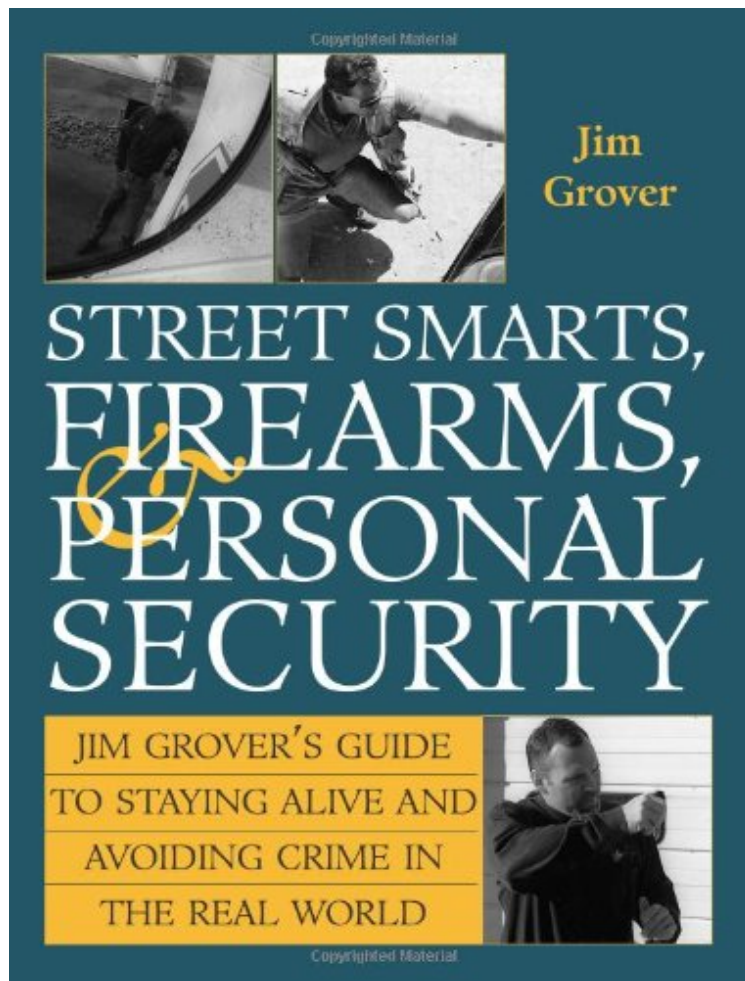


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A good overview of a defensive lifestyleBy EscapeStreet Smarts, Firearms, and Personal Security, is an excellent overview of living a defensive lifestyle. The book is a compilation of articles by Kelly McCann who used to write and produce materials under the name of Jim Grover. This book is basically a collection of numerous articles that appeared a decade ago in the publication Guns and Ammo under the

category Personal Security. Some have criticized this book as being outdated, and a re-hashing of old material that is not relevant to the world we live in today. I would contend that some lessons... especially in the area of personal security, are timeless. The book is not a technical one. It is not something you should expect to find photos of shooting stances, or some slick new MMA technique. It is a bit more on the philosophical side, and would likely appeal to both shooters and non shooters alike. A senior citizen would quite likely profit from this book as much as a recent college freshman. The information offered puts forth a solid base of wisdom gained through the authors vast experience in hostile operational environments across the globe. Important concepts like avoidance, awareness, and a defensive mindset are subtly developed as the reader progresses through the chapters. Introduction- Basically sets the stage for the lessons to follow. Mindset related, and addresses realities of why self defense is needed. It has an eye opening "security savvy quiz", as well as answering the four most common self defense/safety questions posed to the author. Personal Security/Street Smarts- These sections cover among other things, securing your home, and testing it. Apartment security, and becoming a harder target overall. The street smart section is beneficial to almost anyone and includes articles on awareness, mental preparation, parking lot safety, senior citizen self defense and defensible reactions. Travel/Scams/Kids- A few articles related to foreign travel in particular, along with some information on modern crimes such as identity theft, riots, and terrorism. There is a great section on child safety as well as security on college campuses. The above sections mainly dealt with avoidance/mindset/awareness issues. The latter half of the book deals with more direct action. Alternative Weapons/ Combatives- This section focuses more on principles than individual techniques. The articles here, relate to improvised weapons found in any environment. The realities of up front and personal deadly encounters are discussed as well. Shooting Fundamentals/Situations- Again, this is not a technique book, or an instruction manual. It covers some basic shooting drills, and articles related to finding a good defensive shooting instructor. It also provides insight into the problems of multiple attackers, low light shooting, vehicle defense, and confined spaces. I think the most valuable thing a reader takes away from this book is receiving a clear exposure to the puzzle of personal defense. This book doesn't provide so many answers, but does bring to the table some very real issues that are not often talked about. It points the reader in the right direction to receive the training, and knowledge to gain a greater overall level of security. The three star rating is not entirely fair, or a reflection of this book alone. But it is hard not to judge it against the strength of Kelly McCann's other productions which are outstanding. Most of his other books and DVD's are easily five star. In light of his other products... this book is just "OK". 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Informative. By Tony. I found this book very informative. At first I must admit that I was a little disappointed. Originally I thought this was going to be more like the usual Jim Grover (Kelly McCann) books on combat self defense, as anyone familiar with his work knows. Lessons on self defense with illustrations etc. But not so. This book is primarily a compilation of articles that he wrote in "Gun's and Ammo" magazine back in the 90's. But once I started reading it I was hooked, lots of great stuff in here. It has a lot of common-sense information that you may not have thought about, as well as some that you would have, but probably never thought of as to how to put into action. Lots of good advice. There's only a few pictures in the book, mostly during the gun self defense section. I highly recommend this book, it is truly worth the read and time. As I said lot's of good advice that you need to know. A very practical approach to personal defense. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent. it is a no nonsense approach to safety. By mmdolphingirl. Excellent. it is a no nonsense approach to safety, beginning with situational awareness, and offers loads of tips as how to improve personal safety as well as keeping your home safer. A must read for those who want to enjoy life without being paranoid, but also want to be mindful as how to increase personal security in an ever increasingly violent society with higher crime rates than we have seen in decades. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure it's sad, and this book will help prevent you from becoming a victim in the first place, I highly recommend it, and will look into his other works on these topics.

Jim Grover's professional credentials in the art of crime avoidance and self-defense are as good as it gets: on-site security specialist in the world's hottest hot spots, combatives instructor to ultrahigh-speed military and police units and hands-on security trainer to international corporations, among other sensitive assignments. Here is a compilation of the best of his wildly popular Personal Security columns in Guns Ammo magazine. It covers the entire spectrum of personal security issues, with street-savvy ideas and twists you will find nowhere else. Learn how to vastly improve the physical security of your home; develop alert street smarts; stay safe while traveling in your vehicle, out of town or abroad; recognize and avoid crimes of the new millennium; keep your children safe; choose and use effective nonlethal weapons; engage in nasty unarmed combat; and utilize radically practical shooting skills that have been perfected in real-life situations. From spotting trouble before it happens to surviving a riot to handling a firearm like a pro, this book has it all!