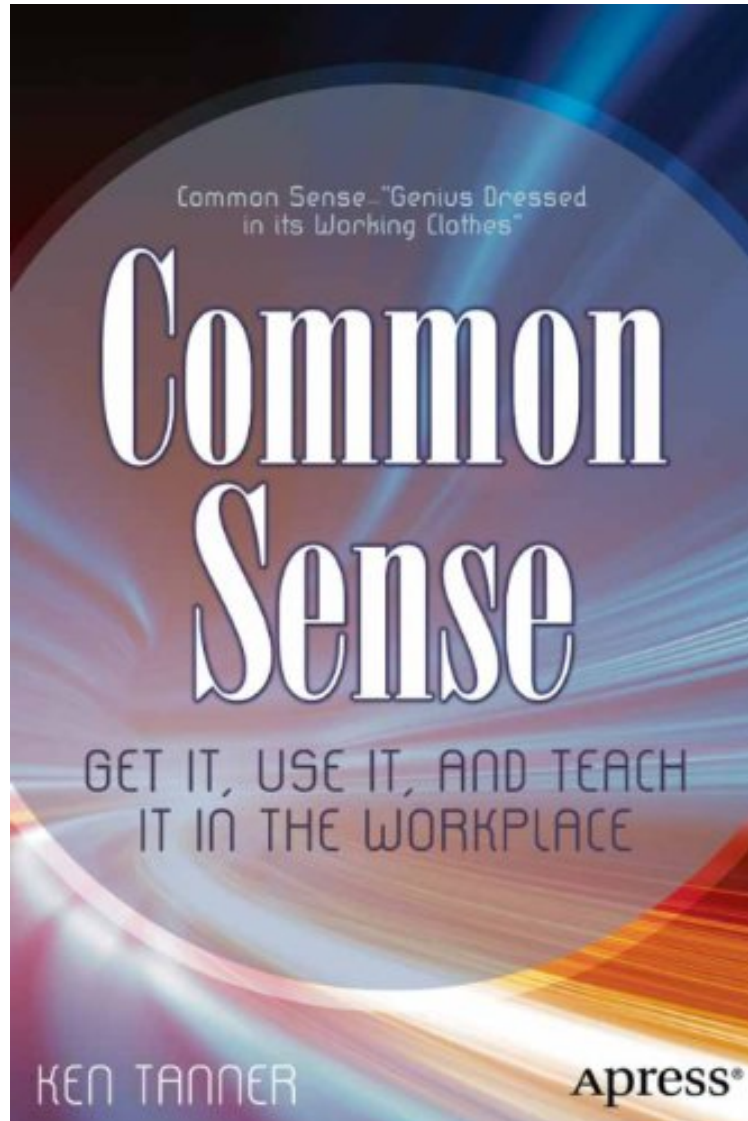


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Ken Tanner : Common Sense: Get It, Use It, and Teach It in the Workplace before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Common Sense: Get It, Use It, and Teach It in the Workplace:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Looking like a fool with your pants on the ground.By Kory AinsworthVery well written and interesting. Small gripe about one paragraph. It contained an anti-smoker message based on the assumption that the health risks make smoking illogical. I do agree with the message, but not the way it was presented.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Use This To Make Good DecisionsBy Laura WoodThe book claims to be the only book available on the subject of common sense; and I find it amazing this is true.

Common sense is the cornerstone of making good decisions and is often the difference between success and failure. This book covers the topic well, from building a positive perception, to quickly understanding people, to basic business knowledge, and making decisions. I especially liked the chapters on identifying fallacies in logic and examining internet urban legends. Perhaps more important, the author claims that common sense can be learned and taught. And he then goes on to show you how to do it. I didn't think this was a trait that could be developed - I figured either you were born with it or you weren't - but I'm convinced now that common sense can be learned. Big plus - this is a fun book to read. Lots of stories and wry observations. Highly recommended. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Common Sense is simple By Jason Wyatt This book takes a subject that is often talked about - common sense - but rarely understood. Most think it is rare, but this book explains that common sense really is common. We just need to learn how to identify it and enhance it. The style of the book is a lot of fun and very easy to read, using current real-life examples as well as fictional stories that may have you laughing as you see yourself in some of the situations. It is also good that the book delves into all angles, from folklore to urban legends to politics to psychology. Of special note is the last chapter - the Coda. The last story completely changed my perspective on dealing with the crises we all face in life.

“He may have an MBA, but he's got no common sense.” Assessments like that by a boss can stop a career dead in its tracks. Unfortunately, many believe that common sense is a trait you are either born with or you are not. This book dispels that myth. Through the pages of *Common Sense: Get It, Use It, and Teach It* in the Workplace readers will learn not only what common sense is, but how to acquire it and use it to enhance their careers, increase their confidence, and take better advantage of business opportunities. *Common Sense* explores the use and non-use of common sense in the workplace and the world around us. It shows how you can become a person of great wisdom and good judgment by simply learning about all the ways people stumble in the thought process. Author Ken Tanner, a seasoned manager, consultant, and former regional vice president for two major U.S. restaurant chains, shows readers how to make better decisions, how to spot and avoid fallacious thinking, how to better assess ambiguous situations, and how to become a mature thinker with a knack for making the right move at just the right time. Best of all, *Common Sense* shows how to teach this trait to others, especially subordinates and co-workers who can and will do nonsensical things unless you help them learn to reason through their decisions and actions quickly and confidently. The payoff? Your staff will make you look good, greasing the way for greater responsibility and opportunity. This book: Takes you through an understanding of the term "common sense" - what it means and what it doesn't mean. Shows how fallacies create barriers to using common sense. Provides dozens of examples of the application (as well as rejection) of common sense in the business world and elsewhere. Shows how to teach common sense to others. What you'll learn What common sense is and is not How common sense affects your daily life How and why common sense leads to career advancement and opportunity How to instantly improve your image of having good common sense The many fallacies in thinking that can destroy common-sense thinking How to teach common sense to the people you manage and work with Who this book is for *Common Sense: Get It, Use It, and Teach It* in the Workplace is for managers and employees who want to capitalize on opportunities, make the most of their personnel, and become more valuable to their employers. You can't get a degree in common sense, but you can still learn the discipline and teach it to others. *Common Sense* is an excellent choice for those who want to grab an advantage in the workplace through clear, rational thinking and a mature thought process.

About the Author Ken Tanner began his career scrubbing dishes in the back of a Pizza Hut, eventually becoming the youngest manager in that chain's history. What followed was a 20-year career in the hospitality industry that included management of hotels, owning a dinner theater, and serving as a regional vice president for two of the nation's biggest restaurant chains. This phase of his career featured dramatic customer-service turnarounds, record low employee turnover rates, and the development of dozens of industry leaders. Ken is especially proud of the number of women he helped advance into executive positions. Ken founded a human resources consulting firm in 1995. Initially focused on recruiting, Ken now uses his expertise to help companies build teamwork and retain employees. Ken is the author of five other business books on team-building and careers, including *Recruiting Excellence* and *The Boomer's Career Survival Guide*. He can be reached at kentanner@consultant.com.