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***?? Kat ?*? says**

3.5

Jenny McCarthy goes in depth on her life as an ex-wife, mother, and family member in a hilarious way. Quick read and very relatable to parenthood.

Mediaman says

Jenny McCarthy thinks she's smart but she's not--she's just a smart aleck who wastes these pages rambling on about silly subjects. It's like listening to a 9th-grade girl gossip with her girlfriends about boys, sex, and partying while complaining about how rough everyday life is. Namely, it's annoying! It's not even worthy of a review--she says nothing that hundreds of people haven't better written about before and her attempts at humor fall flat on every page. She insults men constantly, demeans former lovers and family members, but praises immorality, psychics and divorce. She's a mess and this book reflects her.

Nikki says

Jenny McCarthy is awesome! And not just in her books, in life she seems like such an awesome person too. I spent my early teen years watching her on Singled Out and loved her quirky personality on that show. If you've never heard of it or never watched it it's a show about getting a date and she was one of the hosts on the actual show.

Previously I have read her other books about her pregnancy and the first year of her son's life. This book continues on from the previous one and just tells funny stories from her actual life in addition to some not so funny ones but stories that do have their place between these pages. Everything from finding a job, to boyfriends to realising the man you are married to really isn't the guy you should be married to is all within these pages. Each chapter is short and to the point, just like Jenny is in real life.

Her books help remind me that everyone has the same issues and problems throughout life, it doesn't matter who you are or even how much money you have. I love reading her books because its like sharing my own life in comparison with a close friend. The book is witty and quirky and almost anyone can relate to it. I say almost because there is always that one person out there that believes they have nothing in common with any of these stories in this book. Either that person is lying or they live in a cave.

If you are a woman, pick up this book and relate to Jenny.

Alex says

Meh. This was definitely the worst of her books so far. I didn't find this one funny at all, and there was no

rhyme or reason to it. It was supposed to be a book about marriage, but she got divorced during it and changed the theme to "life". However the first half IS about marriage and the second half is about nothing, making it a very disjointed book. I just really didn't like this one.

I may still read her later books, though, because I am curious how her life changed after her son was diagnosed with autism.

Bonnie says

It was hot and I was lazy today, so I laid in bed, and read this entire book in two hours after work. It wouldn't have taken as long if Micah and Molly hadn't kept laying on the book. Whoever said reading and cats go together has NOT met my cats!

Anyway, this was funny and naughty, and a perfect quick read for when my brain felt like it was boiling a bit. I remember her from *Singled Out* when I was in junior high, I guess, and I thought she seemed like a pretty cool chick. She definitely seems like that after reading her book, (I don't know about her and autism, though). but I do have to stress the naughty bit. She's pretty no holds barred (don't get me started on that saying) so if you offend easily, you'll want to pass on this book.

I think I'll bump it down to 3.5 if we get half star ratings (fingers crossed) but for now, it's a four star book.

Michele says

Girls Night Out

Like the author, Jenny McCarthy, I was also raised Catholic in a Chicago suburb and attended Southern Illinois University. This is what compelled me to read *Life Laughs*, her third book. She starts out the essay collection with a warning, preparing readers for her "honesty," as she discusses a variety of personal topics in a brash, "crude, raw, and sometimes dirty" manner. Truly, it's an honest description of her simple, conversational writing.

The first three quarters of the column-like compositions focus on marriage, and there are several woman vs. man scenarios typical to new relationships. As the marriage ages, the child is born, body parts start to sag, and then one day she rolls over in bed "and saw a nose with hair sticking out that was snoring with some pretty bad morning breath." There's no linear pattern to the collection, it's sort of random and all over the place, as Jenny goes places others fear to tread. Not knowing what to expect on the next page (a page that might include a caricature of Jenny falling into a toilet) added to the entertainment.

Throughout the hour or so it took me to read this bawdy little book, I felt like I was out for drinks with my funniest friends (it wasn't the book club, but definitely the bunco group) and even though I laughed out loud a few times, I have to admit, this gal also managed to bring out my inner prude. "Life Laughs," by Jenny McCarthy is for 30-something women the way "I Feel Bad About My Neck," by Nora Ephron is for 50-something women. She reminds us of the importance of laughing at ourselves, and she's willing to bare it all--even a seeming underlying pain--to do so.

