

OUTWIT THIEVES

Most thieves aren't the brightest bulbs, so it doesn't take that much to outwit them at their nefarious game. A little bit of street smarts combined with the right antitheft gear will keep your 'Book safe from bad-doers.

LOCK, STOCK, NO SMOKING MACBOOK.

Avoid that grueling "woulda, coulda, shoulda" moment after discovering a missing MacBook by investing in a cable lock. Kensington makes the best in the biz. Kensington lock slots appear in all MacBooks except the Air, and there's no easier-to-use portable option than the **ComboSaver Combination Portable**

Notebook Lock (\$24.99, www.kensington.com). The plastic-coated steel cable comes in a handy coil formation that extends to 6 feet, allowing you to lock your 'Book to the leg of a chair or table that's bolted down so you can, say, get up to grab your mocha when your name is called, without worrying that some sticky-fingers will walk off with your Mac.



PacSafe's newest theft-resistant CamSafe bag.

There are other means of physically securing your MacBook too, short of barricading it—and yourself—inside a state-of-the-art safe room.

We like the design variety offered by PacSafe's ever-expanding line of security-minded shoulder bags and backpacks. PacSafe started with laptop bags like the **CentroSafe** backpack and messenger bag line (\$159.99 and up, www.pacsafe.com) and has expanded its slashproof offerings

to camera bags, toiletry pouches, money belts, and more. PacSafe's differentiator is a stainless steel mesh liner called eXoMesh that keeps thieves from slashing through the ripstop nylon or other bag material to get to your valuables. Many PacSafe bags feature locking zippers too.

GET YOUR 'BOOK BACK. If, despite your best efforts, your 'Book takes a walk without you, there are ways you can recover it—provided you've planned ahead by protecting yourself in advance with one of these laptop-recovery services.

GadgetTrak MacTrak. Starting at \$24.95 a year, GadgetTrak's MacTrak service (www.gadgettrak.com) employs a variety of means—including Wi-Fi positioning, Mac OS X's built-in security features, and even your 'Book's iSight camera, to locate your MacBook after theft and help you get the info you need to get it back, while keeping and/or keep your data out of the wrong hands.