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I'll Go Home Then, It's Warm And Has Chairs. The Unpublished Emails.



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Customer Reviews

David Thorne is a jerk. Granted, there are a lot of jerks out there making money off of their jerkiness. There are the boys from *Jackass*. The main characters from *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* and *Arrested Development* and *The League* and *Archer* and *Seinfeld* and *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. Tosh.0. The abysmally popular Tucker Max novels. There's even Steve Martin's *The Jerk*, although he's less a jerk than an idiot. Not that the two aren't often synonymous. That's the real trademark of a jerk worth paying attention to: intelligence. And if Thorne is a jerk, he's at least a smart jerk. His first book (mostly) contained email exchanges he'd had with co-workers, online roustabouts, and folks who were otherwise just trying to do their jobs (mostly bill collectors). He approached these communiques with the subtle and absurdist wit of Monty Python channeling John Swartzwelder. Or vice versa. They're a lot funnier if you believe that they're real, and after having read both of his books, I'm inclined to believe. If they're entirely fictional, then I'd be more impressed, although not nearly as amused. Much of his first book relied on knowing things about David, such as his coworkers' names and various inside jokes he had with regards to most of them. Certain people -- Simon, Holly, Shannon, Lucius, Thomas -- figure prominently in Thorne's life, but it takes a few reads to figure out how or why, at which point the jokes start to make a lot more sense. Of course, some of

his more famous exchanges don't need a whole lot of backstory to work ("Missing Missy" is perhaps his most famous, and for good reason). The first book was also peppered with essays that weren't quite as funny as the emails. Written with a random, absurd, kitchen-sink approach, they're pretty much Thorne being as wacky as he can possibly be. At their best, they sound like some of Woody Allen's older stuff from *The New Yorker*. At their worst, they're repetitive jokes about how dumb he can make the narrator sound. Overall, Thorne's funnier when he's just being mean to what (I hope) are real people. This book is, I think, much better. For one thing, the ridiculous essays are gone, replaced with true-life tales of both his home life and his experiences with nearly cheating death. They show how well he can find the humor in almost anything without having to resort to bizarre non-sequiturs or wacky nonsense. If you like the wacky nonsense, he's included several picture stories (most about his group of cat friends) that are punchy and hilarious (the best is when the cops pull them over). There are a few pictures of formal notices, letters, and forms that are difficult to read on the Kindle, but they aren't completely illegible. Overall, it's a much better read than the first book, even if it does make David look even more like a jerk than the first book. I mean, I'd hate to be in his life, but I enjoy reading about others who aren't as fortunate.

The pictures on the Kindle look like they were resampled down to the native resolution of a 1987-model HP graphing calculator. But there are more diagrams of Simon than you can shake a stick at, and there are more cats than the previous book. So, on the whole, I would call it a book. Not the sort of book to curl up with next to a fireplace. More of a book to read after the electricity has been out for 6 hours due to a winter storm and your iPad's waning battery makes another round of *Angry Birds* too much of a gamble. In other words, a must-read for any fan of Thorne's web site, particularly if you haven't read all of his web site before. Just to be clear, there are a number of stories here that aren't on the web site, and they are worth the price of admission. But unless Simon moves to the states to torment David again at his day job, I fear the next book will be at least 30% cat cartoons, David's family recipes for whatever the hell Australians eat, and him trading emails with wealthy princes who need help getting money out of their bank.

This book is totally irreverent and absolutely hilarious. I do not read the author's blog regularly, so I cannot speak to prior posters' claims of repetitiveness. What I will say is that certain portions of this book (for me, the Simon complaints) are laugh out loud funny. For me, this was money well spent.

I nearly died laughed, almost literally. I read some with my daughter-in-law, and we laughed until we

were in tears and coughing our heads off. There is quite a bit of course language in the book, but it wouldn't be as funny if it was cleaned up. David Thorne must be one of the most irritating humans on earth to work with. (painting his co-worker's iPhone with liquid paper to make it white.) His creativity in coming up with new methods to torture the (usually) deserving, is both profound and impressive. Some years ago, John Cleese (Monty Python) did a video entitled, "How to Irritate People." David Thorne picks up where John Cleese leaves off. Thank you David for so much laughter!

...because a few of the illustrations, as in evaluation forms etc, aren't really all that readable on it and it doesn't enlarge worth a darn. I still gave it five stars because it is the first thing I have read in years that made me laugh out loud, repeatedly. If half of what is written is remotely true it's a wonder he is still alive but the book is hilarious. The only thing I'd previously read of Mr. Thorne's was the incident with the neighbors light. That made me laugh out loud too so I spent the money and got this book. I'm giving serious thought to giving hard copies to several people next Christmas.

this book will get you laid, no doubt about it. if anything on this earth is worth reading, it sure as s*** is not this...ive read " ill go home" twice already, and "the internet is a playground" maybe 5 times. always a good timemy review might now make a whole bunch of sense, but if youre reading this, you must know about David Thorne. so just buy the damn book and read it. he probably needs a new playstation or television by now.

If you're a fan of David Thorne, this book is a great recap of some of his work from the site, as well as a bit of new content peppered in. I was, at times, in tears and I read through the emails and writings. Note that in this book, some of the images (scanned documents and whatnot) are not very high resolution, and so it may be hard to make out at times. Still, it's a quick, light read full of twisted humor.

A great sense of humour with an eye for the bittersweet side of life.

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