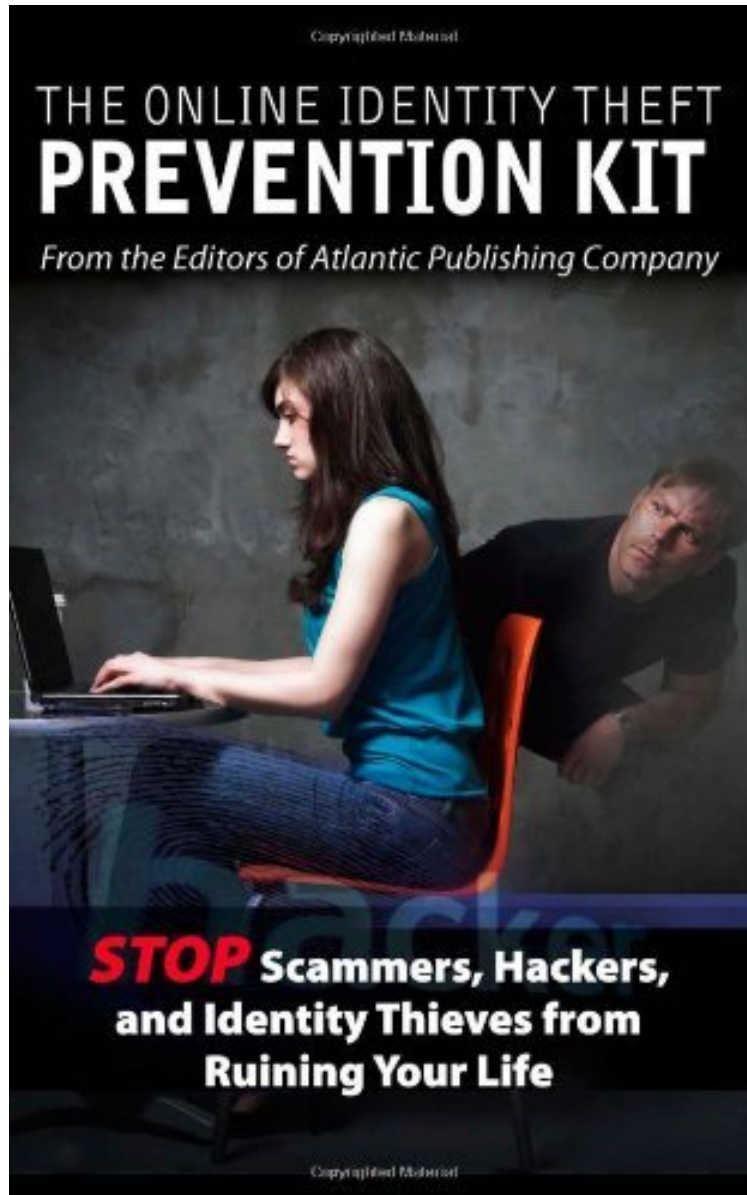


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Don't be afraid of identity theft - protect yourself. By Stephanie Fox
There are two types of people when it comes to identity theft - the hard targets and the easy marks. The more informed people are about how identify theft works, the better they can protect themselves. Learning to protect yourself is what the new book, *The Online Identity Theft Prevention Kit* is all about. Filled with fascinating case histories of identities stolen, it can help consumers recognize a scam and protect their identity. It even can help in the aftermath of an identity theft, including ways to gain back your good name. Why be concerned about identity theft? If you think you can't be a target, you are wrong. Even children and senior citizens are on the thieves' radar. If you use a computer, a credit card or write checks, if you have a bank account, a social security number, a passport, a driver's license or a birthday, thieves can steal your identity. If your identity is stolen, your bank accounts can be drained, credit cards can be opened in your name and you can end up paying for loans that you never knew you had. Someone pretending to be you can get medical treatment and you are stuck with the bill - or even end up with misinformation on your medical chart that could result in dangerous medical mistakes. A criminal can use your social security number to create a new identity for himself and if he's arrested, you could be mistaken for an offender and end up in jail until the matter could be cleared up. Much of what this book contains are case studies of how and why the crooks operate so readers can better identify scams and avoid them. There are a nearly 100 detailed suggestions about what to do to keep your identity safe as well as true-to-life cautionary tales. There's even a chapter on how to live below-the-radar - the best way, the author claims, to keep safe (although it would not be the choice of everyone.) There are even sample letters for disputing claims by collection agencies, credit card companies and credit bureaus. While some of the best information is the list of organizations and business to help consumers stop identity theft, it is the stories that are the most interesting. You may even recognize some of your friends in them. This is a book to buy before your identity is stolen, but if that's already happened, it can help you get your life back as well.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Making Yourself Unattractive By Donna Dee
The Online Identity Theft Prevention Kit doesn't promise that your identity will never be stolen. Instead, it shows you how to make yourself an unattractive victim. Identity thieves are looking to take the easy road. If you throw some obstacles in their way, such as hard-to-crack passwords, anti-virus software and using only encrypted sites when making online purchases, they will likely decide that you are more trouble than you are worth and go elsewhere for their victims. This "Kit" is packed with specific strategies for accomplishing that. This book also contains information on obtaining and making sense of your credit report, the pros and cons of identity theft protection plans and, most intriguingly, a whole chapter on how to live anonymously. If, despite all your preventative measures, your identity does get stolen, this book gives you practical, step-by-step instructions for handling the situation, including form letters that can be sent to collection agencies, credit card companies and credit report bureaus, explaining your situation. Anyone who uses the internet is vulnerable to identity theft. While reading a book like this is unsettling, it is also, unfortunately, necessary.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Educational, though wordy By Beth Wade
Although this book starts out using rather simple language (which makes it appear to be aimed at people who have an insultingly simplistic understanding of the internet, if any at all), contains several spelling errors, and has many long overly drawn out "quiz your knowledge" scenarios, it's worth sticking through. Before you close it in disgust, I urge you to read on. The information is relative, well-researched, and compiled in an easy-to-follow manner. Initially, I viewed this book with skepticism. Being a child of the internet age, I was offended that the author believed they needed to explain what e-mail spam was. However, I was surprised by the thoroughness of the data in this text. For instance, I didn't fully understand phishing, but the author presented it in an easy-to-digest manner, along with helpful examples. But it's not just a handy identification of terms that makes this