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Cyberpunk Handbook:: The Real Cyberpunk Fakebook



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This book is caught somewhere between being a parody of 1990s Cyberpunk, and being a textfile document found on a 1980s BBS, instructing you how to pose on the scene like you're a LEET HACKER. Part of it based in a little bit of fact. Part of it totally made up, like how to fit in with a Cybercowboy/grrrl crew. The attitude and the feel of the book was spot-on, however. I was looking for an informative and historical reference to where we were with Cyberpunk in the 1990s. This wasn't the book for me. But if you know someone who fits the profiles on the cover (or looks like Abby Sciuto from the television series NCIS), this may be the perfect book for them.

I so want to go back to 1995 and be cyberpunk like this. And when you show this to high school kids, they marvel at the serious lack of tech us oldsters had to put up with. It brought back both fond memories and the desperate hopelessness of tech that just didn't work that well.

Funny and obsolete "facts" about Cyberpunk as those were in late 90's.

It's dated, clearly, but it's still entertaining.

And R. U. Sirius was going to be its prophet. Instead he was the profit. Anyhow, it's a funny book, and is cheap. No chance of a second edition. So come along and enjoy those delightful memories, cybersex, cyberpunk, l33t speak, and hackers meeting up (meating up?) with literary theorists.

Light and humorous description of the computer underground. Totally the book to get if you are not so serious about hacking and cracking, but are mystified by this offbeat cybersculture. Hell, this book is also cool for a Master CyberPunk, so to bolster the stereotype. Learn how the typical cyberpunk dresses, what gadgets they buy, what terms they use, and even what food good lil cyberpunks like to eat. Piercings and extreme hairdos optional.

LOL. It's a little dated by now, but still very funny. A good book to have to show the grandkids what hacker life was like in the 90's.

Cyberpunk really is dead.. the appearance of the official handbook clinched it. If you want to learn how to hack, don't buy this book. If you want to become a phone phreak, don't buy this book. If you want to become a cypherpunk or a coder, don't buy this book. If you're familiar with the genre of cyberpunk as literature or have had contact with subcultures that could be considered cyberpunk, get this book if you want to get a chuckle or two, or try to recognise some of the folks who posed for this book. If you're looking for net.culture to be lampooned nine ways from Sunday, get this book.

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