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An Unexpected Twist (Kindle Single)



Synopsis

Andy Borowitz almost died, but lived to tell this stranger-than-fiction tale. In his first-ever work of autobiography, the comedian and New York Times bestselling author tells how a freakish medical condition descended upon him one October afternoon and led him to the brink of death — in a New York hospital — “consistently rated one of the ten best in the country.” What happens when “one of the funniest people in America” (CBS News Sunday Morning) comes face to face with his own mortality? *An Unexpected Twist* is in equal parts harrowing and hilarious — and a moving affirmation of what it means to be alive.

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Customer Reviews

Any time a doctor says, "I'm going to be extra careful this time" you know you've got problems. Andy Borowitz with problems? Who knew? Andy takes on a very serious issue - and it's purely autobiographical - and somehow keeps us laughing throughout. I think what surprised me the most was the suspense I felt as I read this (kind of like each time I read "The Day Lincoln Was Shot" by Jim Bishop, and I hear myself muttering under my breath, "Don't go to Ford's tonight!"). Yes, Andy wrote it, so I sort of knew the ending, but I didn't know the message until I got to the end. Andy

Borowitz is a brilliant writer and funny guy extraordinaire, but like our beloved Mark Twain, he is also acutely aware of human nature and the human condition. I also enjoyed getting to "meet" Olivia, Andy's wife (fun coincidence that has nothing to do with Andy's book: Mark Twain's wife was also named Olivia). Olivia is a keeper. So is this book. Thanks, Andy!

I surprised myself when reading this short piece on my Kindle, in my hotel room, alone, during a business trip. I laughed out loud several times, and at one point, found myself laughing UNCONTROLLABLY. That is, laughing in the way one does when talking with friends and someone says something that truly "strikes your funnybone"...and you just can't stop laughing for several minutes. Not a common experience, for me at least, and one I don't think I have ****ever**** had before while simply reading, all alone. Partly it's Andy, of course, who is one of the funniest guys I've read, but it's also the very personal, very believable -- and somehow familiar -- experience he's recounting. Maybe you need to at least have had a colonoscopy at some point to fully appreciate it, but I call this **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**.

I had no idea what to expect when I started to read this story. I chuckled at the first paragraph... I was hooked by the end of the 2nd page! It only takes about 30 minutes to read and I couldn't put it down. It's actually about a serious subject, but it's one of the funniest stories I've ever read! I work in a hospital and maybe that's why it just made me laugh out loud all the way through it. Loved this story though and I do highly recommend it. Can't believe I got it for 99 cents!! (For Adults Only)

I love Andy Borowitz' humor, and expected to find it in *An Unexpected Twist*. What I did not expect and found to be a wonderful gift within this short offering was Andy's joy and gratitude about his life. This was marvelously funny and very touching. I loved it! Laughed over and over and got teary at the same time. Short but very worthwhile!

Writing in a funny style about one's harrowing experience is not the easiest of tasks. Andy demonstrates his consummate skill at comedy by making fun of him and of the healthcare system. The story revolves around the blotched operation (or operations) he had to clear his colon. In his own witty style, he goes about describing what we have experienced in some way or the other before. When he visits the hospital, he is asked to rate his pain. When he rates his pain as "six", "an enormous sense of relaxation descends upon my case as the ER staff attends to the people who said seven through ten". "The only word that's worse than "triage" is "surgical" because you know

something bad is about to happen". Then he is attended to by Du Wu who "speaks ... in a very abbreviated, clipped fashion, sort of like Confucius on Twitter. Everything is like four characters and he's out". Andy is not overtly critical of the systemic mishandling of his case, but at the same time makes pointed reference to the fallacies in the system and our society that rates this hospital as one of the ten best. I totally loved reading this book. It was very short, racy and hilarious. Do not forget to follow Andy's tweets to lighten up your stressful day. Rajesh

Thoroughly enjoyed this true story. Had experience of same surgery and all it entails. At this point I could laugh about it, but it truly affirmed my own sense of frustration, anger, and disbelief at the amount of knowledge the doctors have. We tend to think they can handle almost everything.... in fact...there is so so much they don't know - yet.

As I was reading this, I didn't understand why I was laughing at this man's very personal and serious life and death struggle with a twisted colon. But I was. I'd never heard of Andy Borowitz before, but he is one funny and gifted comic and writer. He writes this story with a natural ease, nothing about it seeming staged or forced, just truly funny. It takes someone with a gift for comedy to make you read an entire story with a smile on your face, even when you're reading the serious parts. That's a talent he has. This story is full of those laugh-out-loud moments, definitely, but it also has a touching and very substantial message about living and loving today while you can. This Kindle single is well-written, just very smart and wry, as it delivers a learned life lesson with a great amount of humor.

Well, I don't remember how exactly I bumped into this title. I think it was mentioned at some article I was reading one day, where the author of the article was modestly boasting about being the one who recommended Borowitz to pack this little story into a Kindle book and publish it. It turns out Borowitz did great heeding her advice, and I'm glad that I trusted the source. This was indeed a cool, refreshing, humorous account of a ridiculously seriously dangerous health complication. Enjoyed it immensely. Highly recommended for a Monday evening read. PS. Out of sheer curiosity, what's with you and Matthew McConaughey? ;-)

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