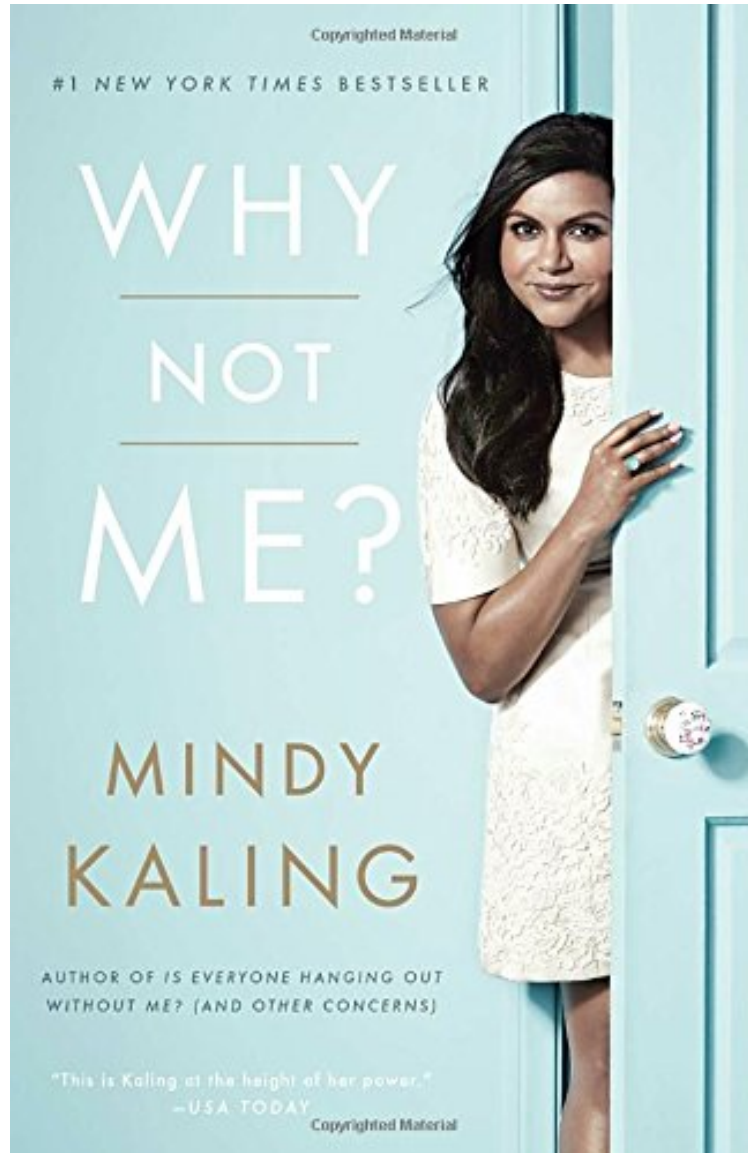


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fans of Kaling will love this By Kindle Customer If you love The Mindy Project you will like this book this by Kaling. It has her signature sense of seemingly shallow humor mixed in with heartfelt truths. I really loved the alternate universe where Mindy stays in NY and becomes a Latin teacher. That

part of the book just really showcases how great Kaling is at writing work place romances. I do think the book could use more structure and her writing can feel very stream of consciousness. Overall a fun read that really cracked me up at moments and made me smile with its advice. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Much more than "sort of meh" By Julianne O'Connell Although I wish I could write a review so boring or bad that Mindy Kaling might reference it in her next book, I simply cannot say enough good things about 'Why Not Me?' except, perhaps, that I wish it were longer. Every essay is different and uniquely enjoyable but I especially enjoyed the essay on her romance with a government employee. The essay about her alternate self, written primarily through emails and text messages, left me absolutely tickled and felt as if I was reading early drafts of "The Mindy Project." Mindy Kaling has solidified herself as one of my favorite writers and storytellers. I hope I will not have to wait too much longer for her next book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious and sweetly emotional all at once. Read it ASAP. By Adriana M Suarez This book is really funny, which we knew since it's written by a comedy writer. It's also very much like her first book, if you've read that. But what is unexpected is the touching moments where the humor subsides to the powerful and emotional messages about being different, being a woman, having anxiety, missing your deceased mom, worrying about love and marriage and kids, or lack thereof, career setbacks, etc. I bought it yesterday I've already finished it. Which should give you all the information you need if you're trying to decide whether this will be a fun, beach-read. The answer is yes, of course. I laughed out loud in inappropriate places (like my desk) throughout. But I cried in some places, too. My favorites are definitely the alternate Mindy emails chapter, which she uses even the format (pay attention to signatures and all the Re:Re:Re: in the subject lines) to make me laugh hysterically. But also the President Obama/Will saga was epic.

