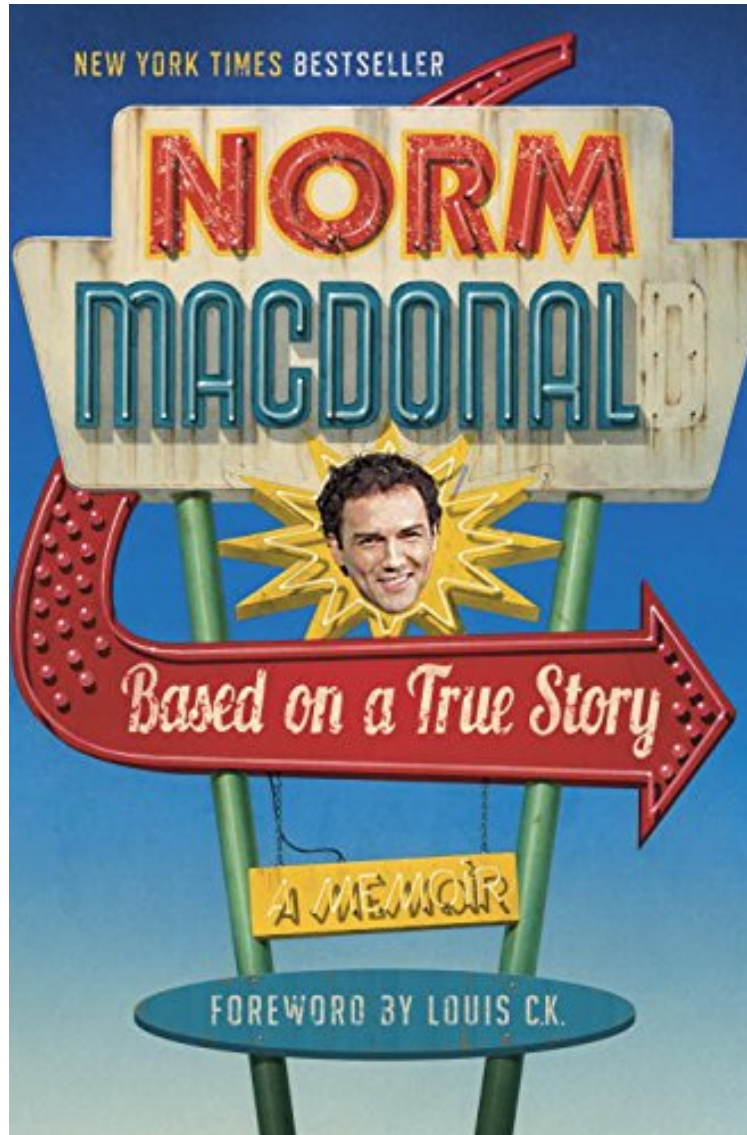


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100 of 110 people found the following review helpful. Amazing book ... for Norm fansBy JeremyIt might be most helpful to start with what this book is not -- it is most certainly not the typical comedian memoir that is common right now. You won't be getting a chronology of Norm's life written humorously. You won't get any insight into his past or his personality, aside from tangentially. You won't even get many true stories.This book is aimed squarely at those

