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Cyberspace's answer to David Sedaris: raucous recollections from a man with a serious blabber-control problem

Joe Peacock is one of those rare people to whom interesting things just sorta happen. For the amusement of his friends, he'd often recount in long e-mails his latest misadventure, whether it was witnessing an armed robbery or being vomited on during his first sexual experience. In 2002, he started collecting those stories on a Web site he founded, mentallyincontinent.com. Soon he had a large following of visitors, including a rabid core group who suggested edits and helped him hone his writing craft. In 2005, he self-published the best stories from his site as a collection and in the years since he's been holding impromptu readings across the country, selling thousands of copies (mostly out of the back of his truck).

In *Mentally Incontinent*, Joe delivers a batch of hilarious and brand-new stories, featuring his misadventures with a stalker, his blind date with a fifteen-year-old, and his frustrated attempts to convince his mom that he's not gay. A natural storyteller and a self-proclaimed magnet for weirdness, Joe Peacock has emerged from the bowels of the Internet with some interesting tales to tell.

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Heidi says

Wasn't as funny as I thought it was going to be, but a very cute book about the mishaps that teenage and young adult boys can get into. Including, stalker girlfriends, setting Hooter's on fire, and other such adventures. Quick light read.

Driftless says

He's not the kind of guy I expect to be a writer. He barely finished a year of college, screwed around through most of high school and spends most of his time playing video games and getting tattoos. But about ten years ago Joe Peacock started writing on the internet and developed quite a following on his website, mentallyincontinent.com. This success eventually landed him a real book deal with a real publisher and **Mentally Incontinent**, the book, was born. Defying the odds, Joe Peacock is officially a writer.

You can read the rest of my review at Mentally Incontinent.

Evelyn says

Another one I am reading without knowing exactly why. They say the new Dave Barry, no, no he isn't.

Jokes fall flat, the audacity is not a cute or as clever as he thinks it is. Sorry, a big nothing-burger.

The best thing I can say about it is it isn't difficult to finish in a few hours.-

Joellen says

Where to start. I like a good laugh, who doesn't? i started into this read with that in mind, something silly, a bit off the wall, and enjoyable. It's a light read, only 160 pages, and it has taken me weeks to slog through 100 pages. I literally put this book down for a month and didn't pick it up. But I can't start a book until I finish the one I'm on. So i made myself finish, by skimming, the last 60 pages. I just couldn't. The humor, after a while, was just repeated. It's all the same type of humor, the same style, form, the stories are different but it's all there. It got very dull, very fast. I'm glad to be able to move on to a new book.

Jonathan Burt says

Joe is supposed to be funny. Joe was my next door neighbor when he was a kid. Now that he is rich and famous, he won't give me money - how funny is that?

Really, this collection of stories, voted the -best of- by his devoted blog readers is a great read and I would have rated it the same regardless. A lot of strange stuff happens to some people, and Joe is one of those people!

Marcos Carvalho says

Don't pick up this book unless you're under the age of 25. And 25 is pushing it.

After about 60 pages I put it down. I got tired of feeling like I was hanging out with teenagers and hearing their pointless stories.

Kosta Pribi? says

The title gives quite a good hint on the tone and the author has just the right amount of self deprecating humor do make it work.

Jenni V. says

3.5 stars rounded down.

<http://readingatrandom.blogspot.com/2...>

I didn't know anything about Joe or the website when I saw this at the library, but I enjoy short stories and that was enough for this random reader to give it a try. He's an engaging, interesting writer. Most of the stories were about stupid things he's done, and I liked them in the "wow, I'm glad I don't have to deal with him in real life" kind of way. But the last story ("The Walmart Story") made me cringe - it involved humiliation of others on a grand scale and I'm too softhearted to find the humor in that.

Overall, it was a quick, mostly enjoyable read, but I'm not going to run to his website and read everything he's ever written.

Tiffany says

Joe Peacock (p.s. worst name ever) probably surrounded himself with people that said "Joe! Dude, you need to write about book about all the weird things that have happened to you!" not considering that there are other people in the world -- ok, in this country, even, that most definitely have had weirder things happen to them. In fact, I guarantee ever single reader of *Mentally Incontinent* has said aloud, "If this guy thinks he's got problems, then he should look at my life, because..."

He talks of the one time his stalker showed up at his home. Oh yeah, Joe?! How 'bout the time MY stalker hid in the bushes at college and Campus Security revoked his dorm-privileges? How's that, Joe? Oh, and you think it's weird that you spent your birthday in a hospital? Try having amnesia and not even realizing it even IS your birthday, and just figuring that people are giving you cards and presents because they like you.

You get my point. All of us had weird things happen to us. And we all think they're either funny, humiliating, outrageous, crazy, whatever. The only difference is that we're all not so egocentric to believe that our stories deserve to be read by the masses.

If you have a stack of books on your "To Read" list, put this one on the bottom and reserve it only for the time that you have nothing else left to read.

(I don't think I've ever written such a mean review before. Sorry, Joe Peacock.)

Harris says

I was surfing my favorite internet waste of time, StumbleUpon, the other day when a rather old school website popped up, circa 2005 or something. I was going to skip right through it when the name of the article caught my eye; The Wal-Mart Story, an account of minimum wage vengeance and Black Friday mayhem. It turned out to be a nostalgic and hilarious account of late '90s suburban life written by a man named Joe Peacock, who apparently has since become pretty big online and even has his own book of short autobiographical stories out, including the Wal-Mart Story. I said, why not read more, so I requested the book from the library.

Whether through bad luck or just bad ideas, weird and uncomfortable escapades have a tendency to happen to Peacock throughout his life and he has a gift in be able to turn these trying times into snappy, amusing stories with just a little bit of heart; whether a little poetic license has been taken is beside the point as the tales often have a confessional vibe, showing off Peacock's flaws and triumphs as a human. Laughing at/with Peacock as he wrestles with high school, relationships, and the working world (and SNES, of course) made for a fast, mildly humorous read.

Shannon says

This book was absolutely hilarious. I couldn't put it down. I was going to try and make it last me at least a couple days and I ended up finishing it in a day. The author, Joe Peacock, is a comedic genius! I cant wait to read other things he has written!

Vani says

This was just kind of alright. I chuckled aloud once or twice. I wouldn't say reading it was a waste of time, but I can also say that I barely remember any of the stories and I just read it within the last year.

Sarah Phoenix says

Contrary to the press blurb, this man is no David Sedaris. In face, a local writer I adore and envy (yes, Christa, this is you) can write this man under the train with one hand tied behind her back. The potential for entertainment can be seen but is elusively just out of reach. Okay, Christa, if this doesn't prove that I'm right about your book potential nothing else ever will!

Rachel says

Fun and easy read. Truly, it would make a perfect bathroom reader. I mean . . . not like I know from experience or anything.

Jennifer says

This one was a disappointment, only because it was supposed to be funny. The stories were well-written and touching, but not really funny. The title, and subtitle, (and way off introduction) hype you up to read the craziest stories ever. Not even close.

I have experienced WAY crazier things than this guy, and comparatively, feel like I could write "funny" in my sleep.

Quick and easy, though.
