

Don't Get Me Started

Kate Clinton

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Kate Clinton : Don't Get Me Started before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Don't Get Me Started:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Kate Clinton at her best, almost a retrospective of her greatest routines.By Loretta B. DeloggioKate Clinton is brilliant, witty, and intelligent. Much of her comedy is actually target shooting at people named Bush, but there are a number of "in" references that you might not get if you're unfamiliar with the lesbian community.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Funniest Person on EarthBy Book a DayIf you like lesbian and gay humor you are in for a treat. Kate will keep you laughing from the first word until the

last word of this book. Laughter is the best medicine.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hysterical.By L. WapnitskyFans of Kate Clinton will get a kick out this book. It is funny and insightful, just like her stand up.

Let's get one thing straight. I'm not. I'm out and proud. When I'm out and it's raining I carry an umbrella. I used to be in but I hate the smell of mothballs. My closet was huge, complete with a foyer, turnstile, a few dead bolts, and a burglar alarm that had to be deactivated before I could even touch the door handle. And then there was the storm door. It wasn't until I had lived and slept with a woman for a year that it occurred to me to ask, "Do you think we're lesbians?" By the way, never come out to your father in a moving vehicle. Now I've written a book. It's not as easy as it looks. One night, I was working late on my computer when a little message came up on the screen, "You are almost out of memory." Here are my thoughts and observations on everything from gay marriage (Mad Vow Disease) to my morbid fear of mascots (with the exception of the San Diego Chicken). That's all I'm going to say because I don't want to spoil it for you. That's a job for Jesse Helms.

From Publishers WeeklyThe product of an upstate New York Catholic girlhood, Clinton spent eight years teaching English before she took a leave, developed her feminist and lesbian consciousness and began writing. That writing turned into stand-up comedy. Since 1981, Clinton has been performing at festivals, universities and other sites outside the comedy club circuit. This book collects her routines and anecdotes, many of which work as prose, though they clearly would be elevated by performance. In contrast to the mainstream themes of many other comedian's books, Clinton's pointed politics and lesbian frame of reference are showcased here. She chronicles the emergence of gays: "We aren't so much a movement anymore as a niche market waiting to be scratched." Lamenting the programmed world of Disney, she dishes, "Old Walt must have been some kind of control queen." The Gulf War campaign she calls "Operation Just 'Cause George Bush Felt Like It." Clinton's comedy aims for more than the laughs, however. She recalls giving a great show in one small church basement in the South, with an audience "in desperate need of some news about their lives." And even though Clinton claims to feel "shame and guilt" about doing talk shows, she recalls how one young lesbian said that seeing her on the Maury Povich Show was a consciousness-raising moment and a relief from depression. Author tour. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. "Girls with mascara--watch out! Kate will have it running down your cheeks in no time flat. Thank heaven Kate did get started. She makes the world a funnier place."--ROSIE O'DONNELL"Kate Clinton is a hero to women, to feminists, to lesbians, and to anyone who loves a good laugh. Don't Get Me Started is laugh-out-loud funny. Do yourself a favor. Buy this book--and get ready to laugh."--Bay Area Reporter"SASSY . . . WICKED . . . HILARIOUS . . . BOTH HUGELY ENTERTAINING AND PROUDLY LIBERATING."--Q San Francisco"Kate Clinton manages the neat trick of being deliciously sane. Her book is a joy, filled with tasty, politically dangerous thoughts; Kate is the person you want to sit next to in the back row."--PAUL RUDNICKFrom the Publisher"Normally I wouldn't pick up a memoir written by a comic because I think they're generally much funnier doing their routines on stage than they are in print. But on the recommendation of a friend/co-worker, I picked it up and was genuinely impressed at how well Clinton's delivery and humor came through on the page. I liked the headings that she gave to each chapter, my favourite one being 'eduKate.' Her tales of teaching her class Macbeth and trying to get their attention by riding the power mower across the lawn, had me cracking up. I think she could write another book just on her teaching experiences. I so enjoyed the book that I called friends up as I reading to quote them passages. I hope I have the opportunity to catch her in person soon." - Shani Friedman