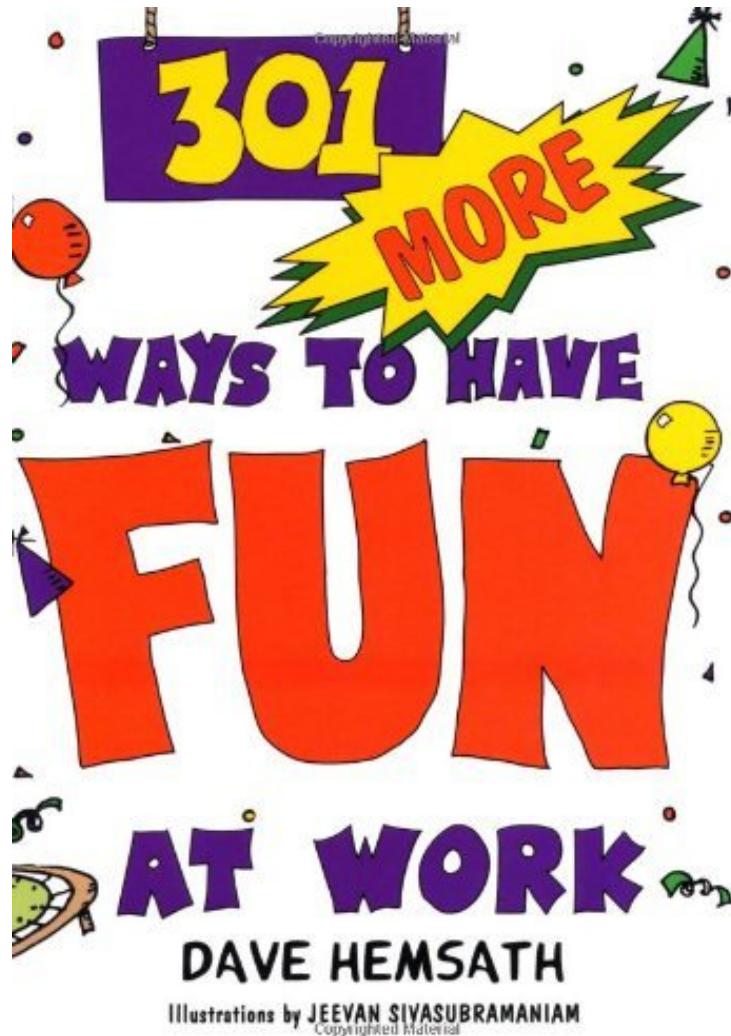


## 301 More Ways to Have Fun at Work

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**Dave Hemsath : 301 More Ways to Have Fun at Work** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 301 More Ways to Have Fun at Work:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. FANTASTIC!By A CustomerCan't understand what the others are bellyaching about-I found this to be a quick entertaining read that was full of great ideas and suggestions. Unlike the multitude of other books about fostering fun and creativity in the workplace that try to pretend that they are speaking of a finely-tuned science with complex procedures-this book says it like it is-it's just fun!If you need an in-depth how-to book to have fun at work, trust me, this is the least of your problems.I took the suggestions for the "obstacle course race" and we had a fantastic time in my office-everyone came out of their "shells" (cubicles rather) and joined in the fun...there were people there that I didn't even know had a sense of humor...If you are looking for some long-winded analytical study of the concept of fun at work for the sake of fostering productivity and morale go elsewhere-this is

