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With his goofy smile, sleepy eyes, and stoner's laugh, Jim Breuer might not appear to be the most introspective comedian out there. The fact that he made his mark playing Goat Boy on *Saturday Night Live* and a recalcitrant toker in the stoner classic *Half Baked* doesn't help his reputation at all. But in *I'm Not High*, we meet a whole new Jim Breuer: the Jim who tours the country with his whole family in tow; the Jim who cares for his ailing eighty-five-year-old father; the Jim who considers himself a deeply spiritual person. *I'm Not High* reveals the complex man behind the simpleminded persona, bringing to life true stories from a career that has spanned two riotous (yet somehow semi-righteous) decades.

Jim dishes on everything from the *SNL* years to his early adventures in film. The cast of characters in *I'm Not High* includes Chris Farley, Dave Chapelle, and Tracy Morgan—who all taught Jim lasting lessons about the high-stakes game of fame. He also chronicles the constant role his family has played in keeping him honest. Whether he's arguing with his wife about religion (Is it okay to believe in God but not believe in church?), trying to take care of his kids, or helping his father get through the day with his dignity in tact, it's clear that some of his best material comes from his best moments as a son and a dad and a husband.

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# **From Reader Review I'm Not High: But I've Got a Lot of Crazy Stories about Life as a Goat Boy, a Dad, and a Spiritual Warrior for online ebook**

## **Amy Kearns says**

Eh, not that funny. Not that good. Love the guy but the book was sort of disappointing.

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## **Amy says**

I tried to read it but i didn't expect the religious bits...I may try again sometime when i'm more open to his battle against the "dark forces".

Also.. Audio was BAD idea.. his voice is good for Stand up.. really annoying though for a book.

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## **Alisa says**

I have always loved Jim Breuer so when I saw that he had written a book yesterday when I was at the bookstore I had to read it. It wasn't just a funny book.. it was a book about a man who has completely lived a life that is different than what he looks like he would live. When you look at him you think that he prob. smokes all day long and frequents taco Bell at 3am, before slides out of bed late to go to work...maybe..lol... But Jim is a responsible, loving, caring person who loves his family and does everything in his ability to make sure that their lives are well lived as well. I love the fact that he not only takes care of his father but that he takes his family on tour.. I love that, and i love him.. he's just ggreat.

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## **Trent says**

So anyways if you don't know who this is, he was on Saturday Night Live in the 90's (Goat Boy, Joe Pesci) and has a radio show on Sirius Radio. He was in Half Baked as well, which is hilarious. About a year ago he came to the Funny Bone in Richmond, VA and Kelsey and I went to see him and we laughed out butts off. I think this is why she bought it for me. I thought it was great! I didn't even know I could read that fast! haha. Most of the book is funny stories of him growing up and of course stories about Will Ferrell, Chris Farley, Adam Sandler etc. etc. from SNL. I would have bought this book for those stories alone. I think anyone around my age would agree that some inside information on those classic SNL guys is great! I laughed out loud a ton. But more importantly, I thought it was cool to read how normal he was and is today. He is pretty religious (which inspired me to buy my next couple of books) but at the same time he has had his crazy moments. He dabbled in weed and alcohol and had the fame life and lived with Dave Chapel for a while so he definitely had some fun but he also never strayed on his wife and is an awesome father. He is also an awesome son considering his father needs help going to the bathroom and Jim does that for him daily, but Ill let you read the book to get all those details! After I read the book, I loved it so much that I wrote him an email to tell him how great it was to read it. He wrote me back a couple hours later with a pretty lengthy

email and it was awesome! I have a way with D list celebrities! haha

All and All, this book was great and it did so much for me. It has made me enjoy reading, which I do almost every day now and it has made me want to find more out about all kinds of things in life which is why I bought a bunch of books about Heaven, Hell and in between. But im not gonna go all weirdo cameirdo on you all, I got funny ones too. I just want to enjoy this before I decide movies are easier again! :)

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### **Terry says**

Breuer is pretty funny guy, and there are occassional glimpses of it in this book. Nevertheless, it meanders without much discipline that would make a biography well done. I did appreciate the fact that he's not a typical low life and honors his wife in the book. I was impressed. If you like SNL then this provides some good insite on a funny guy.

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### **Davida says**

Terrible book. Did not finish. Not funny. Too much Jesus talk. The best thing about this book is its title.

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### **Sheilah says**

I heard Jim interviewed on Rosie's radio show. I enjoyed reading this book. Jim Breuer has lead a very interesting life! At times it jumped around a bit and I wish that he had expanded a bit more in parts. I learned a lot about working on SNL the good, the bad and the ugly. I wish that he would have included a picture of his wife since she is a huge part of his life.

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### **Kristy says**

This is a great book for any lover of SNL and Jim Breuer. I was sad to read about the egos that the producers on the show have and how that prevents the comedians from reaching their full potential. I would've liked to have read more stories about Breuer's Dad. He alsways tells them when he is on Howard Stern and they are hilarious. Overall, I would recommend this book.

