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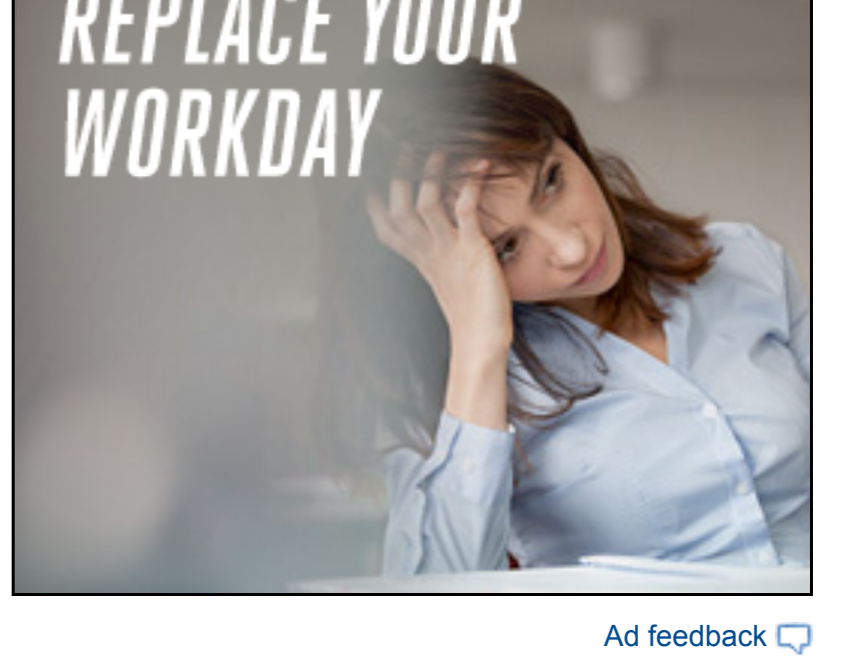
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This book is further plagued by typographical errors which admittedly are not the fault of the author but are nevertheless distracting and should be corrected in future editions. There are also some historical errors, most notably the dates of the Truman Presidency. Again, this is not a fatal error but these types of mistakes tend to make the reader cast a wary eye on all of the information in such a book.

All of that said, I must admit that I found this to be a very enjoyable little book. Normally these secondary retellings of other people's work turn me completely off but for some reason I liked this book. I can't put my finger quite on the reason but I found that I enjoyed this book very much. It may have been the author's writing style, which I found to be very engaging and pleasant. It may have been the excellent mix of locations, which covered much of the United States and England. [Read more >](#)

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