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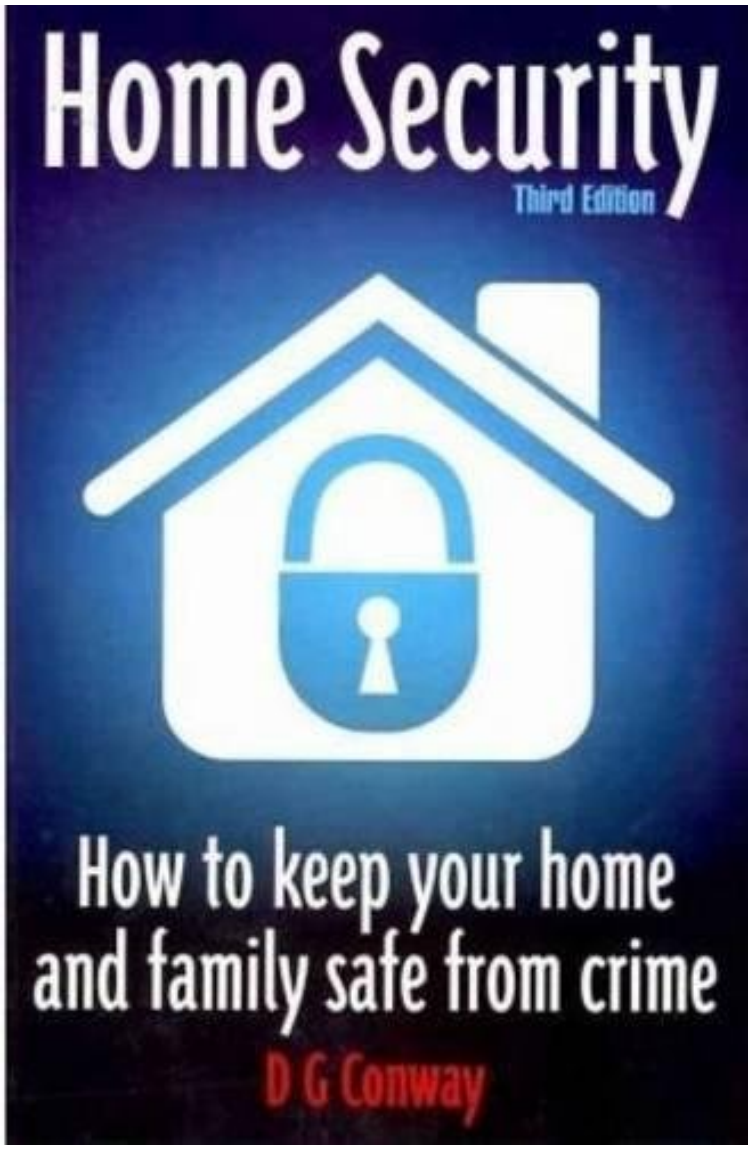

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"common sense" if Thomas Paine had not already used that one. It should also have been free, since so much of it reads like a paid advertisement from major Home Security companies.Summary: Don't buy unless you were raised in isolation for 30 years, and then given a home. That is the only demographic that I can imagine who wouldn't already posess the data in this book.Spoiler alert: I'm going to summarize the entire book in one (albeit run-on) sentance - Use a light timer when on vacation, use security lights in the yard, landscape such that criminals cannot hide in the bushes, change your routines periodicaly, and buy a dog.There, I just saved you $15 and did it in an environmentaly sound way. You can send me $5 if you are grateful.My problem with the book is not that the contents are wrong or useless, but that it is material that I though was tribal knowledge passed down to all of us from friends and family. I just can't imagine anyone in a 1st-world, English speaking country who wouldn't already know this.I would have appreciated:What are the vulnerabilities of the common window/door types, and how can I mitigate them.What are the common lock types, and what is the best way to install. Is my door/frame strong enought to take advantage of a strong lock.How to install a home system: what are the different methodologies, philosophies: What types of sensors are available, and how should they be utilized to maximum benefit.The author has good intent, and the book is properly written, but I find myself comparing the contents to the instructions on the back of a bottle of shampoo: Is there someone out there who really needs this explained to them?How2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Sophomoric would be polite. Useless would be more accurate.By M. LuttrellUnless you have never in your life even thought about home security, this book will be of no help to you. Written by a security and technological lightweight, expect no more than the most basic measures, home security audit, locking doors and windows, not being an easy target and willing victim, and little more.Although not obvious, it's written by and for Brits, quite a different culture with different imperatives and threats and emphasis on protections.I'm not sure of what you can find better, but I am pretty sure you cannot find worse.

A burglary takes place on average every 30 seconds. This book will show you how you can reduce the risk of it happening to you. There is a lot that the average person can do to protect themselves, their family and their property. This book will show you how to perform a security review on your home and lifestyle: - how to identify a range of vulnerabilities, threats and risks; and - how to take the countermeasures that will make it highly unlikely that you become a victim of crime. The measures are mostly simple, and all are designed to be implemented with the minimum of cost and effort.

About the AuthorDes Conway has worked in the security field for 30 years, serving as a police officer, working in government security and as a security consultant. He has carried out countless reviews of domestic and commercial properties.