just simple fun, fun to read, fun ideas, and fun to practice...NICE!0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting ideasBy Dianne WAs the economy grows tighter, managers are looking for ways to alleviate stress at work. In a time when companies need to do more with less, gone are the days of elaborate office parties, bonuses and other "fun" perks.A lot of this book is for a time when budgets were bigger - such as buying trinkets.A lot of this book is designed for small offices - taking the afternoon off and going to a baseball game, playing Frisbee or going on a boat cruise.A lot of the games/toys are a bit unprofessional in a professional office environment such as Nerf guns, silly slammers Video games. There are, however, many hidden gems. Author, Dave Hemsath does offer websites to purchase inexpensive trinkets such as Oriental Trading Co. The quotes really do put things into perspective. For example, "Trust is a leader's most powerful tool; with it, a leader can build an achieving, lasting community; without it, the leader cannot build anything exceptional or lasting." Dr. Leonard Berry. There is also an excellent section on leadership. The book is worth a quick read through.8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Outstanding Fun!By A CustomerThis book was filled with plenty of examples of what major corporations, as well as small independent mom-and-pop-shops do to encourage the concept of fun in the workplace, and how that in turn improves morale, productivity and the work environment as a whole. The bite-size pieces of information, written in a pleasingly anecdotal manner make it an easy read, and the cartoons and illustrations don't hurt either. I would recommend this book to anyone looking to incorporate the concept of fun into their workplace, actually, it's a good read just in and of itself without even being used for practical applications. NICE WORK!

Research has shown that people who enjoy their work are more productive and creative and generally have higher levels of job satisfaction. Fun workplaces report high levels of team spirit and employee morale. And given today's extremely low unemployment rate, companies are under more pressure than ever to foster enjoyable work environments and retain their best employees.301 More Ways to Have Fun at Work combines thorough research with practical hands-on tools for injecting a spirit of fun into the work environment. Each chapter includes 40 to 60 examples of how organizations have incorporated fun into the normal course of the workday. Sidebars offer humorous and interesting facts and statements about the effects of fun on workplace performance and job satisfaction. Readers also learn about useful sources that can help enhance workplace "funativity".

"The Return of Fun at Work: You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll scream with delight. Don't tell your friends the ending." - Carl Ingram, WayFinders Group "If customer service, or better yet, "customer caring" is your business, then read on and discover the many ways you can create experiences that make people smile, laugh and want to come back and do business with you." - JoAnna Brandi, author of Winning at Customer Retention"From the PublisherPEOPLE WHO HAVE FUN AT WORK are more productive, more creative, and report higher levels of job satisfaction, according to recent research. And they tend to stick around longer toomdash;a key competitive advantage in today's tight job market. In short, fun in the workplace goes right to the bottom line. As coauthor of 301 Ways to Have Fun at Work, Dave Hemsath was among the first to show how fun could be beneficial to all types and sizes of organizations. The idea has caught on, and people are clamoring for more ways to make their workplaces fun places to be. His new book, 301 More Ways to Have Fun at Work, builds on the success of the earlier book by applying the concept to new areas of business life, showing how to inject an element of fun into hiring, customer service, events, sales and marketing, leadership, and corporate culture. Like the earlier book, 301 More Ways to have Fun at Work offers practical advice for creating a work environment infused with the spirit of fun. It's a comprehensive resource for building and maintaining a productive and satisfying work environment that inspires camaraderie among employees and loyalty to the organization. And also like its predecessor, each chapter includes dozens of real-life examples of how individuals and organizations have put fun into the normal course of their work. Throughout the chapters, a series of "Fun Facts" and "Fun Quotes" provides humorous and interesting information about the effects of fun on workplace performance, and "Fun Resources" direct readers to useful sources for products and services that increase the fun quotient in the workplace. The book also includes "A Hierarchy of Fun," a lighthearted but thoughtful discussion of the factors needed for establishing and maintaining a fun workplace. Entertaining and accessible, 301 More Ways to Have Fun at Work legitimizes the issue of fun as an organizational strategy and has a good time doing it. Hemsath's infectious enthusiasm guarantees that readers will enjoy themselves as they discover how to make their workplace more enjoyable. He clearly shows that creating a fun atmosphere in the workplace not only makes working more pleasant, but also increases productivity, morale, and retention.About the AuthorDave Hemsath is co-owner of Business Outreach Books, a business book distributor based in Cleveland, Ohio. His business takes him all over the U.S., where he sees people at many successful companies having fun at work.