who are fans of Norm's slightly odd brand of comedy; his mixing of fact of fiction, the shaggy-dog quality of many of his jokes and stories, his brilliant and hilarious use of language, and his deadpan refusal to acknowledge when he is joking. Some of it almost relies on outside knowledge -- for instance, his descriptions of Adam Eget probably just come across as confusing and mean if the reader is not familiar with their relationship from Norm's video podcast. Maybe some of that is a bit too "inside baseball", but for me as a huge fan of Norm, it made almost every aspect of this book uproarious. I believe I can honestly say I laughed more and harder while reading this book than any book I have ever read (including many, many other comedians' books). Without giving too much away, Chapter 5 in particular made me set the book down from laughing so hard. But at the same time, I can easily see others reading it and barely cracking a smile. It is definitely aimed at a very specific sense of humor, but for those of us who share that, it lands beautifully. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Based On a True Story By Aaron It helps if you listen to the audiobook; with Norm himself reading it, it's easier to tell which parts are wholly ironic or comedic, and which parts may have a little more truth to them. But one thing I can say, is that it's a fantastically entertaining book. I've often heard it said that Norm is likely the most well read of all of the stand up comedians, especially in Russian literature, and it shows here. Norm's great deception - his comedic schtick - may be that he's sort of a dopey, backwards bumpkin, but in truth, he's anything but. Norm is a very intelligent person, and I've found this book to be surprisingly well-written and entertaining. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. One part, A Moveable Feast - two parts, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas By Douglas Graves I first saw Norm at Yuk Yuks in Toronto back in the early 80's and have been a fan of his distinct comedy since. I bought the book out of loyalty but was very surprised to find some wonderful stories inside. Norm Macdonald - Based on a True Story is one part Hemingway's, A Moveable Feast, and two parts Thompson's, Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas.. Norm has a big heart so is more comfortable taking the piss out of himself instead of those around him in this biography that touches on those parts of his life his fans know. Adam Eget has a major role in the book playing a kind of Dr. Gonzo role. If you like Norm you will be happy to read this book.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Driving, wild and hilarious (The Washington Post), here is the incredible memoir of the actor, gambler, raconteur, and Saturday Night Live veteran. Dont miss Norms new Netflix special, Hitlers Dog, Gossip Treachery! When Norm Macdonald, one of the greatest stand-up comics of all time, was approached to write a celebrity memoir, he flatly refused, calling the genre one step below instruction manuals. Norm then promptly took a two-year hiatus from stand-up comedy to live on a farm in northern Canada. When he emerged he had under his arm a manuscript, a genre-smashing book about comedy, tragedy, love, loss, war, and redemption. When asked if this was the celebrity memoir, Norm replied, Call it anything you damn like. Praise for Based on a True Story Dostoyevsky by way of 30 Rockefeller Center . . . the best new book Ive read this year or last. The Wall Street Journal This book is absurd fiction. . . . Scathing and funny. The New York Times Hilarious and filled with turns of phrase and hidden beauty like only a collection of Norm Macdonald stories could be. Esquire Raucous . . . a hilarious, innovative work. A.V. Club Part personal history and part meta riff on celebrity memoirs, the book, it quickly becomes clear, is also just partly true (and all hilarious). Vulture Very, very, very funny! Thanks, Norm, for letting me be part of this Booker Prize for literature quality effort. David Letterman Norm is brilliant and thoughtful and there is sensitivity and creative insight in his observations and stories. A lot of comics over the years have been compared to Mark Twain, but I think Norm is the only one who actually matches the guy in terms of his voice and ability. I seriously f**king love Norm Macdonald. Please buy his book. He probably needs the cash. Hes really bad with money. Louis C.K., from the foreword Norm is one of my all-time favorites, and this book was such a great read I forgot how lonely I was for a while. Amy Schumer I always thought Normies stand-up was the funniest thing there was. But this book gives it a run for its money. Adam Sandler Norm is one of the greatest stand-up comics whos ever worked a totally original voice. His sense of the ridiculous and his use of juxtaposition in his writing make him a comics comic. We all love Norm. Roseanne Barr Norm Macdonald makes me laugh my ass off. Who is funnier than Norm Macdonald? Nobody. Judd Apatow Norm Macdonald is more than a triple threat a septuple threat. He is smart, funny, wry, rakish, polite, rakish . . . no, wait. He is polite, insightful, and . . . aaaaah . . . warm. No. Hes exciting. Yeah. Exciting! You never know what hell do. Okay, then make that unpredictable. Add that up. Hes amazing. Alec Baldwin Norm is a double threat. His material and timing are both top-notch, which is unheard of. He is one of my favorites, both on- and off-stage. Dave Attell Letterman said it best: There is no one funnier than Norm Macdonald. Rob Schneider

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America, Donald J. Trump (a.k.a. President Trumpy) 3. Based on a True Story, by Norm Macdonald I have not read the first two. I have read Based on a True Story, and I believe it to be largely bullshit, but it is very, very, very funny! Thanks, Norm, for letting me be part of this Booker Prize for literature quality effort. David Letterman Norm is brilliant and thoughtful and there is sensitivity and creative insight in his observations and stories. A lot of comics over the years have been compared to Mark Twain, but I think Norm is the only one who actually matches the guy in terms of his voice and ability. I seriously f**king love Norm Macdonald. Please buy his book. He probably needs the cash. He's really bad with money. Louis C.K., from the foreword Norm is one of my all-time favorites, and this book was such a great read I forgot how lonely I was for a while. Amy Schumer I always thought Norm's stand-up was the funniest thing there was. But this book gives it a run for its money. Adam Sandler Norm is one of the greatest stand-up comics who's ever worked a totally original voice. His sense of the ridiculous and his use of juxtaposition in his writing make him a comics comic. We all love Norm. Roseanne Barr Norm Macdonald makes me laugh my ass off. Who is funnier than Norm Macdonald? Nobody. Judd Apatow Norm Macdonald is more than a triple threat; he's a septuple threat. He is smart, funny, wry, rakish, polite, rakish . . . no, wait. He is polite, insightful, and . . . aaaaah . . . warm. No. He's exciting. Yeah. Exciting! You never know what he'll do. Okay, then make that unpredictable. Add that up. He's amazing. Alec Baldwin Norm only has to grunt to make me laugh. And this book is three hundred pages? Sign me up. Sophia Amoruso, author of #GIRLBOSS Norm is a double threat. His material and timing are both top-notch, which is unheard of. He is one of my favorites, both on- and off-stage. Dave Attell David Letterman said it best: There is no one funnier than Norm Macdonald. Rob Schneider From the Back Cover A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A GLOBE AND MAIL BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR When Norm Macdonald, one of the greatest stand-up comics of all time, was approached to write a celebrity memoir, he flatly refused, calling the genre one step below instruction manuals. Norm then promptly took a two-year hiatus from stand-up comedy to live on a farm in northern Canada. When he emerged he had under his arm a manuscript, a genre-smashing book about comedy, tragedy, love, loss, war, and redemption. When asked if this was the celebrity memoir, Norm replied, Call it anything you damn like. About the Author Norm Macdonald is a stand-up comedian, writer, and actor who lives in Los Angeles. He is the proud father of Devery.