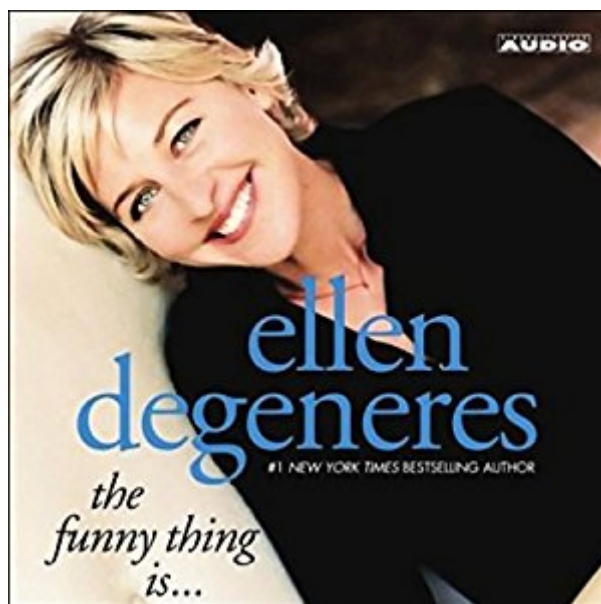


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# The Funny Thing Is...



## Synopsis

An indispensable reference for anyone who knows how to read or wants to fool people into thinking they do. The Funny Thing Is... is sure to make you laugh. Ellen DeGeneres published her first book of comic essays, the #1 bestselling My Point...And I Do Have One, way back in 1996. Not one to rest on her laurels, the witty star of stage and screen has since dedicated her life to writing a hilarious new book. That book is this book. After years of painstaking, round-the-clock research, surviving on a mere twenty minutes of sleep a night, and collaborating with lexicographers, plumbers, and mathematicians, DeGeneres has crafted a work that is both easy to use and very funny. Along with her trademark ramblings, The Funny Thing Is... contains hundreds of succinct insights into her psyche and offers innovative features including: -More than 50,000 simple, short words arranged in sentences that form paragraphs. -Thousands of observations on everyday life -- from terrible fashion trends to how to handle seating arrangements for a Sunday brunch with Paula Abdul, Diane Sawyer, and Eminem. -All twenty-six letters of the alphabet. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

Ellen is once again brilliant with her witty insights and creativity. I bought this as an audiobook on CD, since I saw that it was "read by the author." It was great to hear her stories and joke the way she intended them to be heard! If you're planning on buying this book, audiobook is definitely the way to go!

WOW! I did not know what to expect from this book when I bought in on . I didn't know if it would be political or preachy. But I love Ellen Degeneres so I bought it. IMAGINE MY SURPRISE when this book reminded me of the late, great Erma Bombeck!By all appearances, Ellen Degeneres is ready to accept the crown for the new queen of written comedy. This fun book reminded me so much of Erma Bombeck... funny, simple circumstances that we can all relate to. Expertly written, THE FUNNY THING IS... had me laughing from cover to cover.5 stars for sure... my recommendation? BUY IT NOW! You rock, Ellen!

"The Funny Thing Is. . .," by Ellen DeGeneres, is a collection of short comic essays by the popular comedian and television star. The humor in the book is largely grounded in the annoyances and absurdities of everyday life. There are many moments when, as I chuckled at the joke, I also thought, "Yes! She's so right!" Whether mocking power bars, CD packaging, or self-flushing toilets, she effectively skewers these phenomena of the modern condition. Along the way she also makes some gentle but humorous jabs at other celebrities.I found some of the most entertaining parts of the book to be about the book itself--how and why she wrote it, the process of picking a title, etc. Some standout essays include her series of solutions to everyday problems (like zoning out in the middle of a conversation) and a delightful account of her meeting with God. Along the way Ellen even reveals the secret behind the crop circle phenomenon.Ellen's humor in this book is good natured and mild mannered. Even when she touches on the current hot political topic of same-sex marriage, she goes for some gentle absurdist humor rather than in-your-face sass. Ellen's voice is like that of a funny next door neighbor who keeps you chuckling as you share a cup of coffee--or maybe a glass of scotch. Although not every joke strikes the target, overall it's an enjoyable and entertaining book by one of show business's most likeable personalities.

For a knee-slapping good time, I always reach for the tried and true, and Ellen Degeneres has become that for me. I've been a fan of hers way before her popular TV sitcom, and own some of her stand-up comedy as well as her other book, My Point...and I Do Have One. And even though her writing isn't near as funny as her talking, I still find Ellen and anything Ellen-related top-notch comedy and will forever remain a fan.The Funny Thing Is... is a riot! There is no one who can make me laugh quite like Ellen. And her book, full of short chapters of meandering thoughts about nothing in particular, is Ellen at her best. I can hear her "voice" come off the pages, especially in the chapters about her dad, the tour of her home, and the blurb about the CD packaging. Fans of Ellen will no doubt laugh on every page and will feel that every penny spent on this book is definitely

worth it.

I'm a huge Ellen fan and I bought this book expecting to be laughing out loud like the reviews of it suggested but I didn't even come close. Don't get me the wrong, the book is very funny but the problem it's all repeated material. If you have seen her HBO specials ("The Beginning" and "Here and Now") than I suggest you not get this book. This book is basically a transcript of her hbo specials literally word for word. There is only about 1/4 of the book that is new material. While the book is funny, if you watch her show regularly and especially if you have seen the hbo specials, you will find that a lot of this book is the same stories and jokes that you have already heard. If your one of these people, I suggest buy it cheap or borrow it from a friend. It's not worth your money to pay full price to hear jokes you've already heard before. (And personally I think the hbo specials are funnier because you get to see her acting out the stories and hear her voice). Therefore, if you still want to buy the book, get it on audio tape because then you can hear her voice.

The first time I saw Ellen, (I mean really first time as she was not my favorite at all due to her lifestyle), was on her movie, "Mr. Wrong." I was laughing alone in my living room just seeing her face and listening at her dialogue. From then on, I surf the net for books or tapes of her and I discovered her website. I tell you, she is the only actress-comedianne, who can make me laugh as I am pretty critical or choosy. Her book, "The Funny Thing Is..." is basically what it says. Her personality comes right through. Her talent in writing coupled with her inviting persona makes this book and all her works worth your time and effort and investment. After my favorite, Carol Burnett in the 70's, Ellen is my "Queen of Comedy of the Millenium". Hurray, Ellen. Keep it up. "The Funny Thing Is....." soars to the heights!

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