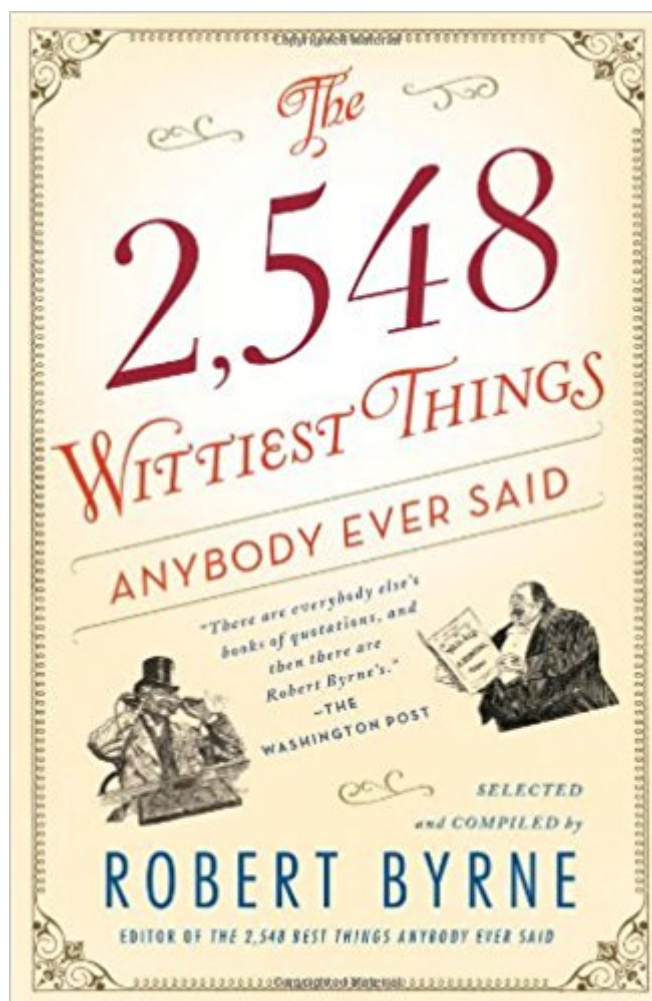


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Even though it may be easy enough to find a quote online, books of quotations are still great fun for both the casual browser and the serious writer. Byrne’s book is a fresh collection of creative zingers, from famous as well as lesser-known sources. Categories include the expected “Dating,” “Children,” “Education,” and “Politics” as well as the amusing “Hooey” and

“Stupidity.” A good, affordable choice for public library collections. --Rebecca Vnuk

Robert Byrne is the author of seven novels, five collections of humorous quotations, seven books on billiards, and an exposé of frauds in the literary world. Byrne was born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa, where he has a regular humor column in the Dubuque Herald Times. Visit his website at Byrne.org.

The book is good for casual, coffee-table reading, but it quickly becomes repetitive. A proofreader would have been handy as some quotes are listed multiple times. The collection also generally seems to be biased, as the quotes have little variety, mostly are taken from the same figures, and seem to unanimously affirm or deny a single viewpoint. This is certainly not a feel-good book as a pessimistic tone persists throughout, although this is often the case with humor. Overall, it does not inspire a laugh or cry so much as a chuckle or cringe.

These short sayings are witty and amusing, but it soon becomes difficult to keep the attention level up. A few pages and I lose interest. But it is fun to go back from time to time and enjoy a sample. A bit like cake with too much icing. Interestingly, this may be an example of content that might be more effective in printed form than under the consecutive page restrictions of Kindle. With a book it is easier to flip pages and move to other sections, so the organization by topic is less restrictive.

I was looking for a book that had a bunch of random facts or sayings as a gift for my coworker, who really like facts. When I came across this, I was hoping it would be good. And it was! I read a couple of them, and thought they were great! When I last saw my coworker, he was telling me that they were funny and great! He was half way through the book at that time. If you're looking for a book with random sayings, this would be a good one to get! It arrived on time, and in great condition! I would order from here again!

I have four friends that I bought this book for: A cancer victim, who is a great friend, another great friend with a heart condition, and my son who needs to relax and enjoy the world more. LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE! The 4th was for my Doctor, who has a great sense of humor. I always feel better when I leave a visit with him. He is truly human, not puffed up, self effacing and a person that you know is really interested in you, not your money.

A fan of "quote collection" books, this one is so well put-together, it has become one of my favorites. It may be that I'm simple minded, but every time I pick up this book, an audible laugh will follow. Warning: Don't think you can just pick it up briefly for a quickie. It won't let you. (How can so many people be so clever?! They could have left one or two quips to the rest of us.) Every page is worth every penny.

I gave my daughter a copy of this book for Christmas and she read selections at the dinner table for half an hour during dessert. It was so entertaining, no one texted or conducted iPhone Wikipedia searches; instead, we laughed and discussed the quotes and the authors. Thanks to Robert Byrne for an old fashioned Holiday: Unplugged.

Incredibly funny and gets the creative juices flowing when it comes to writing.

Just open this book to any page, and get ready to smile. Take it off your bookshelf any time your bored; It's a great way to while away a few minutes and to meet some very amusing folks from the past and present. Or...you can hunt for something witty to quote, relative to most any topic by checking a specific category listed in the index. This book also makes a great gift.

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