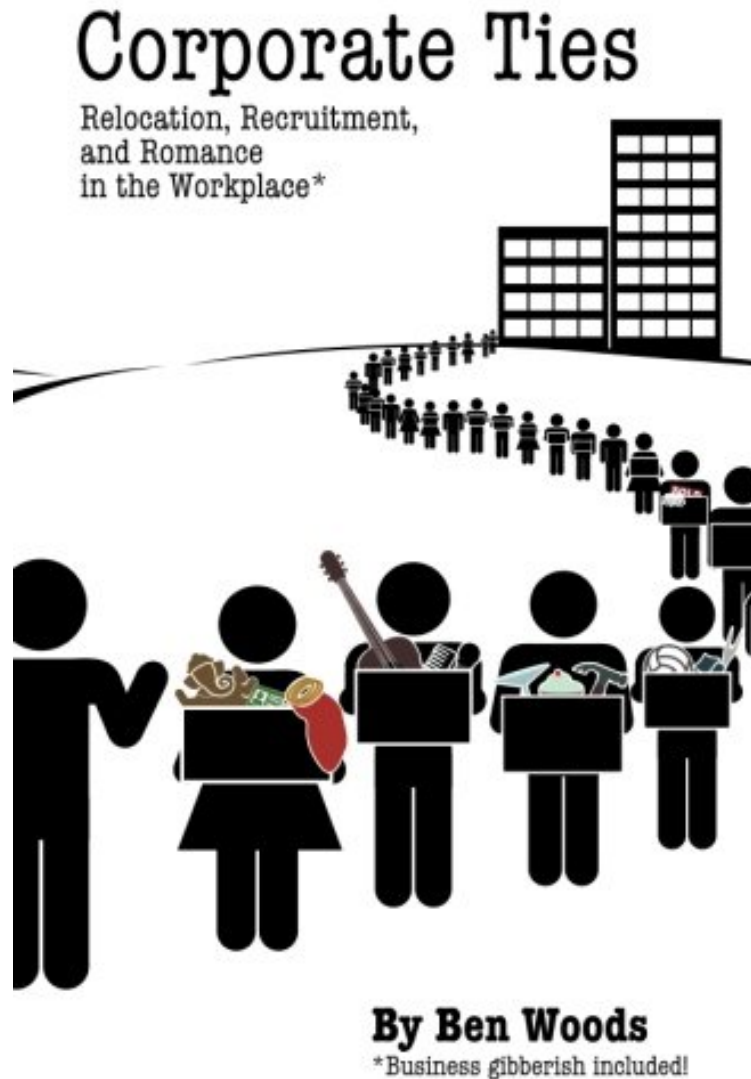


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Typifies corporate lifeBy B. BurkeIf you've ever worked for a large company that endured a corporate takeover, you will be able to relate wholeheartedly to Jason, the new-hire whose life is chronicled in "Corporate Ties" by Ben Woods. The book is a true slice-of-life picture as Jason is thrust headlong into the upheaval of the workaday world when, after less than 2 weeks on his new job, the company he works for is bought out by a bigger conglomerate. Jason, hired as a computer programmer, expects to be the first one out the door when massive layoffs are announced, as is often the case in such a takeover. Instead, the wheels are put in motion to move the employees--or rather, associates--to the headquarters location. Jason is surprised to find he's invited to move along with everyone else, but most of the book is spent on his waffling back and forth, full of what-if's and uncertainty, on whether to move or not. His dilemma is compounded by several factors: he's just bought a house, which he's not sure he wants to sell; he's not sure whether there's any promise in an on-again, off-again office romance relationship; and most of all, he's struck by the weird vibes that emanate from this new corporation. On the one hand, it appears to be a solid place to work--he hasn't heard a bad word from anyone who works there against the company. But for starters, the dress code includes ties for the men. Jason has just invested in several polo shirts expressly for the new job. He's not keen on having to reinvest in a new wardrobe. Another strange aspect is that his work on a new system goes forward unabated, yet nobody at headquarters seems to be in the know about what he's doing. He continues to question whether he's being brought along on a ruse, only to be cut loose after he makes the move. Jason's observations about the rest of the crew and their issues with the move are both humorous and insightful. He can often be more astute about what others should do while not being able to determine his own path. I kept hoping one of his co-workers could be half as helpful to him, but the only input he seems to get is from the would-be girlfriend who keeps insisting that she knows he won't make the move--when he doesn't even know himself. The other thing I kept hoping for was some real action. It seemed as if there were a couple of points of buildup where the reader is ready for the other shoe to drop, but the action falls off without a climax. I was really looking forward to a pivotal point in the story. Overall, the book is engaging and well-written with a real appeal to those who enjoy situations similar to Dilbert cartoons.

Jason Harris has found the perfect job as a web developer with a Fortune 500 financial subsidiary. He meets his cool and quirky co-workers and even scores a date with an Indian princess/database administrator. This lasts all of eight days. Due to "organizational restructuring," the parent company announces that all employees at Jason's location are being relocated to corporate headquarters in another state. Each person mulls the idea of exchanging a laid-back, business casual dress environment for a cafeteria, a fitness center, and a strangling — by a necktie (corporate attire only, please) and organizational bureaucracy. The men and women in suits arrive to document the documents, proactivate the buzzwords, and cage the project managers. Is the job really worth it? And why exactly do people give up their independence to become company drones?

About the AuthorBen Woods is a freelance writer and computer programmer who was born in the Midwest but now lives on the East Coast. His first book, "The Developers," is a tech-humor fiction novel about government conspiracy, online privacy, and crazy people on the Internet. During the past two decades, he has held full-time writing and computer programming positions with companies large and small, collected a stack of employee manuals and health insurance cards, and worked with a litany of CEOs, PMPs, BBMs, and A-HOLEs.