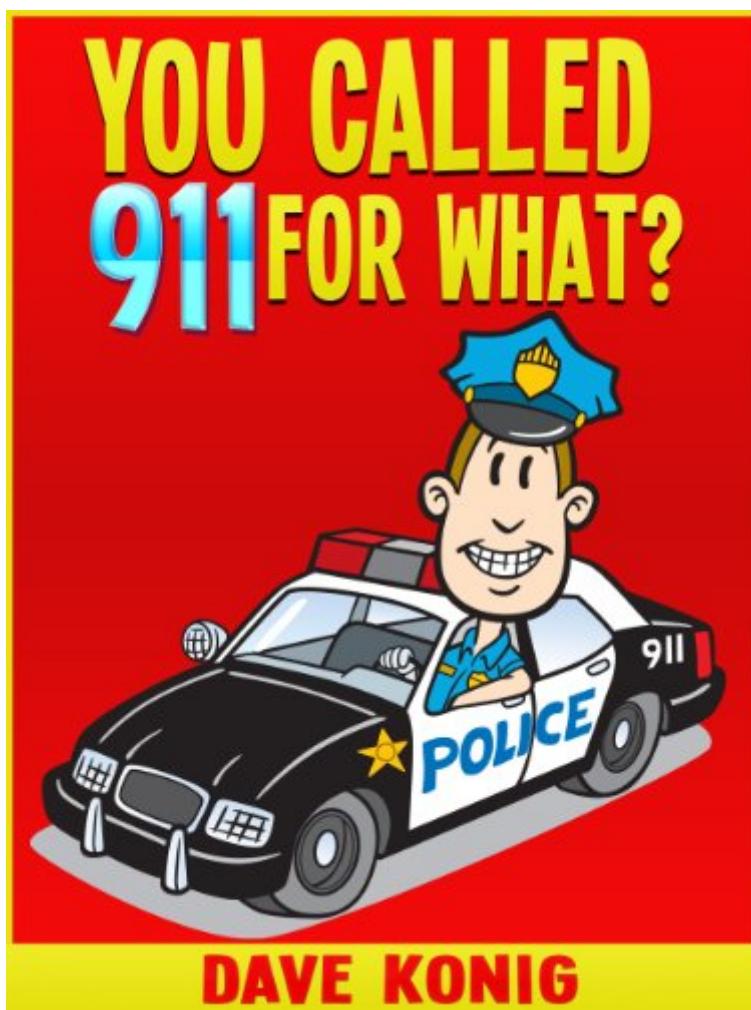


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You Called 9-1-1 For What? (You Called 9-1-1 For...)



Synopsis

All across the United States when there is an emergency or a crisis there is one number the citizenry turns to in order get assistance... 9-1-1! But how does 9-1-1 work? More importantly, what doesn't 9-1-1 work for? This book provides a brief history of the 9-1-1 system in the United States and provides transcripts of actual 9-1-1 calls from actual people who need help during an "emergency"...you know, like when your local fast food chain runs out of chicken nuggets, when your car battery is dead and your power locks won't open, or you need assistance being a parent. The book concludes with a look at the next generation needs of the 9-1-1 system and, as always, encourages all readers that when in doubt, call 9-1-1!

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Customer Reviews

I saw the title and expected a laugh out loud type of book, if that is what you want don't buy this one. The author stated very clearly in the beginning of the book this was not a book just about 911 calls

but about the system and how it came about with a few calls thrown in. That almost stopped me right there, but being me I kept going. I learned more about the system then I had ever known before and didn't realize that 911, or some form of it, has been in existence for much longer than the 35 years I have known about. The calls he puts in the book are not as funny as some of the calls I know come in, a few it seems are handled-or written-with malice such as the woman on medicaid with the bad back, and others have been played over and over so many times that it is no longer funny.

A short and fast moving read. The author would of found a higher rating from me if only a couple of things had been done, which would of been including more of the calls received at 9-1-1, maybe even from a personal level of his time working the front (phone) lines. Along with The repetitiveness of "abuse of the 9-1-1 line" was not one that needed to be reiterated as though the reader would forget from the last time mentioned. The incidents shared were entertaining, mind blowing, & actually pretty scary when you know that there are so many more walking brain dead in this country. That to see in black n white for those that never had the so called pleasure of being a experienced operator to deal with moments of trauma, extreme fear, even death on the other end of a line, the frustration felt for the plain stupidity or just lack of caring that a caller that needs to make calls for the most frivolous reason taking time away from a true person in need. People often joke about calling 911 and getting a busy signal or message to please hold while all lines are busy, but if these type of calls continue at the rate that they do and punishment is not forthcoming then it is what we will be facing in the very near future with all joking aside. So as I enjoyed the book, my personal opinion is more stories, and even though it is very important that we are aware of the abuse of our emergency number that constant repetition of that reminder was not necessary. I am looking forward to reading more of this authors work.

I don't know why the author thought this could be a "book". There were, in my opinion, very few unusual calls. I would not recommend this book to anyone. It was pretty poor.

I knew within the first three pages that this was going to be a struggle for me to get through. Grammar and sentence structure errors abound, so if this is something that bothers you, do not download this book. It will make you crazy. Redundancies like, "we self extricated ourselves" are another little quirk of this "book" that made me want to pull out my hair. At 27% in, the author actually just gives up on a sentence and lets it hang there. "The call receiver has a set of questions

to ask the caller, and based on those answers the algorithm will" - That's all. The algorithm will. No punctuation indicating that he INTENDED to end the sentence here, of course, and no hint as to what the algorithm will do. I assume it will indicate to the "call receiver" which emergency responder to dispatch. Fortunately, the whole mess took only about fifteen minutes to read, and now I am going to scour my eyeballs and go find a nice, well written book to soothe the grammar and editing beast within.

I bought this for my hubby who is a dispatcher in our very rural, small, southern town. Let me tell you, some of these hit very close to home! You wouldn't believe what people will call 911 for!

When I saw this eBook today I thought it would be a hoot to read. I suppose it might have been had I not seen most of the anecdotal stories before in print somewhere else. Overall, this eBook neither thrills nor sucks. In that sense, it actually IS better than so others out there.

I got this as a free book of the day and so glad I did!! I learned so much about 9-1-1 calls & when you should or shouldn't call. Dave also made it clear that when in doubt call because it may very well be a true emergency. My brother, David is a fireman here in North Carolina and I have also learned from him a lot of the same things that Dave wrote about it. I gave this book a 5 star rating. It is well written with not only information about the 9-1-1 system, but also some funny & maybe not so funny things. This book would be a great read for anyone!!

Author Dave Konig seems to written a book without a clear purpose, which can be a dangerous thing to do. He provides some interesting information on the 911 system: its history and how it works. However, he fails to give the complete picture here. It's not that I blame him; if he had gone much further he would have entered into some pretty technical jargon that probably would not have interested most readers. On the other hand, he shares some funny (depending on the perspective... maybe not so funny for first responders) true calls that have made their way into our emergency call system. Still, he fails to tackle this side of his purpose completely as well. Some of the examples are good, but there were far too few of them.

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