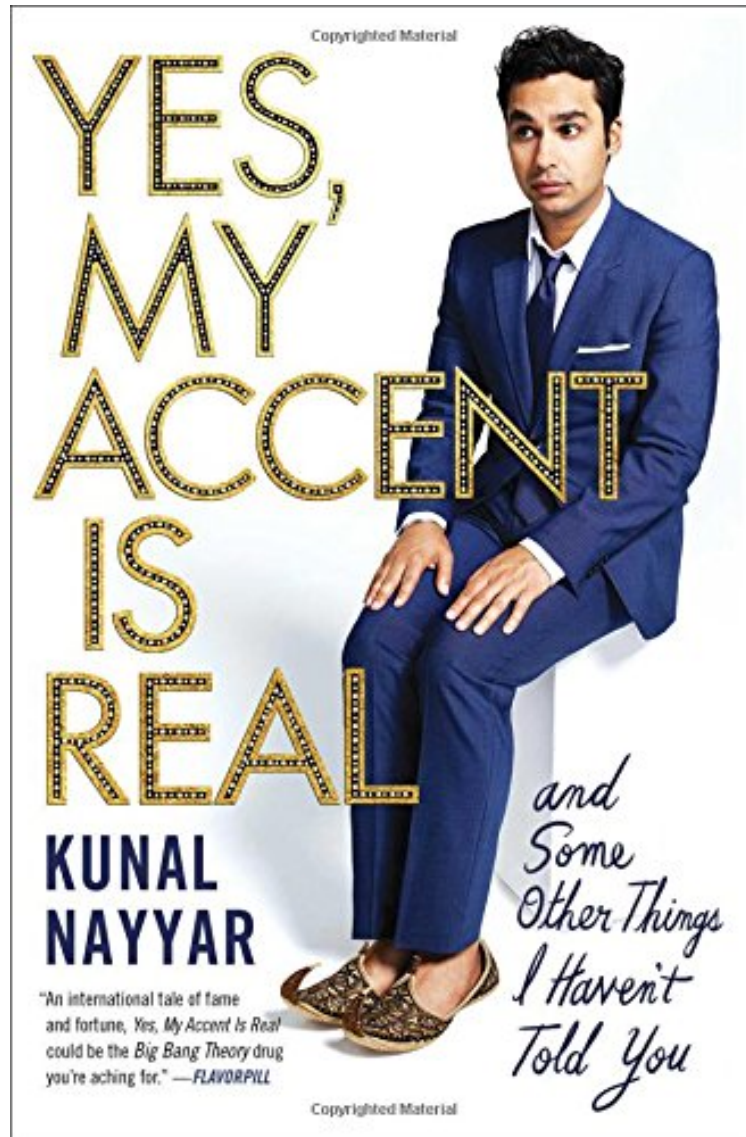


# Yes, My Accent Is Real: And Some Other Things I Haven't Told You

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**Kunal Nayyar : Yes, My Accent Is Real: And Some Other Things I Haven't Told You** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Yes, My Accent Is Real: And Some Other Things I Haven't Told You:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Sometimes nice guys finish first By Vincent T. Lynch There are a few

things you should understand before buying this book. First off, it's not a biography. Second, there's very little in the book about "The Big Bang Theory"; in fact, just one small section about how Kunal tried out for the role and how all that went down. Third, you won't find too much that's profound here, although some of the things Kunal's father taught him would be good for all people to consider. "The Big Bang Theory" is one of my all-time favorite television shows, and that's saying a lot since I'm in my mid-60s. And, Raj is my favorite character. I've seen Kunal on quite a few of the late night talk shows and he always seemed like a very nice guy. But I wondered...is he, indeed, a very nice guy? And that's the question this book answers through a series of short "essays" (perhaps better to call them "reflections"). And the answer is yes, he seems like a genuinely nice person who's rather sensitive and perhaps a tad insecure. He comes across as "real", and I couldn't help but hope that he stays that way despite being a television star. Bottom lines -- a pleasant, sometimes humorous read (but not laugh out loud funny); a nice guy who would probably be a very good friend; a gentle book (but not earth shattering). The "niceness" that shows through on "The Big Bang Theory" and television interviews is very probably well justified.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. With this title, how can you NOT do audio?!? By eema2emma I'll admit that I am majorly behind in watching The Big Bang Theory. (I think I'm still on season six.) However, after listening to this book, I really want to start watching it again! Yes, My Accent Is Real: and Some Other Things I Haven't Told You is best as an audio book, since you can hear Kunal's accent. I love listening to him speak. He's very pleasant on the ears and his inflections somehow make things even funnier. His stories about growing up, dating, establishing his career, family and cultural traditions, and college life were fun and interesting to hear about. I found myself reacting a lot to what he was saying, whether it was laughing or nodding in sympathy. I'm glad I checked this book out. Last year, I got to meet Kunal at Book Expo America and he's as kind and gracious in person as he is throughout his book. I think he'd be a lot of fun to spend time with and I envy the cast of The Big Bang Theory for getting to hang out with him all the time. (I'm sure they are all great in person, but do they have books yet?!? :) ) P.S. His last name rhymes with "mayor." (I always thought it was Nigh-are.)

