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have to already be a security wiz to understand. There is also some unique treatment to process issues that I haven't seen elsewhere... Highly recommended. 7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Great for someone needing thorough intro info secBy Ben RothkeSurviving Security is a really good book for someone needing a thorough introduction to information security. The book covers all of the most important security technologies and processes. After completing the book, the reader will come out with a good understanding the components of an information systems security infrastructure. All of the chapters contain loads of valuable information. Two extremely valuable sections are (Page 358) "Sample Audit Checklist" and (Page 399) "Assessing Your Needs". The Sample Audit Checklist contains over 30 pages of technology items that require security. Assessing Your Needs details all of the items required for an effective incident response team....For those people needing an effective and easily readable reference about computer security, Surviving Security is an excellent resource. 11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Security explained in a concise, easy-to-read fashionBy chicag097I am the network manager at a mid-size Chicago company and have been tasked with the job of developing a formal security infrastructure for our organization. I have read many of Mandy's InfoWorld articles and eagerly awaited the release of this book. Needless to say, I was not disappointed. Surviving Security is a great resource for understanding the components of a security infrastructure, how they fit together, and how to analyze and select the best approach for your environment. She covers all the basics (security policies, firewalls, IDS, remote access, OS hardening, network architecture, etc.) In addition, there's a great chapter on authentication techniques. She also discusses the issues most people forget or do not really think about until it is too late: keeping up-to-date with patches, monitoring systems and logs, creating incident response teams, developing secure applications, etc. Most sections have "For More Information" boxes that give resources (books, websites, etc.) where you can go for more detailed information. I thought these were a great feature. She provides insightful information and commentary based on her experiences and then refers you to places where you can find more information. This book does not try to be all things for all people. The companion website is a great way to keep the content up-to-date. As long as the author keeps the information and links current, this will be a good resource for security information. The product reviews give an independent, third-party opinion that is sometimes hard to find. For those looking to develop a complete security infrastructure, this is the book to read. Surviving Security gives you an excellent "big picture" look at security that I have found lacking in other security books I have looked at.

Previous information security references do not address the gulf between general security awareness and the specific technical steps that need to be taken to protect information assets. Surviving Security: How to Integrate People, Process, and Technology, Second Edition fills this void by explaining security via a holistic approach that considers both the overall security infrastructure and the roles of each individual component. It provides a blueprint for creating and executing sound security policy. The author examines the costs and complications involved, covering security measures such as encryption, authentication, firewalls, intrusion detection, remote access, host security, server security, and more.

Surviving Security is a crash course in all of the things that we should be doing in cyberspace that don't come naturally to most of us. It is a soup-to-nuts portrayal of how to do security right, from an experienced practitioner of digital security in real-world environments. Perhaps the best thing about this book, though, is that it's up-to-date. Mandy hasn't written just another cookbook recitation of the three R's of security, she has built a comprehensive structure on sound principles and extended it with her intimate knowledge of exciting new technology. I see few other titles on the shelves that can match this volume of experience and expertise in such a concise, lucidly written, and easy to read package. Joel Scrambray, Co-author, Hacking Exposed from The Foreword From the Back Cover Surviving Security addresses a breadth of security technologies and processes, including policy, encryption, physical security, and maintenance, while continually answering the following questions that are critical to network administrators and managers: \* Why is this technology/practice important to a security infrastructure? \* How does this fit into the larger security layer model? \* What different options-technology and vendor-are available for this area (vendor-specific reviews will be placed primarily on the companion web site) and what is the cost of implementing these options? About the Author Mandy Andressis CEO and Founder of ArcSec Technologies, a security consulting firm in the San Francisco area. Previously, she was Chief Security Officer for Evant, a San Francisco-based ASP; Director of Security for Privada, a San Jose-based privacy provider; and a senior consultant in Ernst Young's security practice. Mandy has written many security product and technology reviews for InfoWorld and Network World magazines and has spoken at numerous conferences, including Networld+Interop, The Internet Security Conference (TISC), and The Black Hat Briefings.