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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Degeneres continues her year-long domination of all media (following a cross-country stand-up tour, an HBO special, a show-stealing turn in *Finding Nemo* and the successful launch of her daily talk show in September) with this new humor collection, winningly preserved on audio. The laid-back, observational comedienne's stream-of-consciousness musings gain additional zest from her wry and adroit delivery. Some of her funniest material is in throwaway lines, dropped with an easygoing deadpan delivery. ("My favorite exercise is walking a block and a half to the corner store to buy fudge. Then I call a cab to get back home. There's never a need to overdo anything.") Her smart and funny routines point out absurdities in everyday life. ("Batteries are packaged as though the manufacturers never want you to get to them. On the other hand, take a good look at a package of light bulbs. Thin, thin, thin cardboard that's open on both ends.") Whether offering tips to cover social embarrassments or grouching about parallel parking ("What better way to do something you're already a little leery about doing than by doing it backwards?"), Degeneres is a delight. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Review

Entertainment Weekly DeGeneres is in top form with her second collection of kooky observations....Her strongest assets -- a hard won dignity and softly skewed worldview -- are on chuckle-inducing display throughout.

About the Author

Ellen DeGeneres's first book, *My Point...and I Do Have One*, was an instant national bestseller that spent more than six months on the *New York Times* bestseller list. DeGeneres has won an Emmy Award, a Peabody Award, and a People's Choice Award for her work as a writer and actress on her television series *Ellen*, and received Emmy nominations as host of the *39th Annual Grammy Awards*, as an executive producer of HBO's *If These Walls Could Talk 2*, and as star and executive producer of her critically acclaimed one-woman HBO special *The Beginning*. DeGeneres made history when her on-screen persona Ellen Morgan became the first openly gay leading character on television, but her groundbreaking legacy had already begun in 1986, on the *Tonight Show*, when she became the first and only female comic invited by Johnny Carson to sit down with him after her stand-up performance. In September 2003, DeGeneres launched *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, her own nationally syndicated daytime talk show.

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