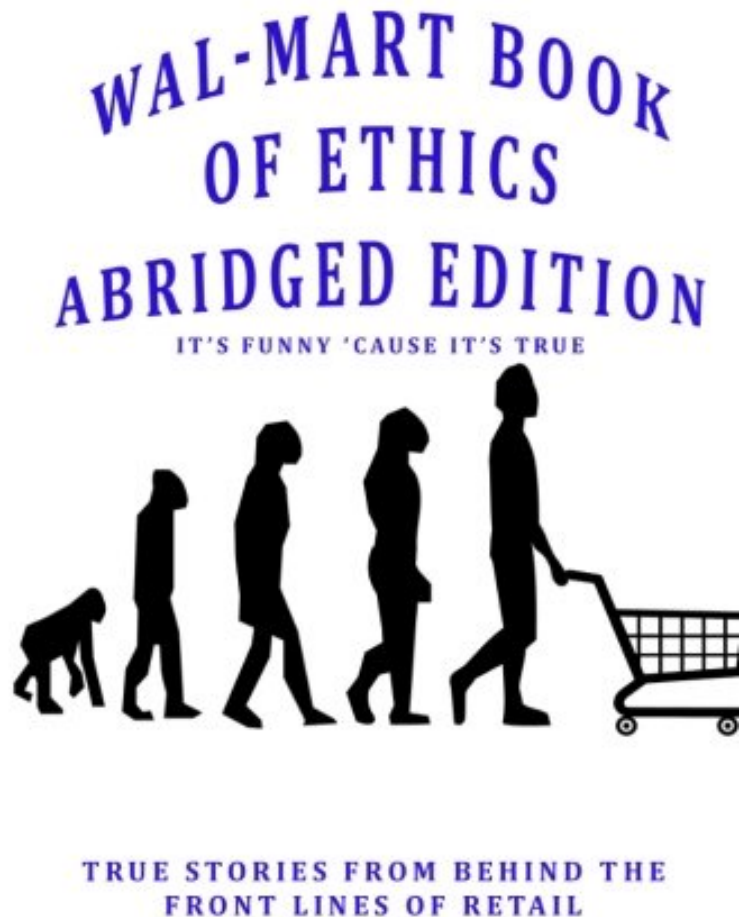


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R.A. Wilson : Wal-Mart Book of Ethics Abridged Edition before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wal-Mart Book of Ethics Abridged Edition:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Wal-Mart Book of Ethics: An often-witty oxymoron By John Williamson The title alone of author/editor R.A. Wilson's Wal-Mart Book of Ethics Abridged Edition is enough to bring a smile to a reader's face... or a shudder, depending on your point of view. Found this one as a result of a book link on the 'Net that went to another and so on. We've all been there, and in many cases they're not worth following. In this case, I'm glad that I did, as this short Kindle offering turned out to be an often-witty surprise. Within his Forward

the author states the following: "Most depictions of Wal-Mart take an anti or pro stance. Neither is accurate. Pro Wal-Mart works proclaim the positive aspects of the company, but they fail to show the whole picture. Anti Wal-Mart works are mostly lies, crafted purely as money makers for the producers, writers, directors. In fact, while working for the company, I have watched anti Wal-Mart movies just for a good laugh as they are so misleading." We go on to find this passage, which to this reader seemed to be a disclaimer of sorts, but offering some interesting food for thought: "In the end, this book boils down to a testament of how abnormal any retail environment is, be it Wal-Mart, Kmart, Sears, Target, Mc Donald's, Best Buy, etc. This is a look at how the abnormal becomes normal in the daily setting of retail sales. People can be kind and courteous, but in a retail store as customers, workers, or managers, everything changes. All bets are off." This book is made up of anecdotal experiences written either by the author or by a contributor named James, and for those who have never experienced the joys (or horrors) of working within the setting of a large major retailing chain, they offer an encapsulated view of what it's like as a wage earner from a first person viewpoint. For those who have worked in such environments, there will be more than enough over which to empathize. These are not philosophical anecdotes; they are almost like reading personal narrative journal entries that have been shared. Whether you, the reader, will ever want to again buy a rotisserie chicken from the meat department of a chain after reading this book remains to be seen: "I stare at the guy in complete disbelief. I do not see how engaging in intercourse with the poultry will make my job any easier. I brush it off and move on as the bell rings at the meat counter." We gain insight into the lives of these people, people that many of us know or may even be related to, and one can begin to realize that they are individuals just like us, with the same issues that we all face in the workplace. Yet it is the author and editor who shares his often dark sense of humor that makes this a good offering, even if only as a diversion. Journalist Tracie McMillan devoted a large portion of her book *The American Way of Eating* to the Wal-Mart experience as a work environment, and as a serious read, that one is quite good. The difference here is that this one adds a level of humor, and even hilarity, to what it's like to wear the Wal-Mart work badge. R.A. Wilson has noted that these tales from Wal-Mart that are true, and are based on either firsthand experience or are written after interviewing the individual who experienced what we read. The author has noted that this book is an experiment of sorts in the e-book format, and that user submitted stories might be added to future editions. The simple act of occasionally removing this e-book from your Kindle device and re-downloading it again should carry the benefit of adding new stories periodically, if enough stories are submitted. Experimental or not, this one is good, and I hope to see more like it from R.A. Wilson. Wal-Mart Book of Ethics is indeed an often-witty oxymoron.

