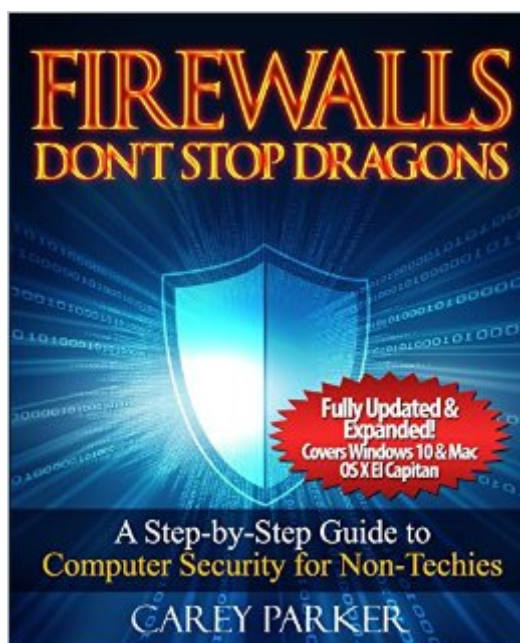# Firewalls Don't Stop Dragons: A Step-By-Step Guide To Computer Security For Non-Techies

Synopsis

Fully updated and expanded! Added steps for Windows 10 and Mac OS X El Capitan Over 30% more material Expanded coverage on mobile device safety Expanded coverage on safety for kids onlineContains well over 100 tips with complete step-by-step instructions and pictures! Topics include: Choosing and managing passwords Securely browsing the web and communicating with others Securely setting up home networking Shopping and banking online Locking down social media accounts Creating automated backups Managing your home computers Using your smart phone and tablet safely Safeguarding your kids onlineDon't Get Caught With Your Drawbridge Down!Just how secure is your computer right now? My guess is that you probably don't really know. Computers and the Internet have revolutionized the modern world, but if you're like most people, you have no clue how these things work or what the real threats are.Protecting your computer is like defending a medieval castle. While moats, walls, drawbridges and castle guards can be effective, you'd go broke trying to build something dragon-proof. This book is not about protecting yourself from a targeted attack by the NSA; it's about armoring yourself against common hackers and mass surveillance. There are dozens of no-brainer things we should all be doing to protect our computers and safeguard our data - just like wearing a seat belt, installing smoke alarms, and putting on sunscreen.I've structured this book to give you maximum benefit with minimum effort. If you just want to know what to do, every chapter has a complete checklist with step-by-step instructions and pictures. The book contains well over 100 tips that are guaranteed to make you and your family safer!

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Customer Reviews

This book is a life-saver - literally! Carey Parker makes the important point that by safeguarding our computers we are protecting both our privacy and our money. I recently had my identity stolen and one of the most troubling aspects of this situation is that I don't know how my personal information was compromised. While I try to be very smart and cautious, things happen. Carey's book and the checklists it contains have enabled me to make sure all of my i's are dotted and t's are crossed. Trust me that spending time reading this book is much more fun and less frustrating than spending time cleaning up an identity theft... And buying the book is cheaper than fixing identity theft too! This book is a MUST HAVE!!

This is a great book for anyone with a computer. While nobody really likes to think about computer security, you ignore this book at your peril. Carey is a real expert on the subject and writes in a fun style that makes the topic approachable and most importantly--ACTIONABLE.I recommend this book for all.

This is a great, user-friendly book for everyone! I have never bought a book about computers--It's not a topic that would normally interest me. But recent events have made me more concerned about internet security, and this book was exactly what I needed. Lots of useful tips in a format that is easy to read and understand regardless of your knowledge level. As a bonus, it is clever and entertaining.

I am a senior citizen who is trying very hard to keep up in this day and age of technology. Staying connected to my friends and family using my computer, my iPhone, and my iPad is very important to me. But I also have a respect for the pitfalls that could occur with things like identity theft and hacking. This book has provided me with a LOT of useful information in a way that I can understand. As of result of reading it, I have made several changes and additions to my arsenal of protective gear and now feel much more safe and secure as a result. I would highly recommend this book to those of my age group who are looking for easy-to-understand directions and explanations for protecting privacy and yet still being able to enjoy all the fun and benefits of the wonderful world of the internet.

Fantastic book on internet/computer security. Carey Parker has written an easy to read, easy to

understand, and easy to implement book for all of us "non-techies" and as a bonus it is written in a fun and clever style. I highly recommend this to anyone who relies on computers to store or access sensitive information. I will be encouraging my friends and family to read this book.

Get ready for several "Oh, I get it" and 'I better go do that right now!" moments. Carey has a knack for making "techie" concepts clear and actionable. You'll appreciate the additional understanding and ability to take control of your castle's computer security.

Fantastic Book! I really enjoyed the subject matter, which always helps, but Carey Parker is able to give enough background, and point people at many of the tools used by security researchers to protect their privacy online. Is it a do this 1 thing and your safe? Read the book and Find out. A quick read, well organized, and if you have family members like I do (who do not speak TechJargon for a living)it is written in an easy to read style. Thoroughly enjoyed the book.

Now that my wife and I are both retired, I am pretty much responsible for Internet security and privacy for our computers (we have 3 PC's and 3 Apple devices). This book is, to me, clearly the best resource I have found to protect the security and privacy of our machines. I have implemented many (most) of the recommendations that author Parker makes in the book and am much more confident and relaxed about working/browsing/shopping on the Internet regardless of being at home or using a public WiFi. The book is fun to read, but on a more serious level, the screen shots that show how to implement the book's suggestions for most recent operating systems makes the task at hand certainly less difficult. I am neither a novice nor an expert with computers, mired somewhere in between, but I had no trouble following the recommendations, understanding their rationales, and implementing them. This book was one of the best $20 that I have ever spent.

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