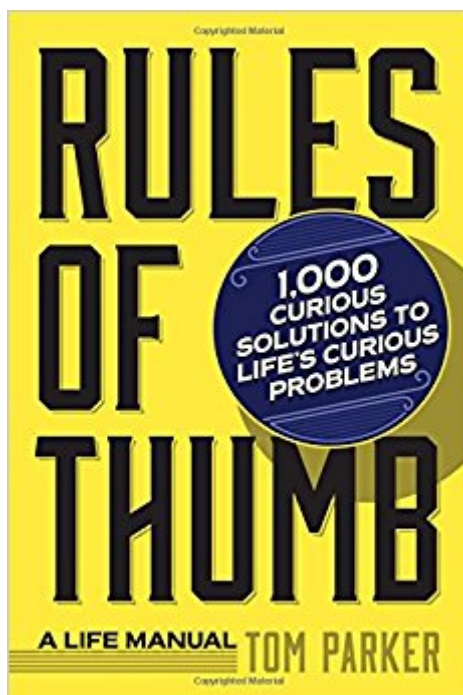


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# Rules Of Thumb: A Life Manual



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Tom Parker is an author and illustrator who has written three volumes of *Rules of Thumb*, which *The Wall Street Journal* called a "brilliantly successful sample of our hidden intellectual resource." He is an IT specialist at Cornell University, a contributing writer for *Make* magazine, and a flight instructor. He lives in Ithaca, New York.

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