book worth reading. The material contained within includes: examples of types of identity theft, how your identity is used, historical examples of corporate identity theft that have occurred within the past twenty years, and a guide detailing how to read and understand your credit report. This guide also addresses how to handle a situation when a family member steals your identity. I found this particularly helpful, as that is an issue not often addressed in this day and age - which is scary, considering how often it happens. The underlying theme of this guide is to be educated, and not panic, when it comes to identity theft. Several easy, helpful tips on protecting yourself are included, and there are more internet and government resources listed here than you can shake a stick at. In total, this book is well-organized and detailed. In the age of internet fraud, this helpful guide will assist you in protecting yourself from identity theft, as well as giving you hope and guidance if you have been a victim of identity theft.

Statistics about identity theft from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) are staggering. The FTC now says that as many as one in every eight adults and one in every four households has been victimized by identity thieves in the past five years. To make matters even worse, if you end up a victim of identity theft, it can take years to clean up the mess. The FTC defines identity theft as stealing personal information such as your name, credit card number, driver license number, or other personal identifying information to commit fraud. The most common identity thefts occur when thieves use your name to apply for services, for credit cards or loans, to buy merchandise or lease equipment such as cars or apartments, and obtain medical care. They can assume your complete identity and live and work under your name, and even commit serious crimes. A primary goal of hackers and online crooks is to find, uncover, and abuse

your personal information, anything that clearly identifies you, such as your name, address, social security number, birth date, family members names or friends names. Used in combination with other private information, like a bank or credit card account number, your stolen information can be used by an identity thief to open a new credit line, access your bank accounts or even apply for official documents like a driver license or passport. The results for you can be devastating, reaching into every transaction you attempt until you clear your name and credit. Due to bad credit reports, victims of identity theft are often rejected for loan applications, credit of any kind, job opportunities, and housing. Your credit can be ruined overnight. You can even be arrested for crimes you didn't commit. To avoid being a victim of identity theft, your first rule is to get the knowledge you need to protect yourself before it happens. The good news is that the chances of online identity theft can be greatly reduced and mostly eliminated by taking the simple, free suggestions as outlined in this new up-to-the-minute book. You will find valuable expertise to evaluate and determine your, your family s, and your business s risks. After evaluating the risks, you are provided a detailed plan so that you can take action for prevention now. We have also outlined a step-by-step program detailing what you can do if you think, or know, that your identity has been stolen. In addition, there are numerous forms and letters that can be used as a template to contact credit agencies, government agencies, credit card companies, banks, and anyone else involved. Atlantic Publishing is a small, independent publishing company based in Ocala, Florida. Founded over twenty years ago in the company president's garage, Atlantic Publishing has grown to become a renowned resource for non-fiction books. Today, over 450 titles are in print covering subjects such as small business, healthy living, management, finance, careers, and real estate. Atlantic Publishing prides itself on producing award winning, high-quality manuals that give readers up-to-date, pertinent information, real-world examples, and case studies with expert advice. Every book has resources, contact information, and web sites of the products or companies discussed. This Atlantic Publishing eBook was professionally written, edited, fact checked, proofed and designed. The print version of this book is 288 pages and you receive exactly the same content. Over the years our books have won dozens of book awards for content, cover design and interior design including the prestigious Benjamin Franklin award for excellence in publishing. We are proud of the high quality of our books and hope you will enjoy this eBook version.