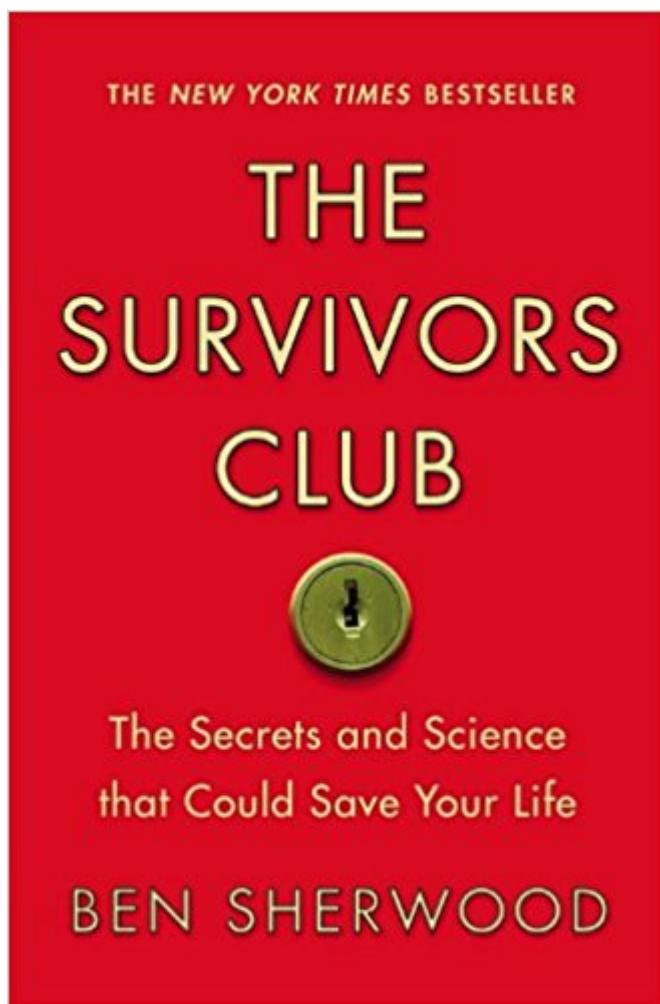


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# The Survivors Club: The Secrets And Science That Could Save Your Life



## **Synopsis**

Which is the safest seat on an airplane? Where is the best place to have a heart attack? Why does religious observance add years to your life? How can birthdays be hazardous to your health? > Each second of the day, someone in America faces a crisis, whether it's a car accident, violent crime, serious illness, or financial trouble. Given the inevitability of adversity, we all wonder: Who beats the odds and who surrenders? Why do some people bound back and others give up? How can I become the kind of person who survives and thrives? The fascinating, hopeful answers to these questions are found in **THE SURVIVORS CLUB**. In the tradition of *Freakonomics* and *The Tipping Point*, this book reveals the hidden side of survival by combining astonishing true stories, gripping scientific research, and the author's adventures inside the U.S. military's elite survival schools and the government's airplane crash evacuation course. With **THE SURVIVORS CLUB**, you can also>discover your own Survivor IQ through a powerful Internet-based test called the Survivor Profiler. Developed exclusively for this book, the test analyzes your personality and generates a customized report on your top survivor strengths. There is no escaping life's inevitable struggles. But **THE SURVIVORS CLUB** can give you an edge when adversity strikes.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Sherwood (The Man Who Ate the 747), a writer for the L.A. Times, travels worldwide to gain insight from people who have survived a slew of near fatal phenomena ranging from a mountain lion attack to a Holocaust concentration camp, and interviewing an array of experts to understand the psychology, genetics and jumble of other little things that determines whether we live or die.

