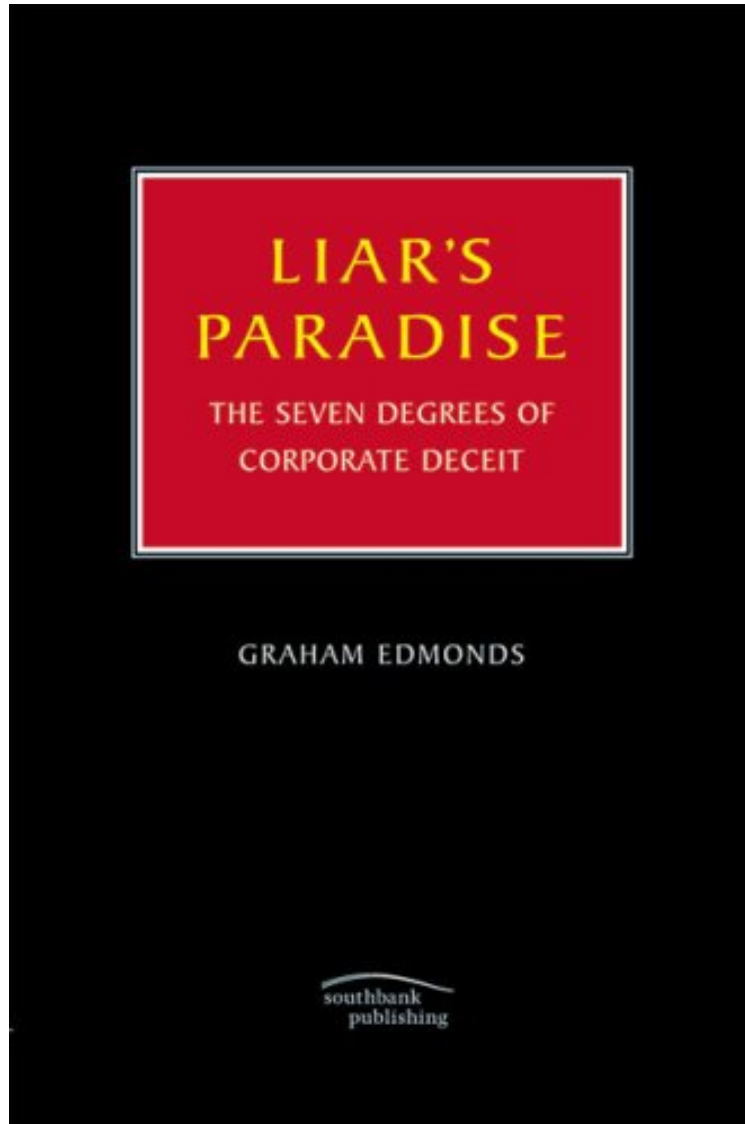


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Graham Edmonds : Liar's Paradise: The Seven Degrees of Corporate Deceit before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Liar's Paradise: The Seven Degrees of Corporate Deceit:

We're now within the golden age of bullshit and whether we like it or not, we are being constantly bombarded with lies, fakery, and spin. This is especially true of the workplace. By using humor as well as test cases like Enron, this book exposes the techniques used by liars and shows how damaging they are to business. Find out about the various

degrees of deceit, how to spot a liar, and how lying is used at every level at work. If you think your company is fraud-free, then you'll be one of the 80 percent of companies who believe that's the case. The only problem is that in a recent study, some 45 percent of companies found cases of fraud within their own staff. There's a bullshitter sitting near you now . . .

From Publishers Weekly Tell more white lies-that's the message of this humorous and quirky treatise about dishonesty in the workplace. Lying, Edmond claims, "will make the world a happier place, people will think better of you and you will think better of yourself." Throughout this UK import-peppered with appealing British tics, surprising statistics and the varying categories of liars-the author pushes the premise that offices are hubs of deception "where facts are not facts and the truth is obscured." The key, according to Edmonds, is to know how to function in this fraudulent environment, tell the right kinds of lies, and spot the liars around you. Edmonds bolsters his case with references to everyone from Saint Augustine to Kant, pointing to historical examples of lying and reminding us of some basic truths: nearly everyone lies at least twice a day, fakes something on their resume or pilfers pens from the office-supply closet. Much of this is stuff any workplace drone already knows; of course meetings are good time-wasters and multi-bulleted Powerpoint presentations often conceal complete inadequacy. But for that it's no less an enjoyable read; at the very least, Edmonds (Bullshit Bingo) reminds cubicle-dwellers that they're not alone and can survive their morally gray purgatory. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author Graham Edmonds is the author of Bullshit Bingo and The Good Web Site Guide.