

**THE CHERNOBYL  
ZONE SURVIVAL  
GUIDE**

**READING GUIDE**

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Hello dear reader, thank you for stopping by.

A number of people have kindly asked me for more information about The Chernobyl Zone Survival Guide, so I have prepared this accompanying reading guide to provide this information.

So, what exactly is *'The Guide'*, and how should it be read?

The Chernobyl Zone Survival Guide is intended to be enjoyed on several levels.

Firstly, it can be enjoyed as a work of pure fiction, since obviously the Zone as depicted in S.T.A.L.K.E.R. is not real.

However, much of the information contained within it is factual, particularly the sections relating to real-world weapons, equipment, biology and psychology.

Many of the tactics, skills and techniques described in *'The Guide'* are also based on those used in the real world, by groups and organisations such as the military, orienteers, survivalists, urban explorers, paramedics and the like.

This information was obtained by a combination of extensive research, and the author's own first-hand experience. Therefore *'The Guide'* may also be used as a survival manual, and as an educational resource.

*'The Guide'* is written in the first person, as if it has been transcribed from a dictaphone *verbatim*. This means the speaker's many digressions and musings are left in deliberately.

*So who is the speaker?*

The speaker is *'The Trader,'* and the guide is written using their phrases, idioms and patterns of speech. The Trader's personality will also come through loud and clear.

*Greedy, manipulative, uncaring and arrogant,* 'The Trader' often insults the reader and makes no bones about showing their contempt for most people. Therefore, when reading the guide, remember it is not the author, i.e. me, that is being rude, *it is 'The Trader'*.

So, who exactly *is* 'The Trader?' This is a closely guarded secret, as they protect their anonymity fiercely. However, if you read the guide to the end, you may be able to tell which in-universe character The Trader might be.

Just as 'The Trader' is a character, the guide is best enjoyed if the reader *also assumes a character*. If you put yourself in the shoes of a prospective rookie Stalker, specifically the one 'The Trader' is speaking to in the guide's prologue, you may enjoy The Guide on a deeper level.

You do not need to be familiar with the S.T.A.L.K.E.R. universe to enjoy 'The Guide', as the trader will drip feed you all the background information you need to know as you read through it.

If all this has made your head spin, think of it like this.

Imagine Yoda from Star Wars had written a training guide for apprentice Jedis, and "Written, in the way he speaks, it is", and you, the reader, are an apprentice Jedi.

*Now imagine Yoda was a crook...*

I hope you will enjoy 'The Chernobyl Zone Survival Guide'. If you have any queries, suggestions or just want to get in touch, please use the [contact form](#), message me via the Nomad's Reviews [Facebook page](#), or e-mail me at [the\\_nomad78@outlook.com](mailto:the_nomad78@outlook.com)

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See you all there soon,

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