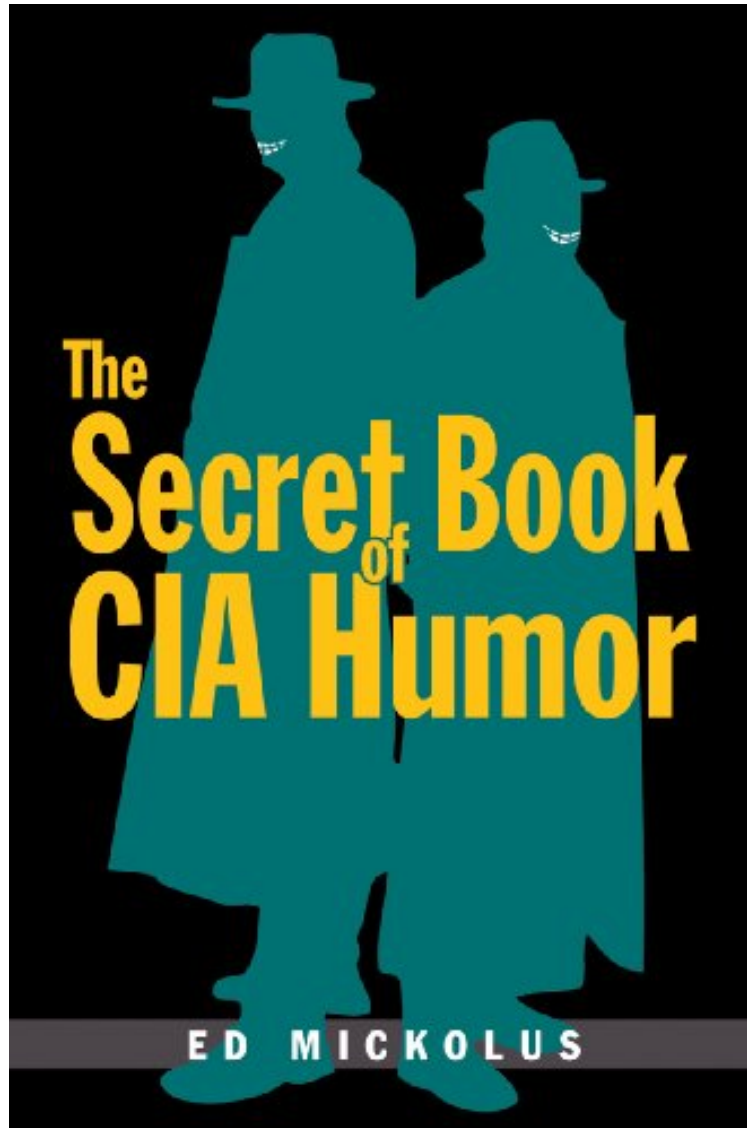


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otherwise quietly fought to keep their country safe. He honors similar humor found in other intelligence services and all the while does an excellent job protecting the identities of the "innocent." Before Dilbert cartoons could be found pinned to cubicle walls...before John Stewart hit ratings paydirt by pointing out the obvious craziness in many earnest policies...before Facebook and Twitter gave everyone the ability to question the absurd, this book reminds us of the role that humor plays in keeping us free.*Note* to non-IC readers: Take it slowly. The humor is often dry and additional detail that fully seasons the recollection is occasionally absent, for reasons of national security - and to protect the tradecraft of a few world class pranksters.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful!By InfokroneaThis book is a delight! I started reading it this morning found myself reading excerpts aloud to my husband. We haven't laughed this much in ages! Not only does this book offer those of us who will never get closer to the CIA than an episode of "Covert Affairs" a unique insider's view of "The Company", this book is truly, laugh-out-loud funny!0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book is really awful -- Not funny at allBy ttmadisonThe humor in this book is very juvenile. I kept putting it down and reading other books I ordered instead of this. I simply can't recommend it to anyone.

This compilation of espionage humor is based on the author's thirty-three years with the CIA as an analyst, operations officer, and manager. Practical jokes, comical essays, poems, bloopers from performance-appraisal reports, and more are all included.

From the PublisherJust because you're protecting the national government, doesn't mean you should take yourself too seriously. This is a lesson that Ed Mickolus and many other agents learned while serving their country. Far from the James Bond stereotype of secret agents, real Central Intelligence Agency work includes endless paperwork, extreme security precautions, and excessive procedures. But a well-trained operative knows how to keep calm and stay sane in these types of situations. He finds the humor in it. A tireless stand-up comedian, the author interviewed intelligence officers across the United States to capture the authentic humor of this unique occupation. Much of the information came from his former colleagues in the CIA, where he spent thirty-three years as a dedicated employee and obsessive prankster. He includes rookie hazing stories, performance appraisal outtakes, and on-the-job anecdotes in a series of chapters that depicts the U.S. government at work. Whether inventing urban legends, psyching out their colleagues with phony farewell parties and desks full of rice, or trying to embarrass coworkers on family day, this group seems to continually test the intelligence aspect of the Central Intelligence Agency.From the Back CoverJust because they're protecting the government from foreign threats doesn't mean they take themselves too seriously. This collection of true antics from inside the Central Intelligence Agency, one of the most secretive agencies in the world, includes declassified initiation pranks, Photoshop forgeries, training mishaps, and creative practical jokes. A former CIA officer (and mastermind behind some of the included pranks) reveals how intelligent Intelligence operatives are.From impressionable rookies to computer-savvy tricksters, these unique professionals challenge the James Bond fantasies of espionage. This compilation addresses the problems operatives face, such as what to do when your child gives herself an alias, what phrases to learn when traveling in a terrorist country, and how to choose that perfect surveillance location, all with humor and witty observation. The information included in this book was provided by the extended Agency family, as well as officers in other U.S. intelligence agencies, currently serving or retired.Ed Mickolus is a thirty-three-year veteran of the Central Intelligence Agency who worked as an analyst, covert action officer, manager, and public affairs officer. He teaches intelligence issues for federal agencies. A recovering standup comic, he often gives presentations on his collection of 1,622 ugly neckties and collects classic automobiles. Mickolus resides in northern Virginia.About the AuthorDuring his time at the CIA, Ed Mickolus received seven Exceptional Performance awards and three Meritorious Unit citations. He has been recognized in Who's Who in America and in Men of Achievement. He maintains involvement in the CIA through membership in the Central Intelligence Retirees Association and the Association of Former Intelligence Officers. Working as an analyst, covert action officer, manager, and public affairs officer, Mickolus spent the majority of his career with the CIA and founded their comedy club. He now teaches intelligence issues for federal agencies. He enjoys performing stand-up comedy and has been recognized for his political wit by the Washington Post, frequently ranking in their comedy Style Invitational. Mickolus resides in northern Virginia.