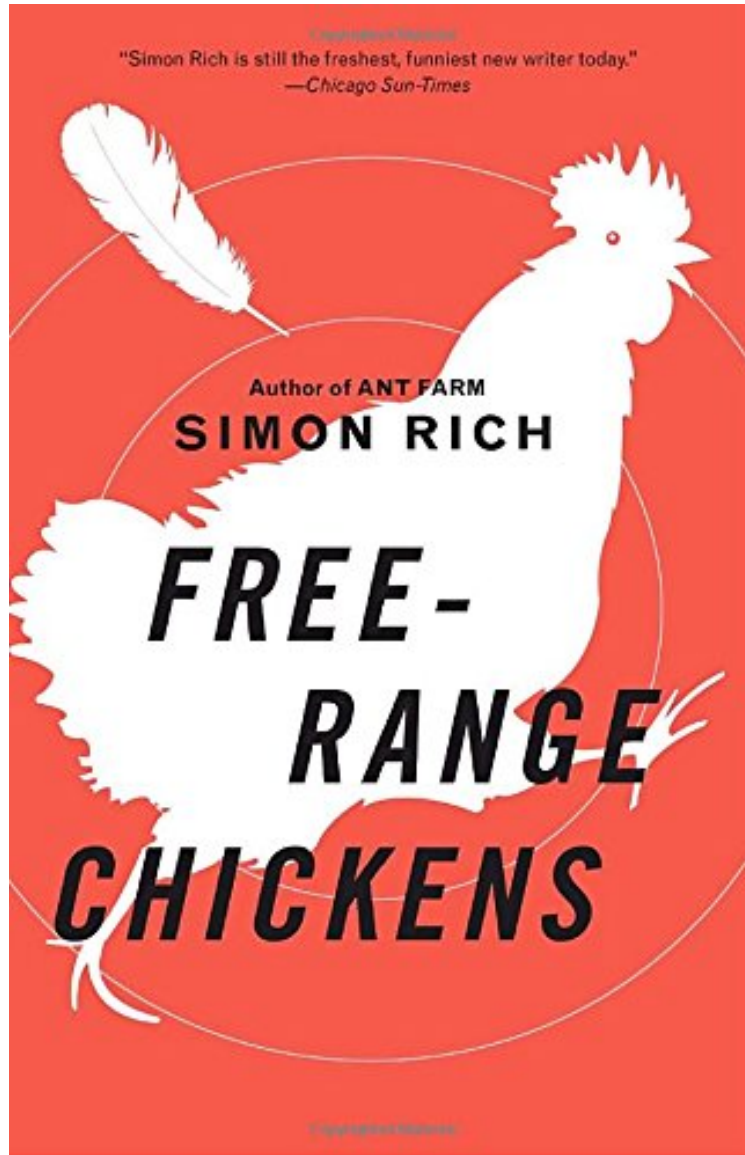


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**Simon Rich : Free-Range Chickens** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Free-Range Chickens:

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Exemplifies the saying "It is a matter of taste." By Customer I am a college professor. Once in the same class I got one evaluation that said, "Dr. H. is the funniest professor I ever had." The very next evaluation read, "Dr. H. thinks she is funny, but she is not." Read these reviews and you will see the

same ambivalence. This is a book of short funnies. Like a series of stand up routines by Degeneres, Seinfeld and Steven Wright in book form. Quirky, odd, and very funny if that is what you find funny. No plot, no narrative. Just a series of off the wall observations. There is only the most loose strand of organization. It is a book you either read through quickly or read in pieces. You will either embarrass yourself in public laughing out loud and annoy your family reading it out loud to them, or you will find it simply pointless. The bad part is you will never know until you try. Kindle people download the sample first. If it doesn't crack you up skip the book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Funny! By burbmama Entertaining, witty, odd funny. A short, funny, irreverent look at subjects everyone but the author couldn't be bothered with musing over, and yet we laugh and join in. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic!! Hilarious!! By S. Weber Looking for a full length novel? Then this isn't the book for you. Do not listen to all the negative reviews on this book due to the fact that some readers misunderstood what it was going to be. This is not a novel, but a collection of hilarious jokes that only someone like Simon Rich can write. A fantastic piece for anyone who enjoys a laugh, Simon tells the tale of adolescence through the perspective of our sarcastic imaginations. "How My Mother Imagined the Police" can be paralleled with Ant Farm's "What Goes Through My Mind When I'm Home Alone, Through My Mom's Perspective" both are hilarious and this book deserves just as much praise as Ant Farm!

After a riotous debut collection, Ant Farm, Simon Rich returns to mine more comedy from our hopelessly terrifying world. In the nostalgic opening chapter, Rich recalls his fear of the Tooth Fairy ("Is there a face fairy?") and his initial reaction to the "Got-your-nose" game ("Please just kill me. Better to die than to live the rest of my life as a monster"). He gets inside the heads of two firehouse Dalmatians who can't understand their masters' compulsion to drive off to horrible fires every day ("What the hell is wrong with these people?"). And in the final chapter, he tackles one of life's biggest questions: Does God really have a plan for us? Yes, it turns out. Now if only He could remember what it was. . .

From Publishers Weekly Rich, an author and Saturday Night Live writer, delivers a punch-and-jab gigglefest in his follow-up to the similarly chaotic Ant Farm. A slim book of short takes, Rich doesn't stray far from his formula—many of these pieces would work as mercifully brief (and funny) SNL skits—but it's a formula that delivers a laugh on every page. Split into thematic sections—Growing Up, Going to Work, Daily Life, Relationships, Animals and God—Rich's twisted observations are often dark, especially in the Growing Up portion; "terrifying childhood experiences" include "peek-a-boo," and the people hiding in 7-year-old Rich's closet (Freddy Krueger, Chucky, a murderer, his dead uncle, and his doctor) pine, "Man, I cannot wait to kill this kid." Rich offers this brand of humor in a wide range of flavors, going, for instance, directly from Pheidippides of 490 B.C. to an "All-you-can-eat buffet fantasy" in the Daily Life portion. Still, there isn't much here that's not laugh-out-loud funny, perfect for rainy-day/toilet-top browsing or one long, painful guffawathon. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "A punch-and-jab gigglefest . . . that delivers a laugh on every page."—Publishers Weekly "Simon Rich is still the freshest, funniest new writer today."—Chicago Sun-Times About the Author Simon Rich is the author of Ant Farm. He is a twenty-three-year-old graduate of Harvard University, where he was president of The Harvard Lampoon. He currently writes for Saturday Night Live and lives in New York City.