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This Is A Book



Synopsis

From the renowned comedian, creator and star of Comedy Central's Important Things with Demetri Martin comes the paperback debut of his bold, original, New York Times best-selling humor book. THIS IS A BOOK was an instant and long-lasting New York Times best seller, and is the renowned comedian's hilarious foray into prose comedy. In these pages, Martin expands on the sensibility he's developed on stage as an award-winning stand-up comedian and on television as a writer-performer on Late Night with Conan O'Brien, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, and his own Comedy Central series, Important Things with Demetri Martin. Featuring narrative essays, short stories, and conceptual pieces (such as "Protagonists' Hospital," where doctors treat only the shoulder wounds of Hollywood action heroes) as well as Martin's signature drawings, absurdities, and one-liners, THIS IS A BOOK delivers sharp jokes, colorful characters, and interesting surprises. Martin takes readers to places as far-off as Ancient Greece ("Socrates's Publicist") and the distant future ("Robot Test," where everyone must take a test to prove that they are not robots). He recounts a lonely man's visit to a strip club in the form of a five-hundred-word palindrome ("Palindromes for Specific Occasions"). And he examines the human condition ("Human Cannonball Occupational Hazards") and the competing world-views of divergent groups ("Optimist, Pessimist, Contortionist"). Martin's material is varied, but his unique voice and brilliant mind will keep readers in stitches from beginning to end.

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Customer Reviews

This is one of the most brilliant, intelligent, and hilarious books I've read in a while. It shows

Demetri's myriad creative talents. This is not something to read if you're just looking for a quick, cheap laugh. This makes you think and put the pieces together at times. The palindromes along with the massive poem were astounding. His art and drawings made me laugh each time. Fans may be caught off guard by some material in here. Don't think of it like a comedy standup; it's a book of creative writing and comic musings of different ideas spanning a myriad of eras from the past to future. Some of them are only one line, others are stories that take several pages. Some may even take the form of a short play! It's uplifting, funny, even dramatic and thought-provoking. It's not your standard comedy book. It's something fresh and different, and I'd highly recommend it to anyone.

If you stumbled across this book, is because you probably have seen Demetri's show before. I'm not much of a book worm to tell you the truth, but I already read a bit more past the half and let me tell you I'm not dissatisfied. Demetri always finds ways to make you think, you really have to have an open mind to understand many of his jokes. Only 3 days with it and nearly done with, I just wished it didn't end, every story, a few sentences, and every drawing brings a laugh or a smile.

Demetri Martin is a hilarious comic, musician and artist. We all know that. But who knew Martin was such a wonderful essayist? These essays could all be in the New Yorker-- they're that sharp and witty. This is a collection I feel like giving to every guy I know. Funny, funny.

this book was so hilarious, it's definitely an odd book but really funny if you have the right sense of humor, i was laughing out loud at some of the stories in it, it's worth the read if you're looking for something entertaining

Demetri Martin is an absolute genius! I've never laughed so hard reading a book in my entire life. I actually didn't know it was possible to laugh that hard reading a book. Thanks Demetri! You'll enjoy Demetri's take on pets, his clever palindromes, abbreviations and his many, many hilarious short stories. I couldn't recommend a humorous book more. Your stomach will hurt from laughter.

Comedian Demetri Martin's book is a weird collection of one-line jokes, cartoons, and strange (almost surreal) short stories. It's funny, in a kind of existential way. There really aren't any punchlines and the humor is, at times, so subtle that it can pass you right by. However, it is clever, witty, and most of all, highly entertaining. When you laugh at Martin's jokes, you instantly feel superior to everyone else who didn't laugh at them because those people, obviously, just aren't as

smart or precocious as you and therefore don't understand the humor. And you, of course, can't explain why you're laughing because if you did, it would spoil it. Martin's one-liners are the kinds of things you wish you were clever enough to post as your FaceBook status updates because they would make you seem so cool and thoughtful. As it is, if you read the book, you'll probably just use his ideas on your FB page because it's not like he's your friend or anything and so won't be checking up on you. So just read it. It's funny.

I think that the best part about this book is how accurately he could write the way he talks and still make the book interesting enough to engage you beyond the first few pages. Initially I was skeptical as to whether it would actually be able to capture the essence he displays onstage, but each "sketch" in the book you can almost picture him acting it out on stage and putting together in a cohesive and hilarious manner. awesome book.

I love demetri, he is so funny and the book was a blast to read! Was made it more special for myself is that I did a preorder and actually was selected for getting a free drawing by Demetri himself! I sent off a question in hopes in being the selected few. I asked "it would be cool if I got selected, and all I would like for you to say is HELLO," so he sent me a drawing and said hello! Lmao I recommend this book to anyone who likes his comedy acts! Great book!

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