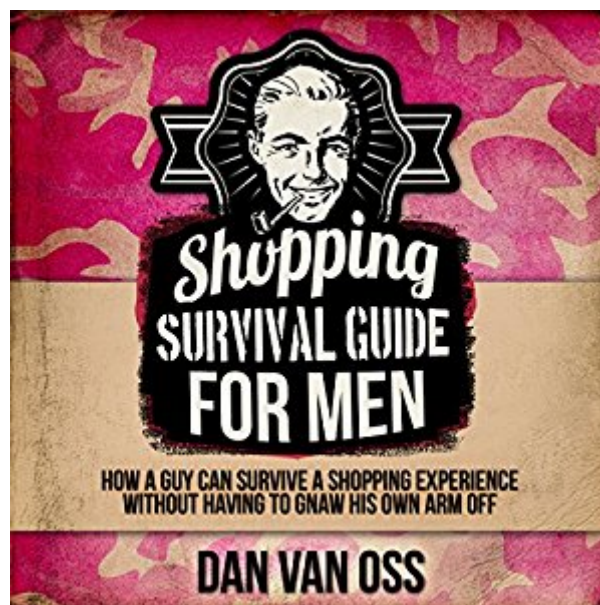




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# Shopping Survival Guide For Men: How A Man Can Survive A Shopping Experience Without Having To Gnaw His Arm Off



## Synopsis

A frank and hilarious guide to every man's mind-numbing nemesis: Shopping. Guys, spent one too many Saturdays marooned at the mall? Rejuvenate your manhood with the Shopping Survival Guide for Men. This indispensable sanity-saver exposes the hidden history and insidious psychology of shopping. Hint: it's crazy. Plus, this book cool-headedly guides you through the treacherous, credit card-melting mazes of: Shoes: "If you've ever been in the shoe section of any major department store, you now know what the gross national product of Belgium would look like if it consisted of footwear, which, for all I know about Belgium, it does." Makeup: "Egyptians used cochineal bugs to make red dye for their lips, and I don't even care what 'cochineal' means because the word 'bugs' is after it." Prom Dress Shopping: "Like most men, all you know about prom dresses is that they are more expensive than a good set of tires." Fashion Terminology: "Puckered Bodice: A banned professional wrestling move involving a lemon, a folding chair, and a car battery." Shopping History: "1687: Isaac Newton develops the law of universal gravity after his wife's shoe rack collapses on him." Don't get dragged to the mall without it!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Shopping Survival Guide is a humor book written for men who are dating or married to the girl who loves to shop. Luckily I am not one of these guys, but I was at one point. It is full of funny tidbits on how to get through and the "history" of shopping. The narration was done very well by Johnny Heller. He uses his tone to conjure up the humor that is written, and allows the reader to feel like he is getting his money worth while listening to this. The book is short,

but there were no issues in production quality at all. This is one of those books you could listen to while you and your shopaholic other half were out shopping of course.

It's a quick 2.5-hour audiobook that doesn't leave much to the imagination. Starting off the author explains his reasoning behind writing this book, and explains the way it's going to go. It's a pretty simple and easy to follow book. But, I'm glad that I got the audiobook, humor books always have a little more to them when they are read. Normally I'm listening to a memoir by a comedian read by the comedian, but this was similar enough that I enjoyed it. This book will not be for everyone, it's funny, short and to the point. The stories and tales from within conjure up a good chuckle of days past when I was dating a girl who just loved to shop. She would spend a hobo's money if she could (I don't miss her at all, can you tell). Needless to say, Van Oss's writing style reminds me of a Dave Berry and a little bit of Ray Romano. It was a quick painless read that helped me get through this week. Now... off to go shopping! Just kidding.

Shopping Survival Guide for Men: How a Guy Can Survive a Shopping Experience Without Having to Gnaw His Own Arm Off (Survival Guides for Men Book 1) by Dan Van Oss is a very clever and witty book for men, although I read it and found it funny as heck too. It is hard to describe how great this book is because it has sooooo many clever things in it. I will give you a few tidbits to chew on: "man learned to live with shopping, much as they learned to live with dysentery, scabies, or having to wear breeches." "The Geneva Protocol outlawed mustard gas in modern warfare in 1925, but apparently neglected to notify Estee Lauder, as many men have suffered agony and olfactory damage crawling through the fragrance section of the average department store." Then there is the section the is titled "What do you think, honey?" and boy that section is great! the first line is: "HEAR THAT CLICK? That's the sound of the land mine you just stepped on." There are quizzes, definitions, 'watching her purse', and so many other things that is just too funny. As a mom of four grown boys, I can laugh now. This book has it down perfectly!

A very humorous, close to home, non-fiction tome about the never-ending fight for survival many men have endured over the eons. In a way it was a trip down memory lane for our society as I think the life-style depicted is a little less common today than, say, in the 60s - but that's just me. As I have aged, I find it still useful and enlightening to infrequently visit a Kohl's or Macy's or one of the other haunts to see how little I know about the current female fashion. I am usually concurrently:

shocked, amused, frightened and bewildered. I have yet to resolve how someone would actually buy a pair of jeans that are "pre-ripped". I guess that must save the buyer the anguish of actually wearing them while doing work that would cause eventual wear and tear. There are thousands of other examples, but you guys all have your favorites I am sure. I truly enjoyed Van Oss' writing style especially when he would lapse into extended sentences that had subsequent thoughts included as if you can take that to Dillard's and expect them to honor your year old two for one coupon for a chenille house coat that you would not even wear to go out and get the morning paper. No, I'm not as adept as Van Oss, but you get the idea. I used to think that we could provide the contrary experience by insisting our wives join us for a shopping expedition to a sporting goods store, but even there they are devoting more and more floor space to "fashion

"Hilarious" is a word that makes me cringe. It brings to my mind comedy clubs filled with anything but laughter and films where the only funny thing about them is how you were duped into paying to see them. And yet, what other word can I use to describe the Shopping Survival Guide for Men? I read it on an airplane, which was embarrassing as it caused no end of concerned looks by those sitting next to me. How could I not chuckle or, indeed, laugh out at Van Oss' cheeky factoids and over-the-top criticism of shopping malls? He has so much fun with gender stereotypes (and I honestly felt that men came out worse), that one can't help but laugh at his irreverent humor and, well, hilarious observations. Just don't read it on an airplane!

Ugh, this should be condensed into 5 solid minutes of stand-up, instead its just one of those long run on sentences you know the kind that never really end or come to a specific end they just wander and meander not quite finding the punch line or the point but with some editing or a comma or a deep breath they might just cause you not to roll into a coma or that could be a comma get it that was funny this was an attempt that maybe a better writer or some editors or hey maybe writers who can edit or you know some editors who have written there own stuff like this guy has at some point oh wait what was I talking about....not sure if the author knew or knows hey those words sort of sound alike I wonder whats in the refrigerator or on ....

I laughed. I cried. I laughed again. It is almost as if he read my mind during some of the shopping trips I have made. I saw a one star review that said this was not helpful. Somebody obviously takes Dave Barry seriously, too. This is a fun litter book (about 120 pages depending on font) that admits there is no solution to the horrors a man will face shopping with a wife or daughter.

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