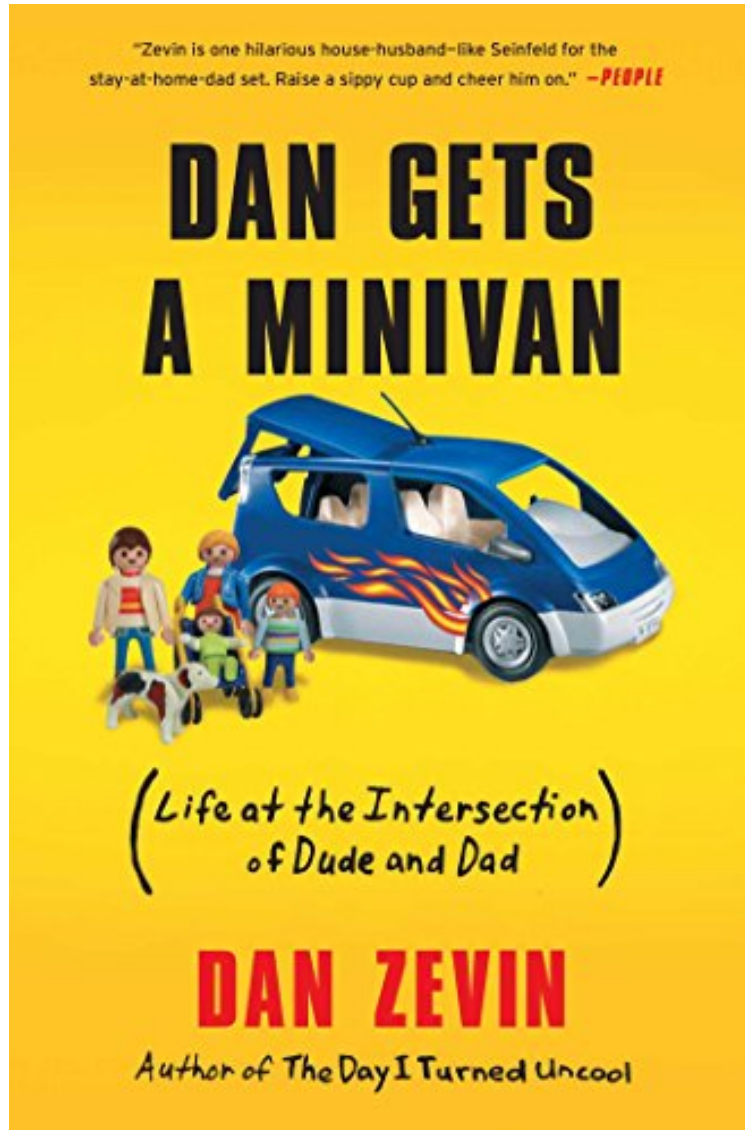


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Dan Zevin : Dan Gets a Minivan: Life at the Intersection of Dude and Dad before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dan Gets a Minivan: Life at the Intersection of Dude and Dad:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Parents-With-Pee-Pees' Perspective By Franklin the Mouse Mr. Zevin's whimsical perspective on a hodgepodge of issues involving his being a stay-at-home dad in Brooklyn is delivered in a self-deprecating manner. If you shed a tear in sadness at anything written between the covers of 'Dan

Gets a Minivan', then you need a boatload of psychiatric sessions. Humor is very subjective. There were short segments which I read to my wife and she broke out laughing. I, on the other hand, merely smiled a lot while reading the book. The man is funny and there is a light sprinkling of profanity, but nothing to have people calling for a good ole fashioned book burning. Speaking as a person who is also a stay-at-home dad, many of his issues I could relate to in our household. Granted, I live in Maine while he lives in Brooklyn. Also trying to hire a nanny, being Jewish, or giving a college commencement speech, as Mr. Zevin did, is as foreign to me as communing with dead Elvis. However, many of his other topics I could understand his mindset. These topics include buying their first minivan, kind of falling into the role of stay-at-home dad, date night with his spouse, a Disneyland vacation, preparing a New England style Thanksgiving meal, a trip to Costco with his dad, and the appeal of moving to the suburbs. His one article I especially enjoyed was his only rant about an inattentive dad at a playground. Many dads, especially if you work from home as the author does, will likely find Mr. Zevin's work funny. It will help if you have some inkling of New York City's blunt environment. It's an easy, quick summer read which only required me to use a dictionary for a handful of Yiddish words. 'Dan Gets a Minivan' is worth it if you're in need of some giggles. Shalom with a cherry on top. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Funny with more than a bit of nostalgia! By D_shrinkA humorous account of life the way it was and how the author would have liked it to be, but funny in that the author seems to appreciate his life for what it actually is. To me the funniest chapter was chapter 4 entitled BIG NOSE ON CAMPUS, in which he is hired to give the commencement speech at a small Catholic College. He is certain they made a mistake due to his religious affiliation. But he wants the speaking fee, so tries to put the college dean, Sister Kathleen, at ease by repeatedly mentioning his wife's name, MEGAN, who is neither Catholic nor Irish, but her name would indicate she might be and he feels that the mere mention of her name will help him in getting the speaking gig. The whole chapter was really funny in his description of the event. This chapter was then followed by the next entitled NANNY IN A HAYSTACK, which was my second most favorite, in which he tries to hire a nanny. Any parent who has had that experience will appreciate the humor and pathos of such an endeavor. The entire book is written as separate vignettes of life's various experiences told in a humorous self-deprecating manner, but still drifting back to the idea that the author wouldn't have traded it for any other way. It is a lighthearted summer read that can be read on several level of enjoyment and understanding of life's various journeys. Just plain fun! 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious, wistful, kind of perfect. By uke strummer! I'm a few years younger than the author, no kids yet, one energetic dog. Just bought a '97 Accord instead of a minivan after not owning a car since 2006. A lot of my friends have recently had kids, though, and I've been feeling a little unhinged by the whole enterprise--does this mean we're all grown up? Imagine my relief to find Mr. Zevin's book, which I felt like I could not put down after opening it. It's my new manual for how to relate to my friends who have kids. But what's great, too, is that I don't have to have kids to relate to the author, because he is so funny, so disarming, and really insightful about what it's like to go through some changes in life without a blueprint attached. Apparently it's easier to go through these changes while sitting in a Captain's Chair, the official name for the driver's seat in a minivan. Love it.

A coming-of-middle-age tale told with warmth and wit that's "like Seinfeld for the stay-at-home-dad set. Raise a sippy cup and cheer him on" (People). A coming-of-middle-age tale told with warmth and wit, Dan Gets a Minivan provides the one thing every parent really needs: comic relief. Whether you're a dude, a dad, or someone who's married to either, fasten your seat belt and prepare to crack up. The least hip citizen of Brooklyn, Dan Zevin has a working wife, two small children, a mother who visits each week to "help," and an obese Labrador mutt who prefers to be driven rather than walked. How he got to this point is a bit of a blur. There was a wedding, and then there was a puppy. A home was purchased in New England. A wife was promoted and transferred to New York. A town house. A new baby boy. A new baby girl. A full-time dad was born. A prescription for Xanax was filled. Gray hairs appeared; gray hairs fell out. Six years passed in six seconds. And then came the minivan.