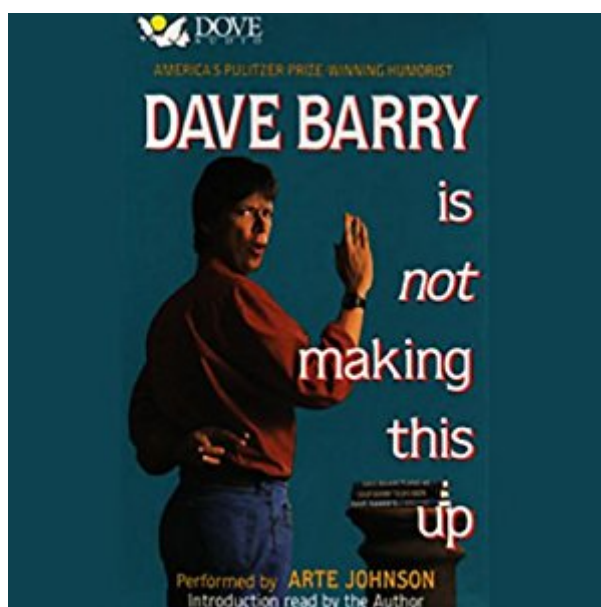


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Dave Barry Is Not Making This Up



Synopsis

You can't make this stuff up! Dave Barry would never lie--and here are the real life, laugh-out-loud stories from across America to prove it: a U.S. Supreme Court justice shares his remedy for preventing gas ("I had not realized that this was a matter of concern in the highest levels of government"); a newspaper headline in Ohio announces the combustibility of strawberry Pop-Tarts ("A story that can really help you gain a better understanding of how you can be killed by breakfast snack food"); the frightening fact that snakes have mastered the pipelines leading directly to your toilet--and they're not shy ("Many women might view this as a fair punishment for all the billions of times that guys have left the seat up"). So get up-close with Dave as he swears to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth . . . so God help you! --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Customer Reviews

If you're already familiar with Dave Barry, all I need to say is that this book is unquestionably one of his best, along with "Dave Barry Talks Back", "Dave Barry Turns 40", and "Dave Barry's Only Travel Guide You'll Ever Need". If you aren't familiar with his work, all I can say is that he's one of the funniest writers I've ever encountered, and as long as you don't object to irreverence (read 'intentionally immature for effect') you will probably love his writing, too. Ironically, this book contains my all-time favorite Dave Barry column, which happens also to be one of two of his columns I've ever read that are not humorous, but are decidedly serious. This column is "Uneasy Rider", the column about his twelve-year-old son having a semiserious bicycle accident; it is an immensely

powerful description of what it feels like to be a parent in that situation. The book also contains the two or three columns that were the genesis of his later book, "Dave Barry's Book Of Bad Songs". If you have read that book, you'll have seen these columns, but if you haven't, you're in for a treat. (He runs a reader survey, and does two columns on the results, asking "what is the worst rock/pop song ever written?") Marvellous book; I can't recommend it any higher.

Being a huge Dave Barry fan, I had to read this book, and I was not disappointed. The book is a collection of columns he wrote, mostly from the early 1990's; presumably, these are his funniest and the ones that got the most responses from readers. And you'd be surprised the kind of responses he gets from readers, some of whom can't seem to grasp that Dave's columns are supposed to be funny. I, unlike those readers, had no trouble finding the humor in this book. I've probably read it 100 times, and parts of it still crack me up. He writes mostly about unusual news stories sent in by "alert readers" regarding exploding toilets and other such oddities. Its format-short essays of about 2 or 3 pages each-makes it ideal for people with short attention spans, but others will enjoy it too. If you've never read a Dave Barry book, you need to start, and I'm guessing this one will help get you hooked.

I have read nearly all of Dave's books, and it never ceases to amaze me that he can be hilarious on each and every occasion. He doesn't duplicate any anecdotes, he simply uses his comic genius to make up new ones.. you will never be bored with Dave's ability to make you rush to the toilet to save wetting the floor, or laughing so hard you feel sick, and the back of your head hurts. This book is my favourite. Every story is funny, clever, and even sometimes sentimental. Please buy this one, you won't regret it. He's on top form.

I so enjoy reading any/all of Dave Barry's books. It started twelve years ago. I was temporarily living with my sister and her family as I was going through a long period of chemo. I was unable to find pleasure in reading or tv. One day I noticed Mr. Barry book on a shelf in the den. I read the book as I was able and it lifted me out of the depression I was in. All these years later I read everything he writes. This was a long way of saying that his books are nothing short of hilarious. I strongly recommend this book.

If you have never read Dave Barry this is a wonderful place to start. The guy is hilarious and while I can respect say Dennis Leary it is nice to read a guy who can be funny without swearing every 5th

word. Highlights of this book include Dave Barry goes to China, Dave Barry checks out Graceland, Dave Barry's list of the worst song ever. Overall - If you want to laugh, get this now.

I have yet to read a Dave Barry book I didn't like. Although I had already read some of the stories in previous books - they were still funny. I usually have to watch Mystery Science Theater 3000 to keep from getting bored while walking on the treadmill, but this book had me laughing hysterically. Two thumbs, way up!

I remember picking up this book on a whim, never expecting to be as taken with it as I ended up being. Dave Barry is an original writer, and his takes on everything from consumerism to war are funny, and true! Everything that spews out of that man's pen ends up becoming a mental statement-- "Hey, I've thought that too!" If anything, this book gets kudos for Dave's angst from being a lonely lefty peon in the world of right-handers ("Left-handers should not even be allowed to purchase a chainsaw"). As a fellow lefty, I about died laughing about Dave's lumberjack attempt, and his thinly-veiled "horror" about dying seven years earlier than the average right-hander. In closing, this book is worth the purchase, and I guarantee it won't collect cobwebs on the shelf after reading it for the first (or second or third) time.

I can read three or four Dave Barry books in a row before I need to take a break. This is another solid hit and his fans will love it. Highlights include the two-part "Worst Songs Ever Recorded" and the stand-out expose on a UFO situation in Gulf Breeze, Florida.

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