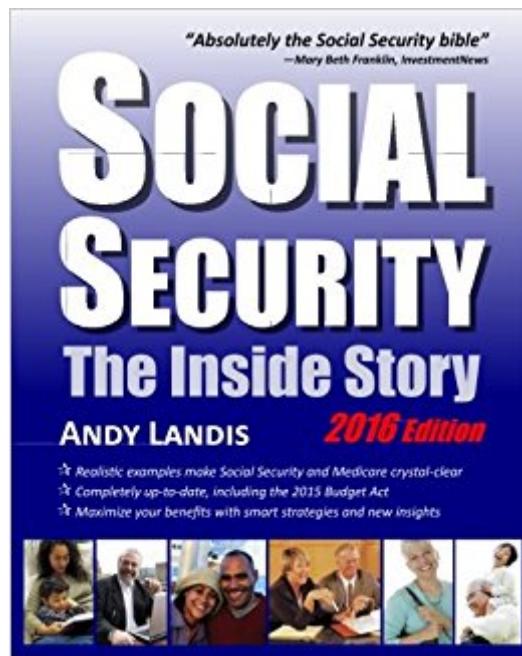


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# Social Security: The Inside Story, 2016 Edition



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This is the Bible of Social Security books. I took it to my first appointment and everything went extremely smooth. The representative was very impressed with my preparedness and knowledge, thanks to this book.

I bought this after buying Murphy's SocSec for Decision makers, which was probably the most worthless book I've ever read. Landis' book is superb by comparison and excellent by itself. It is cogent and clear, well organized, the chapters divided into clear sections and subsections, with numerous examples with straightforward and simple math; it has a glossary and an index, lacking in Murphy's (apparently self-published) book. It also has a good section on medicare, which isn't even mentioned by Murphy. A great place to start learning about SS.

Andy Landis did an excellent job explaining various aspects of Social Security and Medicare while making the book easy and enjoyable to read. I was impressed enough with it that I am switching to this book as required reading for two classes I am the least instructor for. The book includes different steps that most Social Security participants should be aware of before they select when and which benefit they want to receive. I read the Kindle version of the book in a few days. I also purchased the paper version. It is easier to read a number of tables in the paper version. I do like, however, having the Kindle version to find different sections. We will begin using this in a few weeks in the courses. Although the students will not know about the book I used to use, I'm certain that they will appreciate having The Inside Story.

This is a great resource for anyone that even thinks they may be eligible for benefits now or in the future. Understanding topics covered in this text can result in a person receiving literally thousands more in benefits from social security at a time when this may be the only or a very significant source

of income. It also covers all of the benefits, to widows, disabled, children of deceased earners. Many people are probably eligible for benefits and don't apply because they do not have this resource, and don't think they are eligible. I am the youngest surviving sibling in my family but I have become a resource on this topic for my siblings and their friend because, I took the trouble to purchase and read this book. I am so glad that Andy used to be regularly interviewed on a radio finance program that I used to listen to, and as a result of that I purchased this book. A financial win for both the author and the reader.

Out of six books that I've read about Social Security this is by far the best. Upon finishing the book you will be able to personally go through the process of calculating your PIA to within a few dollars. More importantly, you will understand the process of the calculations. It also gives insight into the disability portion of Social Security. In my opinion it is well worth the cost.

This book was highly rated and said to be very comprehensive. I was a little concerned it would be difficult to read and not helpful. It turns out the writing style is very good, the content well organized and easy to follow. I highly recommend this book.

One of the most complete and clearly-presented books ever written, on the vitally important subjects of Social Security and Medicare. This books tells it all, clearly, for all to understand. Don't be misled by what you hear from some politicians - get this book and study it if you are planning on retiring or simply want to know how it all really works. EVERYONE who is nearing retirement, and every member of his or her family, needs this very well-written book to quickly understand these excellent programs that are so vitally important to each of us.

Landis' work provides practical insight into how social security and medicare operate. Though the information can be accessed for free via the internet, his book offers an advantage. Pertinent data is amassed in one volume, and it draws from the writer's rich experience as a previous social security worker. His insider perspective proved useful for retirement planning, and offered guidance for exploration into related areas of disability and retirement interests. The subject matter is must reading for current Baby Boomers. Again, googling can save money but not time in gathering the same information. But, considering that many Baby Boomers are ill prepared for the harsh realities of retirement, buy the book. It's an investment. Maurice

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