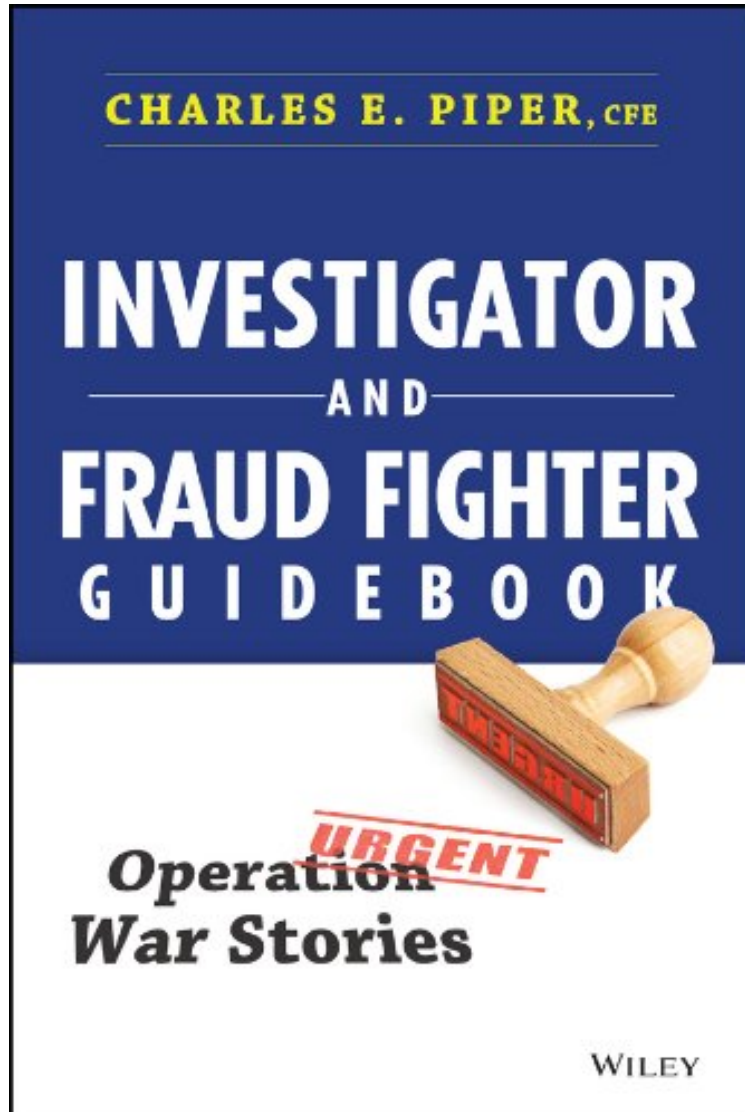


# Investigator and Fraud Fighter Guidebook: Operation War Stories

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**Charles E. Piper : Investigator and Fraud Fighter Guidebook: Operation War Stories** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Investigator and Fraud Fighter Guidebook: Operation War Stories:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fighting Fraud...emphasis on fighting!By Derek KnightsCharles E. Piper, CFE, seems to be the type of guy you'd want to train you to be a private investigator (or even a high-end security officer) because it just seems right. He even looks the part—I've met him and there's a picture on his book's cover-jacket. The book under the jacket is Investigator and Fraud Fighter – Operation War Stories and it's exactly what that says. The jacket also notes "Piper's goal is help new and veteran investigators expand their...efforts through smart