From the author of the beloved New York Times bestselling book *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?* and the creator and star of *The Mindy Project* comes a collection of essays that are as hilarious and insightful as they are deeply personal. In *Why Not Me?*, Kaling shares her ongoing journey to find contentment and excitement in her adult life, whether it's falling in love at work, seeking new friendships in lonely places, attempting to be the first person in history to lose weight without any behavior modification whatsoever, or most important, believing that you have a place in Hollywood when you're constantly reminded that no one looks like you. In *How to Look Spectacular: A Starlets Confessions*, Kaling gives her tongue-in-cheek secrets for surefire on-camera beauty, (Your natural hair color may be appropriate for your skin tone, but this isn't the land of appropriateness this is Hollywood, baby. Out here, a dark-skinned woman's traditional hair color is honey blonde.) Kaling tells the story of Kaling being seduced and dumped by a female friend in L.A. (I had been replaced by a younger model. And now they had matching bangs.) In *Unlikely Leading Lady*, she muses on America's fixation with the weight of actresses, (Most women we see onscreen are either so thin that they're walking clavicles or so huge that their only scenes involve them breaking furniture.) And in *Soup Snakes*, Kaling spills some secrets on her relationship with her ex-boyfriend and close friend, B.J. Novak (I will freely admit: my relationship with B.J. Novak is weird as hell.) Mindy turns the anxieties, the glamour, and the celebrations of her second coming-of-age into a laugh-out-loud funny collection of essays that anyone who's ever been at a turning point in their life or career can relate to. And those who've never been at a turning point can skip to the parts where she talks about meeting Bradley Cooper.

.com An Best Book of September 2015: In *Why Not Me?* Mindy Kaling has solidified her position as most valuable friend. Just like Mindy, these essays are exuberantly funny, deeply introspective and refreshingly thoughtful. From her relationship with B.J. Novak and the guy who worked for the president, to creating her TV show and announcing the Emmy nominations, Mindy's just-between-us-friends approach makes you love her just a little bit more after each story, and you'll even question if Mindy is your soup snake. By all conventional measures Mindy Kaling should not be where she is, and that is the beauty of the stories she shares. Work hard, know your shit, show your shit, and then feel entitled. Accessible and empowering, *Why Not Me?* makes you want to stand up and shout, Why not me, too?-- Deborah Bass Kaling has written a second book that's funnier, sharper and more confident than her 2011 collection of personal essays and pop culture riffs called *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)*. Even the title of that initial effort implied that Kaling was trying to find her place; the tone of this new one announces that she's found it and is more than comfortable inviting people to spend time with her there. Washington Post Funny, thoughtful essays and anecdotes written in the star's trademark voice. But this time around, things are just a little more grown-up. This is Kaling at the height of her power. USA Today Mindy Kaling may be gearing up for the fourth season of her TV show, *The Mindy Project*, but that didn't deter her from writing another wildly entertaining and completely relatable book. Her first memoir, *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns)*, spent time on several best-seller lists. *Why Not Me?* will certainly follow in its footsteps. Associated Press Hilarious Kaling knows her strengths, and plays to them brilliantly. Aside from that effortlessly conversational tone and her pitch-perfect humor, Kaling's biggest strength here is curatorial. She gives us the candy we came for: the advice, the anecdotes, the straight talk on body image but sprinkles in something extra. Entertainment Weekly, A- *Why Not Me?* is all that we've come to expect from the creator and star of *The Mindy Project*: refreshing, confident, genuine, and, yes, absolutely hilarious.

Refinery29 insightful personal essays from one of Hollywood's cleverest writers Intrepid and often irreverent, Kaling humbly probes her own triumphs and defeats with laugh-out-loud results. Kirkus sKaling's irreverent take on life is both uproariously funny and dead-onAdvice on a variety of topicsincluding why extensions make everyone more beautiful and how the world needs to start assuming that all young women are confidentmake this an empowering and entertaining read.Publishers WeeklyAbout the AuthorMINDY KALING lives in rural New Hampshire and does not own a TV.From the Hardcover edition.