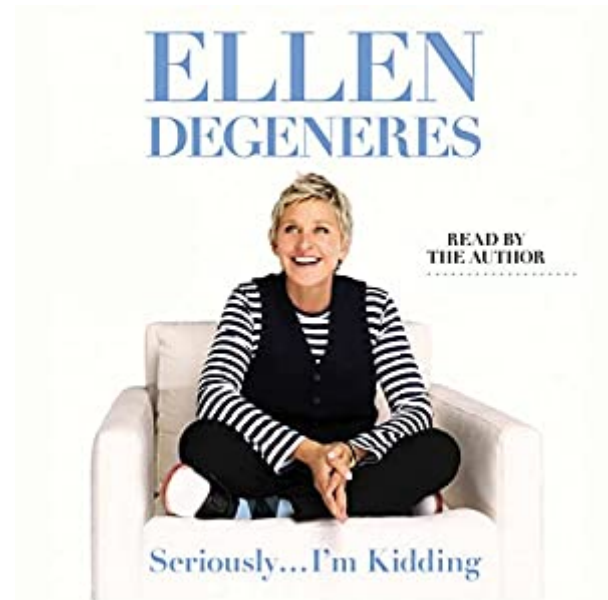


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# Seriously...I'm Kidding



## Synopsis

"I've experienced a whole lot the last few years, and I have a lot to share. So I hope that you'll take a moment to sit back, relax, and enjoy the words I've put together for you in this book. I think you'll find I've left no stone unturned, no door unopened, no window unbroken, no rug unvacuumed, no ivories untickled. What I'm saying is, let us begin, shall we?" ---Ellen DeGeneres

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## Customer Reviews

I love Ellen DeGeneres's work so reading her books was a no brainer. I read her book, *The Funny Thing Is...* when it released about ten years ago. I can't say that I remember a ton about the book but I do remember that I enjoyed it. Enough to want to read any future books of hers which leads to *Seriously... I'm Kidding*. If you're going into *Seriously... I'm Kidding* expecting a memoir, well, it's not your typical memoir. I'd say this is a series of essays and I use the term essays loosely (I do love this structure here) that can be described as half memoir half inspiration/motivational with humor on every page. Yes, Ellen talks about her time working on *American Idol* and whether or not Ellen and Portia will have kids, as well as why. Stuff like that. For me though, there's really nothing in this book I didn't already know. This wasn't disappointing to discover as I was more curious about Ellen's delivery of the humor which I'll get to in a moment. But ultimately, this book was more inspiring and funny than a behind the scenes look at Ellen's life and/or any issues she's overcome over the past few years. Aside from the memoir side of things, there's a ton of advice on self esteem, self worth, and positivity. I was expecting Ellen to touch on these topics and I was expecting positivity to be the theme of the book no matter what since that's what Ellen is all about. I didn't realize that the extent

of her inspirational words would be so large. These are all good things but I did think, "Am I reading the introduction to a self help book?" at times in the beginning of the book. Now worth noting is how funny this book is. There's humor in every chapter but some chapters are about absolutely nothing significant and exist solely for a punchline. Even so, everything Ellen says leads to a joke. Everything. There is not a moment of rest with the comedy here. It's very fast paced and goofy. You don't get a break from the funny. There's barely time to recover from the previous joke before another one comes. It's a lot of funny. Which you either love, can appreciate, or don't find this approach to comedy works for you. I appreciate it. Which made this a very quick read. The best part? It's all Ellen. There's a writing team behind her talk show and of course she's the head of that team but her book is a totally different animal and a more solitary creative experience so it's refreshing to hear Ellen's voice and only Ellen's voice in this medium. So, would I recommend this book? If you're looking to learn more about Ellen, nothing serious of course, just watch her talk show to get it straight from her in real time. If you've got two or three hours to kill and are looking for more laughs from Ellen, go right ahead.

I adore Ellen and I never miss an episode of her talk show. I love her talk on life and how she never really takes herself seriously. This book read like a collection of monologues from her show's openings and while I was expecting a little bit more about her life in the past 8 years, I wasn't disappointed. She offers little pieces of advice she has learned along the way. It's the little things that make her who she is and what everyone could benefit from, like just being happy with you. It's a light read that made me feel good and happy and lighthearted all at the same time. I kept turning page after page because it was so sweet. The one thing that brought the rating down was I felt this was a book written to be an audio-book and some of the chapters didn't come across well when simply reading them. Unfortunately, I'm not a person that can make it through an audio-book. I need to read it myself. That's where this book fell a little flat for me. Overall, if you love Ellen's brand of humor and are looking for a light read (or listen), this is a good book to pick up. It will make you smile the entire way through and while it doesn't delve into Ellen's personal life much, it still is a wonderful read.

I adore Ellen and her TV show, but this book was hard to get through. Her delivery (jumping from topic to topic) and humor works well for her on TV, but it's harder to appreciate in a book. It seems like she was struggling to find things to write about, and I similarly struggled to read what she wrote. The book is full of random comments that seem to have been included just to add length to the

book. Again, this works well on TV, but not so much in writing. I'm curious to know how her other two books compare.

Seriously...I'm Kidding -by Ellen DeGeneresMemoir256 pagesfootnotes/endnotes: Yes (\* on page one and notes on page last)Illustrations: Yes - line drawings made to colorSuitable for eReaders: Yes (read it on my Kindle)I am not a fan of talk shows, but I am a fan of Ellen DeGeneres. She's cute, she's funny, and she doesn't use put down humor - at least that I've seen. She is also, like Michael J. Fox, an incurable optimist. Since I do most of my reading at night, in bed, before sleep, I want something that won't give me nightmares when I turn off the lights, and if I get laughs in my dreams, so much the better.Ellen has a lot to say in this book. I haven't read her others, but they are now on my list. If it is possible to feel better for having read a book, I feel better for having read this one! This book is hilariously laugh out loud funny, it is uplifting, and there are a few nuggets of gold sprinkled throughout. Including, I think, The Secret. Since she shared it with her readers, I'm going to quote it here:"Happiness comes from within. You have the power to change your own mind-set so that all the negative, horrible thoughts that try to invade your psyche are replaced with happy, positive, wonderful thoughts." She goes on to state that, "Happiness is a journey, not a destination."I have found both those statements, in one form or another, to be true. Also true is that, "Happiness is a choice, and not always an easy one!" by Richard BachSo if you need a little happiness in your life (and who doesn't?) get a copy of this book and read it. The chapters are just the right length to read while sitting in the Throne Room;-)Need a good escape? Read, Seriously...I'm Kidding! Need a bunch of laughs? Read, Seriously...I'm Kidding! Need answers to life's niggling questions? Read, uh wait, Seriously...I'm Kidding;-)

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