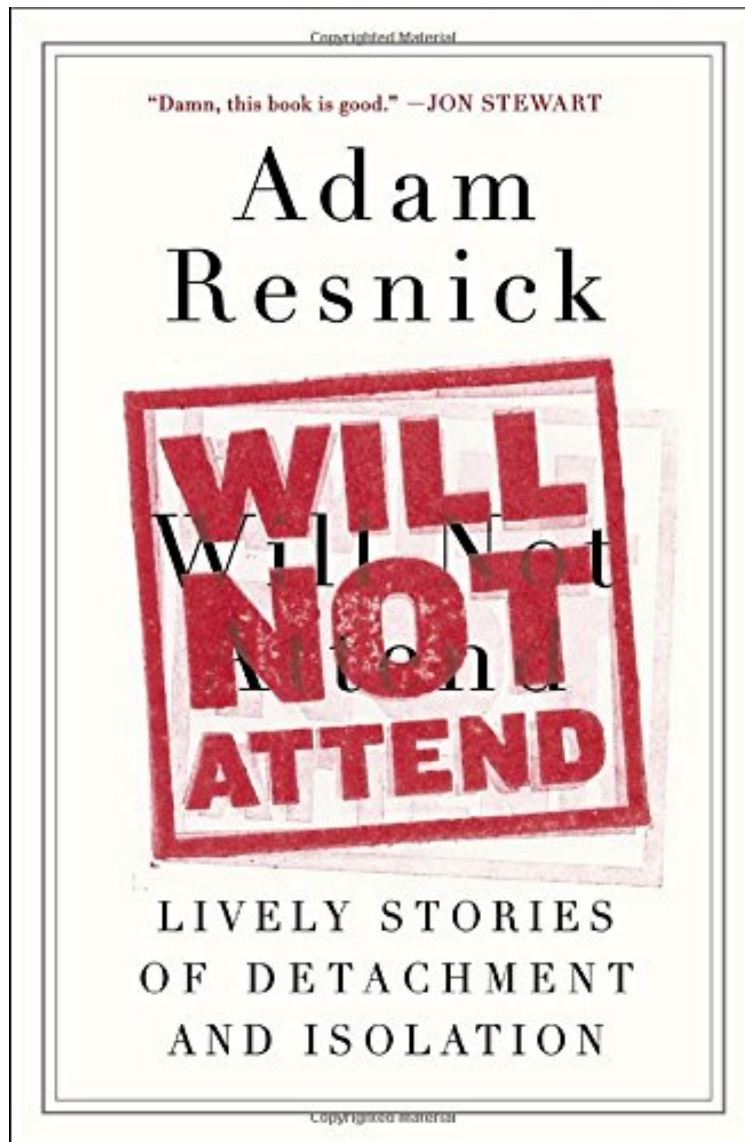


Will Not Attend: Lively Stories of Detachment and Isolation

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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. He doesn't much like most people but still comes off as likable By Noelle Tutunjian This book was hysterical. It's rare that I laugh out loud when reading. Resnick is the ultimate

introvert. He writes a series of short stories about growing up in Pennsylvania with a crazy family going all the way through to his life with his wife and daughter in New York City. He doesn't much like most people but still comes off as likable. My favorite was his story about buying a piano from the lady upstairs in his upper westside building. It reminded me so much of living in New York (I don't anymore). His descriptions were spot on. Smart, funny and super entertaining. I'm getting this book for a bunch of people for Christmas.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Humor and SuspenseBy Marc McKeeBeing in my 40s I related well with these stories from the days of landlines and county fairs. Besides the humor, the common thread through the book is the page-turning suspense of how each chapter unfolds. On the Blue Yodel No. 13 story I was really rooting for young Resnick to lose his virginity to the chain-smoking teenage runaway girl. And I was dying to know what kind of cereal his dad was eating in chapter 12. But I won't give anything away here. To find out what kind of cereal it was, you will just have to read the book!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One of the funniest books I've ever readBy Lisa BussellI loved it and was upset when I turned the last page. Now what? Rarely do I delve so whole-heartedly into a book as I did this one. A quarter of the way through I was recommending it to everyone I knew and now that I finished it, I wasn't wrong.Resnick has such a bitter, cynical, perma-Eeyore persona but his set-up and delivery are brilliant, caustic and hysterically funny. And most importantly, no one is left unscathed including himself. Hidden amongst the wry wit and improbable adventure are little gems of poignancy for balance. Read the milkshake chapter and you'll never be the same again.

Damn, this book is good.Jon StewartEmmy Awardwinning writer Adam Resnick began his career at Late Night with David Letterman before honing his chops in movies and cable television, including HBO's The Larry Sanders Show. While courageously admitting to being euphorically antisocial, Resnick plunges readers deep into his troubled psyche in this uproarious memoir-in-essays. Shaped by such touchstone events as a traumatic Easter egg hunt and overwrought by obsessions, he refuses to be burdened by chores like basic social obligation and personal growth. Resnick is cut from the same strange cloth as Louis C.K., and Will Not Attend showcases his writing at its brazenly hilarious best.

