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The Exploding Toilet



Synopsis

A humorous collection of modern urban myths and legends grouped under chapters as "School Days," "The Home Front," "Scary Stories," "Scams and Conspiracies," and "Dumb Luck and Bad Breaks."

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Customer Reviews

The other, more negative, reviewer is a little harsh but I can see his point. This isn't a book that you become enamored with necessarily the minute you pick it up. It seems to be a bit more basic, less comprehensive or "professional" than something you might want for the genre. STILL...if you read through it's first half and haven't found yourself engaged or smiling regularly - then I think there might be something wrong with you. Major folk tale, legends, or "weird short stories" fans may really be able to get something out of it. That's why I bought it - because I like the much shorter, more unpredictable stories out there of all kinds. They're all just so fun and easy to read. Whether it's Brothers Grimm or old American scary stories - these kinds of legends and fairy tales (well-known or not) - always seem to rise above with a certain charm. That being said, I'll admit to only liking about half of the "tales" included within this title. Some seem pointless. However, some of the ones I did like are real gems that I'd be happy to re-read down the line. I would try this book because, at the end of the day, the authors have done a neat job of laying out these pieces while including some

good ones that you might not be able to find in-print anywhere else.

If you're considering this book, pick it up and read a section of it (some are under a paragraph long). If you think its stupid, you'll think the whole book is stupid. If you like one section, you'll like the book. Its cheesy. It tells nothing about where these urban legends started. Its a loose collection of urban legends. It made me smile a few times but it never made me laugh. Its good to have to sit next to your toilet for reading to pass time. My kid didn't like it really. She came to me a few times because she didn't understand what was so funny about a story. And I couldn't find it. Kind of a waste of time. I give it a two because i think if you can't get your kid to read anything else, this might be the kind of reading he or she would want to do. I picked it up for us thinking it would be funny and it wasn't really funny at all.

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