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Stories I'd Tell In Bars



Synopsis

Unfiltered. Unapologetic. Older - but arguably not wiser - Lancaster gets back to basics in this hilarious essay collection about everything from taking community policing classes to accidentally getting stoned with her waiter after a fancy dinner. These are the tales she'd tell if she met you in a bar... if she weren't too lazy to put on pants and go to a bar. Offering advice ranging from how to remain happily married to a man who refuses to blow his damn nose already to not creating An Incident at the cheese counter during an attempt at Whole30, she's you, only louder. As she details the chaos that will surely ensue if she has to learn to operate one more television remote control, you'll want to settle in and pour yourself a tall one. Because what's more fun than hearing a friend share her favorite stories?

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Customer Reviews

These stories ranged from uproarious to touching and everything in between, each one leaving me feeling like I was a part of Jen's inner circle. Whether she was making up a new sport with her husband, obsessing over an online shopping opportunity, hanging out with the neighbors, wrangling

her plethora of pets, or traveling with friends on a trip that will make you need one thousand showers, the author was engaging and entertaining, always making sure that she was the punchline, the butt of the joke. I finished more quickly than I had hoped, and expect I'll pop this one open again one day when I find myself needing to escape into a happy, belly-laughing, heartfelt place once more. This one is the salve many of us need to escape into right now. Pick it up today.

Most of this book reminded me of vintage Jen Lancaster from when she wrote *Bitter is the New Black*- snarky, self-deprecating, and witty. Much of the rest reminded me of her style in *The Tao of Martha*, which was none of the above. There were many times when I found myself laughing out loud, which far outnumbered the times when I found the book a little hard to take. To this point, I'm a little weary of hearing about her diet and exercise woes. Also, the whole Lilly Pulitzer at Target debacle was already told on Facebook. The actual book ended at 82% and thus began a script that she has written. I really can't judge that because I can't stand reading something in script form. All in all I liked it. But did I love it? Not so much.

Don't get me wrong, I love, love, love Jennifer Lancaster's earlier memoirs. This one, not so much. Her early books I would laugh and cry right along with her. This one I struggled to get through. Although the little footnotes by Fletch were a nice touch the self promotion of writing or struggling to write a YA fiction novel repeated more than once, not so much. Such a shame, I truly was looking forward to this book and the return the Jennifer Lancaster show albeit through a memoir, this book was a disappointment, from an avid fan.

This book was so funny I would've gladly bought the author drinks just to keep the stories coming!!! The only thing I didn't love was the ending. It felt too abrupt...like she meant to come back to it the next day to write more. Up until then, however, her wit and hilarious style totally won me over right from the start! I forgave the abruptness of the ending enough that I just bought 3 more Jen Lancaster books because we all need to laugh more!

This book definitely meets my expectations. It's great for other Jen admirers/followers, like myself, because this latest memoir feels like a dedication to her existing fans, which is completely appreciated. The book wraps up some recent short stories, delivered in a typical "welcome to the Jen Lancaster show!" kinda way. I recommend it to readers who already know her material, simply because it's funnier when you know where her humor stems from and because we feel like we are

already a part of her family.

Classic Jen Lancaster! She always has me laughing out loud. The editing was pretty bad in this, that's the only downside.

Jen Lancaster is always a good read. Big thanks for making this title available so fast and for such a good price!

I love Jen's work. These tales are exactly what I wanted to hear from her. My only criticism is that the book isn't as well edited as usual, nor is it long enough! The last section was certainly an interesting addition and I'm glad she's exploring other ways to engage her audience. Overall, I laughed a lot.

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