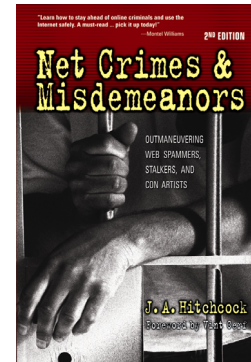


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Net Crimes & Misdemeanors

New Edition of Popular Book Helps Internet Users Outmaneuver Spammers, Stalkers, and Con Artists

**Cybercrime expert J. A. Hitchcock tells her own story and many others;
offers a wealth of easy-to-follow advice for staying safe online**

May 12, 2006, Medford, New Jersey—Information Today, Inc. (ITI) has announced the publication of *Net Crimes & Misdemeanors: Outmaneuvering Web Spammers, Stalkers, and Con Artists, Second Edition*, by author and cybercrime expert J. A. Hitchcock.

In this revised and expanded edition of her popular 2002 book, Hitchcock provides practical, easy-to-follow methods for dealing with spam, viruses, hack attacks, identity theft, and other online dangers. The author, the target of a cyberstalker who went on to become a leading victim's advocate, illuminates a broad range of abusive practices and presents dozens of real-life examples and success stories.

“Hitchcock offers first class advice about ways to protect personal information and detect various kinds of fraud,” said Vint Cerf, Vice President and Chief Internet Evangelist for Google, in his Foreword to the book. According to Cerf, a celebrated Internet pioneer and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, “[Hitchcock’s] personal experiences lend credibility to the text and her concrete examples help readers formulate defenses to avoid becoming victims. ... Reading this book is a first step toward increasing your ability to stay safe in a cyberworld that has its dark side as well as its sunny one.”

To celebrate publication of the new edition, the author will sign copies from 12:00-1:00PM on Sunday, May 21, at ITI’s booth #825 at Book Expo America (BEA), being held at the Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. For more information about BEA visit www.bookexpoamerica.com.

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Net Crimes & Misdemeanors, Second Edition is loaded with tips, strategies, and techniques, as well as pointers to the laws, organizations, and Web resources that can aid victims and help them fight back.

Chapters are:

1. Cyberstalking Happened to Me
2. Words Can Hurt
3. Spam Not in a Can
4. Urban Legends and Hoaxes: Can They Possibly Be True?
5. Scams, Safe Shopping, and Online Banking
6. Auction Caution
7. Gone Phishing: Nigerian Scams and More
8. Where the Heartache Is: Adoption Fraud
9. Cases of Stolen Identity
10. Your Personal Life Exposed
11. Ugly Beasts Lurking Online
12. A Little Harmful Chat
13. Lookin' for Love in All the Online Places
14. Other Ways They Can Get You
15. Protecting the Children
16. Office Know-How: Stay Safe in the Workplace
17. Police Duty: Our Nation's Finest Boot Up
18. Universities Catch Up with the Net
19. Encryption Made Easy
20. Protect Your Computer!
21. The Basics of Staying Safe Online: A Review

In addition, the book features over 65 illustrative screenshots, numerous informative sidebars, an annotated listing of useful reader resources, Vint Cerf's Foreword, the author's Introduction and Afterword, a glossary of terms, and an index. Reader support and updated links to recommended Web sites are provided at the accompanying Web site, www.netcrimes.net.

J. A. Hitchcock is a nationally recognized Internet crime and security expert who has helped pass laws related to online harassment in many states, including Maryland, Minnesota, Maine, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire. As President of Working to Halt Online Abuse (WHOA, www.haltonlineabuse.org) and WHOA-KTD (Kids/Teens Division, www.haltabusektd.org), Hitchcock helps victims of Internet crimes fight back. She has taken her online harassment expertise to the lecture circuit throughout the world, providing messages of hope to victims and training workshops for law enforcement personnel. Hitchcock has been featured in *Time*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Glamour*, *Family Circle*, and on the Associated Press newswire. She has appeared on *Primetime Thursday*, *48 Hours*, *A&E's Investigative Reports*, *Inside Edition*, *Good Morning America*, and the *Montel Williams Show*. For more information about the author visit her Web site at www.jahitchcock.com.

Net Crimes & Misdemeanors: Outmaneuvering Spammers, Stalkers, and Con Artists, Second Edition (496 pp/softbound/\$24.95/ISBN 0-910965-72-2) is a CyberAge Book from Information Today, Inc. It is available in better bookstores through Independent Publishers Group (IPG) or by calling (800) 300-9868 [outside U.S. call (609) 654-6266]; faxing (609) 654-4309; e-mailing custserv@infotoday.com; or on the Web at www.infotoday.com.

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