

Cruel Shoes

Steve Martin

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Steve Martin : Cruel Shoes before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cruel Shoes:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. "Cruel Shoes" - A Perfect FitBy Matt KehrleI was given the book as a Christmas gift. It's a wonderful read. Martin, whose standup has never appealed to me, is exposed as a deep, hilarious, thoughtful and sometimes pained mind.He writes as the deepest of his thoughts came, and he twists what the ordinary mind sees as reality into something far more entertaining.The cruelty of the shoes he writes about in "Cruel Shoes" is troublesome, but quickly overcome by so many of the other pieces in the book.Steve Martin has been seen as a comic genius for many years. "Cruel Shoes" allows the reader to see beyond the silliness of his standup routines with a dive deep into his heart and soul.I loved the book. I recommend it for anyone and everyone who has ever seen or heard of Steve Martin or any of his visual works.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Manifestly DelightfulBy Philip P. GaberIf you were to put a few of those Tex Avery cartoons, a couple Picasso and Pollack paintings and fold in a few passages from Sam Beckett, Jean-Paul Sartre and Jonathan Winters into a blender and grind the bejesus out of 'em, you would have Steve Martin's Cruel Shoes. As a writer this book definitely influenced me and I recently purchased it again because I lost my original copy; it has stayed with me all these years. I first read it when I was 13 or 14. Now that I'm not even close to that age, I can honestly say, without a shadow of a doubt, that I get the same enjoyment and pleasure out of reading it today as I did oh-so-many-years-ago. This book is cheeky, irreverent, thoughtful, giggly, confounding (in a good way), and it plays with language and ideas in such a way that it causes one to pause and reflect the way the Bible causes one to pause and reflect. Steve Martin has written a book for

people who still believe that silliness and intellect can not only walk hand-in-hand, but can fall in madly love and live happily, beautifully and absurdly ever after. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A book that will make you think (something) By Edward K. This is a great book. I remember the impact of reading Cruel Shoes as an impressionable teenager and thirty years later the same *WTF is this!* thoughts still permeate my head. Comedic genius need not always be connected to gut-wrenching laughter (re: any Dave Chapelle skit from his two season show) but can also be found in subtle but impacting insanity such as Andy Kaufman or... Cruel Shoes. Give this book a shot, you may or may not be disappointed but you certainly will shake your head for some reason or another. Also... I realize the risks of purchasing used books but a couple of disappointing elements from the seller I bought my used copy from: (1) The Dust Jacket was not sent and this book was definitely published with one; (2) seller left a previous price tag sticker of \$1 on the book. I think the overall effort was lacking with this transaction albeit the shipping was prompt. There's a lot of competition so I will look for other sellers going forward.

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