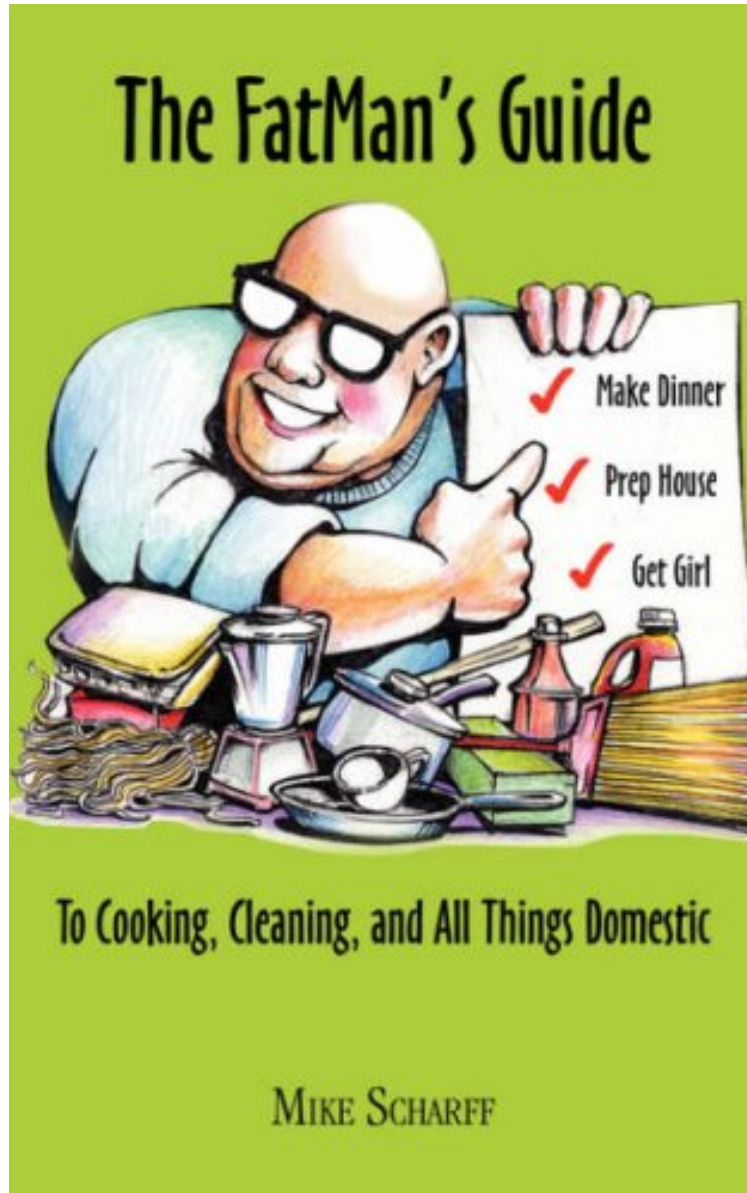


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**Mike Scharff : The FatMan's Guide to Cooking, Cleaning, and All Things Domestic** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The FatMan's Guide to Cooking, Cleaning, and All Things Domestic:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Valuable Advice and a CrackupBy Norbert HauptThere are exactly two books that I know that you can pick up, open to any random page, start reading and immediately crack up . One is

Bill Bryson's "A Walk in the Woods" and the other is The FatMan's Guide. If you are a graduating college student, about to jump into the world, set up your own little household and join the world of the gainfully employed, probably still single and wholly ignorant about a lot of things, The FatMan's Guide will make a real difference. While it's amusing to read, it actually does have a ton of good value hints and advice, from where to hide your Playboy Magazines, to how to shop for a pillow, to what to eat and what not to eat, to getting that date you are lusting after. I didn't read this book cover to cover. I don't think anybody would. It just hung around the house, and I would pick it up occasionally and thumb around and enjoy myself. As such books often do, it ended up in the basket next to the guest toilet, where - I must admit - a book gets picked up more regularly and more frequently than any other errant book in our household - other than those resident on my Kindle, of course. I would read a chapter or two at a time, in random order. Sometimes, when I'd arrive at an exciting spot, I would take the book back out to the living room with me where I'd continue to read it, magazine style, basically from the back toward the front. I know the author personally, and like many an artist (if I may include a writer in that category), he is more descriptive and revealing in his writing than when you sit next to him. But then, of course, who wants to sit next to a wise guy in a social situation - since a wise guy he is, you will discover, when you read the book. A wise guy in the good way. The main chapters, aside from the introduction and conclusion, are: 1. Essentials for Basic Survival 2. Boring, But NECESSARY 3. Stuff You'll Want to Have Around 4. Home Shopping 5. Meals You Need to Know How to Make 6. Cleaning Tricks 7. College Dorm Experience 8. Urban Camping 9. Guide to Dating 10. Appealing to the Opposite Sex

What did I say? It's got all the stuff you need when you go out on your own. Go and get yours! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Watch out Heloise... The Fatman has some tips, too! By KatDe The Fatman knows good coffee, great humor, and "all things domestic" survival tips... listen up you who need a checklist and tips on how to set up your apartment or home for the very first time, be it the college student, divorcee, or millionaire/billionaire gone bankrupt. Seriously, if someone really does need a checklist to help set up your first apartment, use the bullet points from the first 3 chapters: Chapter 1 - Essentials for Basic Survival, Chapter 2 - Boring, BUT Necessary, and Chapter 3 - Stuff You Will Want to Have Around. I did read the book from cover to cover just to see what it was all about. This is definitely more of a reference type of book, which I can see a young college kid having around for an emergency or two. Some things did make me cringe, like the one tip found in Chapter 6 - Cleaning Tips called "How to Have Everyday-Fresh Sheets on a Six Month Washing Cycle". That section will make you think twice about crawling into just any charming person's bed for the night or more. There are some really good tips in this book - "The Baking Soda Myth", "Toilet Paper", "Great Chef Knife", Mac and Cheese recipe to name a few. The Fatman experiences and experimentations are here for all to read and use. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Snarky. Easy read. Good reference material. By Some Dude I guess I got lucky. My mom made me take Home Economics classes as a kid. I can cook, do laundry, clean the house, even groom myself... and still maintain masculinity. But I also know lots of friends (including a surprising number of female friends) who cannot. To the rescue: Mike Scharff with The FatMan's Guide To Cooking, Cleaning, and All Things Domestic. I learned about the book when seeing Mike speak at a bookstore recently. (I hear he might also be doing a radio show before too long.) True to the title, Mike could step right into the silhouette used by Alfred Hitchcock in the opening credits of his old Hitchcock Presents TV series. Mike also exudes happy, compassion, wry humor... and comes across with the sense of cleanliness you'd expect from a title like this. Without giving too much away (at 157 pages and crisply written, it's a quick cover-to-cover), I found The FatMan's Guide to be a highly-useful compendium of good domestic habits, along with some snarky witticisms (he calls them Scharffisms). I.E. "Perception is 9/10 of the law of attracting the opposite sex." The book includes a great mac and cheese recipe (along with a dollop of mac and cheese philosophy), tips on everything from pantry "necessities", how to survive a long-distance road trip (some of them gross), and a guide to finding someone to settle down with (and the hazards thereof). Easy read. Funny. Good reference material (if you can admit that you need help in knowing how to keep you and your place appealing). Glad I got it.

A must-have manual for making your home, your love life, your culinary skills, and most importantly YOU appear more socially acceptable than you really are. The FatMan's done the research. Now you can benefit from his tried and true techniques for suitable survival in today's world.