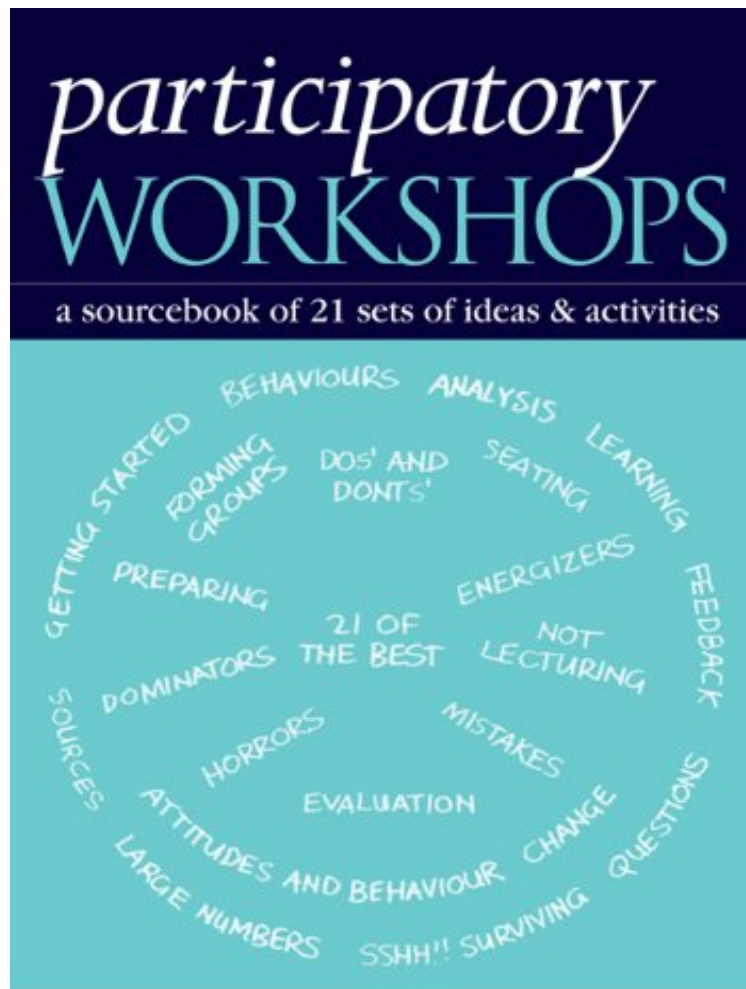


# Participatory Workshops: A Sourcebook of 21 Sets of Ideas and Activities

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