

BOOK REVIEW

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Review of Introduction to Executive Protection

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Author Dale June is a former Secret Service agent. In his instructive book, *Introduction to Executive Protection*, he assiduously mines rich lodes of knowledge and practical insights about "executive protection," or close personal security, drawing upon his extensive, firsthand knowledge of the business. The core purpose of the book is to provide a beginning beyond "policing" for the neophyte executive protection specialist. The book, additionally, is intended to serve as a refresher for veteran executive protection specialists. More generally, all persons who potentially may need the professional services of an executive protection specialist may be informed and enlightened by the book.

If an executive protection specialist, or protector, attempts to depart without sail and without rudder, the intended protectee may be endangered. A close reading of *Introduction to Executive Protection* may help avert such a calamitous result. The book is a vessel richly endowed with grains of practical knowledge, ger-

mane to the quite challenging task of protecting someone. A broad panorama of topics are discussed over the course of twelve chapters, running the gamut from: medical emergencies, bombs, kidnappings, terrorists and driving, to advance people, the scope of legal authority of the executive protection specialist, and requisite personal characteristics. The author writes in the style of plain English, with a "glossary" of technical terms appended to the end of the textual material.

Frankly, this is a well-conceived book. It deserves high marks for its instructiveness, informativeness, and practical nature. The author's lengthy background in executive protection is a boon to the reader, because it enables the author to describe things learned the hard way, by actual experience and trial and error. Mind-stretching "Review Questions" appear at the end of various chapters. The book also proffers a modest number of research "Notes," as well as some instructive "figures".

Because the executive protection specialist, as explained by June, has so many potential roles to fulfill, the use of collaborators, with extensive knowledge of specific tasks potentially applicable to the work of an executive protection specialist, may have improved the book. Withal, it cannot be gainsaid that *Introduction to Executive Protection* constitutes a valuable contribution to the literature in the field of executive protection.

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