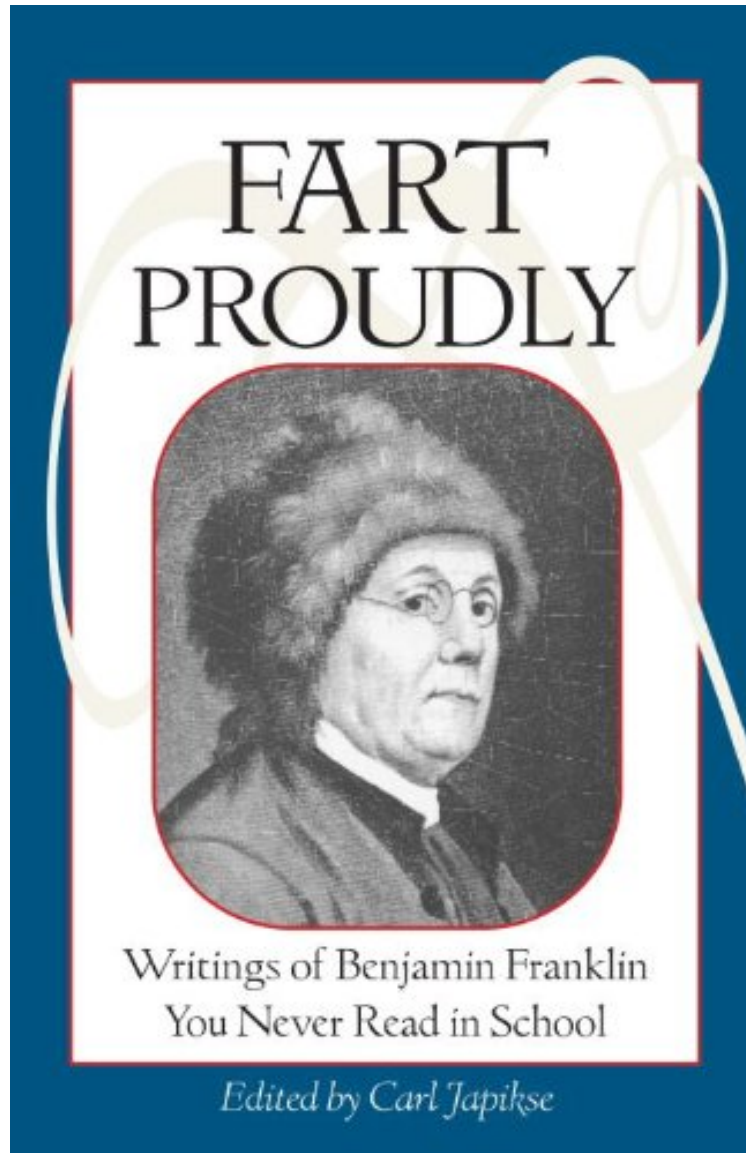


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**Benjamin Franklin : Fart Proudly: Writings of Benjamin Franklin You Never Read in School** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fart Proudly: Writings of Benjamin Franklin You Never Read in School:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Ben Franklin is a treasure and this book is a joy!By tomI had to keep

reminding myself to read the date at the top of the essay, as his wisdom still applies today! I can remember my father who had 2 masters degrees from an ivy league college telling me "that's an interesting idea, but what practical good does it do?" So many of these essays that were penned with a wink of the eye and the sardonic wit were directed at governments, academic societies, social mores, and institutions where the "utility" of what they were proposing or forcing on their subjects was wrong, arrogant, and foolish making it my father who was echoing Ben Franklin! Some essays like the farting essay and the choosing a mistress essay had me laughing out loud, and then still thinking hours later. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Interesting read... definitely not what you read in school  
By Customer  
My husband has a wacky sense of humor and asked me to order this book. Wackier yet is that I've read it and he has not. I enjoyed most of the essays inside. One essay in particular sticks to the forefront of my mind and that was on choosing a mistress. Not exactly something you'd expect the revered Almanac writing Ben Franklin to write about! Still, it was tongue in cheek. Much of what is inside pertains to personal finance. Old Ben was not a fan of borrowing money, that is for sure. But still, his practical advice is timeless. I agree with what another writer wrote about the final chapter. The author does take some literary license with how he thought Ben would feel about the state of the country these days. It was a little over the top and perhaps a bit out of place. While I did appreciate his framing of essays with a little bit of background info (particularly as it related to what Ben wrote about another almanac writer), the last chapter was out of place. In reading the book, the reader likely came to the realization that Ben would not be amused with how our country turned out. We didn't need that last chapter to drive the point home. Otherwise, I enjoyed reading the lesser known works of Ben Franklin, though I freely admit I had trouble following him at times. Our colonial forefathers did have a different way of phrasing things and annoying habit of capitalizing words that are not capitalized as a matter of course in modern works. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Title the best part of it  
By Candace Drimmer  
Has some moments. The title for example, but overall...not so much. Read Ben's Autobiography, for a real insight of what this randy man who would have been quite comfortable in the 21C would have thought.

A mention of flatulence might conjure up images of bratty high school boys or lowbrow comics. But one of the most eloquent—and least expected—commentators on the subject is Benjamin Franklin. The writings in *Fart Proudly* reveal the rogue who lived peaceably within the philosopher and statesman. Included are "The Letter to a Royal Academy"; "On Choosing a Mistress"; "Rules on Making Oneself Disagreeable"; and other jibes. Franklin's irrepressible wit found an outlet in perpetrating hoaxes, attacking marriage and other sacred cows, and skewering the English Parliament. Reminding us of the humorous, irreverent side of this American icon, these essays endure as both hilarious satire and a timely reminder of the importance of a free press.

"Lively and scandalous--you will probably find yourself reading passages aloud to anyone who'll listen . . ." About the Author  
Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790) was an inventor, scientist, author, and a founding father of the United States. Franklin is best known for his role in developing the Declaration of Independence and for serving as the first ambassador to France from 1776-1785. His published works include *Poor Richard's Almanack*, *The Art of Virtue*, and *The Way to Wealth*.  
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