Beejay says

It's very funny little book that I found in the bargain aisle at Borders. I don't like much some negative or actually overreacted thoughts in the book, however it made me laugh - you know, laughing/smiling is always good. For example, this is about guys going out together:

"When guys go out with their friends they seem to lose brain cells and all concept of reality. Unlike girls, men still try to go out to a club to see if they're still "got it". Not to cheat (hopefully), just to see if their feathers are still as alluring to the opposite sex. They'll even talk to some other birds just to show off to their friends that they've still got it. It's so stupid, but I guess it's in their genes to try and attract women until the day they die.

You can't really get jealous of them doing it. It's gonna happen whether you like it or not. Know that penises in numbers equal stupidity and that even if a vagina came flying through the air they would all just stare at it because their brains don't work fast enough to figure out what to do with it."

Go says

This was over-the-top vulgar. There was so much potty humor, if you can call it "humor", I was not laughing. It was not worth reading, not worth one star even. Throughout most of the book I was cringing because of all the repulsive descriptions she gave, it was uncomfortable. A lot of it was repetitive and the expletives were thrown in whenever possible. She came across as really sleazy. What is with her obsession with "south of the border?" There is more to life. The subtitle to her book could be "The Naked Truth About Jenny's Dirty Sex Life, Potty Humor, and Foul Mouth."

Barb says

A little disappointing. Jenny was very honest and tried to be funny, but much of the humor fell flat for me. Don't get me wrong, I like Jenny McCarthy and think she's been an amazing example for mothers everywhere, particularly with Autistic children.

I also found it a bit light on content. I wasn't expecting long essays on the meaning of life, but each chapter was about 3 pages long. I've read many collections from various women commenting on their lives and found them more filling. Felt like it was just thrown together to make a quick buck. For my money, Jenny, you could have put a bit more into the book.

Easy read, about 2 hours maximum time if you don't get tired of poop jokes and go get a snack in the middle.

Mai says

Hilarious, I loved this book, Jenny's straightforward way of telling the truth is refreshing. It's quick and fun read that I totally recommend for a good laugh :)

Kitt-e-kat says

Well I read this because I've always been a fan of Jenny McCarthy. I've always thought Jenny was a riot on TV. I watched her from her beginning on MTV's Singled Out, her own short lived comedy skit show The Jenny McCarthy Show and some of her bad movies she did in later years. I wasn't really interested in her mommy or autism books but I did see this book & thought I try it cause it was about other stuff in her life. I knew by getting into reading this book that I couldn't take anything serious from her but I enjoyed reading her book cause it was so funny and I can tell it was an honest book from her being her goofy self. Some examples of Jenny's honesty about herself she talks about her dingle berry incident with a boyfriend she was with to her encounter of her private area (you will have to read to know what I'm talking about- too explicit to write about). It is a fast read - you can read it in a day. Recommend if you really want to laugh and not be serious.

Monet says

Overall I enjoyed this book.

It was an easy read, with many laugh out loud moments. She is so open and honest in her views on everything from marriage to being a mom. As with her other books, she doesn't hold back her "anything goes" attitude. But at times I thought she was trying to hard to get a laugh, or being a bit to raunchy for shock value.

I'd say this book is easily a 3.5/5 ?. Most woman could relate to many of the topics and find themselves laughing at their own experiences quite a bit throughout this book.

Sandy says

Hilarious!!!

This was my first read by Jenny McCarthy. I will definitely pick up others by her.

I laughed so hard reading this book because it is so true! I was also left feeling a tiny bit depressed, because it is so true. Great read for women.

Also good for men if they want to stop being so selfish and learn a little something about women. Like the fact that our wants and needs are completely different than their's. (Especially when it comes to sex.)

Sierra Lawrence says

Hilarious. Love her honest take on life.

Jessica says

No man should read this book - they just wouldn't get it, but its hilarious for women who are mom's and wives. I laughed out loud so much. She's a little vulgar, but her stories are so funny that they make you see

your life in a different way. Not to mention, helps you laugh about the craziness that does happen in your own life.
