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Every Day Is An Atheist Holiday!: More Magical Tales From The Author Of 'God, No!'



Synopsis

Let's be honest - nobody has more fun than atheists. Don't believe it? Well, consider this: For nonbelievers, every day you're alive is a day to celebrate! And no one celebrates life to the fullest like Penn Jillette - the larger, louder half of legendary magic duo Penn & Teller - whose spectacularly witty and sharply observant essays in *Every Day Is an Atheist Holiday!* will entertain zealots and skeptics alike. Whether he's contemplating the possibility of life after death, deconstructing popular Christmas carols, or just calling bullsh*t on Donald Trump's apprentice training, Jillette does not fail to shock and delight his fans. And as ever, underneath these rollicking rants lie a deeply personal philosophy and a generous spirit, which find joy and meaning in family, and peace in the simple beauty of the everyday. *Every Day Is an Atheist Holiday!* is a hysterical affirmation of life's magic from one of the most distinctly perceptive and provocative humorists writing today.

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Customer Reviews

Penn Gillette is one gentle giant, and a mensch in the truest sense of that word. His books tend to be on the slight side--I expected more about atheism from the title, for example--but he is an engaging writer and a great soul. He's also the real thing. He sheds hype and shuns mystery. Pretty strange things for a magician to do, no? But that's how he is. I had the good fortune to see Penn & Teller live, and by a fluke of chance got selected from the crowd to participate in one of the tricks. Afterwards, as my 10-year-old son and I were leaving the theater, Penn and Teller were both out in

the lobby mixing with the audience. There were crowds around each of them and I thought we would just sneak out. But then I heard Penn's big, booming voice calling me by name--he actually remembered it--insisting that I come over and say hi. He shook my hand and told me what a great job I'd done (seriously, a chimp could have stood there and been taken in by the magic as well as I had), and he really appeared grateful for my help. Back to the book: If you've read other books he's written, you know he rambles on in a very entertaining way about things that happen in his life, how he feels about his life and the people in it, and the odd, outrageous circumstances he finds himself in. This book is not much different, and that's a good thing. His take on Donald Trump from Penn's stint on **The Celebrity Apprentice** is worth the book price alone. A good, quick read. Penn doesn't bang you over the head with his depth, but he does let it sneak up on you. As a magician should.

I saw Penn Jillette speak at the Mobile Beat show and downloaded this to my kindle during his talk. I was just as entertained reading his opinions on things as I was hearing them from the stage. Jillette has a lifetime of great stories and he shares many of them in this book. There's no real theme that runs through it so he has the platform to opine about performing ("The Penn who lives with his family doesn't always feel like doing those tricks onstage every night in Vegas at nine p.m. But the Penn who works at the Rio wants to put his suit on and walk onstage every night at the same time, in the same mood, and perform those same miracles.") America ("One of the things I love about the USA is that it's built on an idea. Other countries were built on everyone having the same heritage, the same ancestry, but this country was built by neophiles who wanted to get away. Wanted to live an idea. No matter how long you live in Italy, you're not really Italian, but once you become a U.S. citizen, you're an American.") and of course religion, ("Only atheists can be moral. If you're doing it for reward or to avoid punishment, it's not morality."). If you like The Penn Jillette you've see on talk shows or from *Celebrity Apprentice*, I'd recommend this book. You'll get more of his outspoken, straightforward, unfiltered opinions. But if you already don't like him or think he's a pompous jerk don't bother with this. It'll only annoy you more.

Last week after the book arrived in the mail I was reading it while waiting for the school bus to drop off our son. While we were walking home talking about his day he asked about the book, so I explained the premise (every day should be lived to the fullest). He asked me to read a little, so I did, substituting for a few of the words and phrases we don't usually use around the house. He

absolutely loved it. We read to him every night, and a few nights since then he's asked me to read from EDIAAH! He asked again last night, and since he got to bed a little later than usual so I chose the chapter "Happy Birthday!" since it was a shorter one. While reading portion about the phone conversation he started laughing hysterically. He laughed so long and so hard he "sharted". Yes, the book is that funny. It may literally make you laugh so hard you s*** yourself. If you've just had a lot of coffee or mexican food the toilet is probably the safest place to read this book. I loved his book God, No! and this one is even better. I've read a lot of books, and I can't remember another that has simultaneously been so funny, moving, and inspirational. Pay no attention to the negative reviews. "Happy Birthday" to them. They don't get it.

I have been a HUGE P&T fan for about 25 years. They've been together over 30. Man we're old! I absolutely love how Penn tells a story. you're right there in the moment and sometimes you have to question: did that really happen? But if you're a fan you quickly realize yeah... it probably did. It seems he talked more about Teller and their early years in this book but in God No the stories seemed more outrageous and funny. Even still I really liked it and can't wait for a 3rd one. and we all know there will be a 3rd one. He seems to be a workaholic! As for the politics/religious views- I can give or take. Politically he seems to be your average Joe with an opinion and I don't mind. Religiously he does bring up some good points that make you stop and think. I wouldn't call myself an Atheist but I do share some of his views. Peace, love, and... pie. Yeah. That's the Penn Jillette world I can dig!

I'm a big fan of Penn and Teller. And I like Penn's writing style. But I thought the title was a bit misleading. This book is just a collection of essays... most of which--so far at least--don't really deal with atheism at all. They're just collected ramblings by Penn on various subjects. Which is fine. Makes for good bedtime reading. But it's not really a book about atheism or contemporary atheist experience, which I assumed it was when I bought it.

Thoroughly enjoyed this book. ,

Regardless of your religious pont of view, this is a very good read. Mr. Jillette is insightful and presents his points with clarity and quite a bit of humor. He inserts some strong language throughout the book, bit taken in context it's not offensive. I wouldn't read this to the toddlers as a bedtime story! It makes you think and makes you laugh at the same time. You won't want to put it

down.The guy can write!

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