

## The Boss by Andrew O'Keeffe

(Great Bosses, 2006, rrp \$2495)

According to a recent survey published in Sydney's *Daily Telegraph*, if you think your boss is a jerk then you're not alone. A career website asked 520 people about working for arrogant, incompetent or sexist bosses and found 82 percent said they had. It is timely, therefore, that human resources executive Andrew O'Keeffe has released a new book called *The Boss*.

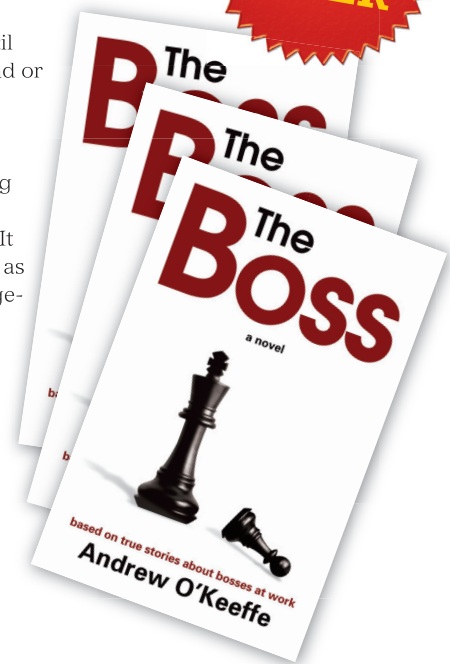
*The Boss* is based on true stories about bosses at work. Almost everyone has their favourite (usually negative) boss story, but up until now they have never been told. In the tradition of *Hotel Babylon* (and *Air Babylon*), *The Boss* exposes the frustrating and negative environment that many people find themselves working in. Using a fictional but all too familiar setting, he tells a harrowing but humorous tale of modern management.

In the book we meet Lauren Johnson, a talented marketing professional in her thirties who changes jobs to escape the torment of a horrid manager. But her dream job turns sour due to the erratic behaviour of the dysfunctional executive team. Lauren just wants to do her job, but is constantly obstructed by the intimidating tactics of some managers, or the compliant

behaviour of others, until finally she has to respond or have her spirit crushed.

The author, Andrew O'Keeffe, has been a senior executive working in human resources for over twenty-five years. It should, therefore, come as no surprise that this page-turner is as educational as it is fun.

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