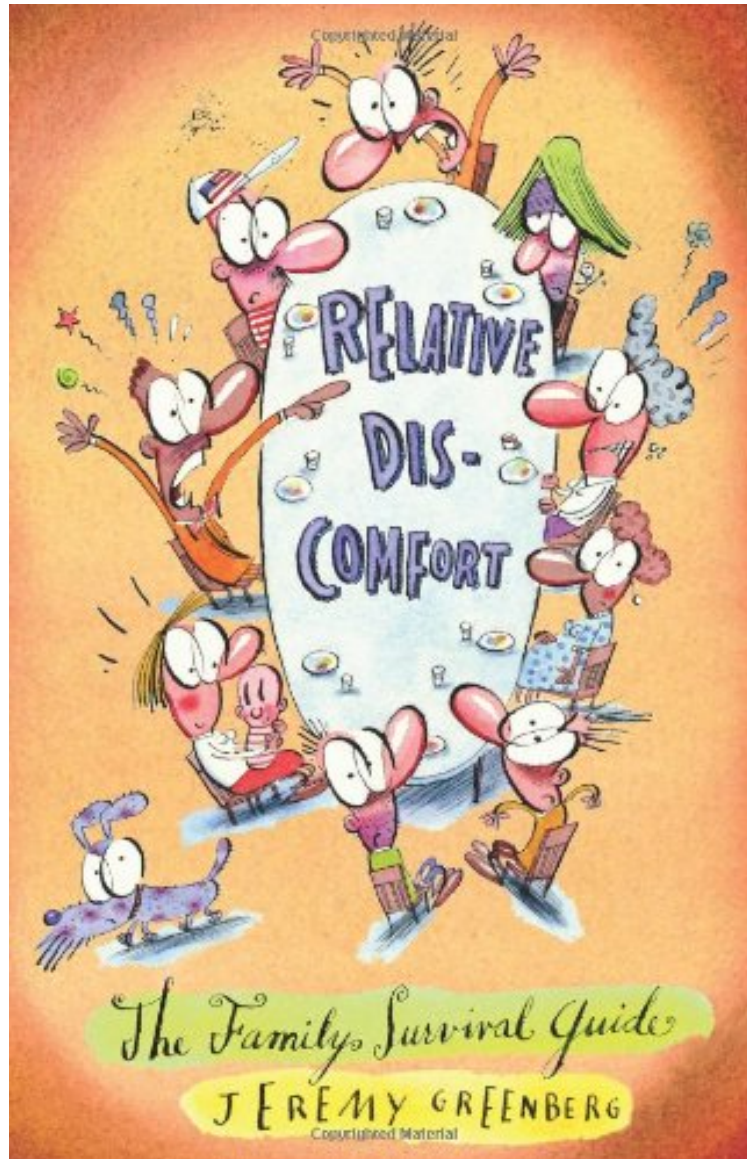


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Jeremy Greenberg : Relative Discomfort: The Family Survival Guide before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Relative Discomfort: The Family Survival Guide:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One of the funniest books I've read in many years By ABQChris Whenever the great comedian Jeremy Greenberg has come to town, I've enjoyed his performances. He's much more articulate and inventive than the average American stand-up artist; for this reason, I've always sought out

his written material. He gives the impression of being a writer who happens to be a very funny performer, rather than merely a performer who happens to write. This has all led me to his new book, *Relative Discomfort*. This is not the usual "contemporary comedy" book. There's not a single pedestrian paragraph or wasted sentence. Irreverent, daring, and just cocky enough to surprise the reader into genuine laughter with unexpected asides and left turns, this is one of the very few books I've ever read that have made me laugh out loud. I'm not really a "laugh out loud" guy while reading, in spite of being a lifelong book lover and comedy buff. But this book provides a very welcome exception. If you meet both of the following criteria, I highly recommend this book: 1. You are human. 2. You have family members of some kind. An excellent job. I look forward to more books by Mr. Greenberg. I hope he never stops writing. There aren't enough people out there offering such a consistently high level of originality. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. everyone should read this! By Margaret Gorton It was funny, hilarious.....and made me think of several family heart warming, laugh out loud situations that could add a chapter to this book 7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious--Great Read and Great Fun! By Beth Maricaibo I stumbled across *Relative Discomfort* while browsing and immediately used the 1-click order button based on the title alone. If you have a "normal" family, this book probably won't make much sense, but if you're like the 99.9% of Americans that have some dysfunction, this book is a must have! Reading Jeremy Greenberg's writing is like catching up with an old friend. I felt like he was writing about MY family! There is a level of familiarity and he has no shame stating the (very) wrong things most people think but do not say. This book was laugh out loud funny to the point where I found myself reading passages out loud to friends because it was just too hilarious to keep to myself. I rarely write reviews, but I couldn't put down this book down. I was recommending it to friends and coworkers before I finished reading *Relative Discomfort*. It's a fun, funny book and it makes a great present/subtle hint for all of your weird a** family members and friends.

Seeing family is like catching a head cold: a temporary discomfort relieved by a snifter or four of brandy." --Jeremy Greenberg *Relative Discomfort* is a sidesplitting, guffaw-inducing guide to living through and laughing at all of our family encounters. You know that knot you get in your stomach when you're about to come face-to-face with your Uncle Drunk and Aunt Enabler, or the brother-in-law who always wants to show you his gun collection? This book unties that knot. If your family more closely resembles the Simpsons as opposed to the Tanner, Keaton, or Huxtable clans, then chances are this book is for you. International headlining comedian Jeremy Greenberg writes from the premise that although we love our families, many of us don't particularly love spending time with those who share our dysfunctional DNA. To liven up the holidays, bar mitzvahs, funerals, and other family gatherings, Greenberg offers a collection of tips, tricks, games, and helpful hints that will not only help you survive your cousin's combination wedding/baby shower/high school graduation, but will also provide insights on how to move back into your parents' home when you're no longer a kid, or how to kick your adult-age son or daughter out of the family home if you're a parent. Sections like *Children During the Holidays (How to Have Fun at Their Expense)* and *Red- and Blue-Staters (What to Do When the "Two Americas" Show Up at the Same Family Reunion)* provide a lighthearted look at surviving inner-family dynamics, along with a possible concrete solution or two. (Peanut butter-Valium cookies anyone?)