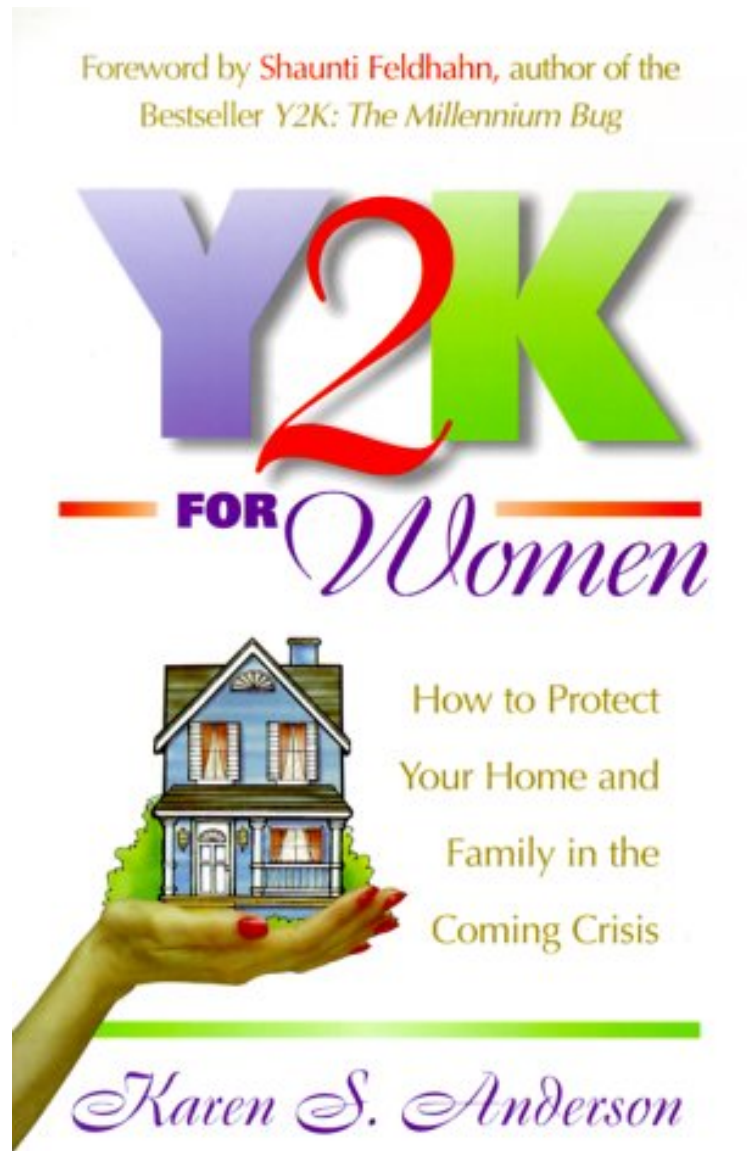


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Karen Anderson : Y2K For Women before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Y2K For Women:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I survived, so duh it was great!By NSThanks to this book I survived, even though I'm a man! It took me 13 years to get around to it but thank you Karen S. Anderson, I owe you my life. You saved my life.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A future classic of millennial apocalyptic writingBy Guru SajKaren Anderson's "Y2k for Women" website was a cult classic in 1999, and this book sold in large

numbers to those who feared the increasing march of technology into all areas of society. For these people, it was plausible that a society that had become dependent on technology that they didn't trust or understand would collapse when the internal dates of computers and embedded chips tripped over to "2000". Anderson was a unique influence on the Y2k issue, commenting extensively on the subject although her commentary demonstrated limited understanding of the technical mechanics of the "millennium bug" itself. For Anderson, despite the billions being spent in checking and preparedness by businesses all over the world, a post-millennial apocalypse was a near-certainty - all it would take would be one Y2K-affected machine that could "infect" others with its data, and the world's dependence on new technology would be its undoing. The only appropriate response would be survivalism - saving drinking water, hoarding food, and returning to a paranoid, pre-technological society. Anderson pitched her limited view exclusively at women, since at the time technology was seen as much more of a geeky male "thing" by the media, and the pervasiveness of technology and the internet across all sections of society had yet to take off. On the strength of Anderson's views, many families took extreme measures to plan for the "coming apocalypse". On the day of Y2K, Anderson's own website listed some interesting feedback from those who'd gone to extremes for the non-event that Y2K turned out to be. Anderson's book contains useful emergency-planning advice (although there are much better books out there on the subject), but its value is as a curiosity for future generations seeking to understand the psychological impact of apocalyptic thinking at the end of the twentieth century, or the impact of "false authority syndrome" amongst those struggling to come to grips with the technology that was slowly but surely creeping into everything. It's a gem, an incredible snapshot of pre-millennial apocalypse cult thinking, and a future classic in years to come. Buy it and wonder at how people really thought just a decade ago, when technology was the great unknown.

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By A Customer Whether or not the Y2K Millennium Bug turns out to be a frightening fact or fabulous fizzle, emergency preparedness is a topic that everyone should investigate -- especially families with children at home. You never know when sudden financial down turns could make food purchasing difficult, or a severe winter storm could keep your family confined to home for an extended period of time, or even an earthquake could cause the need for emergency essentials on hand. While I'm not sure what I personally feel about the outcome of the Y2K computer problem, I do see the common sense idea of family preparedness to be a good approach for anyone to seriously consider. Having a well-stocked rotating pantry that's replenished from items purchased in bulk and on sale is also a great way to save money on your family's regular expenses (Y2K or not!). I appreciated the author's detailed list of suggestions for items to store ahead (whether you're planning a storage system to last for one week, six months, or a full year+).

This book explains the year 2000 problem in non-technical terms from a woman's perspective with an emphasis on preparing your home for a possible disruption in everyday life. It not only explains the Y2K problem, but it also explains in detail why you should be prepared for any emergency, natural or man-made (Y2K). It provides answers to common questions in a "Dear Abby" like style with a focus on the special needs and concerns of women.

About the Author Karen Anderson, M.S. is the founder of Y2KWomen, an organization to promote Y2K awareness and information on the special needs and concerns of women. Karen has a background in Marriage and Family Therapy and is a wife and mother of two teenage daughters.