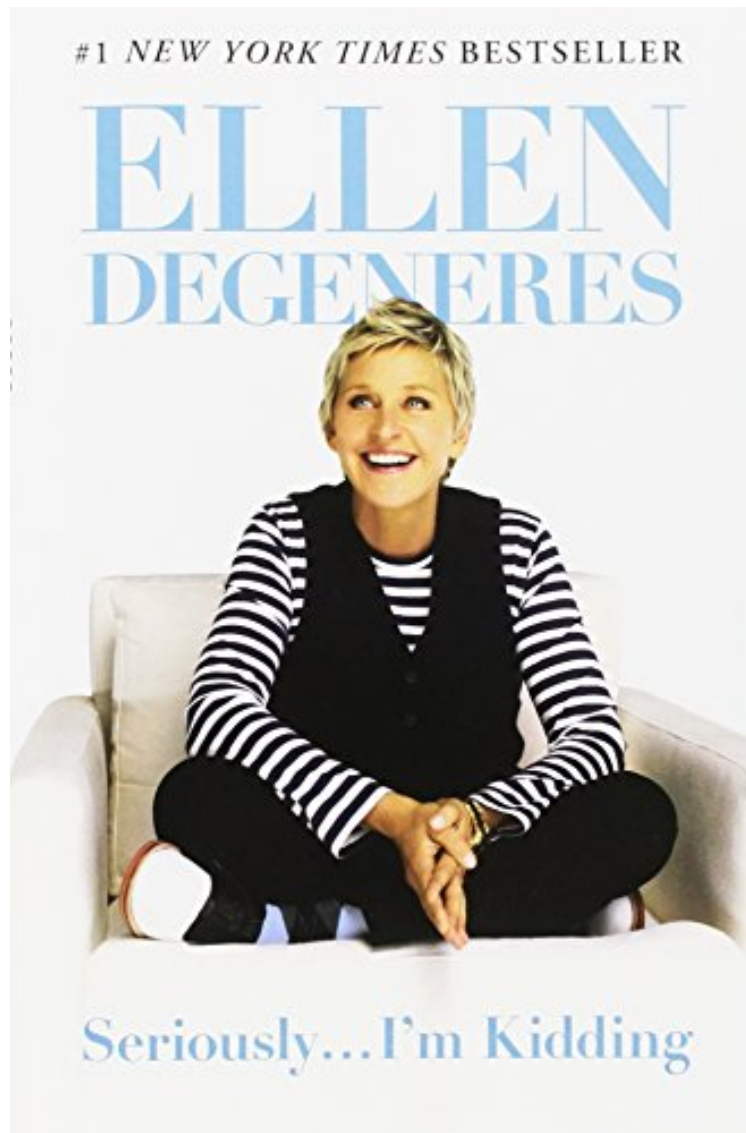


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Ellen DeGeneres : Seriously...I'm Kidding before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Seriously...I'm Kidding:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. More for People Who Don't Already Watch Her Show Often By Melody Simpson I love Ellen DeGeneres's work so reading her books was a no brainer. I read her book, The Funny Thing Is... when it released about ten years ago. I can't say that I remember a ton about the book but I do remember that I enjoyed it. Enough to want to read any future books of hers which leads to Seriously... I'm Kidding. If you're

