? The reality is, I'm only writing this review because I was very wrong. This book proved very useful to me, particularly the "New Workers Guide" and the "Workplace Dynamics" parts. I've been part of a quickly forming team, with 7 new workers and trying to develop a new structure, figure out supervisory roles, and navigate the various personalities.. and it has been extremely challenging. Yet reading this book has been critical to figuring out my own course of action and steering our team over the hump of what seemed (at one point) to be a massive car wreck. This book is not solely for those needing a mentor, as it is well designed to be, but also incredibly useful for those thrust into the role of being the boss. I highly recommend this book. It is ultimately about how we relate to get things done.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Should be required reading for 20 to 30 year olds embarking on a professional/technical career.By CustomerI have been an engineer, a manager and the co founder of two engineering companies and this book thoroughly and entertainingly addresses the main deficiency for all but a small percentage of new graduates and young people beginning their careers. That is, they don't put sufficient time into researching the companies and the actual requirements of their available positions. Worse, once hired, most remain clueless as on how to advance in a career and/or move to new positions and move under different managers - particularly ones who can mentor them. Inertia sets in and five to ten years later they are in largely unfulfilling positions with nominal salary increases.Mr Jastremski's book addresses these issues head on and lays out the methodology to pick the right job, right manager/mentor and plot the right initial career path for early success and fulfillment. He then goes on to describe in detail techniques to continue to successfully move ahead in your career.

This book is a guide primarily for the period from 3rd year college student or 2nd year vocational student to 3-5 years of career experience. Advice for job contentment applies to any age worker. Many parents and youth face hard questions about education, employable skills, and loan burden. This book will help with finding a suitable balance.