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"I first heard the term antipattern while reading AntiPatterns Refactoring Software, Architectures, and Projects in Crisis, the first book in this antipattern series (John Wiley & Sons, 1998). I was curious about the term's relation to the concept of a design pattern but soon learned that the main point is understanding which part of a pattern definition relates to the prefix "anti". As the book explains, "An antipattern is a literary form that describes a commonly occurring solution to a problem that generates decidedly negative consequences."

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