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### **Kristy says**

Yes!!!!

"I killed the cats!"

If you don't know what I'm talking about, you need to watch this guys stand up act! hilarious, especially if you are a parent!

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## **Dana Rock says**

Less funny and more touching than I expected. Loved it

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## **Stephen E says**

Wow did I like this book. Jim Breuer is funny and honest, and has had a very interesting life. I listened to it on audio, which I recommend... Breuer himself reads and performs it, and his impressions make it really fun. The book completely exceeded my expectations.

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## **Michael Brown says**

“I’m Not High” by Jim Breuer is probably one of the best memoir/autobiographical books I have read in a long time. It is funny, sad, humorous, poignant, and thought provoking. It is a read-it-in-one-day type of book.

Now some of you might not remember or know who Jim Breuer is... he is best known for being “Brian” in the cult classic stoner comedy “Half Baked” and also know for his “Goat Boy” and “The Joe Pesci Show” on SNL. If that still doesn’t ring a bell – look him up on youtube after you get done reading this post. He is really funny.

The subtitle of his book is “(But I’ve Got a Lot of Crazy Stories about Life as a Goat Boy, a Dad, and a Spiritual Warrior).” And that my friends peaked my interest... what comedian has the balls to say that he is a “Spiritual Warrior”? – that and I had seen his latest standup special on Comedy Central about year ago and it was great – funny straight on “high-larious” as Ross Perot would say – I remember watching it with my Dad and laughing.

Our journey with Jim starts out in Vegas where he had just “crushed” his set and he ends up talking to this Security Guard about Christ, God, life, truth, and writing. A cleaning lady stole/took all the writing he did on a plane and in the room the night before and he and the Hotel management had to go hunt for it and the cleaning lady returned most of it. It was a great way to jump in. It really set the stage for the rest of the book.

The Themes of Comedy, Family, Friends, and God run fluidly throughout this book and not always in that order. We learn he was nearly aborted and his mother refused to do so. We also learn that his mother’s first husband died in WWII and that when his mother and her family went to the funeral her husband’s family and Catholic Priest didn’t even acknowledge his mother or their son (Jim’s older brother Eddie). This event affected Jim and his family and their outlook on the Church for years to come. We learn how he started to catch the acting/comedy bug very young. How he got on to SNL and the creation of some of his most popular characters – The Joe Pecsì Show and Goat Boy.

But, in the end, that is just the icing on the cake; the book is about sooo much more. We learn about his friend Kristen. Then we see Steve Harvey, Bill Cosby, and many others speak truth and wisdom into his life. We watch how God protects his marriage from his cheating, as he prays to God to protect him from cheating,

and how God answers that prayer. Even as he is getting to the point of saying screw it, I am going to go have some fun, his wife shows up at the club and he doesn't go through with it. In the end he gets fired from a TV show – which in the end he sees as a blessing.

We see glimpses of the dangers of fame from his life as he doesn't listen to what he feels God is telling him and he signs a bad contract. And we also witness through his eyes the tremendous talent that was Chris Farley and the downward slope of his life with drugs, women, and enablers. He even gets this feeling in his gut to call Chris days before Chris' death. He swears and admonishes us to never ignore the feeling to call someone and talk because that might be the last time we are able to.

Then Jim tells us about helping take care of a nephew, the struggles in his marriage, and caring for his elderly Dad (the airplane crap story is both hilarious and sad at the same time – I kinda felt bad laughing as I read it).

Through it all, you see and he sees how God has guided and led him and at points it seems he is a heck of a lot closer to God than a lot of Christians. He might not be born again (yet) and might not read the Bible, or know all 10 commandments but a lot of Christians could learn a lot from him and this book.

This is by far one of the funniest and most poignant books I have read in a very long time. If you are looking for a book to tickle your funny bone, and help you reminisce, and even challenge you as a man, a father, a husband, a brother, a friend, a son, a Goat Boy, or even as a “Spiritual Warrior”, this book is for you.

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### **Jessica Fuller says**

Fantastic book, definitely gives you a clear view of who he is, and you a clear view that it's normal to make mistakes and struggle with every day life, because yes he does it too!

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### **Micah says**

Picked this book up for just a few bucks at a book sale but it turned out to be a good read. Breuer is a great storyteller and uses this book to really give you an insight into the type of guy he really is and the life experiences that helped make him that way.

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### **Laura K says**

I did not like Jim Breuer all that much during his stint on SNL (hated goat boy) and only started liking him after I heard him years later on Howard Stern. I've seen him live a couple times and love him now. I listened to the audiobook (which he narrates) and I think that is the only way to enjoy the book. He does not sound like he's reading - just more like casually telling some stories about his life and his voice impressions are so good. He seems like such a fun and caring guy who doesn't have a big ego. This book was published in 2011 so I heard parts of some of the stories before in his interviews but it was still great. Hope he writes another book soon.