From BooklistBeginning when he was in elementary school and jumping around through childhood, adolescence, and adulthood, these 15 essays by the Emmy Awardwinning Resnick provide a loose commentary on his life. His self-deprecating humor quite often lashes out at other people, such as his family, teachers, neighbors, and people he sees on the street. Resnick has a way of looking at life that will provoke lots of laughter, shame in the reader for laughing, and acute appreciation of Resnick's OCD-fueled exaggerations. The essays reveal the potty-mouthed, definitely not politically correct, and totally opinionated author at the top of his game. He takes on Disneyland and the Disney philosophy with gusto while on the side using a family trip to destroy the relationship with his sister-in-law. His take on junk food is priceless (Only a narcissistic asshole would consider his body a temple). Readers will relish this book. Buy plenty. --Ellen Loughran My pal Adam's FUNNIEST MEMOIR ever, came out TODAY. D'ja get it yet? My fist to God - it's hilarious!Bob Odenkirk (@mrbobodenkirk)Adam Resnick doesn't merely summon the jaundice and surprise of early David Sedaris, his mini memoirs are unpretentious reminders of John Updike's everyman absurdities and Richard Ford's bewildered strivers. A biting, darkly hilarious collection of personal essays that begs to be read aloud.Chicago Tribune (A Best Book of the Year, 2014) [A] gruff, wry paean to life's indignities...essays here aren't just stand-up skits but have actual plotsin which things go horrifically, uproariously wrongAnyone who watches Larry David will be familiar with Resnick's hearty style of tell-it-like-it-is meanness.Lisa Zeidner, The Washington Post"An anti-social work of art."RollingStone.com [A] dark, hilarious first book.Resnick is a guy thoroughly uncomfortable in his own skin, and he knows how to wring laughs and pathos out of that fact...[he] delivers his sad little histories with wit, insight and hilarious detail. [Like] kindred spirits Louis C.K. and Larry David, he just wants the rest of the world to see how stupid it all is.Josh Modell, AV Club (A Favorite Book of the Year, 2014)A streak of self-loathing runs through these stories with the anti-social Resnick repeatedly finding himself struggling through a humiliating or deeply irritating experience. However, that trenchant quality is occasionally undercut by an almost subliminal level of sweetness.Resnick's cynical sensibilities are surprisingly raw and consistently hilarious.Will Not Attend could very well be one of the funniest books released this year.SplitsiderThe essays reveal the potty-mouthed, definitely not politically correct, and totally opinionated author at the top of his game. He takes on Disneyland and the Disney philosophy with gusto while on the side using a family trip to destroy the relationship with his sister-in-law. His take on junk food is priceless (Only a narcissistic asshole would consider his body a temple). Readers will relish this book. Buy plenty.Booklist The writing is sharp and sharp-tongued the book is not for readers who are easily offended. The author's aversion to just about everything paints him as nihilistic and cynical, but the subtle moments of genuine vulnerability remain the heart of every story. These moments prove redemptive for a character who sometimes feels beyond saving and shed light on how he developed such comically twisted viewpoints. A neurotic, unapologetic, hilarious collection.Kirkus Writing a collection of short stories is a very difficult thing to do. These Adam Resnick stories are great. You read one and think, that was so well done maybe I'll read another. You think, the next one can't be

as good, and its even better. I hope you read this book. Its funny, smart and thoughtful; and its funny, smart and thoughtful. I loved it. I think you will as well. Did I mention I loved it? Happy reading.

Dave Letterman Having worked with Adam Resnick many years ago, I can easily recall he was a little nuts, but I completely forgot he was this talented and funny. Damn, this book is good.

Jon Stewart Adam Resnick is one of the funniest writers I've ever known, and he proves it big-time in this acid-swaddled memoir. You will laugh reading this book, I swear to Christ Almighty. Adam comes by his misanthropy honestly and bravely and his continued existence is a tribute to the soul-nourishing qualities of an unrelenting, unforgiving, and hilarious outlook. I will be reading this again and again for the rest of my life like it's the goddamn bible.

Bob Odenkirk In the ideal film adaptation of *Will Not Attend*, second-grader Adam Resnick would be played by a four-foot-tall, fully adult homunculus Resnick, animated by a precocious despair, disdainful of cultural idiocy, and wearing the ever-present scowl of the perpetually put-upon. Undoubtedly, the child Resnick is father of the man Resnick. This is a very funny book, and I would pay decent money to see the movie version, or even to play it in the form of an extremely sad video game.

Charlie Kaufman Adam Resnick is like an artist keenly observing the subtleties of light and shadow in the world around us painting hilariously bleak portraits of the neighbors, friends, and family that we all know and love so dearly. Hes basically our generations Norman Rockwell, if Norman Rockwell had ever painted a woman sucking off a horse.

Chris Elliott About the Author Adam Resnick is an Emmy Award-winning writer who began his career at *Late Night with David Letterman*. He went on to co-create *Fox's Get a Life*, starring Chris Elliott, and has written several screenplays, including cult favorites *Cabin Boy* and *Death to Smoochy*. Resnick has written for *Saturday Night Live*, was a co-executive producer and writer for HBO's *The Larry Sanders Show*, and created the HBO series *The High Life*, which was produced by David Letterman's company, *Worldwide Pants*. He is the author of *Will Not Attend*. He lives in New York City.