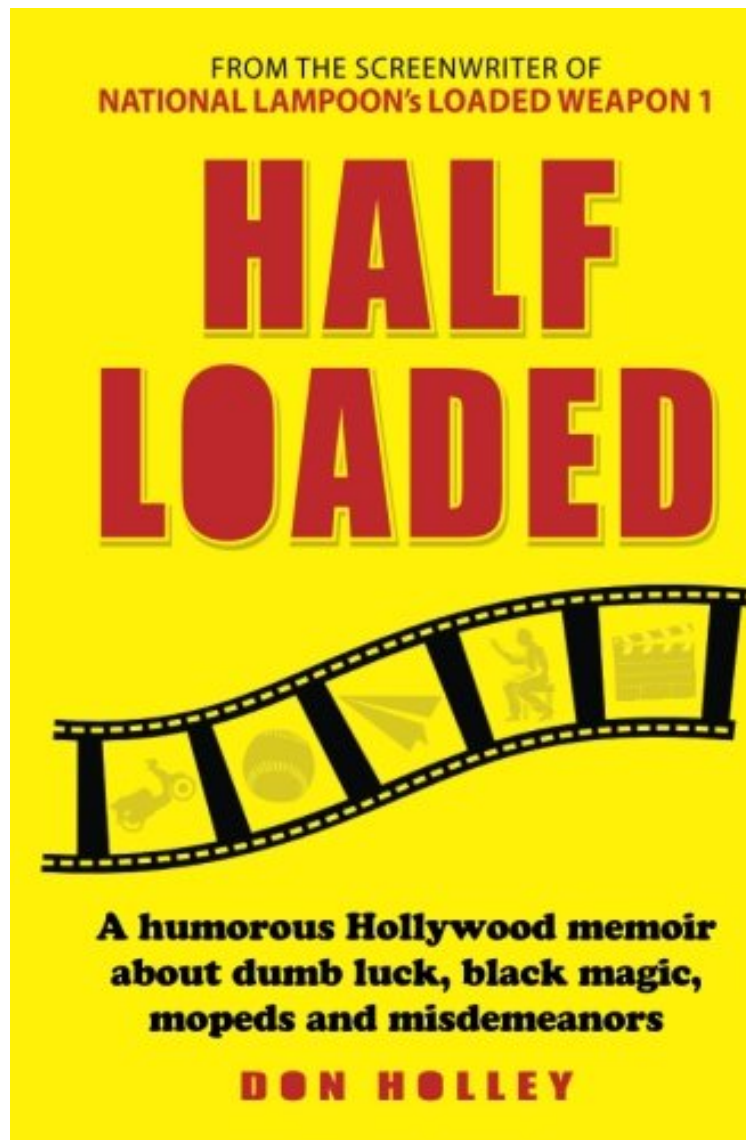


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Loaded" by Don Holley is a really short book. It's so short that this review is actually longer than the book. Seriously, It is a book that is completely realistic for you to read, enjoy, take a nap and read again on a flight from New York to LA before your meeting with a big Hollywood producer as you attempt to sell your own screenplay. In this series of short essays describing the ups and downs - and mostly downs - of Holley's journey as a Hollywood screenwriter, you will laugh and maybe almost cry at his experiences with everything from the unbelievable to the mundane. After the early triumph of selling a screenplay and seeing it hit the big screen to a successful opening weekend, Holley struggles with employment, creativity, celebrity, romance and the general crappiness of life. With each chapter you will be drawn in by the hope that that football is finally being set up for a big touchdown kick, but like Charlie Brown, Holley's ball is yanked away at the last minute by, as he states in his dedication Hollywood, the "magnificent bitch." My only question: When is the sequel coming out? 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. fun book with a lot of amusing anecdotes revolving around ...By AWAThis is a short, fun book with a lot of amusing anecdotes revolving around college life and trying to get into the movie business. It's very well written and combines some poignant personal insights with generous helpings of comedy. For those who like humorous essays and a quick, entertaining read, this is definitely recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Buy this book! By CustomerA look into the mind of a Hollywood screenwriter that is, simply to put it, downright entertaining. A must read for any movie fan, writer, or even your average Joe Schmo. Buy this book! You won't be disappointed!

"Half Loaded" is the funny, poignant, and utterly strange memoir written by the twisted mind behind one of cult comedy's favorite films—"National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1." Take a hilarious trip down memory lane with erstwhile screenwriter Don Holley as he bravely shares his stoic contemporary Quaker childhood as a serial puker, his brushes with celebrities like Sean Penn, Jerry Seinfeld and Carol Burnett, and his seemingly never-ending troubles with mopeds and the IRS, on this wildly unlikely odyssey from obscurity to success and back again. Holley's memoir vividly illustrates the popular expression "You can't make this s**t up!"

About the Author Don Holley is a Californian, born and raised. But don't hold it against him. Born in Los Angeles, he spent the majority of his formative years in the San Francisco Bay area, where he currently resides. Don graduated from UCLA's film school in 1984, where he not only acquired a following for his weekly humor column in the UCLA Daily Bruin newspaper as both a student and alumnus, but also co-authored the new UCLA fight song which was officially inaugurated in the Fall of 1984. In 1989 Don sold a Cop Buddy Lampon to Walt Disney Pictures which not long thereafter became New Line Cinema's cult classic, "National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1." Don's greatest ambition is to become BFF's with Jim Gaffigan.