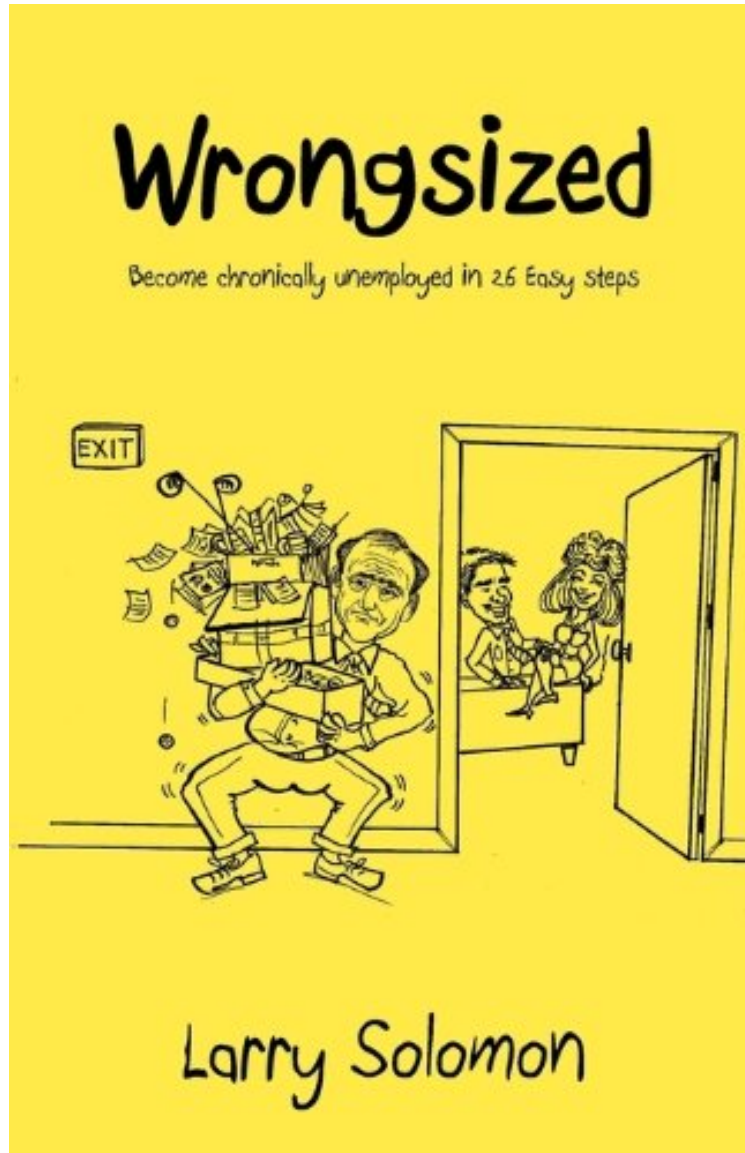


Wongsized: Become Chronically Unemployed in 26 Easy Steps

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Larry Solomon : Wongsized: Become Chronically Unemployed in 26 Easy Steps before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wongsized: Become Chronically Unemployed in 26 Easy Steps:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious look at Corporate America By Larry Underwood Unless you're the CEO, job security in corporate America is usually, anything but "secure"; and its correlation to "performance" is often nonexistent. Rather, it often boils down to the whim of some corporate drone who's trying to

