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Stephen Fry's secret wife speaks out at last...

Enjoyed a nice cuppa this morning with a HobNob and Jeremy Kyle. There was a woman on there who'd been married 16 years without realising her husband was gay. Extraordinary! Which reminds me, it's our 16th anniversary in a few weeks. What a coincidence.

Stephen Fry - actor, writer, raconteur and wit. Cerebral and sophisticated, a true Renaissance man.

Or is he?

Finally, his secret double life - the womanizing, the window-cleaning, the kebabs, the karaoke - is exclusively revealed by Edna, his devoted wife and mother of his five, six or possibly seven children. These diaries take us through a year in the life of an unwitting celebrity wife, and are rumoured to include:

- scandalous nocturnal shenanigans
- advice on childcare
- 101 things to do with a tin of Spam.

'A good diary should be like a good husband - a constant companion, a source of inspiration and, ideally, bound in leather.' - Edna Fry

twitter.com/MrsStephenFry

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### Vivienne says

Some of the jokes made me groan while others had me practically falling off the settee and onto the floor due to extreme laughter.

Great fun and I am so glad it was recommended by one our reading group members. Of course, some of the humour might be lost on non-Brits just as I sometimes feel a little perplexed reading (or watching) things that relate a lot to USA popular culture.

So perfect light weight fare for dull January days. Hopefully Mrs Fry will produce more of these in the coming years.

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### Lesley Horner says

Hilarious

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### Kichi says

Reading this book will make you wonder about what other wacky ideas Stephen Fry might be keeping in his head. The man's a true wit.

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### Manrix says

Hilarious.

Just... Wow. The casual references to child neglect, the horrible puns, the terribly misguided self-image of Edna and the way the family's entire lifestyle is a parody of a certain class of English people... It's just fantastic.

The best part is that there are also a lot of references to famous literary works, etc, that Edna never gets, but are still entertaining to the reader. There are also a lot of parodies, some of which are actually worked out in the novel, such as an alternative version of "Funeral Blues" by W.H. Auden, which was painful to get through in its blasphemy, and a novel called "The Brown Conundrum" wonderfully mocking the works of Dan Brown.

I wonder how much longer Stephen can keep his wife in the dark, and his children out of prison...

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### Sam says

This is the fictional diary of Mrs Edna Fry, the long suffering yet still devoted wife of Stephen, that tells of

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her husband's debauchery, her kids wild antics and her methods of coping from hobnobs and Jeremy Kyle to creative writing classes and book clubs. Added to this Edna provides us with a few good Spam recipes (none of which I'm particularly keen to try, I must be honest) this is an entertaining and amusing read, especially if you're familiar with Mr Fry, his humour and his intelligence.

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### **Mike Steven says**

I'd been following the Twitter account for a while and I'm a big fan of Mr Fry (Edna's celebrity husband) so when I saw the book discounted in 'The Works' I thought I'd give it a try.

The two star rating says "it was okay" and that sums it up entirely. It's okay. There are some very clever one-liners but the ongoing narrative about Mrs Fry potentially finding out about her husband's life as a celebrity isn't particularly or engaging. The sections about her poetry also isn't great.

The book works best when the entries are short and clever and, much like the Twitter account, there are some very witty jokes hidden in there. The comic diary, perhaps best of which is Sue Townsend's Adrian Mole series, is a pleasant enough format and the fact that it is a series of short entries makes it ideal for light reading when you get short breaks in your day - train journeys, waiting for food to cook, waiting in a doctor's waiting room etc.

It's light. It's harmless. It's reasonable fun and, if like me you see it on offer for a couple of quid, then you could do worse.

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### **Diane V-R says**

A riotous read that will have you giggling and snickering all the way through. Be sure to read slowly as you don't want to miss a single laugh. I'll be reading it again in the future and will undoubtedly pickup more than I did the first time around. Well done Mrs. Fry!

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### **Barbara says**

Looking through these reviews I can't believe how many people who claim to be fans of Stephen Fry just don't get this book. It was hilarious and quintessentially Stephen. Stephen did not write this book, it was written by one of his Twitter followers who call themselves Mrs Stephen Fry <https://twitter.com/MRSSTEPHENFRY> They were an early presence in his Twitter life and turned out to be quite witty themselves and caught his attention. In the beginning Stephen followed his followers back (I kept my email that says "Stephen Fry is now following you on Twitter") and they conversed often, Stephen refers to them as his wife. Makes me wonder which of Stephen's works the so called fans here are really fans of.

