

## Pirate Radio Operations

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**Andrew R. Yoder, Earl T. Gray, Andrew Yoder : Pirate Radio Operations** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pirate Radio Operations:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good book but tame in some areas.By Michael DavisYoder knows his stuff but I would have preferred a deeper study on the chapter entitled, "Unobtrusiveness". Pirate radio operators, by definition, need to be as inconspicuous as possible. That means if running a fixed based operation (FBO), the first radio component to conceal is an outdoor antenna. The chapters on unobtrusiveness and antennas do not deal with how to conceal a transmitting antenna. That's a HUGE oversight, especially for a clandestine amateur radio aficionado like me.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nicely writtenBy Michael AlonzoAlthough a few things have changed since this book was published, the book is quite good, and a lot of the material here could just as easily be applicable to an internet station as a pirate one. Quite interesting, and overall a handy reference guide as well.20 of 22 people found the following review helpful. Interesting, but flawedBy StorkoThis book contains a number of interesting anecdotes about pirate radio operations, and it ATTEMPTS to serve as a how-to guide of sorts, but it falls short in the latter respect. The technical information is sketchy, and sometimes downright vague or inaccurate. I suspect that the authors, for all their enthusiasm and (I assume) practical experience in pirate radio operations, have little theoretical knowledge of electronics and radiofrequency propagation. The reader would be well-advised to consult real textbooks if he or she wants a real understanding of how transmitting equipment works and how to use it properly.Some of the suggestions for manners of covert operation seem ill-advised and overly difficult to execute--or,

at the opposite extreme, too likely to result in an FCC bust. The chapters are poorly organized and the overall execution a bit amateurish, and the emphasis is on shortwave broadcasting. This bears mentioning because it seems that most people getting into pirate radio are more interested in local AM/FM broadcast band operations. However, the authors' love of their subject matter shines through, the anecdotes and stories of pirate stations are amusing and informative, and I would consider this book a worthwhile read for any would-be pirates as long as they bear in mind that it is not by any means an "ultimate" guide to operations.

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