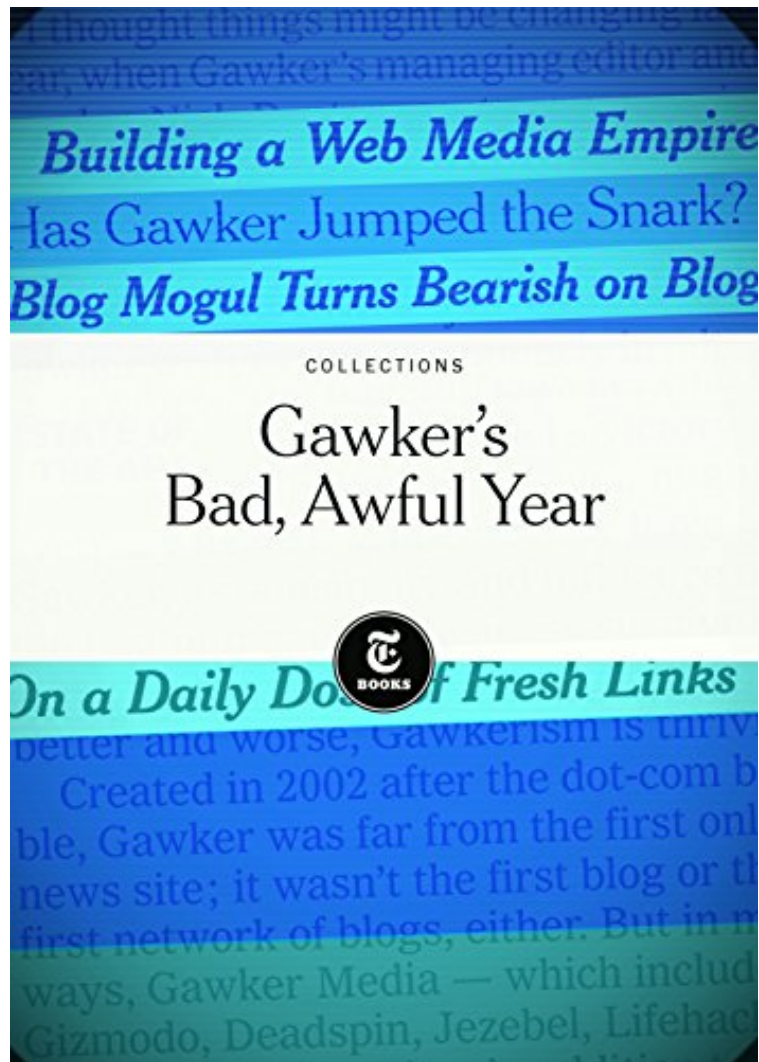


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This TBook, a collection of articles from The New York Times, covers the shutdown of Gawker, a gossip weblog based in New York. Founded in 2002 by the British journalist Nick Denton, Gawker was known for its irreverent, take-no-prisoners style mdash; a style that greatly influenced the digital media world but also bruised the egos of some powerful people. In March 2016 the wrestler Hulk Hogan was awarded \$140 million in an invasion-of-privacy lawsuit against Gawker after it posted a sex tape of him with the wife of a friend. Later it was revealed that Mr. Hogansquo;s

lawsuit was secretly financed by Peter Thiel, co-founder of PayPal, who acted out of revenge against Gawker for revealing years earlier that he was gay. Gawker filed for bankruptcy in June 2016 and ceased operations on Aug. 22, 2016. In tribute to its innovative spirit, Farhad Manjoo, a technology columnist at The Times, wrote: "It [Gawker] was one of the first web publications to understand that the message was the medium — that the internet wasn't just a new way to distribute words, but that it also offered the potential to create a completely new kind of publication, one that had no analogue in the legacy era of print."