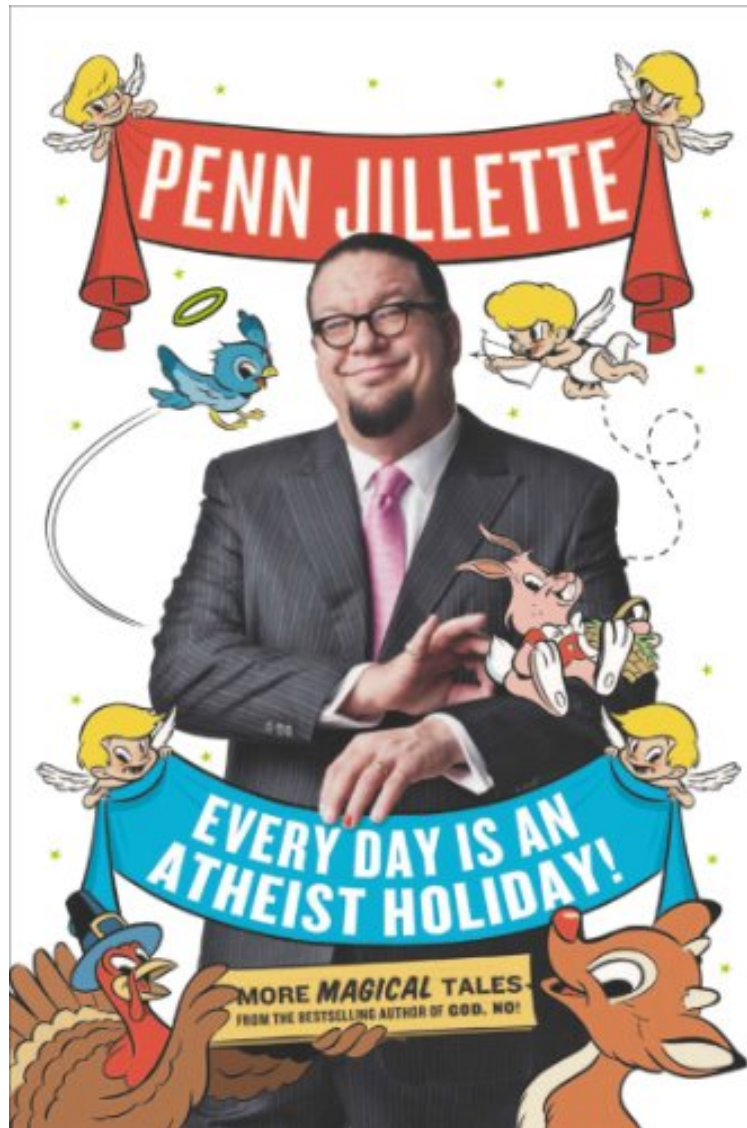


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. More comic observations on life from a great guyBy Rob Said

That Penn Gillette is one gentle giant, and a mensch in the truest sense of that word. His books tend to be on the slight side--I expected more about atheism from the title, for example--but he is an engaging writer and a great soul. He's also the real thing. He sheds hype and shuns mystery. Pretty strange things for a magician to do, no? But that's how he is. I had the good fortune to see Penn Teller live, and by a fluke of chance got selected from the crowd to participate in one of the tricks. Afterwards, as my 10-year-old son and I were leaving the theater, Penn and Teller were both out in the lobby mixing with the audience. There were crowds around each of them and I thought we would just sneak out. But then I heard Penn's big, booming voice calling me by name--he actually remembered it--insisting that I come over and say hi. He shook my hand and told me what a great job I'd done (seriously, a chimp could have stood there and been taken in by the magic as well as I had), and he really appeared grateful for my help. Back to the book: If you've read other books he's written, you know he rambles on in a very entertaining way about things that happen in his life, how he feels about his life and the people in it, and the odd, outrageous circumstances he finds himself in. This book is not much different, and that's a good thing. His take on Donald Trump from Penn's stint on *The Celebrity Apprentice* is worth the book price alone. A good, quick read. Penn doesn't bang you over the head with his depth, but he does let it sneak up on you. As a magician should. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The World According to Jillette By Michael Walter I saw Penn Jillette speak at the Mobile Beat show and downloaded this to my kindle during his talk. I was just as entertained reading his opinions on things as I was hearing them from the stage. Jillette has a lifetime of great stories and he shares many of them in this book. There's no real theme that runs through it so he has the platform to opine about performing ("The Penn who lives with his family doesn't always feel like doing those tricks onstage every night in Vegas at nine p.m. But the Penn who works at the Rio wants to put his suit on and walk onstage every night at the same time, in the same mood, and perform those same miracles.") America ("One of the things I love about the USA is that it's built on an idea. Other countries were built on everyone having the same heritage, the same ancestry, but this country was built by neophiles who wanted to get away. Wanted to live an idea. No matter how long you live in Italy, you're not really Italian, but once you become a U.S. citizen, you're an American.") and of course religion, ("Only atheists can be moral. If you're doing it for reward or to avoid punishment, it's not morality."). If you like The Penn Jillette you've see on talk shows or from *Celebrity Apprentice*, I'd recommend this book. You'll get more of his outspoken, straightforward, unfiltered opinions. But if you already don't like him or think he's a pompous jerk don't bother with this. It'll only annoy you more. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Insightful, moving, and so funny you might just s*** yourself By Andrew Baye Last week after the book arrived in the mail I was reading it while waiting for the school bus to drop off our son. While we were walking home talking about his day he asked about the book, so I explained the premise (every day should be lived to the fullest). He asked me to read a little, so I did, substituting for a few of the words and phrases we don't usually use around the house. He absolutely loved it. We read to him every night, and a few nights since then he's asked me to read from EDIAAH! He asked again last night, and since he got to bed a little later than usual so I chose the chapter "Happy Birthday!" since it was a shorter one. While reading portion about the phone conversation he started laughing hysterically. He laughed so long and so hard he "sharted". Yes, the book is that funny. It may literally make you laugh so hard you s*** yourself. If you've just had a lot of coffee or mexican food the toilet is probably the safest place to read this book. I loved his book *God, No!* and this one is even better. I've read a lot of books, and I can't remember another that has simultaneously been so funny, moving, and inspirational. Pay no attention to the negative reviews. "Happy Birthday" to them. They don't get it.

