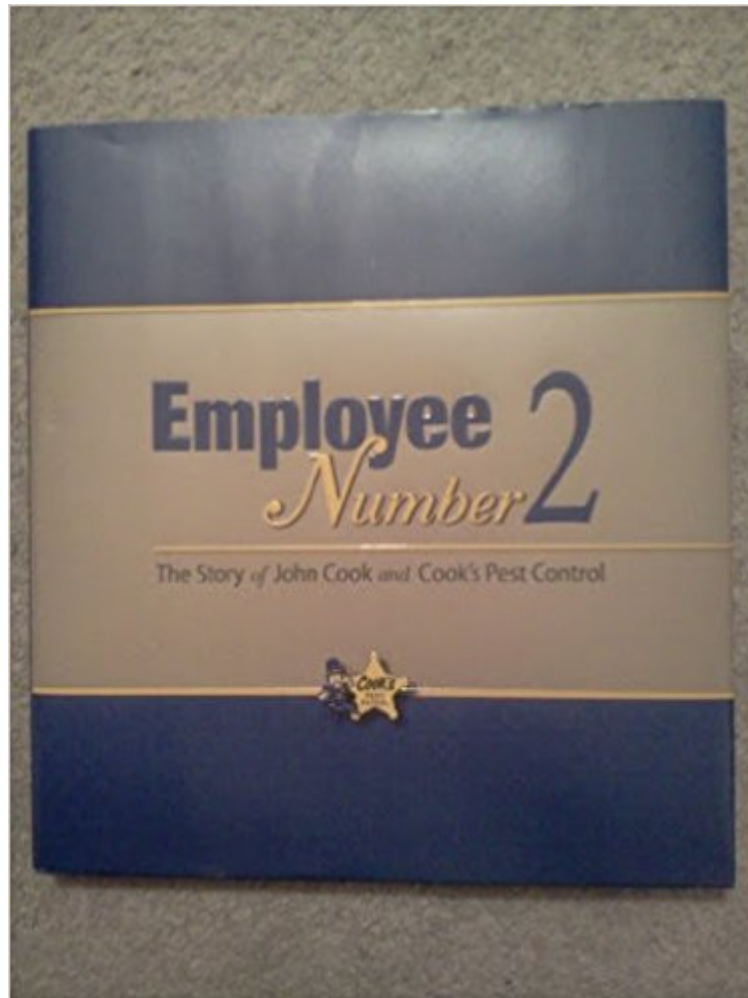




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# Employee Number 2: The Story Of John Cook And Cook's Pest Control



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