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Review

Information security experts with the Department of Defense, authors Joseph Boyce and Dan Jennings outline the steps needed to develop an information assurance plan to protect an organization's knowledge and information. Though the authors' backgrounds are in government, the book is as applicable to protecting the proprietary corporate information as it is to safeguarding classified government data. Perhaps the best resource in the book is the wealth of references cited, leading the reader to a trove of additional information. It is a high-level overview of the necessary elements of an effective information-assurance plan and strategy, written in such a way that it can be used to explain the fundamentals to management. – Security Management

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