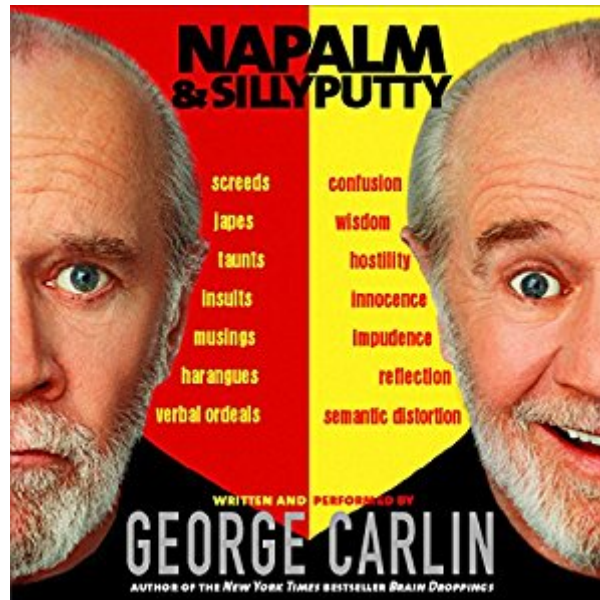




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Napalm & Silly Putty



Synopsis

He was the inventor of Past-Tense TV (featuring Got Smart, Father Knew Best, and It Was Left to Beaver); the tireless crusader for such charities as the Center for Research into the Heebie Jeebies, Children of Parents with Bad Teeth, and the State Hospital for Those Who Felt All Right About a Year Ago; founder of the George Carlin Book Club (top titles: How to Act Laid-Back During a Grease Fire, Fill Your Life with Croutons, and The Meaning of Corn); and the only social commentator with the guts to point out that "the day after tomorrow is the third day of the rest of your life." Yes, George Carlin is here with more of what he did better than any other comic: uproarious observations, laser-targeted crankiness, linguistic legerdemain, and inspired weirdness. ("If the shoe fits, get another just like it." "When you sneeze, all the numbers in your head go up by one.") Napalm & Silly Putty is just what his fans have been waiting for-another generous helping of notions, nonsense, assertions, assumptions, mockery, merriment, silliness, sarcasm, and, to be sure, plenty of disturbing references and toxic alienation. George wouldn't have it any other way.

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Customer Reviews

Napalm & Silly Putty Hardcover April 24, 2001 George Carlin is a hoot. I keep this around the coffee table. Many pick it up and look at it for a while, for a laugh. Sometimes it takes only a few moments and they laugh. Sometimes longer before they get the gist of what it is, they just got handed to them about a topic that is so obvious, after George would let you in on the humor of his mind's view of what he sees. I miss having him around. I hope he is well now, floating around the universe wise cracking on all that is out there.

Carlin fans will find most of the material in this book familiar as it is also seen in his stand-up (which is okay, most comedians do that). The nice things about the book is that its written in a variety of styles and in short sections...so it makes for an easy pick it up and read a bit anytime.(but that also means nothing may grab you to finish the entire book quickly) There are no real chapters nor table of contents and the subject matter changes frequently (even aside from the breaks of "short takes" which are much like his "Brain Droppings" one sentence observations)Some of the material is thought provoking, some of it is just silly. Some of it is just thrown out there to see what bites and move on. You will find yourself laughing aloud, especially when caught off guard by an absurd "short take".To appreciate the humor, I also found it helpful to really have Carlin's voice and delivery style in your head (watch a recent HBO special to get familiar with it). Without that definite "Carlin" rythm, you may miss the pure comedy to the writing.Overall, you will find this smart comedy and although some of it seems quickly assembled, it does contain purpose and thought.A word of warning: For those not familiar with Mr.Carlin, there is a fair share of obscene language, religious satire, and other possibly offensive subject matter. With that all said, enjoy!

I'm just going to come out and say it, George Carlin is the greatest comedian of all time and everything he does is magical.

One of the greatest..this book is written a little differently but, to me, is a must read.

The Carlin completest is going to want this. However it should be noted that a high percentage of the material has appeared already in some form in his various comedy albums and specials (I haven't actually measured, but it's more than was the case with "Brain Droppings.") It's still great to hear him say the words, even if they're familiar.

I got this book for my girlfriend's birthday, and got laid as a result.

Nah! needs more improvements

I love the comedy and acid wit of George Carlin, I always have, and I always will. So this book was a bit disappointing to me, because so much of it is just his old routines written down in book form. In one sense, it's fun - as I read along, his voice plays along in my head, recreating the memorable

pieces in my mental VCR. But serious Carlin fans already know the majority of material in this book. If you're looking for new material, you'll have to look pretty hard. There isn't much, and where there is, it's mostly in the form of his "Short Takes" sections dispersed throughout the book - sections that are comprised of one liners. There's lots of great stuff, don't get me wrong, but this book seems like it was conceived in some executive's mind as a way to make some more cash. It's the book equivalent of a sitcom clip show - very little new material passed off as otherwise.

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