protect their own self-interests, and that often means making someone else look bad. In this environment, finger pointing and backstabbing are considered normal ways of conducting business, which helps explain why so many people hate their jobs. Employee engagement? Forget about it. Larry Solomon's hilarious perspective of what it's like to be given the boot out of corporate America, while trying to figure out a way to get back in, takes us through his temporary "careers"---from tattoo artist to limo driver---and provides us with some good laughs along the way, as each new adventure inevitably hits some crazy snag. This is a funny guy offering a witty commentary on what it's like out there in the world of business; yeah, it's a jungle, for sure. As a hilariously beleaguered Solomon takes from one job to another, he begins to wonder if he'll ever get back to a state of gainful employment with a real job that matches his technical skill level. While that may not happen any time soon, perhaps he can take solace in the fact that he's a terrific writer, and many talented individuals can eek out a living doing just what he did here---entertain and enlighten his reading audience; he's certainly done a great job here.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Funny and so True
By Emily Decobert
In today's global market, people are losing their jobs at the rate of hundreds a day as the recession grinds along. Each time, families are left scrambling to try to pay the bills. That is not a very funny issue, but Larry Solomon has taken the depressing and lightened it up a bit. He himself spent some time unemployed and this work is based a little on his experience, but mostly on fiction. Our tale starts off as many similar stories do, with the soon to be unemployed totally clueless as to the pending disaster. He is in his own little world, working away as doom approaches. It arrives in the form of a kid younger than the tie of the worker, a real jerk who still believes that he will solve all the problems of the company. He starts with firing before mentioned hard-working employee. In desperation, our now unemployed friend turns to a temp agency to find a job. It is there that he embarks on 26 misadventures that are the heart of the book. This is where the story veers off into the unexpected. The title suggests that discussed inside are 26 basic mistakes that a person can make to become unemployed. However, instead 26 jobs are chosen, from the usual to the bizarre, and funny but usually unrealistic ways to lose that job are given. The results are hilarious, but the reader is left wondering how exactly this fits into the basic premise. It is an unexpected turn and while that can be surprising it also gives more chances for laughs, which is the point. Finally, our much abused author finds a job and his struggles are over. Not the type to leave other suffers without help; the author gives practical advice on getting a new job. There is great stuff here, both doable and result giving. However, the advice only takes up a few pages in the book! This is a pity because the suggestions such as list former jobs for ideals and brain storm for new possibilities to be considered then narrowed down is solid, helpful stuff. The major intent of the book might have been laughs, but that doesn't exclude good advice. The book is a good read for the laughs the job traumas of the author gives. Comedy doesn't mean it can't be helpful and one can only hope that in the next book the writer gives us more of his wisdom, which is clearly there.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wrong-sized
By jjmachshev
Show of hands please. How many of us know someone who has been impacted (nice way to say lost their job) by the recent economic downturn (nice way to say crash)? Well, as long as they are past the suicidal depression stage, you should really give them a copy of "Wrong-sized Become chronically unemployed in 26 easy steps". It may not help them get a new job, but they will certainly glean some interesting pointers on what NOT to do and probably pee their pants laughing at the same time. Larry Solomon has written comedy pieces for some pretty famous shows (Laugh-In, The Smothers Brothers, The Dean Martin Show) and his 'unique' look at different jobs available these days is sure to tickle anybody's funny bone. The laughs start at the introduction and don't stop until the last page. From the 'stages' of job loss to hilarious stints as Postal Worker, Limousine Driver, Fortune Teller, Undertaker, and many more, Solomon has the knowledge and the willingness to say it exactly like it is. As someone who lived through 'downsizing', Solomon invites readers on a merry tale (he even admits where the truth stops) of an out-of-work executive looking for a new job. The chapters are short, sweet, and well-written as well as snortingly funny. So for those tired of the gloom and doom of current news, pick up a copy for a lighter look at the ups and downs of employment in today's America.

Local Man Loses 27 Jobs In One Month
What do Barak Obama, Jack Keivorkian, Mother Theresa, Bill Gates, Fran Drescher, John Wayne Bobbitt, Jane Fonda, Dr. Phil, Madonna, and Rush Limbaugh have in common? They, and beaucoup others, are interwoven into this timely and hilarious saga about becoming chronically unemployed in 26 easy steps. Currently, hundreds of thousands of people are losing their jobs per month. Are you one of them? Do you know someone who just lost his or her job? Is your boss a total jerk? Wrong-sized is a somewhat true story of what happened to me when I found myself in the same situation. Basically, it sucks. While I was off, I started making notes on alternative jobs to look for, and these notes became the basis for Wrong-sized. When you have finished reading Wrong-sized, you can spend some more time following the tips I have cleverly included to broaden your job search scope. Or, you can color the drawings. Your call. I make this pledge of 100% guaranteed satisfaction... If you are not satisfied with the contents of this book; if it did not lead you on the course of gainful employment; or, for any reason whatsoever you did not laugh your ass off, you may contact me and I will feel really, really, bad.