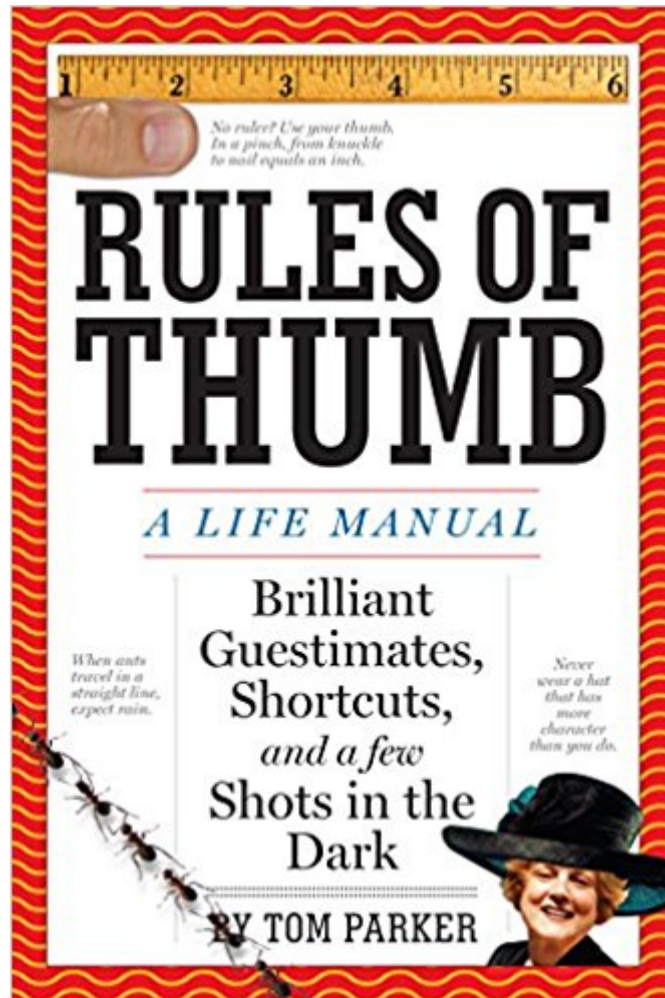




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# Rules Of Thumb: A Life Manual



## Synopsis

A mix of folk wisdom, common sense, shared experience, the advice of experts, and the kind of group think that's made websites like Wikipedia so vital, *Rules of Thumb* is the impulsive compendium of 1,000 general principles that apply to every facet of life. Collected by Tom Parker for over 25 years, these are rules that are practical, quirky, and as entertaining to read as they are relevant to the reader. There's a rule of thumb for just about every subject imaginable • money, marriage, cooking, health, weather, cars, gardening, restaurants, travel. This is the priceless knowledge that's accumulated not from reading, but from living. Tempted by a string of pearls at a yard sale? Rub them against your teeth: The rule of thumb, as your grandmother might have told you, is that a genuine pearl will grate. Not sure how to choose a puppy? Pick one whose tail wags in sync with its walk • a sign of calmness. To win at blackjack, assume that any unseen card is an eight. And remember, a rule of thumb works four out of five times (including this one).

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I don't know what it is with some of the so-called reviews of this book. They were written long before the book was even published. needs to get its act together and clean up the review process. For all of you potential readers out there, here is a REAL review of this book: *Rules of Thumb* is more than

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This is a great book to peruse in your spare time, like during commercials, bathroom breaks, or just hanging out at the beach in the shade. I never knew we humans had so many rules of thumb, and often after reading a rule, you will think, "Oh sure...I've heard that one." I would classify the little paperback as worth your while and money...and have fun - many chuckles await you.

When I first saw this book on , I knew immediately that my soon-to-be 12 year old grandson would love it. I was right! After receiving it for Christmas this year, he can't wait to tell me all of the new "facts" that he learns each week. A very worthwhile purchase!

Not what I expected because from the write-up I thought it would be wisdom from all history all in one book. Instead much of it is written by the editors or contributors and contains some trite information to fill in with some interesting stuff, and then some useful stuff. All in all an interesting book, but not an encyclopedia of what I would call "rules of thumb."

I have enjoyed the book this past year and so have bought 8 more for friends and family for Christmas.

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