Let's be honest - nobody has more fun than atheists. Don't believe it? Well, consider this: For non-believers, every day you're alive is a day to celebrate! And no one celebrates life to the fullest like Penn Jillette - the larger, louder half of legendary magic duo Penn Teller - whose spectacularly witty and sharply observant essays in *Every Day Is an Atheist Holiday!* will entertain zealots and skeptics alike. Whether he's contemplating the possibility of life after death, deconstructing popular Christmas carols, or just calling bullsh*t on Donald Trump's apprentice training, Jillette does not fail to shock and delight his readers. And as ever, underneath these rollicking rants lie a deeply personal philosophy and a generous spirit, which find joy and meaning in family, and peace in the simple beauty of the everyday. *Every Day Is an Atheist Holiday!* is a hysterical affirmation of life's magic from one of the most distinctly perceptive and provocative humorists writing today.

From Booklist Jillette, the taller and more verbose half of Penn Teller, follows up 2011's *God No!* with this further exploration of his own atheism. He's dialed back the angry and condescending tone of the earlier book, allowing his intelligence and razor-sharp wit to shine through. He's still aggressive and sometimes crude (plenty of spicy language here), but this time he doesn't give us the impression he thinks we're a bunch of dimwits. The book has some autobiographical elements (Jillette's appearances on *The Celebrity Apprentice*, for example), but mostly it's a look at various holidays and themed days—Christmas, Halloween, graduation day, the Fourth of July, Easter, April Fool's Day, etc.—from the author's delightfully personal angle. He notes, for instance, that Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech doesn't mention religion, or Jesus, or churches, or the word Christian, addressing everyone, not just

the devout. This is a much better book than *God No!* and will surely appeal not only to Penn Teller fans but also to readers who welcome the opportunity to examine their own deeply held beliefs from a new angle. --David Pitt "[Jillette's] words are funny, dignified and make perfect sense. An outspoken wordsmith offers more intelligent, humorous and against-the-grain perspectives."—Kirkus s"Jillette, the taller and more verbose half of Penn Teller follows up 2011's *God No!* with this further exploration of his own atheism....allowing his intelligence and razor-sharp wit to shine through....will surely appeal not only to Penn Teller fans, but also to readers who welcome the opportunity to examine their own deeply held beliefs from a new angle."—David Pitt, Booklist"Undeniably fun...fans of Jillette's magic and comedy will be thrilled....entertaining....it would be difficult to not find something fun here."—Publisher's Weekly "Penn Jillette is a twenty-first-century Lord of Misrule: big, boisterously anarchic, funny, Rabelaisian, impossible—and unique. There isn't—couldn't be—better not be—anybody like him."—Richard Dawkins, New York Times bestselling author of *The God Delusion*"Giddily blasphemous...Jillette the author sounds like Jillette the performer—sharp and subversive...There is a forceful intelligence at work here."—The Washington Post Book World"Thoughtful and provocative...The man can really tell a story: he is wonderful at finding the right vivid image, the right hilarious detail."—NPR.org"His books are where we get the unfiltered Penn....Who wouldn't want advice about April Fools' Day from America's trickster laureate?....The best parts [of the book] are random, profane but delicious insider stories that few others can deliver."—Wall Street Journal "Readers will enjoy extremely funny stories from a man who loves his family and doesn't let his celebrity go to his head."—Associated Press About the AuthorPenn Jillette has been one half of the Emmy Award-winning, world-famous magic duo Penn Teller for more than thirty-five years. He is the author of *God, No!* and the novel *Sock*, as well as several books cowritten with Teller. Jillette lives with his family in Las Vegas.