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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

George Carlin's been working the crowd since "the counterculture" became "the over-the-counter culture" around 1967 or so; his new book, *Brain Droppings*, surfs on three decades of touring-in-support. It's the purest version of book-as-candy that one could imagine, serving up humor in convenient, bite-sized packages. Snack on chewy one-liners like "A meltdown sounds like fun. Like some kind of cheese sandwich." Or: "If you can't beat them, arrange to have them beaten." *Brain Droppings* also contains highlights from Carlin's concert repertoire, and that more than makes up for the occasional spray of pointless nihilism. Tell us, George, what exactly were you going for with "Kill your pet" and "Satan is cool"? Quick--hide the paper before Daddy sees it! Still, if you're a fan of this sarcastic semanticist who's given Bad Attitude not necessarily a good name, but at least a comfy bank account, by all means rush out and snag *Brain Droppings*. Carlin's book melts in your mind, not in your hand.

From Publishers Weekly

When a stand-up comedian writes a book, the audio version enjoys a clear advantage over the printed word. Timing, delivery and vocal expression are as important to humor as the actual joke itself. So it is with this very funny collection of essays, monologues, observations and jokes by 30-year comic veteran Carlin. A one-liner like "I put a dollar in a change machine. Nothing changed," moderately amusing in print, is hilarious in Carlin's bewildered tone. This audio contains "unabridged excerpts," which means that though it does not include everything from the book, the pieces that appear are performed in their entirety. The audio is paced nicely, alternating between long pieces (Carlin as a bureaucratic caveman calling a "staff meeting" to announce a new policy on human sacrifices), short observations and one-liners. Some of Carlin's older routines are included, such as his classic comparison of warlike football and friendly baseball. One note: this audio, like most of Carlin's humor, includes plenty of profanity, so parents may want to be cautious around the kiddies. Based on the 1997 Hyperion hardcover.(May)
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From [Booklist](#)

Carlin, the thinking man's comedian, is known for his fresh and weirdly funny take on life. This book's title accurately describes what's inside; these bits seem to have come tumbling out of Carlin's brain in random order. Some are laugh-out-loud funny and some are . . . well, just droppings. Among the funnier bits are Carlin's musings on names. He perceptively notes that one day nursing homes will be filled with Tiffanys, Ambers, and Ashleys--a scary thought. Then there's Carlin's ruminations on verbs. People used to take drugs, now they do drugs, although some people do lunch and take meetings. The book is also periodically interrupted with lists of Carlin's signature oxymorons and redundancies: *new tradition*, *uninvited guest*, and *standard options* are among the former, and *close proximity* and *serious crisis* among the latter. The book is rather annoyingly designed with bold headings that don't mean much ("F*** Al Jolson," for instance). Bad words, by the way, abound, but if you know Carlin's work, you'd expect that. A few of the bits are outright clunkers, but maybe we should cut Carlin a little slack. As one of his headings notes, "Most people are not particularly good at anything." *Ilene Cooper*

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