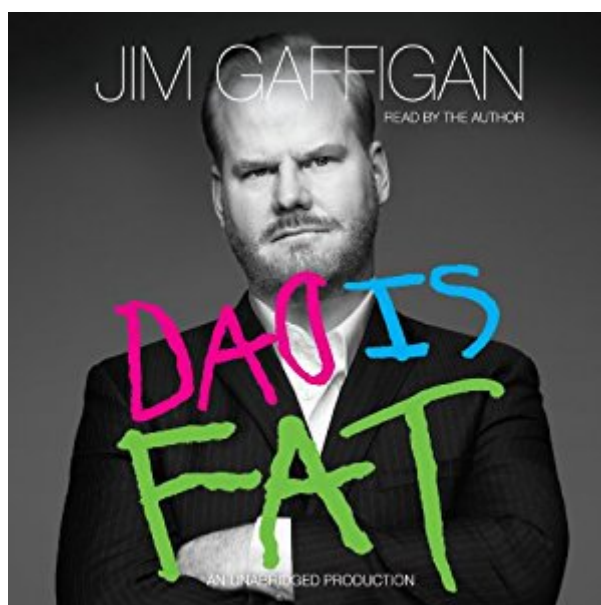


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Dad Is Fat



Synopsis

In *Dad is Fat*, stand-up comedian Jim Gaffigan, who's best known for his legendary riffs on Hot Pockets, bacon, manatees, and McDonald's, expresses all the joys and horrors of life with five young children - everything from cousins ("celebrities for little kids") to toddlers' communication skills ("they always sound like they have traveled by horseback for hours to deliver important news"), to the eating habits of four-year-olds ("there is no difference between a four-year-old eating a taco and throwing a taco on the floor"). Reminiscent of Bill Cosby's *Fatherhood*, *Dad is Fat* is sharply observed, explosively funny, and a cry for help from a man who has realized he and his wife are outnumbered in their own home.

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Customer Reviews

This book is smart, insightful, sweet, and so SO funny!! I mean stomach hurting, crying because I'm laughing so hard funny. And not just in some chapters, constantly throughout the whole thing. If you're a fan of Gaffigan's you'll recognize some of his jokes in here, but not an annoying, overwhelming amount. I am a big fan of his and I have 4 small children, so I think I'm basically the absolute perfect audience for this book. It was so funny because it was true and so incredibly relatable for me. Does that mean if you don't have a lot of children or any children that you won't enjoy it? Definitely not, if you enjoy Jim's style I think you'll find this amusing too. I highly recommend it! In fact I've been recommending it to everyone I know since I started reading it earlier today. Yes, I read the whole thing in less than a whole day. With four kids. (Don't worry, the children

were cared for...the laundry may have been neglected, but....) ;-) So yeah, I'd say it's a pretty engaging, enjoyable read. :)

I don't even have kids and I'm a woman, but I laughed through the entire book! I've always loved Jim's sense of humor and have seen him perform live several times. This book easily lives up to all my expectations. I really admire comedians who know how to make people laugh from their bellies without having to stoop to sexist, dirty, racist, religious or other jokes aimed at downgrading selected groups of people. I also appreciate that Jim truly loves being married and a father yet still can see the benefits of a child-free life and some of the "cult-like" or neurotic behaviors some parents can exhibit from time-to-time (including himself). This book was such a pleasure to read that I gave copies to friends and family members who also laughed their way through it. Enjoy this fun read!

Since I became a mother I got interested in books about people's experiences as parents, and soon found out they're all the same. Well, Dad is fat is a different one, with clever insights that are dead on. It starts to decline towards the end, as if Jim is justifying to the world his decision of having five children, and it ends up becoming a "diary", but I enjoyed the first half, let's say, so much that I felt the five stars are well deserved.

This is gaffigan gold here. It makes parenting feel more enjoyable when the going gets tough. His perspective and sense of humor are so clear and hilarious. I can hear his voice as I read it. A must for parents who feel tired and stressed out.

Funny.....and I like his sense of humor a lot. But its a little TOO "New York-Centric/NYC life/high rise apartment living" to be relate-able to people all across the country. A lot of his stand-up is universal stuff that most American parents can relate to. This.....not as much.Also, he blatantly recycles many of his famous stand-up bits in sections of this book. Some bits several years old.Overall, a pleasant and entertaining read....just left me slightly disappointed.

As a mom of three kids 5 and under, I absolutely loved this book! I laughed from start to finish, and could relate to nearly everything...but thank heaven we don't live in NYC in a 5-story walk up, or I'd be dead. I don't know how the Gaffigan's do it. I have recommended this book to all my friends that have little kids and still have a sense of humor about it. I also recommended it to my brother as a brand-new dad with a non-sleeping newborn, he's up all night anyway, may as well get a few laughs

out of it. A very quick read, especially as the individual essays are short enough to get through one or two between interruptions. If you've seen Jim Gaffigan's stand up specials, you'll recognize some of the material, but not too much, so it is still worth buying. My only (minor) complaint is that as self-deprecating as Jim Gaffigan is, he is equally if not more praising of his wife, so while I enjoyed relating to his humanity and imperfections in the face of an overwhelming family life, I felt that he counteracted that by painting his wife as an uber-saint. He certainly didn't have to rag on her or anything, but at times it did feel kind of like a fan letter to her perfection, and as someone who loves Jim Gaffigan because he's so relatable, I found his characterization of her extremely un-relatable to this frazzled mother. That was a minor complaint, however, and as his wife edited his book, I can't really blame him for keeping himself out of trouble on that front. Smart man.

on of my favorite comedians! Very funny, well worth the cost! Delivered on time, well packaged.
THANKS

love love LOVE Jim Gaffigan! He is hysterical and makes us laugh :)

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