Deadly Perils: And How to Avoid Them

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What is the likelihood of a person dying from sinking into quicksand or getting gored and stamped by a Cape Buffalo? While there is the likelihood of death, all it takes is knowing the facts about what to do in particularly hairy situations like these to survive.

Turner, author the bestselling 101 THINGS series, presents nearly every possible life threatening situation known (and unknown) to man with a worst-case scenario, facts, and tips on avoiding and dealing with said situation, with all situations being categorized by similarities. While every bit of Turner's information is extremely educational, the same format for every situation makes for monotonous reading. However, Hasler's illustrations help dispel the tedium as occasional doses of grounded comic relief. This book would be useful in the home or the classroom to dispel survival myths and learn useful survival techniques.

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