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. So much fun! By D. Hite I'm a huge fan of The Big Bang Theory and Kunal Nayyar. I've seen him on a couple of talk shows in the past and enjoy his humor. I have wanted to read Yes, My Accent is Real since I heard it was coming out. I was super excited to find it under the Christmas tree this year. Yes, My Accent is Real is humorous and fun to read. It's filled with interesting and heartwarming stories of Kunal Nayyar's past. My favorite stories were about his college years in Portland, Oregon and how he got his big break. Kunal Nayyar comes across so personable in this (not a) memoir. It felt like I was his new friend and he was telling me about growing up. The only books I can compare it to are Mindy Kaling's and Tina Fey's. If you liked those, you'll love Yes, My Accent is Real.

In the spirit of Mindy Kaling's bestseller *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?* or Judd Apatow's *Sick in the Head*, a collection of humorous, autobiographical essays from Kunal Nayyar, best known as Raj on CBS's #1 hit comedy *The Big Bang Theory*. Of all the charming misfits on television, there's no doubt Raj from *The Big Bang Theory*—the sincere yet incurably geeky Indian astrophysicist—ranks among the misfittingest. Now, we meet the actor who is every bit as loveable as the character he plays on TV. In this revealing collection of essays written in his irreverent, hilarious, and self-deprecating voice, Kunal Nayyar traces his journey from a little boy in New Delhi who mistakes an awkward first kiss for a sacred commitment, gets nosebleeds chugging Coca-Cola to impress other students, and excels in the sport of badminton, to the confident, successful actor on the set of TV's most-watched sitcom since *Friends*. Going behind the scenes of *The Big Bang Theory* and into his personal experiences, Kunal introduces readers to the people who helped him grow, such as his James Bond-loving, mustachioed father. Kunal also walks us through his college years in Portland, where he takes his first sips of alcohol and learns to let loose with his French, 6'8" gentle-giant roommate, works his first-ever job for the university's housekeeping department cleaning toilets for minimum wage, and begins a series of romantic exploits that go just about as well as they would for Raj. (That is, until he meets and marries a former Miss India in an elaborate seven-day event that we get to experience in a chapter titled "My Big Fat Indian Wedding.") Full of heart, but never taking itself too seriously, this witty collection of underdog tales follows a young man as he traverses two continents in search of a dream, along the way transcending culture and language (and many, many embarrassing incidents) to somehow miraculously land the role of a lifetime.

"Hilarious and inspiring." (Entertainment Weekly) "Employing a charming, self-deprecating tone, [Nayyar] writes that he's too young for a memoir, so these anecdotes are merely stories from his life – humorous, insightful, heartfelt, and heartwarming autobiographical essays." (Booklist) "The author's charming style will keep readers invested, while the portrait of his family is beguiling in its sweetness and sincerity. A must for those who enjoyed Mindy Kaling's *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?* or Judd Apatow's *Sick in the Head*." (Library Journal) "An international tale of fame and fortune, *Yes, My Accent is Real* could be *The Big Bang Theory* drug you're aching for." (Flavorpill) "Anyone who has ever had an awkward childhood or teenage moment will be able to relate to the situations Kunal went through, and this is one of those rare not-a-memoirs which is honest, and shows the author's own flaws. Rather than asking 'why me,' Kunal owns his mistakes and learns from them, which is rather refreshing."

(100PercentRock.com)About the AuthorKunal Nayyar was born in London and raised in New Delhi, India. He first came to the United States in 1999 to pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration and went on to receive an MFA in acting from Temple University. Playing the character of Raj on The Big Bang Theory, he has been part of the ensemble since the show debuted in 2007. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Neha.Excerpt. © Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.Yes, My Accent Is Real Preface SOMETIMES PEOPLE ASK ME, "WHY are you writing a memoir? You're only thirty-four." This is not a memoir. I'm not a president, or an astronaut, or a Kardashian. This is a collection of stories from my life. It is not an "I was born in . . ." type of book. I was born in London and raised in New Delhi. When I was eighteen, after maneuvering my way through a billion people and a few cows,I I moved to Portland, Oregon, where I studied business, cleaned toilets, lied my way into an IT job, and fell in love twenty-seven times. I went on to get my master's in acting in Philadelphia, auditioned for a play in the basement of an Apple Store in New York City, and spent four hours a day commuting on a bus in Los Angeles. Somehow this crazy journey landed me on a little television show called The Big Bang Theory. Here are some things that happened to me along the way. I. Obligatory cow joke. The first of many.