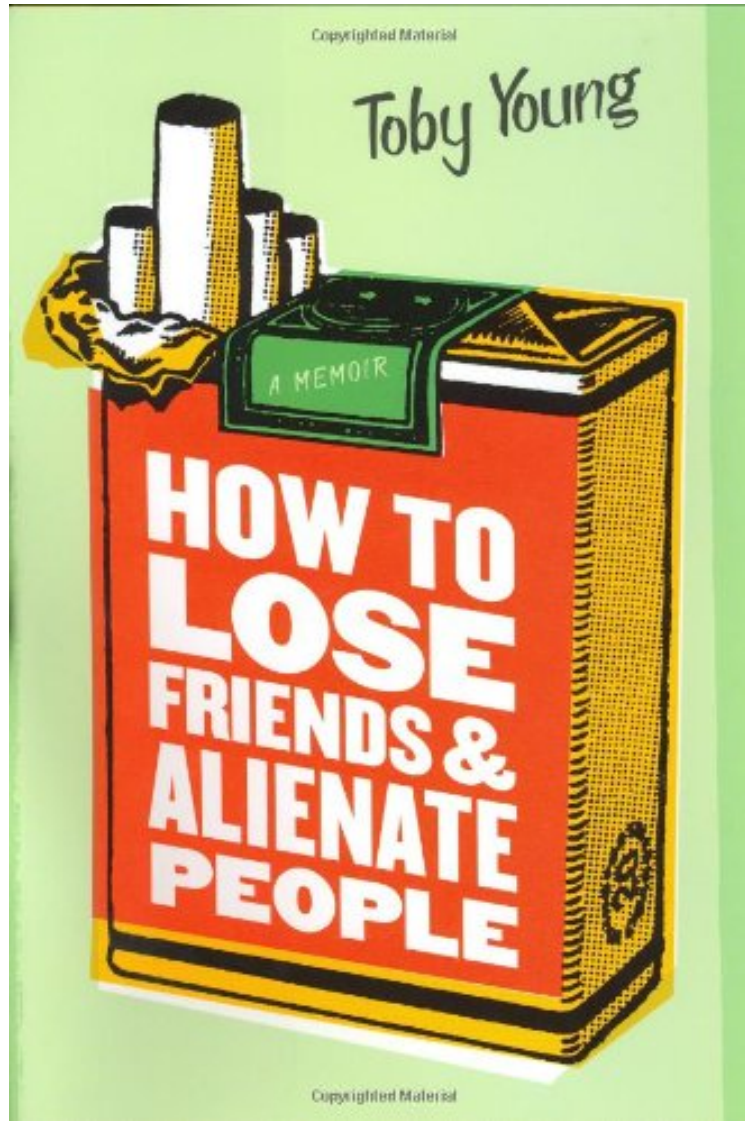


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**Toby Young : How to Lose Friends Alienate People** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised How to Lose Friends Alienate People:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Humorous, Honest, and Ultimately a Bit SadBy Sean W. MaloneI really enjoyed the first third of the book. It begins as a raw, often hilarious and sharp expose' of the elite East Coast media establishment. Having worked in various capacities in editing, including in political journalism in DC and in advertising in New York, so much of it rings incredibly true. The absurdity of it all, the group think, the total lack of

self-awareness, the egos... The maudlin seriousness with which people take their jobs, in spite of fundamentally writing celebrity gossip and fluff pieces... All of that just speaks to a very specific culture that deserves mockery at the best of times. But... Toby Young's bitterness becomes a bit unpalatable after a while. When you do everything in your power to sabotage your career by insulting your employers and engaging in offensive antics that upset your co-workers and your interview subjects (who are wealthy, coddled movie stars that your magazine needs to stay in business), and generally making enemies wherever you go, you really forfeit the right to complain or ask for the reader's sympathy when you get fired and struggle to find love or friendship. I want to like this more, but Toby's presentation of himself as a man who seems incapable of learning from his mistakes gets depressing after a while. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Absolutely Fabulous and Helpful Book! By P. Claudio I wish I discovered this book while I was living in NYC and working in the fashion industry!! It would have helped me navigate this shark infested waters without losing my morale. If you live in NYC, long to be near the fashionistas and celebrity crowd, this book is very entertaining yet psychologically helpful for those who just moved in the City. I am already planning to buy more of this book for friends family. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. BORING, MONOTONE NARRATOR By Angela Curtis I don't mean any offense to the narrator, but it's DEADLY BORING. I can't even listen to it without falling asleep. His voice is SO monotone! I'm sorry I wasted my money and failed to return it within the timelines that I could have. I don't mean to hurt anyone's feelings, but voice infliction is KEY to retaining your auditory audience's attention.