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### **Amy says**

For Christmas I received a collection of books, one in particular from my brother Steven by a certain Mrs Stephen Fry it is rather originally called "Mrs Fry's Diary". This catalogues the day to day on goings of

Stephen Fry's secret wife and the humdrum goings on of her housewife life.

This fantastic little tale centres around Stephen Fry's secret wife as she raise their many (the number if abundantly unclear) children. As you flick through the pages you learn of Edna's spam obsession and begin to fall for her somewhat spaced out view of life, the more you read on it becomes clearer and clearer why Stephen married her in the first place – hell you wish you'd bagged that catch before he did.

Throughout Mrs Fry records her thoughts and adventures, much like many of use bloggers, as and when it occurs to her to pen them. Unlike on blogger when you sometimes wish you hadn't read that post, that's fifteen minutes of my life I'm not getting back you ranters! You do not regret a second of reading this hilarious account, from Stephen's breakdown over the pub renovations to the romantic trip to "Paris" you find yourself chuckling as though you bore witness to these shenanigans.

The only unfortunate thing about this book is it's small consumer market, to anyone outside the UK it is a no-man's land. The nationwide jokes would leave anyone else feeling slightly baffled by the whole story. I will admit that there were times I had to Google things to understand them and some (particularly nocturnal on goings) that I still do not comprehend – perhaps when I am older, although hopefully not.

This book is set out in the form of a diary; each month starts a new chapter and each day a new heading. Most of the entries are short although, like any human Edna does have her moments of sometimes even three page long accounts of one day's worth of events. True to form this diary even includes some randomly dotted about entries such as favourite recipes or personally written poetry, each of these tantalisingly funny.

This book has easily achieved its intent, assuming its goal was to make all who read it chortle. One of the most hilarious features of this book is in that Edna has no idea she has married a celebrity and her continuing blindness to this fact no matter how many hints or suspicious circumstances arise. You know at some point that it is inevitable that she will find out the truth but by the end of this book you have truly related the this fictional work of art finding yourself appreciating that sometimes ignorance is bliss.

If you find yourself suffering from the New Year blues I highly recommended that you take a visit to your local bookshop and purchase a copy, it is just what is needed this time of year to lift your spirits just enough to commit to those pesky resolutions.

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## **Barry Pierce says**

Loved the ending.

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## **Trish says**

It's no secret that I'm a fan of Stephen Fry's. A while ago, there was a user on Twitter, calling ~~him~~ herself Mrs. Stephen Fry and posting hilarious tweets about "the family life". I presume this is how this book came to be.

The book is in the form of a diary with entries for every day of a year and detailing everything from karaoke and sexual escapades to feng-shui made possible by child abuse. And all of it in the most delightful dry humour one could wish for in a book about Stephen Fry.

Fry himself even contributed the foreword to the book (pretty funny as well, though not as funny as "his wife's" dedication).

Maybe these two will sum up Mrs. Stephen Fry best:

I believe this is (in part) where the author (whoever he/she is) has got the idea for this character from and I just love how Stephen Fry himself is such a good sport, delighting in this form of comedy even, and playing along.

A definite must-have for all Fry fans and people enjoying laughing themselves silly.

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### **Mona says**

I would have given four stars but I was hampered by slang:)

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### **Joey Woolfardis says**

It's humour as a twitter account is generous enough, but in book format it seemed only to stall and drag. It was funny enough, but as such a long piece, I can only imagine it would tire me out so much that Stephen Fry became less to me than he is. Unfair, of course, for he had nothing to do with this.

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### **Charlotte Jones says**

Mrs Stephen Fry is a comedy twitter user and blogger and this is her spoof diary about her chaotic family and layabout alcoholic husband, Stephen Fry. This book contains simple illustrations and large text and in hardback, it is 346 pages.

This book is brilliantly funny and with it's short one-liners and littering of euphamisms, a lot of it is almost cringe-worthy in it's humour. The book itself is a great concept; a fictional diary, written in such a way that it sometimes seems rather believable, and yet you know that this couldn't possibly be real. The diary entries themselves vary in length, making this an extremely quick read. It only took me a few hours and I read it mostly in one sitting.

Mr and Mrs Stephen Fry's relationship is developed throughout and their lives, especially Stephen's, is surrounded by a lot of mystery. Although the reader knows exactly what is going on, because of outside knowledge of Stephen Fry, Edna, his fictional wife and author of this "diary" doesn't seem to fit things together as quickly, adding to the humour and surprise throughout.

This book has everything; humour, euphamisms, family life, mystery and even a hilarious rewording of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody. Pop culture references are scattered throughout the book and I think that it really adds to the realism and the plot of the diary.

Overall, I really enjoyed this book as it was a captivating and entertaining read. I would definitely

