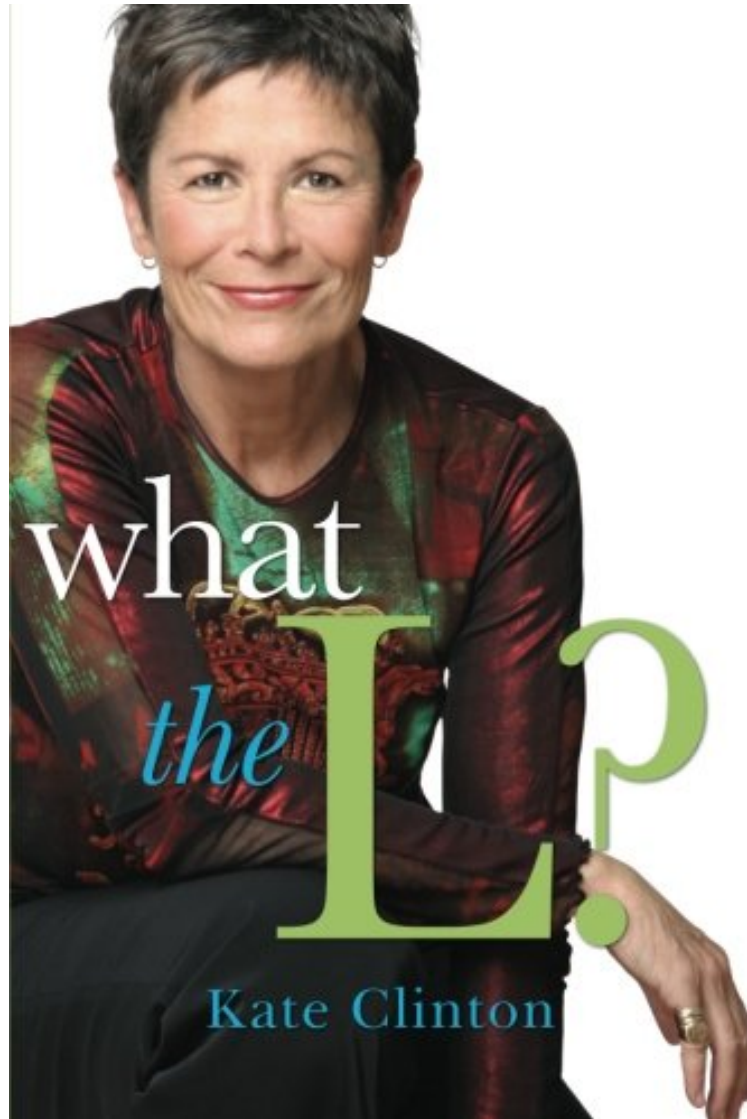


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**Kate Clinton : What the L** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised What the L:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One StarBy Kindle CustomerDidn't like it1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I laughed, I cried and then I laughed again.By Leonie ChildKate Clinton is one smart, funny, erudite woman who looks at the world through her own delightfully skewed eyes. The book comprises a number of individual essays that enlighten, inflame or cause great deep belly laughs. A workout for the brain and for the body as

it tries to keep up. Kate has her own voice and I had read this book before I saw her in concert. The voice in my head matched Kate's voice and I laughed in the same places. She is a refreshing raconteur with a skew I love. I know there is at least one other woman out there who sees the world the way I see it - skewed. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Warning By Htana BlackDont say the L word is now longer any protection. It seems "The dont ask dont tell rule" has been replaced by " we will intrude into your life and the life of all your family and friends harassment model". Kate reminds us the few media gays do not represent the working or social conditions of many gay women. I purchased this as a survival refresher course following lesbian harassment at work and the subsequent loss of my employment. Seems my work colleagues had read all the gay porn and none of the deeper political issues such as lesbians are people, fellow citizens with an IQ above the porn for straights. I also read " And they were wonderful teachers" Florida's purge of gay and lesbian teachers. This shows how some used the gay scare to attack women with intrusive questions about their sexual lives. These questions show no care for women, lesbians or homosexuals. This type of attack on economically and politically free women has been common in history. The book clearly shows how some public servants entrusted with the civil duty of care to all citizens misused power. How they interacted with groups outside the public service to enhance the effect of their own hatred President George Washington in "Rules of civility and decent conduct" advises us to ignore those who bring inappropriate public attention to private matters. He cautions not to publically engage verbally or any other way in such matters. My recent experience and changes to some Australia laws now seem to require a woman or man to show they have a sexual attribute to be protected at work or in public. If a woman (or anyone) is harassed as having any sexual attribute (gay or other) she must prove she has the attribute by discussing gay experiences, sexual and other relationships, all relationships including family history of those not in the workplace. A total intrusion into those social and family friends not employed by her employer. A total breach of all rules of privacy. If she refuses to discuss these attributes then harassment has not been proven. Staff are no longer required to act in a civil manner regardless of a person sexual status be that married, unmarried, gay, heterosexual, bisexual or transsexual. It seems a repeat on the 1950's. The current debate where phrases gays and woman are nothing unless married are dangerous sentiments which may reduce any or all women to no status unless married. Comments that any type of relationships outside of marriage are somehow inferior are not statements from those who value freedom. It seems with Australia passing a raft of legal amendments such as polygamy, surrogacy laws and change to anti-discrimination laws which seem to now reduce women only to a protected attribute along with any other disability this is a timely refresher

What the L? is a new collection of published and unpublished writings that showcases Kate Clinton's gifts as one of the all-time favorite lesbian comics. Like Ellen DeGeneres and Rosie O'Donnell, Clinton is a nationally acclaimed quick-witted, laugh-out-loud funny comic whose hilarious takes on everything from gay marriage ("mad vow disease") and Queer Eye for the Straight Guy, to gay Republicans and the War on Terrorism have earned her a devoted following. She has appeared on many television programs, including Good Morning America, Nightline, Entertainment Tonight, and writes monthly columns for Progressive and the Advocate.

From Publishers Weekly As in "Liberal" "Left" and "Lesbian." A columnist for the Progressive and the Advocate, Clinton offers deft takes on politics and culture, believing in laughter's ability to "subvert authority and promote democracy." If not laugh-out-loud funny, Clinton lands lots of one-liners. Our attorney general was "J. Edgar Ashcroft"; our author is no "America Frister." Noting that only Dick Cheney had acknowledged that his daughter, Mary, is gay, Clinton observes, "His lovely wife, Lon Cheney, demurs on the dyke thing." She's savage toward those who would retool gays into straights, and passionate about the gay Catholics in the group Dignity willing to take on the church. The book mixes new material with previously published columns, and a few pieces are explicitly personal, such as one on Clinton's 11 years of coming out, and one in which she stands amazed that a movie like Boys Don't Cry got made. Clinton, who also works as a comedian, has formed the Permanent Standing Committee to Impeach Bush, but her calling is clear from the mail-order minister's license she got to perform gay weddings: "Call me the Irreverend Kate Clinton." Done. (July) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.