going into Seriously... I'm Kidding expecting a memoir, well, it's not your typical memoir. I'd say this is a series of essays and I use the term essays loosely (I do love this structure here) that can be described as half memoir half inspiration/motivational with humor on every page. Yes, Ellen talks about her time working on American Idol and whether or not Ellen and Portia will have kids, as well as why. Stuff like that. For me though, there's really nothing in this book I didn't already know. This wasn't disappointing to discover as I was more curious about Ellen's delivery of the humor which I'll get to in a moment. But ultimately, this book was more inspiring and funny than a behind the scenes look at Ellen's life and/or any issues she's overcome over the past few years. Aside from the memoir side of things, there's a ton of advice on self esteem, self worth, and positivity. I was expecting Ellen to touch on these topics and I was expecting positivity to be the theme of the book no matter what since that's what Ellen is all about. I didn't realize that the extent of her inspirational words would be so large. These are all good things but I did think, "Am I reading the introduction to a self help book?" at times in the beginning of the book. Now worth noting is how funny this book is. There's humor in every chapter but some chapters are about absolutely nothing significant and exist solely for a punchline. Even so, everything Ellen says leads to a joke. Everything. There is not a moment of rest with the comedy here. It's very fast paced and goofy. You don't get a break from the funny. There's barely time to recover from the previous joke before another one comes. It's a lot of funny. Which you either love, can appreciate, or don't find this approach to comedy works for you. I appreciate it. Which made this a very quick read. The best part? It's all Ellen. There's a writing team behind her talk show and of course she's the head of that team but her book is a totally different animal and a more solitary creative experience so it's refreshing to hear Ellen's voice and only Ellen's voice in this medium. So, would I recommend this book? If you're looking to learn more about Ellen, nothing serious of course, just watch her talk show to get it straight from her in real time. If you've got two or three hours to kill and are looking for more laughs from Ellen, go right ahead. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Probably better as an audiobook. By Britt R. I adore Ellen and I never miss an episode of her talk show. I love her talk on life and how she never really takes herself seriously. This book read like a collection of monologues from her show's openings and while I was expecting a little bit more about her life in the past 8 years, I wasn't disappointed. She offers little pieces of advice she has learned along the way. It's the little things that make her who she is and what everyone could benefit from, like just being happy with you. It's a light read that made me feel good and happy and lighthearted all at the same time. I kept turning page after page because it was so sweet. The one thing that brought the rating down was I felt this was a book written to be an audio-book and some of the chapters didn't come across well when simply reading them. Unfortunately, I'm not a person that can make it through an audio-book. I need to read it myself. That's where this book fell a little flat for me. Overall, if you love Ellen's brand of humor and are looking for a light read (or listen), this is a good book to pick up. It will make you smile the entire way through and while it doesn't delve into Ellen's personal life much, it still is a wonderful read. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Like her on TV but humor didn't translate well in a book. By JennyLeeVI adore Ellen and her TV show, but this book was hard to get through. Her delivery (jumping from topic to topic) and humor works well for her on TV, but it's harder to appreciate in a book. It seems like she was struggling to find things to write about, and I similarly struggled to read what she wrote. The book is full of random comments that seem to have been included just to add length to the book. Again, this works well on TV, but not so much in writing. I'm curious to know how her other two books compare.

Ellen Degeneres' winning, upbeat candor has made her show one of the most popular, resilient and honored daytime shows on the air, and her life makes for great (and very funny) reading. "I've experienced a whole lot the last few years and I have a lot to share. So I hope that you'll take a moment to sit back, relax and enjoy the words I've put together for you in this book. I think you'll find I've left no stone unturned, no door unopened, no window unbroken, no rug unvacuumed, no ivories untickled. What I'm saying is, let us begin, shall we?" Seriously... I'm Kidding is a lively, hilarious, and often sweetly poignant look at the life of the much-loved entertainer as she opens up about her personal life, her talk show, and joining the judges table of American Idol.

DeGeneres's amiably oddball riffs on everything from kale to catwalks to Jesus will make fans smile. People Whatever the topic, DeGeneres's compulsively readable style will appeal to fans old and new. Publisher's Weekly Fans will not be disappointed. This hodgepodge...displays throughout the author's gift for capturing the absurd hilarity of internal monologue...[DeGeneres's] trademark wit and openness shine through. Kirkus s About the Author Ellen DeGeneres is a beloved stand-up comedian, television host, bestselling author, and actress. She hosts the syndicated talk show The Ellen DeGeneres Show, and was also a judge on American Idol in its ninth season in 2009. DeGeneres has hosted both the Academy Awards and the Primetime Emmys. As a film actress, she starred in Mr. Wrong, appeared in EDtv and The Love Letter, and provided the voice of Dory in the Disney-Pixar animated film Finding Nemo, for which she awarded a Saturn Award for Best Supporting Actress, the first and only time a voice acting won a Saturn Award. She also starred in two television sitcoms, Ellen from 1994 to 1998 and The Ellen Show from 2001 to 2002. She has won twelve Emmys and numerous awards for her work and charitable efforts.