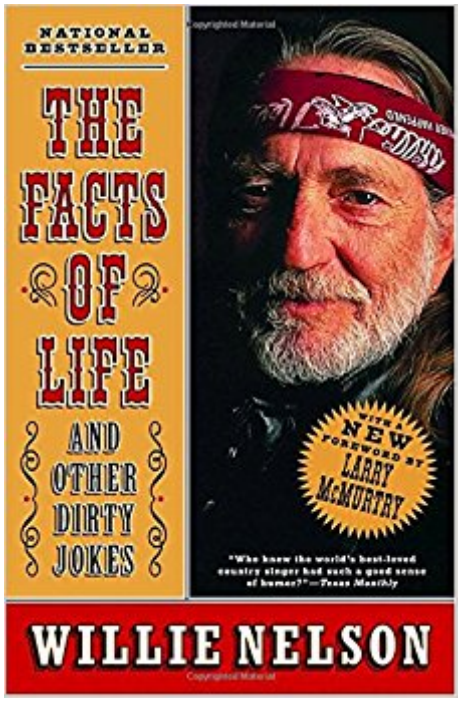
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Synopsis

If you had to give America a voice, itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s been said more than once, that voice would be Willie NelsonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s. For more than fifty years, heÃ¢â ¬â„¢s taken the stuff of his lifeÃ¢â ¬â •the good and the badÃ¢â ¬â •and made from it a body of work that has become a permanent part of our musical heritage and kept us company through the good and the bad of our own lives. So itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s fitting, and cause for celebration, that he has finally set down in his own words a book that does justice to his great gifts as a storyteller. In The Facts of Life, Willie Nelson reflects on what has mattered to him in life and what hasnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t. He also tells some great dirty jokes. The result is a book as wise and hilarious as its author.

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Customer Reviews

Beginning with a request to preteens to "please only read every third word," Willie Nelson proceeds to reveal his thoughtful, hilarious, raunchy inner world in his memoir The Facts of Life: And Other Dirty Jokes. As the title promises, the book is full of jokes, often preceded by no more introduction than, "Rinky wanted me to tell you this joke...." And, yes, some of them are fairly dirty. Other topics Nelson ruminates on include the stock market, the relative amounts of money Tiger Woods and Michael Jordan make from endorsements, the origins of the term "Outlaw Music," the virtues of dairy products and his favorite Biblical lines (e.g., "`Physician, heal thyself'"). Non sequitur follows kooky non sequitur in this delightfully irreverent glimpse into the mind of an American classic. Fans and readers with ADD will love it. Photos not seen by PW. (on sale Jan. 8)Copyright 2001 Cahners

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"Shotgun Willie sits around in his underwear," one of country songster Nelson’s ditties begins, and the line evokes the feel of this loose little book to a T. Nelson wrote the prose in it while his bus carted him and his band and crew from coast to coast on a performance tour. Said prose consists of minuscule memoirs; cracker-barrel philosophizing; a bit of stem-winding for small farmers (Nelson is a stalwart of the Farm Aid concerts); and lots of jokes, usually dirty, as promised, and also stunningly politically incorrect, which means they are often pretty funny. But if the book consisted solely of Nelson’s journaling, it would be, oh, 200 pages shorter, maybe more. Photos depicting Nelson’s long passage from Texas toddler to the long-haired, pot-puffing, jogging old Nashville outlaw he is today and lots of lyrics from his 50-year stash of songs fill out the volume. For anyone who loves Nelson’s act, there’s nothing not to love about this hayseed-speckled gossamer of a book. Ray OlsonCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Even my daughter the confirmed punk rocker howled with delight when she read it. It’s just Willie having fun, telling war stories, Texas tales, and some of the dirtiest jokes you’ll ever read. For long-time Willie fans, it’s filled with lyrics to classic Willie songs, and, even better, to his obscure, mostly long-forgotten songs. One of the lyrics has a legend not in the book attached to it: Willie and Johnny Bush are on a tour bus, Willie says something like "I can write a hit song about anything in 15 minutes." Bush says "You’re on!", they bet something best left unmentioned, and hands him a newspaper story he’d been reading about a woman found strangled. "I Just Can’t Let You Say Goodbye" is in the book ... maybe the bloodiest country song ever ...."... the flesh around your throat is pale, indented by my fingernails, now you can’t scream and you can’t cry, and I just can’t let you say goodbye ..." When you see the lyrics to "Crazy" in print, you realize all over again what a wonderful wordsmith Mr. Hugh W. Nelson is. It’s a book I have read and re-read, gave a dozen copies of it as gifts when it first appeared, some of them to musicians who’d played and toured with Willie. "Yup, he hasn’t changed a bit!"

I thought I I had purchased this large print "Dirty joke book" for my elderly 82 year old mother who just went to assistant living to cheer her up. she loves to read and tell jokes that shes heard or read. When ordering , I searched for LARGE PRINT JOKE BOOKS and this book showed up ! she was looking forward to receiving it!However; This is NOT a joke book! A disappointment and waste of

time and. money.

Songbook, diary and autobiography. You can look for each song on Youtube or similar and give yourself a private concert, or you can simply read them as poetry, sitting at a cosy fireside, in a wood, on a hill, or wherever you feel comfortable and meditative. Diary and autobiography are endearing by their candid honesty, telling in a matter-of-fact way about his blessings, successes and shortcomings - the latter with a roguish twinkle, being sure of the indulgence of his audience.Having delivered my praise, why just 3 stars? Sorry, but European women of my generation are ingrained feminists, so some of the dirty jokes are simply unacceptable. It’s just a matter of cultural divergence - I know rather blasphemous jokes which I gladly share at home, but would never dream of telling an American.At last, a tiny correction (p. 167): You won’t find the Proverbs in the New Testament, they’re in the Old!

Light and generous. My husband read it aloud to us and sometimes couldn’t read because he was laughing so hard. It is something of a thank you letter from Willie to many people in his life.

If you bought "Willie", buy this for dessert! If you haven’t bought "Willie"...go do it~Now!....It’s better’n any fictional account of anything you’re gonna be finding-guaranteed! I also bought his Rainbow album and his interactive CD "Willie..life & times of.." Willie fans ’need’ these rarities and won’t be disappointed ~ unless they miss getting them for their collection...I used to spend my New Year’s Eve’s at his "New Year’s Eve Parties" in Houston and sure miss those days, too. He is one multi-faceted, talented and unique All-American Treasure who just keeps getting better with age. If you heard the Art Bell Show, when he interviewed Willie..and that’s all you know about this entertainer, let me tell you that Art fumbled the ball on that one and should’ve read one of these beforehand...so don’t you miss out - buy the book(s)!

A somewhat tell-all of his experiences in the entertainment business.

...is the only word I can come up with to describe my feelings after reading this book. Although Willie’s stories were entertaining and I did chuckle at some of them, there wasn’t enough of them. More than half the book is made up of the lyrics to his songs. If you’re a Willie fan like I am, you would already know the lyrics to all his songs. Sorry, Willie. You missed hitting the fairway with this one.

I purchased Willie’s new book, "Roll me up and Smoke me when I die" and really enjoyed it. It was funny and gave me new insight and respect for Willie. So I decided to order this one but was disappointed. The jokes were not funny, it lacked much personal insight into the man himself and it contained page after page of song lyrics. I really did not want to read the lyrics and skipped over many of those pages. Not as good as his current book.

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