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"Andy Rooney's Sunday evening observations on 60 Minutes are an American institution, shaping the way people see everything from coffee percolators to the state of the nation."

Common Nonsense Details

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Sarah Storjohann says

Overall funny. However, I did find it a little challenging to sit with Andy Rooney's sarcasm for long periods of time. Book best taken in "small doses" :)

Scott DeVogelaere says

You either appreciate Andy Rooney or you hate him. I happen to like him. "Common Nonsense" is full of short essays on everything from technology to literature and makes for a good read when you need to kill brief periods of time. Be forewarned, you probably won't agree with everything this old curmudgeon says, but maybe you can appreciate his unusual points of view. Hell, I almost wonder if he believes everything he writes about, but has to spit out his brief musings as a form of stress relief.

Veach Glines says

I can take five minutes of Andy Rooney and not be too bothered by his crotchety befuddlement. These 150+ essays, however, are redundantly crammed with balderdash and misspellings (which made it through spell-check, but were—obviously—never eyeballed). One strikingly obtuse slice of balderdash, which he repeats at least twice: ...more people are alive today than all the people who ever lived..., caused me to become a fact-checker. I found some plausible semi-science by using the keywords: number-of-people-who-have-ever-lived. The results indicated that maybe 100 billion+ have been born in the last 50,000 years. The current world population is less than 6% of the people ever born, Mr Rooney.

These blog-like essays wouldn't bother me if they were posted in a free web journal (and may even receive my applause) but compile them in a book and I expect editors, fact-checkers, and publishers have earned their percentages. Not true, here.

If someone gives you this book for free (I'm re-gifting mine) stick it next to your toilet. It's not worth buying, but a couple of the essays will maybe pass the time while you take a dump.

Keli Wright says

I used to love Andy Rooney on 60 minutes I always watched that before "The Amazing Race" this book was a little much for me.. a little too much of the same thing.. and I was bored by a lot of parts of it.. Let's just say that for me.. a little bit of Andy Rooney goes A LONG WAY...

Ben says

Hear the big 60 minute man himself complain about all sorts of stuff. You've gotta love his observations and ability to say what he thinks

Emmanuel says

Rooney composes his essays on minor and negligible things of life. Things that writers and journalists often find it boring to write about or they do not know how to write about those matters. Rooney not only writes about them but also make it a pleasant experience for readers of his books. The subject of his essays could be anything from car parking problem to Christmas tree. And he calls all of this "Common Nonsense".

Terri says

Good bunch of essays on everything Mr Rooney thought about..and that's everything!! However, it's tough going to read and read and read the essays like a book...can't be done..too many different ideas to absorb. Need to take lots of time, with short readings to enjoy them and so they don't become a chore. So, this is not the day I finished, but the day I put this book aside for later.

Joseph F. says

A book of essays on many different topics from everyone's favorite, or not so favorite, curmudgeon. Rooney writes so engagingly that you might even enjoy the essays on the topics you don't even care about. His opinions are honest even if they are sometimes not popular with modern ways of thinking. But what I found most interesting about this book is that beneath those layers of crabbiness, I found a man that truly enjoys life, especially the little things life has to offer. Even being old didn't bother him, with the exception that he is statistically closer to death, and will have to leave it all behind.

K-tron says

this old fart really made me laugh

Maura says

Let me preface this by saying that I NEVER fail to finish books I start. Having said that, I completely gave up on this book. From the very beginning, it's glaringly obvious that the only reason it's in print at all is because the name on the front cover is recognizable. The grammar and syntax are horrendous, the logic spotty, and objectivity flew out the window many trees prior to page 1. I hate to sound so harsh, but really - don't waste your time with this book!

Cheryl says

3.5 stars. A collection of essays on almost every subject by the late 60 minutes curmudgeon. Don't always agree with him, but for the most part, I find him interesting reading.

Alex Allred says

I liked Andy Rooney on 60 Minutes, but a 5 minute dose of curmudgeon is vastly different than an entire book where he starts to come off as sexist, occasionally racist, and just plain grouchy. if you read this book, so it a few select essays at a time, and not all at once.

Mary says

I do enjoy Andy Rooney's musings, but a little of these go a long way. Some of the short essays are outdated a little, but you still 'get it'. Easy to read a little and put down; mildly thought-provoking, and I love the title.

Nathaniel says

Here is a book that will make you think, reconsider, and laugh out loud. It's a book everyone should read to remember the little things in life that go unnoticed or disregarded.

Maurean says

A collection of essays touching on all sorts of topics - from airlines, to Miss America; from handwriting to September 11th - examined as only Mr. Rooney can.

An enjoyable read. I like Mr. Rooney's ruminations, and while I don't always agree with his drawn conclusions, he always gives an interesting point of view to ponder.
