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A painfully funny series of autobiographical essays, centered around the relationship between comedian Dave Hill and his dad, in the wake of his mother's death, as father and son redefine their relationship—and Dave, finally, becomes a man.

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Jenn says

This was a very quick read. Dave's style is very straightforward and I can understand how some might find him funny. At first, I wasn't sure why this book (about a man-child with Failure to Launch Syndrome) was published and was not actually amused until the chapter "The Bachelor Pad". Then, I began to see why this book was written and that this Dave guy had some good stuff to write about. "Mexcellent" is also a great chapter that entertained me enough to keep reading.

I definitely would not have read this book, ever, if it had not been given to me as a free digital download (through another website). Dave is a silly man with amusing stories, but that's all there is to it. There are moments of heart and sympathy, but other than that, I probably would not have finished this book if I wasn't expected to write a review on it (for the other website). I would recommend this book to young-to-middle-aged men who are close with their parents. His relationship with them is very sweet. Overall, I enjoyed the footnotes and lightheartedness of the stories. It felt like an annoying friend or overfriendly acquaintance was sharing a part of their life with me.

Thanks to the Penguin First to Read program for this book.

Matthew Budman says

Got halfway through. In person, Hill is just ridiculously funny (not to mention a Rock God), and reading with his deadpan, mock-braggadocio delivery in mind helps enliven the prose here. But the style is insufficient to give these small-scale essays much impact. The reader keeps expecting them to open up into something bigger, à la David Sedaris, and they never do. They're mildly amusing, and mildly moving, and that's kind of it.

Dennis Delaney says

Hilarious...touching...mid western...Zeppelinesque!

Debby says

Received through a goodreads giveaway. Dave Hill discusses his life through autobiographical essays. If you like his humor, you will like this book.

Emma Clement says

I got a free E-copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. Here it is!

I'm not a huge fan of memoirs, I prefer novels. BUT I loved this book! It was a memoir that was not boring or preachy. It was hilarious, had funny anecdotes, and relatable. I think one of my favorite stories was the fishing trip (as one who has been taken on fishing trips with the family before), I definitely related to how his trip went. I also loved the truck riding story and how it looked like the story was going to end and be all meaningful and it ends with the dad saying he liked the trucks because they were so shiny.

This book was a quick read (it was less than 300 pages), and I read it in about a day. It was very light and not super heavy or complex, and was an easy read as well. I quite liked it.

I think this book is a good read for someone looking for a humorous read that is relatable and entertaining.

Katherine Marshall-Eastman says

This book fucking rocked my socks off

Evann says

My crush on Dave Hill continues. Or starts again. Honestly, I kind of forgot about him for awhile but I remember him now, which is cool. I read Tasteful Nudes whenever it came out because I was into comedy podcasts at the time and I find him super likable. I just happened upon this new one on netgalley. Thanks Netgalley and Blue Rider Press.

Dave Hill is no Rue McClanahan but he's definitely up there in people whose books make me like them more. This round of essays is more about his family and less about his music. (I think tasteful nudes was a lot about traveling around and guitars??) I really like mom and dad stories, especially when they're good people and the writer actually likes/appreciates them. Overall good stuff. I followed him on instagram while I was reading. For dog pics, mostly. But also I think he should do a men's style guide.

Out May 10th.

WTF Are You Reading? says

This is a wonderfully articulated tale of what happens when the person who has always been there to soothe, encourage, love, and inspire is suddenly removed by death, from her place, her hallowed place as mother, wife, and touchstone.

Leaving a son to at last rediscover the father that was always there, but whose distinction as parent and friend was always relegated to the shadows of that celebrated by his beloved mother.

This sometimes funny, often insightful, and always heartfelt exploration of a father/son relationship. Is told in a series of scenes depicting moments, conversions, and thoughts from Dave Hill's life, and his journey

toward truly coming to know the man that is his father. As well as the man that his father has shaped him to become.

Whether you read this book in one sitting, or choose to devour it story by story. Chances are very good that you will see bits of yourself in the stories. This is a very honest collection of one man's experiences, with loss, grief, acceptance, love, and fatherhood.

Reviewer's Note: I was granted access to an advanced copy of this book in exchange for the honest review provided. As part of my participation on Penguin-Random House's First To Read Program.

Mo says

I love Dave Hill. His writing and his escapades are a treat.

Michele Miles Gardiner says

Pleasant. Likeable stories of growing up in Ohio and being new to New York City.

Steph says

As far as celebrity memoirs go, this was one of my favorites. Relateable father struggles after the passing of his mother, as well as plenty of laugh out loud moments that kept me entertained in airports/flights. I highly recommend this one.

Amber Koppenhofer says

This book was a selection for my book club. The author was a childhood friend of one of the member's spouses. I found it to be a clever, witty, and easy to read book of short essays about the life of the author. The stories were well put together, entertaining, and quite humorous - the last story really did a nice job of tying the other stories together. I laughed out loud on several occasions while reading this (prompting my kids to keep asking me why I was laughing) and am now curious to learn more about Dave Hill and his career as a musician, comedian, and writer.

Zoe says

Dave Hill is funny. That we know (or should know by now)... . What I didn't realize until reading his essays how simply sweet and kind he seems. His essays are tender towards his relationship with his family, his friends (the essay Mexcellent was brilliant to me) and ultimately himself (Rolling Thunder). It was refreshing to read something with this much heart and footnotes. Oh footnotes have never been this amusing.

Thanks Penguin for letting me preview the book and experience Mr. Dave Hill in a way that I didn't expect. I appreciate him now even more and look forward to hearing and seeing more of him!

Oh wait he has an amusing and to me adorable website where I can...!

added on may 11 16.... note that there is an amazing trailer for the book which made me completely reassess what I read... I missed out on the charm of the father son relationship... there I said it. I missed out on that because I read the book completely as a humorous collection of stories and missives. Yep. Point missed. I suppose. BUT if you want to see what may be the most charming thing ever.... watch the trailer for the book: I will be rereading the book so that I get the point. Thanks Dave Hill for helping us all get there....

https://youtu.be/tZXYrr_d3Jw

Jeremy Patterson says

I would have given this five stars but Dave didn't mention his radio show in his bio! I blame Danne D.

P.S. Thanks Penguin/First to Read for the advance copy.

P.P.S. Thanks Yngdave, for everything.

Ross McLean says

Tasteful Nudes, Dave Hill's first book, was a whole lot of fun. This one is even better.

Dave's humourous essays jump around to cover a variety of topics, but the main focus this time around is his relationship with his aging father. He never stops pretending that he is a total playboy who can melt your face off just by breathing on his guitar, but this facade is deliberately thin and used for comic effect. The jokes are non-stop and hilarious, but the obvious dissonance between this persona and the emotional realities of his life result in a sneaky undercurrent of emotion that feels super genuine. He never holds back a single joke for the sake of sentiment, but the feelings are still totally there.

It's a more personal book than Tasteful Nudes which makes the jokes funnier and the stories more engaging. Both books have instances where Dave clearly went and did something just so that he could write about it later, and these parts are rarely as good as his more mundane anecdotes. He's a keen observer who can make a story about sitting in his Dad's kitchen so funny that there is really no need for him to go on nude cruises or take martial arts classes or try his hand at being a pedicab driver. His two trips to prison are spectacular additions, but in general I like it better when his stories are more personal.

I'll read whatever he writes next no matter what the topic, though. I dig emotions 'n all, but everything Dave Hill writes is worth reading whether or not he tries to accomplish anything other than "just" being funny.

Being funny is way harder than people seem to realize and Mr. Hill deserves mad respect. All that touching stuff is just icing on the cake.