techniques" and it does exactly what that says! The book runs about 300 pages in 14 chapters, a small index, and brief appendix. It's laid out quite well and follows a logical progression. Some chapters easily apply to other security or law enforcement disciplines other than investigations, general or fraud-specific. Each chapter has both "chapter-text" and sidebar "War Stories." Sometimes it seems the chapter is almost all war stories—but that's not a bad thing. Chapter 1 starts with a quotation, and goes right into "War Story 1.1"—which turns out to be a bit of a downer about running into political interference in investigations. A downer, but a valuable lesson to start with. Mr. Piper says a good investigator needs passion, integrity, and grit, and refers to it by the acronym PIG. Sort of a head scratcher at first—it seems like an unsophisticated choice... But as you go through the book, you find that Mr. Piper's writing style and content actually stands up to those three words. He writes very conversationally; he says some things some times where you'd want to chuckle if he said it to you in person until you see his unsmiling face and realize he's absolutely sincere. Chapters that stand out include the early ones on investigations, and Chapter 5: Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Systemic Weakness. The reader can see here Mr. Piper's passion, integrity, and grit in the way he phrases things and the examples he includes in the war stories—warts and all. He fights the good fight and never lets the fact that the bad guys win every once in a while (maybe even more frequently than that) get him down. One gets the impression when the powers-that-be close an investigation because it's getting close to embarrassing one of them he picks himself up, dusts himself off, and goes nose-to-nose to the next fight. Chapter 6 on reporting interested me the most, probably because of my own ongoing battles against our industry's apparent loving embrace of illiteracy (I promise not to get started...). If I have the opportunity to meet and speak with Mr. Piper again I'd like to discuss this chapter at length and maybe get him to flesh it out into a much longer chapter or even a book of its own. At least, if he'll still talk to me after I tell him to stop using "utilize" so much...drives me crazy. Reading Mr. Piper's book is almost like have him beside you, giving you guidance in a very matter-of-fact way with a strong, but not preachy, ethical thread running through everything. I particularly like his comments about physical fitness (something I need to face more directly) and morale—"the job should be fun most of the time, or...at least tolerable 90% of the time." He ends the book with a quotation by Teddy Roosevelt, whom he described using yet another quote: "an iron-willed leader of impeachable honesty," unfortunately omitting the "un" in "unimpeachable." A survivable error at the end of a very good book with few, if any, other misses. Derek Knights - printed in Canadian Security Magazine 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Chuck put together an excellent primer for anyone contemplating a career in investigations and ...By Craig Chuck put together an excellent primer for anyone contemplating a career in investigations and a reminder reference for anyone already in the field. Having worked in the same federal agency as Chuck, but in different offices (we probably met during War Story 2.3), I can readily relate and attest to the veracity of his war stories. While I might have shared his tales of "administrivia" a little differently, he aptly demonstrates the need for perseverance with fraud cases. Sometimes our worst enemies are those within our chain of command, or the victim agencies whom we are supposed to support. While doing the right thing may have its costs, being able to hold your head up high is a super benefit. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Great Read For Anyone In Investigations, Or Planning To Be By Stephen Pedneault I truly enjoyed reading the trials, tribulations and wisdom of an experienced and dedicated fraud investigator who did things right, and by right I don't mean he solved all his cases or he didn't make mistakes. Rather, I mean his passion and commitment to conduct thorough and proper investigations rings through from the inception of his career in military law enforcement through his post-government civilian career as a private investigator. Sage advice and training from dedicated experienced investigators formed the foundation for his career, and poor experiences with incompetent supervisors only strengthened his resolve to do it better each and every day. The book is filled with sound and practical advice for anyone starting an investigative career, and those already in the field.

Get federal investigative insight and guidance on conducting thorough investigations and case-building The ability to conduct thorough and effective investigations is a skill that has become increasingly in-demand across many industries. At the same time, investigative resources are dwindling as markets recede. Regulation and financial hurdles impede traditional investigation processes. Even seasoned professionals are finding themselves overtasked or lacking the experience to pursue the types of cases that are accumulating. In Investigator and Fraud Fighter Guidebook: Operation War Stories, author Charles E. Piper, CFE provides insight and guidance on how to conduct thorough and complete investigations while juggling a caseload. Piper served over 30 years in law enforcement-including 20 as an award-winning Federal Special Agent-Criminal Investigator. His wide array of experience allows him to lend a high-level perspective to the art and science of professional investigations of criminal, civil, and administrative cases. In the book, Piper provides guidance on conducting thorough and complete investigations (even with fewer resources) and spotting red flags that often indicate big-picture problems. Piper also shows how to: Identify the suspect's other wrongful acts (similar and otherwise) Identify similar wrongful acts committed by others, and predict future occurrences Identify systemic weaknesses, waste, and abuse Identify changes and corrections necessary to prevent future occurrences The book includes Piper's real-life investigative examples to illustrate important concepts. Whether the matter is public, private, or military, the same basic investigative principles apply. Things that may seem totally unrelated may hold the keys that crack the cases. The Investigator and Fraud Fighter Guidebook: Operation War

Stories provides the acumen and judgment required to pick up on these clues and successfully conclude investigations.