Readers curious about their own survivor profile can take an Internet test, which is explained in the books later pages. Sherwoods assertion that survival is a way of perceiving the world around you is enlightening, as are some of the facts he uncovers: you have 90 seconds to leave a plane crash before the cabin temperature becomes unbearable; luck has more to do with personal perspective than chance. But Sherwoods balance of self-help, scientific theories and first-rate reporting is diminished by occasionally overwrought prose as well as the countless survivors stories, which can run together in a touchy-feely stream of faith and optimism. (Jan.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

According to Sherwood, two questions are central to this book. What does it really take to survive a catastrophic event and what kind of survivor are you? You might be surprised at the answers. While there are tactics and strategies to surviving life tragedies, unforeseen accidents, and other catastrophes, many of these are instinctive (some, like exhibiting transitory superhuman strength, are manifested physiologically, without conscious planning). Some of us, Sherwood explains, are better survivors than othersâ "in prisoner-of-war camps, for example, the people most likely to collapse are the eternal optimists who believe rescue is imminent and fail to come to terms with the possibility of long-term imprisonment. The book is a useful, insightful exploration of the nature of survival, the resilience of the human mind and body, and the ways in which we can all use our natural gifts to maximize our chances of coming through catastrophic situations. --David Pitt --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The book was interesting, but after being teased in every chapter that at the end I was going to get to take a quiz, I was really ready to try and it and curious to see what kind of survivor I am. DON'T GO TO THE LINK!!! The link only takes you to ads, ads, and more ads. There is no quiz. I feel cheated Why do this to people who paid good money to read your book? What a disappointment. Mr. Sherwood, you at least owe it to your readers to post an explanation. I even found the Ben Sherwood blog, but there was no explanation as to why there is no quiz any more, and no posts since 2009. I would have recommended this book but I am so let down and disappointed that the quiz wasn't available. You shouldn't be charging full price for the book if you're going to abandon the quiz site.

I picked up this book because I was interested in what makes some people survivors and others,

well, not. I got short story after short story with next to nothing in the way of actual science, and too many attributions to faith and God than much else. This book would be great for Christians who'd like a feel-good pseudo-science book. Also - most importantly - it says at the very beginning that you will be able to take some sort of survivor's test to determine what sort of survivor you are. I slogged through this book only to get to the part with the URL with the test...and guess what, guys? That site is dead. Nothing there, it's expired. So all this lead up to...nothing. I can't even finish the book now because the rest of it explores your survivor type. I regret buying and reading this book.

The book was full of plain old common sense. Not much new was provided. VERY disappointed that the website listed in the book, (which is supposed to let you log in and take a survivor profile test), takes you to an advertisement. The test, which is referred to in-depth in the book, is apparently no longer available. I would recommend that no one purchase this book. Without the website, it is pretty much a rip off.

I bought this book after reading, and thoroughly enjoying, *The Unthinkable*. This book was a disappointment in comparison. It seemed like a knock off off, a book that was written simply because disaster survival stories were all the rage after 9/11, rather than because the author had information that deserved publishing. The survivor's club is full of short stories about people who had unexpectedly survived disasters. But there was no analysis. No underlying explanation. At best, this book was moderately entertaining. If you are looking for something educational and thought provoking, go with *The Unthinkable* instead.

I loved this book. I listen to it from the audio book version few years ago, and it stood with my over the past 10 years. Finally I found in print, and I enjoy reading again. A collection of interesting facts about what humans can endure. Awesome book!!!!

Only in exceptionally rare instances do I not finish a book, and this book was one of them. The Introduction prepared me for a book that would prepare me for extraordinary, but statistically meaningful, survival encounters. Instead it is an unengaging, meandering treatise of meaningless/irrelevant survival stories. The closest information this book provided was how to better prepare yourself to survive an airplane accident, of which you have a 1 out of 60 million chance of encountering. Not very relevant and there's precious little "science" presented that could save your life (per the book's title).

Interesting book, but I could not take the Survivor Profiler test on line. His website is loaded with "crapware" as my computer advisor explained to me. I tried to log on from three different browsers. All warned me that there was dangerous malware associated with this website. Not sure I could recommend this book to anyone.

This book wasn't bad, and made for an interesting read, but it must be read in small doses or else it gets incredibly repetitive and boring. The stories of survival were interesting, but it'd be a bit of a stretch to call the book "informative", as there's not much in here that I didn't already know. Take care of yourself, be resourceful, think positively, and have faith. That is this entire book in a nutshell. The URLs given in this version for where to get your code to take the Survival Profile Tests are flat wrong. I ended up having to use Google to find them. I wouldn't bother, though. The test is short, repetitive and incredibly shallow. Again, nothing you couldn't have figured out by yourself.

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