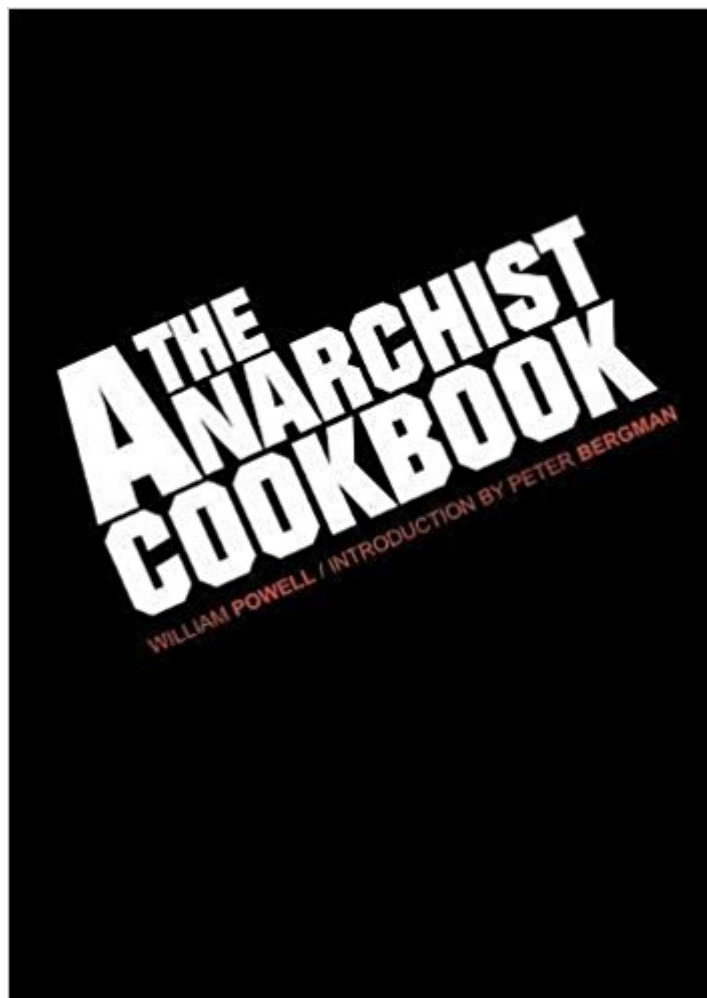


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# The Anarchist Cookbook



## Synopsis

Perhaps the most notorious How To manual on the market. This is the most asked for book that we know of. Is it any good? Well, it's now in its 29th printing since 1971, has chapters on home preparation of weapons, electronics, drugs, and explosives. Extensively illustrated.

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## Customer Reviews

I have recently been made aware of several websites that focus on The Anarchist Cookbook. As the author of the original publication some 30 plus years ago, it is appropriate for me to comment. The Anarchist Cookbook was written during 1968 and part of 1969 soon after I graduated from high school. At the time, I was 19 years old and the Vietnam War and the so-called "counter culture movement" were at their height. I was involved in the anti-war movement and attended numerous peace rallies and demonstrations. The book, in many respects, was a misguided product of my adolescent anger at the prospect of being drafted and sent to Vietnam to fight in a war that I did not believe in. I conducted the research for the manuscript on my own, primarily at the New York City Public Library. Most of the contents were gleaned from Military and Special Forces Manuals. I was not member of any radical group of either a left or right wing persuasion. I submitted the manuscript directly to a number of publishers without the help or advice of an agent. Ultimately, it was accepted by Lyle Stuart Inc. and was published verbatim - without editing - in early 1970. Contrary to what is the normal custom, the copyright for the book was taken out in the name of the publisher rather than the author. I did not appreciate the significance of this at the time and would only come to

understand it some years later when I requested that the book be taken out of print. The central idea to the book was that violence is an acceptable means to bring about political change. I no longer agree with this. Apparently in recent years, The Anarchist Cookbook has seen a number of 'copy cat' type publications, some with remarkably similar titles (Anarchist Cookbook II, III etc). I am not familiar with these publications and cannot comment upon them. I can say that the original Anarchist Cookbook has not been revised or updated in any way by me since it was first published. During the years that followed its publication, I went to university, married, became a father and a teacher of adolescents. These developments had a profound moral and spiritual effect on me. I found that I no longer agreed with what I had written earlier and I was becoming increasingly uncomfortable with the ideas that I had put my name to. In 1976 I became a confirmed Anglican Christian and shortly thereafter I wrote to Lyle Stuart Inc. explaining that I no longer held the views that were expressed in the book and requested that The Anarchist Cookbook be taken out of print. The response from the publisher was that the copyright was in his name and therefore such a decision was his to make - not the author's. In the early 1980's, the rights for the book were sold to another publisher. I have had no contact with that publisher (other than to request that the book be taken out of print) and I receive no royalties. Unfortunately, the book continues to be in print and with the advent of the Internet several websites dealing with it have emerged. I want to state categorically that I am not in agreement with the contents of The Anarchist Cookbook and I would be very pleased (and relieved) to see its publication discontinued. I consider it to be a misguided and potentially dangerous publication which should be taken out of print. William Powell --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

When I opened the package, I was stunned to find this edition about 1/3 as thick as the original. Thinking that perhaps the publisher had used high quality extremely thin Tyvek "paper" or similar for waterproof purposes, I wasn't too concerned, but decided to Google "Anarchist Cookbook" to find that the original publisher had sold the book and the subsequent publisher had "sanitized" this current edition, in my opinion only, for the sake of continued saleability. I DID NOT take the book from the shrinkwrap, but immediately initiated a return. Do your research and you will see what caused me to return this item.

This was listed as the 1971 edition and what arrived was the 2012. I was mislead and really unhappy. PAID WAY too much

Not what I was expecting . This is not the original. It may have some of the original publication but was gutted of all its original glory. Dont waist your time. You will be disappointed.

First off, this is not a novel. It is literally a "cookbook", full of recipes to construct various weapons, booby traps, drug grows, etc. Some of the info is a bit out dated (the book was written about 40 years ago) but still entertaining to read. 99% of the recipe's should NEVER be tried at home. You could get hurt BAD. My favorite section is the one on hand to hand combat and non lethal weapons. The contents of that particular section could still be utilized today. Overall, it was okay. Not amazing, not horrible, just okay. If you don't buy it, your not really missing out on anything.

Exactly as limited as the reviews say, but still an enjoyable tool.

I grew up always wishing I could get my hands on the "banned in America" anarchist cookbook (I was quite the rebel). Well the ban has obviously been lifted. I bought this out of curiosity and just to have in my book collection. If you are buying this and intend to use for illegal purposes, it can all be found online. Its more of a novelty item.

This is NOT the real Anarchist Cookbook! I actually think that this is a manual for gameplay to some PC game!

This book was popular back when Jane Fonda and the Weathermen were hot stuff (in their own minds) and wastes (in my opinion) lots of paper talking about drugs and things that just don't work in real life. On the flip side it has lots of helpful information dealing with survival and taking charge of the situation whatever it may be.

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