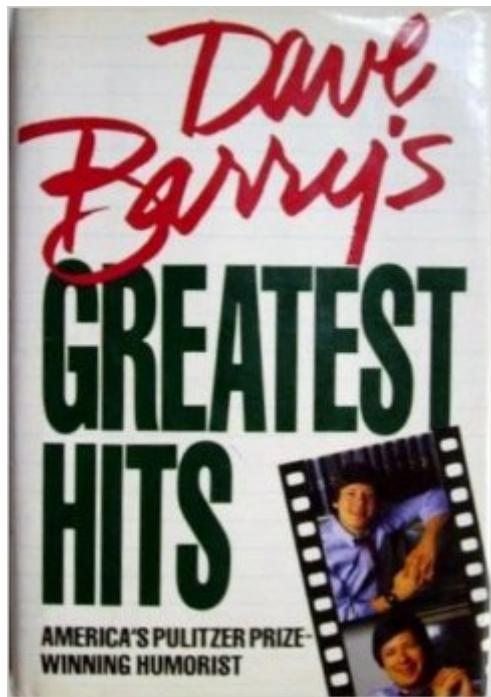


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# Dave Barry's Greatest Hits



## Synopsis

"Mr. Barry is the funniest man in America and we should encourage him. Buy this book."THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEWWhat Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist Dave Barry did for American history in DAVE BARRY SLEPT HERE and for getting older in DAVE BARRY TURNS FORTY, he does for...everything else in America! The rapacious consumer of overpriced real estate, He Man action figures, and homemade beer sounds off on all the things that make life as we know it both ridiculous and sublime. --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

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## Customer Reviews

In spite of the fact that it does not seem, to the best of my knowledge, to conform to the usual format of "Greatest Hits" collections, ie it does not seem to be a gathering of excerpts from other books, this does truly seem to justify its title; this is in fact one of the best collections of Dave Barry's humor columns, and I've read almost all of his books and as many of his columns as I've been able to find. On a par with "Dave Barry Talks Back", "Dave Barry Is Not Making This Up", and "Dave Barry's Only Travel Guide You'll Ever Need".

I'm only 14. Maybe a weird 14 year-old, but still only 14. And even I can see that this guy is absolutely hilarious. Not for everyone, but for most people. He takes all the things in life that are stupid but that we sort of ignore and exposes them. He exaggerates everything about them completely, but at the same time isn't far from the truth. He covers everything from commercials to wine experts. If you've ever read a Dave Barry column and liked it you should get this for

sure.Closing comments:I would like to hear Daves old rock band.

Barry's observations are the funniest I have ever read. These selections were first published in the Miami Herald. I usually don't laugh out loud when I read, but this had me howling. All the articles are short and sweet. I was also impressed that he could write about the death of his father in a humorous, yet touching way. Truly a gifted humorist.

As an Irish person, living in a small town in rainy Ireland, it is unusual to find a book by Dave Barry..(hooray for ). I don't know anyone who has any idea who he is, and why should they.. he is or was(?) a journalist for the Miami Herald, and is a well known funny man in the States, and no singular Irishman or woman has any reason to know of him.. and isn't it a shame. I love funny books. I have some great ones...but Dave is one of the funniest guys I've never met. This book is full of anecdotal ravings and mad perceptions but, you know he is really so funny, you don't care if he talks of giant carnivorous fleas somewhere in the mid-west, or helping his son with a science project waiting for the ants to bite. (ME thinks him an entomologist at heart).. but he has such a funny way of putting things, that no matter what the subject matter, you will read it and enjoy it. Let's face it, in this violent, crime filled world, isn't it still nice that you can have a smile put on your face!

Greatest Hits is a book you've seen listed everywhere, and thus is likely most readers' initial impression of the author. Given the content, I wouldn't say it is truly representative of his Greatest Hits, and seems to require several sessions to complete - not because of length or complicated writing, but due to the overall schizophrenic nature of the diatribe placements. There are definitely classics here, and some pieces you'll never forget, but they are bookended by some very routine essays and some that don't seem too inspired. So, if you get this, you may be getting some of the best of Dave Barry, up to a certain period in time, but you're also getting some of the average Dave Barry also. It almost seems like it wants to portray him as a beat writer, when in actuality he's a beast of one.

As an avoid reader of Dave Barry for decades by now, and one who follows his writings with glee and guffaws, this one was true to form, mostly hilarious and often, too true and realistic. The man is just so funny, it is very hard not to laugh outright, and in this book, he covers 101 different topics well. It is very easy to get thru the entire book in just a few sittings, without much too stomach or rib pains from constant laughing. One should not read the book on the train or in a restaurant or library,

but rather in one's own bedroom, sound-proofed, or in a bank's vault, after hours. It is very hard not to laugh out-loud, and on an airplane or subway, this can and does get one into trouble with other passengers or the laws. Have fun, it is unavoidable when reading Barry!

Okay, I will confess --- I cannot get enough of Dave Barry. I'm a big fan, always have been. This is a compilation of some of his greatest works. If you only buy one Dave Barry book (I cannot imagine doing that, I had to have everything) -- buy this one. You will have pain in your side from laughing. He is not only humorous, but witty, sarcastic, and just plain brilliant.

Barry is a funny man and his observations and commentaries on stuff that we all deal with at some point in time are spot on. I laughed out loud at a number of these essays. I particularly enjoyed the one about visiting the Blue Grotto because he so very accurately nailed the experience just as he captured perfectly so many other more ordinary things that have happened to all of us.

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