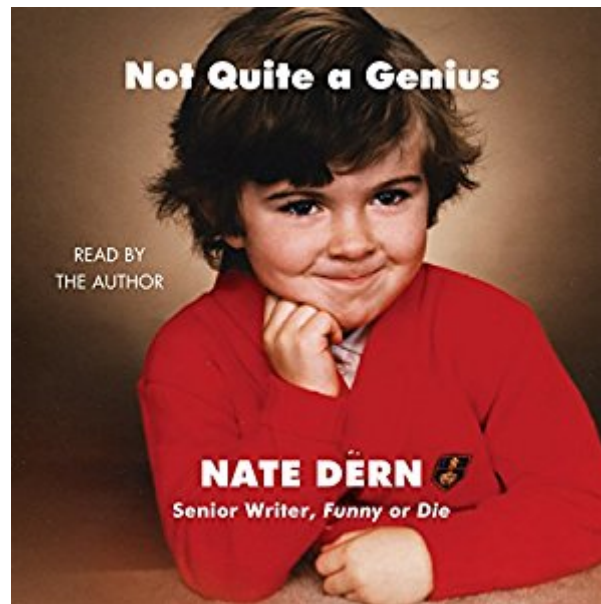




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Not Quite A Genius



Synopsis

From the senior writer at Funny or Die and former artistic director at the Upright Citizens Brigade Theater, a collection of absurdist, hilarious stories and essays on relationships, technology, and contemporary society. This collection of essays and stories spans a wide variety of topics. There's the open letter to Charles Manson, the report of a brave archeologist's journey into a suburban man cave, and a long overdue missive from Leif Erikson to Christopher Columbus. Walt Whitman even teaches a spin class. Nate Dern's razor-sharp eye examines modern society and technology, man buns, dating apps, and juicing crazes. Anyone who's ever scrunched their eyes at Wi-Fi terms & conditions, listened to the reasons that led a vegetarian to give up meat, or looked on in horror at the evolving audacity of reality TV will appreciate Dern's wicked and funny take on modern life.

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Customer Reviews

Each piece in Not Quite a Genius is different from the last, yet the whimsical, gentle honesty of the author's voice remains constant. Some pieces are flat out silly and a lot of fun, some are heartfelt confessions of a sweet boy turned sweet man/boy, and some are light versions of dark satire about living in today's society. All of which made me laugh and feel a little less alone, which I think that's what Nate Dern was going for. I can't recommend the book enough and I am looking forward to what Dern writes next.

The blend of non-fiction, fiction and humor make this book a refreshing alternative to a more typical

compilation of short stories. Dern's writing feels authentic and relatable in a way that makes his first book a truly enjoyable read – and while his background is in comedy writing, his stories will appeal to those who aren't necessarily looking for something funny, but just plain good.

This a great mix of personal anecdotes, surreal fiction pieces, opinions and even a bit of straight-up scary stuff. I dug it.

This book was smart, endearing, and very very funny. I read a lot of comedic literature and I honestly can't recommend this enough. I laughed out loud on many occasions and smiled the entire time I was reading. A well deserved five stars.

Really enjoyed this funny and moving book. I laughed out loud more times than I can count.

By far the funniest and most enjoyable book I have read all year!

Couldn't put it down! I bought the book for comedy, but it turns out there's a ton of good stuff for living, loving, and just being a better person.

Dern effortlessly oscillates between the surreal world of his imagination and the relatable universe of his life experience. He's got a vocabulary that lets you know he's no dummy, but he uses it with enough grace that you never feel stupid. Plus you can read it while pooping, which is a fantastic experience depending on your diet.

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