

★★★★☆ **Great Reading for all Infosec Professionals**, November 21, 2008

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This is an excellent book for all computer security professionals, including senior management who has Infosec directors report to them. For beginners it gives you a concise picture of what elements are involved in an effective Infosec program. The author, Jennifer Bayuk, presents a brief history of Infosec to give you a sense of perspective. Then she outlines the process in which you should approach implementing an Infosec program. These are real world processes, not just theory.

For the experienced IT security professional, this book is a quick refresher that will give you numerous items that you can take away for your own work. For the experienced physical security professional looking to expand into the Infosec, this book provides the foundation you will need to broaden your scope.

Senior management can also benefit from this book by better understanding what processes should be in place within their organization.

The book is only 150 pages, which is incredibly short for security books. But don't let the size fool you. It is well organized and provides a thorough discussion on what process should be included in your Infosec program.

The last third of the book is devoted to a case study, sample policies, standards, guidelines and procedures. The case study is a good example of how these components should work in a real world IT department.

This is not a technical book. Don't buy this book if you are looking for a technical manual that tells you what routers to use or what intrusion protection system to implement. The author sticks to her title by providing straight forward information to understand what is needed to organize your Infosec program, she explains why it is needed, and tips on how to accomplish each component.

What makes this book something you will keep and refer to in the future is that it applies to all IT security practitioners, young and old. I found it a refreshing review even after my 25+ years in the industry. I highly recommend this book to those just starting out in IT security; especially those who have taken all the theory, passed the technical exams, but have never really implemented a security program in the real world. It helps tie in all the theoretical concepts into a workable program. Even the experienced professional, like myself, will find a lot of helpful information that you may want to review in your own program. I have also used this book as a required reading for my security staff to ensure that they have a common understanding of the overall Infosec process.