In 1995 high-flying British journalist Toby Young left London for New York to become a contributing editor at Vanity Fair. Other Brits had taken Manhattan-Alistair Cooke then, Anna Wintour now-so why couldn't he? But things didn't quite go according to plan. Within the space of two years he was fired from Vanity Fair, banned from the most fashionable bar in the city, and couldn't get a date for love or money. Even the local AA group wanted nothing to do with him. How to Lose Friends and Alienate People is Toby Young's hilarious account of the five years he spent looking for love in all the wrong places and steadily working his way down the New York food chain, from glossy magazine editor to crash-test dummy for interactive sex toys. But it's more than "the longest self-deprecating joke since the complete works of Woody Allen" (Sunday Times); it's also a seditious attack on the culture of celebrity from inside the belly of the beast. And there's even a happy ending, as Toby Young marries-"for proper, noncynical reasons," as he puts it-the woman of his dreams. "Some people are lucky enough to stumble across the right path straight away; most of us only discover what the right one is by going down the wrong one first." BEFORE PUBLICATION: "I'll rot in hell before I give that little bastard a quote for his book." -Julie Burchill AFTER PUBLICATION: "A relentlessly brilliant book-a What Makes Sammy Run for the twenty-first century...the funniest, cleverest, most touching new book I've read for as long as I can remember." -Julie Burchill, The Spectator

From Publishers Weekly The appeal of journalist Young's memoir is his willingness to skewer himself as savagely as he does his acquaintances and colleagues. The self-portrait is rarely flattering and sometimes repellent, but carries a startling ring of truth. Young targets Manhattan's superficial social scene and gives a slashing insider's view of Vanity Fair and its parent company, Cond, Nast. Consumed with the desire to be "somebody," Young is hired by editor Graydon Carter and unwittingly offends everyone he seeks to impress. He learns that journalists must have "a plausible manner, rat-like cunning and a little literary ability," and he encounters a caste system so rigid that if an important editor trips and falls, etiquette dictates to leave her on the floor and walk on, rather than offer assistance or directly address her. Young's description of his efforts to crash Oscar parties is an appallingly accurate picture of wannabes whose identity depends on the celebrities they cultivate. He's amusingly perceptive in his analyses of women whose motive for marrying prominent men is to impress other women; this jealousy is brilliantly summed up by Gore Vidal's comment, "Every time a friend succeeds, I die a little." British-born Young, who has also been fired from the Times of London and the Guardian, paints Carter as a fascinatingly complex individual, capable of devastating employees or helping them face dire health problems. He also includes intriguing profiles of power couple Tina Brown and Harry Evans, and Sex and the City creator Candace Bushnell. What keeps readers on Young's side is his courage to keep fighting, even when confronted by publicist Peggy Siegal's withering line, "I have no respect for writers. They never make money. They're like poor people looking in the windows." Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Inspired by Hollywood classics such as The Front Page, British writer Young longed to move to New York and work as a journalist for a glossy magazine, hobnobbing with the rich and famous. He jumps at the chance for a tryout with Vanity Fair magazine and eventually lands a tenuous position. But he's disappointed to learn that, compared with British reporters, American journalists are sycophants, slavering over celebrities and cozying up to publicists. Still, because he is so enamored of New York, he thoroughly enjoys his stay. Eventually, however, his admittedly juvenile pranks and failure to adapt to the culture, as well as his excessive drinking, end his career at Vanity Fair. Now on the fringes, freelancing for British publications, he manages to offend the powerful media couple Tina Brown and Harry Evans, triggering a lawsuit that is later dropped. But the contretemps actually helps to boost his career. This thoroughly humorous memoir provides a scathing portrait of the egomaniacal world of

New York media and an insightful look at modern American celebrity culture. Vanessa Bush Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved "A gimlet-eyed insider's account of the status-obsessed, celebrity-beholden glossy magazine mafia." -- GQ "A scathing portrait of the egomaniacal world of New York media and an insightful look at modern American celebrity culture." -- Booklist "A sharply unflattering-and very, very funny-portrait of the magazine world's self-important 'glossy posse.'" -- New York Post "A very funny book." -- Salon.com "Achingly funny." -- Globe Mail, Toronto "Energetic and engaging...[provides] enjoyable bitchy specifics of Conde Nast culture." -- Kirkus "Gripping Beach Read." -- US Weekly "Hilarious lifestyles of the rich and shameless . . . Young is a self-deprecating Tom Wolfe." -- People