7/3/2012 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Okay as a freebie

By Mia Based on the abstract, I thought this book would be a collection of the "interesting" stories that happen inside of a Wal-Mart store. I guess I was picturing more of the someone-peed-in-the-dressing-room sort of story. As other reviewers have pointed out, this book is based more on the whines and frustrations of 2 employees. They trade off in each chapter and it's confusing to remember which works in what department, etc. Additionally, the tone of the writing and the quality changes from chapter to chapter. It's a self-published book, so caveat emporum! Mostly, these stories are bland complaints that happen in every retail job everywhere -- customers don't know the right name for what they want or are conversely over-educated and want to speak extreme technical details to someone who doesn't know. Managers switch up your responsibilities so that you're left doing work that you hate (cleaning toilets, restocking shelves, etc.). One of the stories that I could most relate to from my own retail experience is parents leaving their children unsupervised, assuming that the store's staff would look after them. In my book store, when we saw this happen we would announce a "lost child" over the intercom and ask that parents of Timmy return to the children's section. Every time, the parent would come over and say "well I just went to look at novels, I thought I could leave him in the children's section" and we would explain that a child by himself was considered lost or abandoned and that if the parent hadn't responded immediately, we would have to call the police and report an abandoned child. I doubt that it changed their behavior in other stores, but at least we had our passive-aggressive revenge AND solved the problem of children without adults. Overall, this book was a miss for me. It was too whiny and not funny enough - and at the end they use it as a solicitation for other people to submit their stories for use in publication. If it were me, I'd also tread lightly because using the company name in the title of your book isn't smart -- you're bound to get a cease desist at some point and will give them your actual names and contact info, so you may lose your job to boot.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Must Read for all Shoppers - at Wal-Mart and any other Retail Establishment

By Kindle Customer You will never look at the clerks in stores the same way again. This book was an amazing eye-opener about what really goes on behind the scenes. It's supposed to be about "Wal-Mart" but I have a feeling it's much like this for everyone who works for a "corporate retail store" - Safeway to Nordstroms. I think everyone in America should read this book, and then stop being so MEAN to those long-suffering clerks and store employees who help you with your purchases! Yes, I'm talking to YOU! (also, me).

Have you ever shopped at Wal-Mart? Of course you have. Why else would you be looking at this book? If you have ever wanted to see behind the front lines of retail, this is the book for you. If you want to validate your own experiences in retail, this is the book for you. If you just want to laugh at humorous things from funny people, this is the book for you. Packed full of true short stories from working in one of these super stores, only one conclusion can

be reached in the end: Wal-Mart is the craziest place on Earth!

About the Author Born in Tyndall, SD, Roger's family moved while he was still very young. He lived in Arizona until the 4th grade, then moved to Colorado. It was in the mountains where Roger began to enjoy reading. At first what was merely a pleasant past time became a passion for fantasy when he discovered the works of Terry Brooks, namely The Sword of Shannara. He began to write his first novel a year later in the 7th grade, and that book would be the beginning of Ravin World and the Ravin Saga Mythology. Roger's family moved back to South Dakota, where he finished high school and met his future wife Alysia. He enrolled at the University of South Dakota to study biology, chemistry, and creative writing. His plan was to go into veterinary medicine and be a small animal surgeon. However, it was in his creative writing classes that Roger realized what he wanted to do. Finishing his first book during college, five more followed as he honed his style and storytelling skills. Roger lives with his wife, son Atticus, and two dogs and cats (two sons and two daughters), and a turtle he does not claim in small Gayville, SD. And yes, that really is the town's name, so get used to it. When not working at his day job, he spends every moment he can spare into writing his next novel. Find out more about R. A. Wilson and the worlds he writes about at www.RavinSaga.com