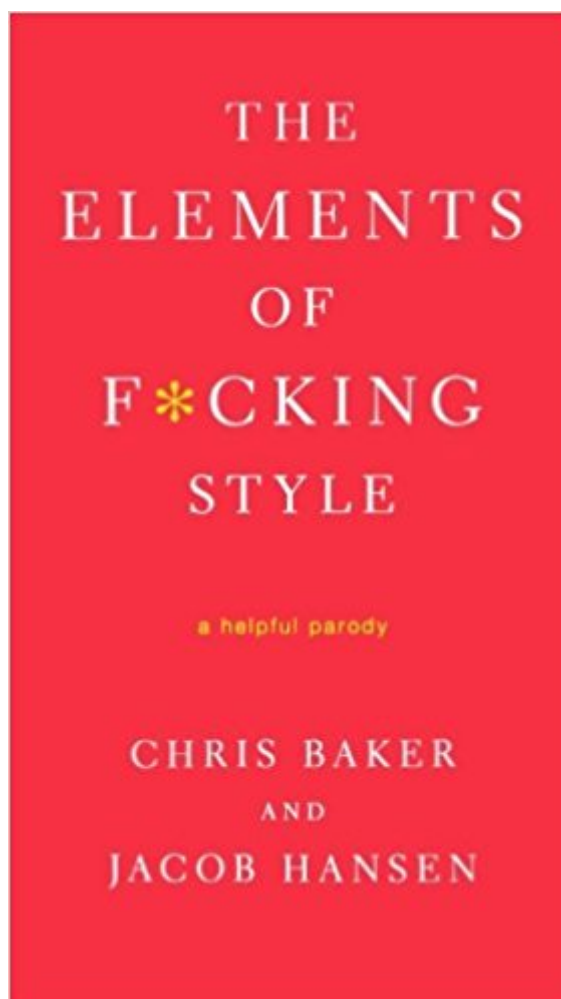




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The Elements Of F*cking Style: A Helpful Parody



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The truth about English is that it can get pretty boring. Dangling modifiers, gerunds, punctuation marks--it's enough to make you want to drop out of high school. Swearing and sex on the other hand, well, these time-honored pastimes warm the cockles of our hearts. Now, *The Elements of F*cking Style* drags English grammar out of the ivory tower and into the gutter, injecting a dull subject with a much-needed dose of color. This book addresses everything from common questions ("What the hell is a pronoun?") to philosophical conundrums ("Does not using paragraphs or periods make my thesis read like it was written by a mental patient?"). Other valuable sections include: "All I've got in this world are my sentences and my balls, and I don't break 'em for nobody" "A colon is more than an organ that gets cancer" "Words your bound to f*ck up" One glance at your friend's blog should tell you everything you need to know about the sorry state of the English language. This book gives you the tools you need to stop looking like an idiot on message boards and in interoffice memos. Grammar has never before been so much f*cking fun.

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Customer Reviews

Being a writing enthusiast, I purchased the original *Elements of Style* nearly 5 years ago. I never made it past the first 5 pages. It literally bored me to sleep every time I tried reading it. Needless to say, I gave up on optimizing my sentence structure and grammar and Strunk & White's work has sat on my bookshelf collecting dust for the last 5 years. Then I saw this book at the local bookstore, read the first 5 pages, bought it, and finished it that day. Absolutely hilarious; both intensely clever and

witty while still providing the much needed knowledge in an easy to digest format. Then I figured since I had both versions, why not have some fun and do a little comparing to see how much Baker and Hansen snipped out from the original? After all, this version was much thinner. So I went through and compared the topics of each book side by side. Lo and behold, Baker & Hansen stayed true to Strunk & White's version on EVERY POINT. They simply reworded each topic's explanation to a wittier version which usually included drugs, sex and lots of cursing. The things they omitted were issues that I realized weren't as applicable to modern day language anymore. Yet the fundamental rules they discussed remained unchanged. Now here's where things get really interesting: In the side by side comparison of both books, I found myself reading through and highlighting Strunk & White's original. In the course of an hour, I had literally read & highlighted Strunk & White's book cover to cover. A book that had been sitting on my shelf for 5 years because I couldn't bring myself to get through 5 pages was suddenly devoured and fully understood in an hour. So here's my two cents: The humor of this book is awesome.

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