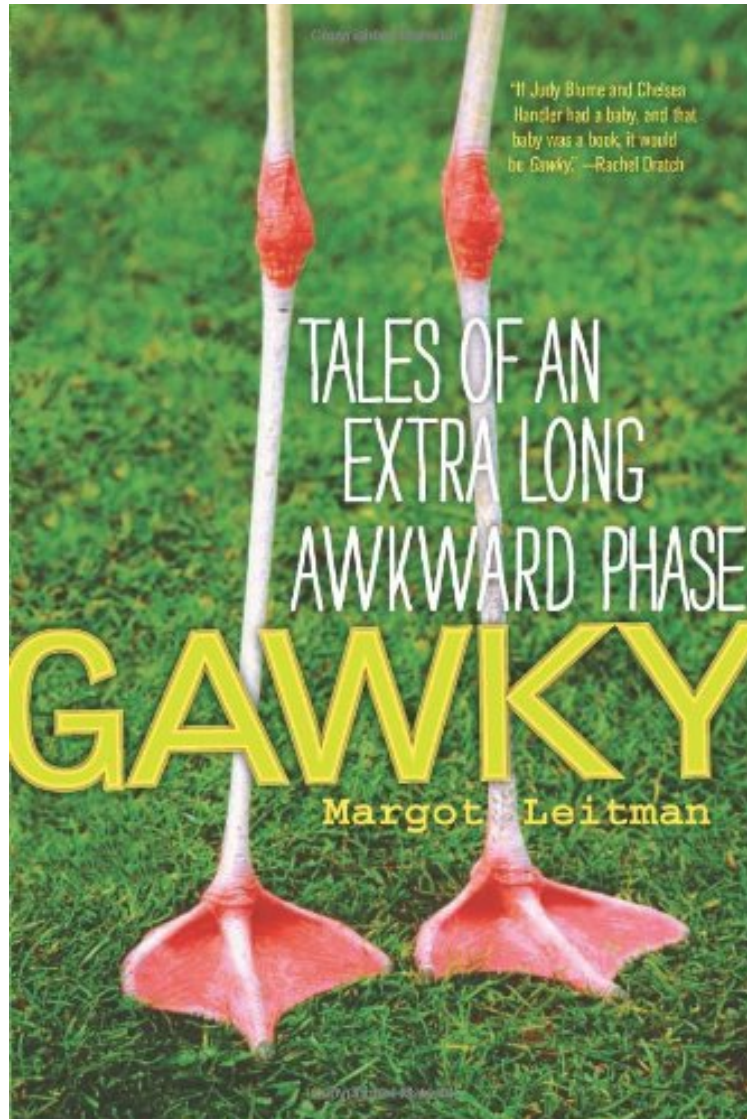


## Gawky: Tales of an Extra Long Awkward Phase

*Margot Leitman*

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**Margot Leitman : Gawky: Tales of an Extra Long Awkward Phase** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Gawky: Tales of an Extra Long Awkward Phase:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious and heartwarming bookBy Selena CoppockI just finished this book and I loved it. Margot Leitman is not only hilarious, but you're rooting for her the whole way through. She perfects the delicate balance of ripping on the high school morons who didn't quite "get" her, while also coming off as so likable and endearing--no easy feat. There were quite a few moments when I laughed out loud while reading this book on the subway--when she talks about her middle school's endless supply of men with AIDS, when the college

hottie suddenly kisses her and she exclaims, "what was that for?" them compares that to someone puffing his shirt and saying "Hot enough for ya?" These things KILLED me. Such a fun read. I recommend it for people of all heights! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. So funny and well written By Giulia Rozzi So funny and well written. It's rare that a book makes me laugh out loud like this one did! Even though I'm short I totally related to Margot's tales of being the oddball. Highly recommend this book! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. brilliant comedic essays!! By rfrauI just got done reading the book -- it's smart, hilarious, and touching. I couldn't put it down. Margot Leitman can really write a solid comedic essay based on embarrassing life experiences.

Some tall girls grow up to have perfect posture and are later seen gracing the pages of magazines. Some are natural athletes with toned legs that mask their overlarge feet. Then there are other tall girls: the ones who are always tripping over themselves; who never look normal in any size of clothing; who literally don't fit in. Comedian Margot Leitman was one of these awkward giants, and *Gawky* is the painfully funny chronicle of her experiences growing up tall. Reaching five feet six inches in fourth grade—and approaching six feet in high school—Leitman realized early on that she'd always stand out from the crowd. To cope, she developed a thick skin and a sharp sense of humor, and instead of forever trying to blend in, she decided to embrace her center-of-attention status. Leitman wears funky, Ziggy Stardust-era jumpsuits (in the 90s); takes up any cause she can find (whether saving the public beaches or protesting prom); and generally makes as much use of her big presence as humanly possible. Leitman's memoir is a hilarious celebration of growing up gangly. Endearing and encouraging, *Gawky* is a cathartic release of everything awkward girls endure—and a tribute to a youth larger than life.

"If Judy Blume and Chelsea Handler had a baby, and that baby was a book, it would be *Gawky*."—Rachel Dratch  
"Margot Leitman paints extremely funny pictures with words. Her singular outlook on the world presents a memoir that is anything but predictable and ultimately hysterical."—Laraine Newman, original cast member of *Saturday Night Live*  
"Smart, funny and incredibly vivid, Margot Leitman's writing will take you back to the halycon days of the '80s and '90s. You may just relive your own youthful gawky adventures—only this time, you'll laugh your ass off."—Sara Benincasa, comedian and author of *Agorafabulous!: Dispatches from My Bedroom*  
"I never even realized Margot Leitman was that tall. I guess her hilarious and dazzling aura plays tricks on the eyes. Or she slouches when she talks to me. Whatever the case, I'm happy that she wrote this book."—Kristen Schaal, comedian and *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart contributor  
"Having known Margot for many years—and taken an uncomfortable trip to a nude beach together—I can personally vouch for the fact that she is both gawky and awkward. I can also vouch for the fact that her stories are heartfelt, hilarious, and genuine."—Chris Gethard, author of *A Bad Idea I'm About to Do*  
"Margot, whom I now consider a sister in gawkiness, is unfiltered, absolutely hilarious, and so relatable. If Margot can lay it all on the line, then I no longer have to hide the fact I was a 13-year-old, 5-foot 10-inch beanpole with a Jewfro, a penchant for neon stirrup pants, and a ferocious need to fit in. Ungraceful, awkward girls unite!"—Robyn Okrant, author of *Living Oprah*  
"Margot good strong imagination being with incredibly unique growing up stories. If you human and no fall in love with her tales, you most likely not human and no have sense of humor. Warning: You may lose your ass from laughing too much."—Reggie Watts, comedian  
"From calling a chat line (remember those?) to lusting after a pre-Whitney Bobby Brown, Margot Leitman will make you laugh right along with her hormone-fueled adventures, no matter your height. *Gawky* makes teen angst charming, relatable, and hilarious."—Rachel Kramer Bussel, editor of *Dirty Girls* and *Women in Lust*  
"These stories body-slammed me back into the 1980s and the absurdity of adolescence. I've seen Leitman tell some of them live and, each time, she has left the audience crazed with laughter and applauding the gangly underdog in us all. Now they're on the page, where anyone can get at them. Read!"—Jim O'Grady, author of *Disarmed and Dangerous* and *Dorothy Day: With Love for the Poor*  
"Not only is this book pants-pissingly hilarious, but having grown up an awkwardly tall girl myself, I realize it is very much my story too."—Dave Hill, comedian and author of *Tasteful Nudes . . . And Other Misguided Attempts at Personal Growth and Validation*