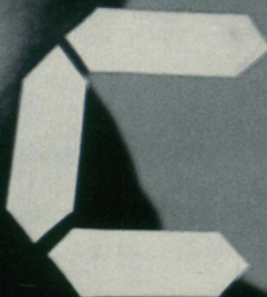


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The IRS doesn't want you to read this book. So maybe you should.

A few years back, you wouldn't want to meet Paul Strassels. Because if you did, he might be sitting on the other side of the desk, grilling you for his boss, the Internal Revenue Service.

But now he's on your side, and he's written a book to prove it. How often does a book about the IRS make the bestseller lists? This one did — because it takes you *behind the scenes*. . . tells you hundreds of facts about IRS methods and tactics that they don't want you to find out.

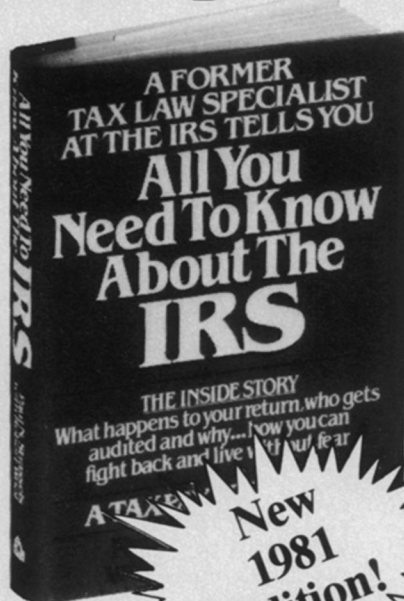
You get that dreaded form letter: "appear on (date) with your tax records for 1979." Your heart beating much too fast, you make a panicky call to Marvin the Accountant — who calms you a little, and begins to earn the most important fee you'll ever pay him.

Paul Strassels takes you every step of the way through this nightmare — and shows you why it really isn't the end of the world. First you see why the IRS happened to pick your return. You meet Murphy the Classifier, and discover the seven questions he asked himself about your return before he decided to finger you.

Next comes your heavy date with Harry the Auditor. But first, the author sits you down with Marvin for a line-by-line check of your return: what you'll get away with . . . what they'll nail you on . . . above all, how you and Marvin must handle the situation.

Now you're ready for Harry. You discover how he reads your return — and how he reads *you*. You learn the tricks he uses to trap you. You get 23 rules about how you should behave at the audit.

Paul Strassels can't make this a "fun" experience for you. But at least he makes it bearable. Better — he shows you how to cut your chances of ever having to go through it. If you're looking for another one of those tax



manuals, don't buy this book. But if you want to know exactly how the tax collector is thinking, here's a hint of what this former tax man reveals:

- 24 safe deductions.
- Extra income: how much chance is there that Harry will discover it? How about interest and dividends?
- How the IRS computer can tell, almost always,

whether you're cheating, and by how much.

- The audit risk in your tax bracket.
- Why your tax preparer could be costing you thousands of extra tax dollars.
- The biggest cheaters, by income category. (Yes, the IRS knows this too.)
- Never mind what the law says — how much time must pass before you can feel pretty safe from a tax audit for a particular year?
- The 18 Danger Zones that can give you trouble on your return. How to handle each one.

Make no mistake, the feds are at war — with you. If you're prudent, you'll seize this chance to penetrate enemy headquarters. If you know how they plan to deal with you, it can only help.

Why The Wall Street Journal advises you to "pay attention":

"It isn't often that an insider finks on the Internal Revenue Service, so when one does, pay attention. *All You Need to Know About the IRS* is rich in information rarely made public."

—The Wall Street Journal

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—Sylvia Porter

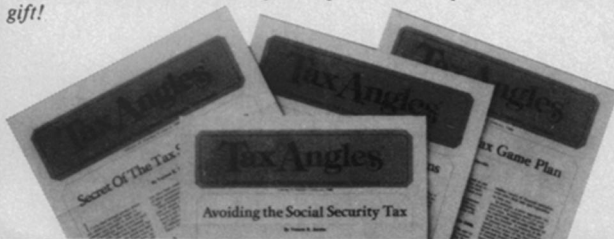
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