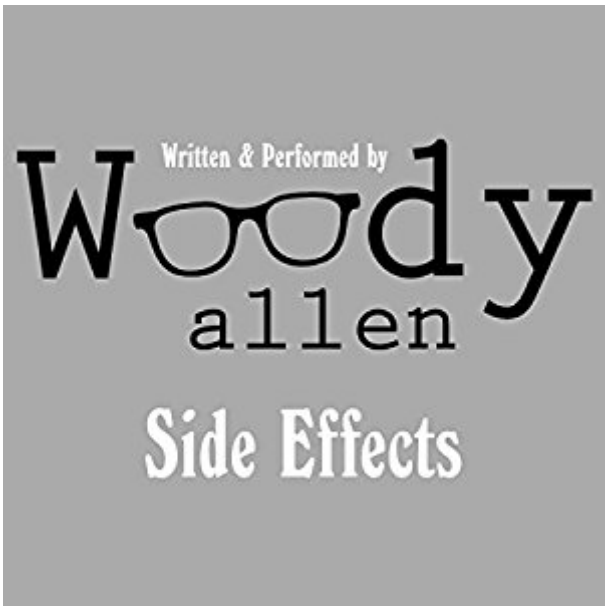
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Synopsis

Now, available in audio for the first time, Side Effects is narrated by Woody Allen himself. A humor classic by one of the world's funniest writers, Side Effects is a treat for Allen fans and those just discovering how gifted he is. In classics including "Remembering Needleman", "The Kugelmass Episode", "Confessions of a Burglar", and others, Allen discusses such subjects as the nature of relativity, the UFO menace, and the predicament of modern man. Side Effects compiles 17 of Allen's best New Yorker essays and offers wisdom and laughs in equal measure: "Ah, God, how the mind boggles when it turns to moral or ethical considerations. Better not to think too much. Rely more on the body - the body is more dependable. It shows up for meetings, it looks good in a sports jacket, and where it really comes in handy is when you want to get a rubdown."Woody Allen's short story collections Side Effects, Getting Even, Without Feathers, and Mere Anarchy are available separately or together as part of The Woody Allen Collection.

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Excelent!

badly-needed offbeat humor during these times.

This book fairly illustrates, I think, the difference between an artist that can write comedyvs. the observational comedians of today. The quality of the writing helps to explain whyto this day Woody is regarded as one of the best standup comedians although he hasn'tdone standup in over 40

years.

When Woody Allen is funny, he is irresistibly funny. His humor is quirky, imaginative, and alive. It’s a testament to his genius that forty years after "Side Effects" was first published and after his style of humor has entered the public consciousness through his films there are some pieces in this collection that are still so fresh and vibrant.That said, Woody Allen’s humor is extremely self-absorbed, and his obsession with young pubescent women is down-right creepy (especially given what we know about his private life). I loved the first few essays, but soon enough reading Allen became like a chore.

After watching mant of Allen’s films and listening to Allen’s stand-up I was more than pleased to read one of his books. His prose is the same as the dialogue that gushes from his character’s mouths in his films, tinged with a twitchy neurosis that brings a smile across my face. This book is littered with moments that will make your stomach sore from laughing and others that result in a sly amused grin. Bring the existential alka-seltser.

Allen’s style is always funny, and the plots are sometimes extremely inventive, but reading more than a few of these short stories often brings you into a state of "dÃƒÂ©jÃƒÂ vu": the prose and style of jokes is somehow repetitive.

If you like Woody’s movies, you’ll love this book. Full of short, digestible stories with outlandish sense of humor and wit. As you read you can hear his voice narrating the words right to you. It’s uncanny! I loved reading a story from this this before bed for several nights.

Oh Woody. You are so funny. This book put me in stitches. You will find yourself laughing out loud.

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