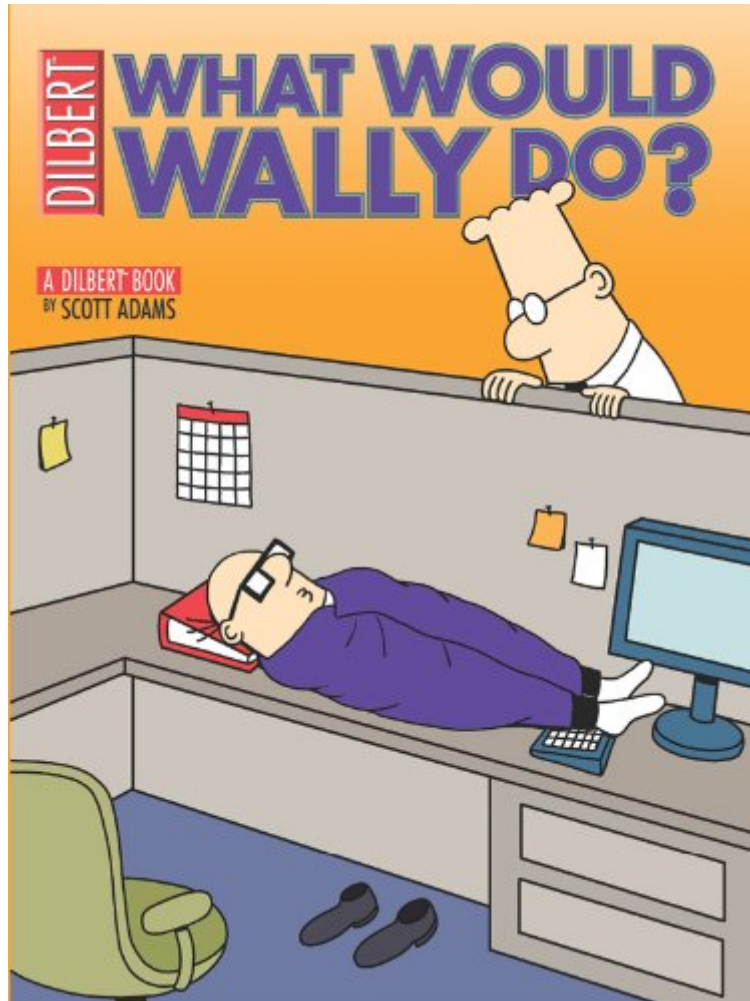




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What Would Wally Do?: A Dilbert Treasury



Synopsis

What would the world of work be like without Dilbert? Downright insufferable! When it became syndicated in 1989, Dilbert struck a nerve with workers everywhere. Through its frames they saw life on the job as they knew it, with all the absurdity, craziness, and dry humor that underlies any living, breathing organization. The fact that the strip focused on a hapless engineer and his cynical dog just made it all the more funny. Now work life seems downright unimaginable without Dilbert and Dogbert's take on everything from management ill-practices to nonperformance reviews. What Would Wally Do?, delivers that same combination of pain and humor that readers count on. This collection especially highlights Wally, Dilbert's colleague, fellow engineer, foil, and fool. Wally's that short quirky guy with little hair, plenty of horn-rimmed frames, and almost zero work ethic. After all, who's got time for a job, thinks the self-proclaimed "Lord Wally the Puppet Master," when you're busy surviving the "Mobility Pool," turning your cubicle into a tourist attraction called "Sticky-Note City," and selecting a mail-order bride from Elbonia? Weasel-Boy makes a point of highlighting his poor performance and lack of respect . . . and usually gets another raise for his efforts. Such is life in Dilbert and Wally's world. Such are the laughs in What Would Wally Do?

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Customer Reviews

In the introduction Scott Adams talks about his time at Pacific Bell and the management decisions that resulted in the real-life Wally, an employee that worked hard to be in the bottom 10% so that he could be laid off with a substantial severance package. From there we move to the strips which cover most of the range of the Dilbert Years right from the early, unpolished days of Wally. Reading the collection we can see how the coffee mug carrying character has developed over the years. Since this is a Wally retrospective there are no real story arcs in this collection. Instead, we get the strips that specifically showcase just how low Wally can sink. There are a small handful that seem like they don't belong to the collection but most give us the unvarnished truth about our favorite comic slacker. If you are a fan of Wally then you will need to read this almost-biography. General fans of the strip will still like the collection as it also showcases how the strip as a whole has changed over all these years. Check it out.

Another compilation; this time it is Wally. If you have all the previous books, then this edition is redundant. But if you want just Wally, this is the book.

This is essentially a large collection of Wally cartoons and the various antics of the character. The foreword by Scott Adams gives the full story of the Pacific Bell individual--known as "Wally Version 1.0"--from being duped by weasels, to the unique position that WV1.0 was put in by management, to his antics upon stumbling across the golden parachute for the lowest 10% of employees. Though some of the comics are shown in other collections, quite a few I have not seen before in my other Dilbert books--particularly a number of older Wallyisms. Overall, a very good addition to anyone's Dilbert collection.

Dilbert is an acquired taste of those who deal or have dealt with corporate America over the years. This book, as do all Dilbert books, has real belly laughs for those who have had oblivious bosses and innane, unthoughtout corporate policies shoved down their throats by an unfeeling management. Unfortunately, these books are starting to recycle some panels and old ideas from past years and other Dilbert books. When you flip a page and find the same comic strips in one book after another, you start to feel a bit cheated. If there isn't enough new material, don't count on a poor memory to make the "old" fresh again. Those of us who pay such a price for a compilation of comic strips need more respect from Scott Adams.

The initial pages talk about Scott learning his cartooning. This would be interesting but the accompanying cartoons are almost unreadable on my Droid. The rest, however, is four or five star material, even if I've seen some of them before. No regrets.

My problem is not with the content of the book. The reason I did not give it 5 stars is because the pages kept hanging up on me whenever I tried to flip them and then about 10-12 pages through it stopped working altogether. I never even got to finish it. I love Wally but this download disappointed me.

Hilarious look at incompetent corporate silliness; if you're familiar with the Dilbert strips and know that you like them, you'll certainly want to read this one. If you're not familiar with them, this is as good a place to start as any. If you've read other Dilbert books and didn't care for them, you won't want to read this one, but you don't need me to tell you that.

Dilbert is a great comic strip, and it's a fine idea to assemble a bunch of funny strips about Wally. I don't even mind that it's all recycled material. But it's an insult to the reader to assemble the strips so badly. If there are two strips from the same sequence, why separate them by several pages? I'm taking this one back - it doesn't add anything new and it's edited badly.

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