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**Roger Collis : The Survivor's Guide to Business Travel (International Herald Tribune)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Survivor's Guide to Business Travel (International Herald Tribune):

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Full of errorsBy A CustomerI've been a travel agent and travel agency owner for more than a decade, and so started reading this book with a great deal of interest.I hadn't even finished the first page before I fell off my chair with astonishment at the errors the author was perpetrating - 'a consolidation ticket is normally valid for a year and fully flexible'. This is completely wrong - consolidated/discounted tickets are always highly restricted.I read on to page two. And major mistake two. 'A good travel agent can often save you more by exploiting IATA fare construction rules allowing you to fly up to 25% more miles between two points either free or for a small surcharge'. Again, dead wrong.In more than ten years as a travel agent, I have never ever issued a single mileage based fare (such as the author advocates in the preceding paragraph). These days, with most fares being 'route based' rather than 'mileage based' it is exceeding rare to find such fares at good values.Other parts of the book (which claims a 2000 publication date) are curiously out of date, probably because they have been culled from the author's newspaper columns over many years - for example, 'wait for the new generation of featherweight PCN digital mobiles, allowing people to call you wherever you are.' Excuse me, but featherweight (whatever that means) digital phones have been out there for quite a few years already....All in all, an extremely disappointing book,

full of errors and light on real value. If you're looking for a book like this, I'd recommend either the currently out of print 'Airline Passenger's Guerrilla Handbook' by George Brown or 'Fly cheap!' by Kelly Monaghan. 3 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A Must Read for Women Travelers By A Customer If you are a woman traveling alone, do not leave home without the tips Collis offers along with all the other DOS and DONTs. You'll be shocked at all the do's you don't do, and all the don'ts you do. Learn where and what not to eat for happy travel. Look at hotels other women have chosen and get tips for safety, security and peace. Really. A great plane read!

\* Fully updated new edition from columnist Roger Collis

of the first edition ""If you're looking for ways to make your (business) travel less of a hassle, ""The Survivor's Guide to Business Travel"" could be just what you need. Written in a breezy entertaining style, the book is a compilation of the author's travel columns for the ""International Herald Tribune."" The chapters are short, making the book perfect for reading at airports or other places with distractions and frequent interruptions."" -- Government Executive ""Everything a frequent traveler needs"" -- First Class IATA magazine