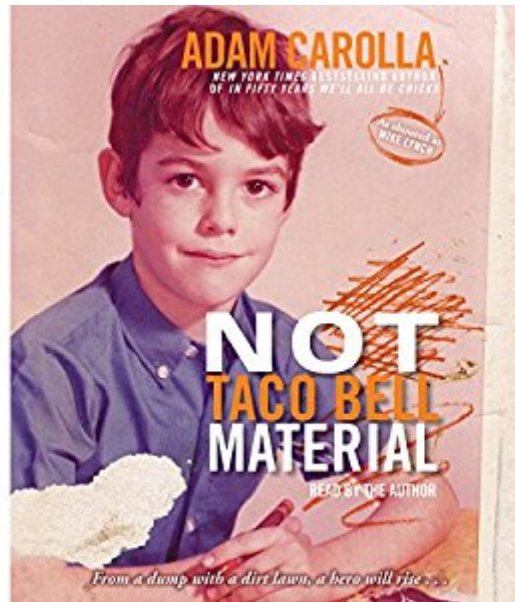




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Not Taco Bell Material



Synopsis

In his second book, Adam Carolla - chart-topping podcaster and author of New York Times best seller *In Fifty Years We'll All Be Chicks* - reveals all the stories behind how he came to be the angry middle-aged man he is today. Funnyman Adam Carolla is known for two things: hilarious rants about things that drive him crazy and personal stories about everything from his hardscrabble childhood to his slacker friends to the hypocrisy of Hollywood. He tackled rants in his first book, and now he tells his best stories and debuts some never-before-heard tales as well. Organized by the myriad "dumps" Carolla called home as a child - through the flophouse apartments he rented in his 20s, up to the homes he personally renovated after achieving success in Hollywood - the anecdotes here follow Adam's journey and the hilarious pitfalls along the way. Adam Carolla started broke and blue collar and has now been on the Hollywood scene for over 15 years. Yet he never lost his underdog demeanor. He's still connected to the working class guy he once was, and delivers a raw and edgy, fish-out-of-water take on the world in which he lives (but with which he mostly disagrees), telling all the stories, no matter who he offends - family, friends or the famous.

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Customer Reviews

I LOVED the book "In 50 years we'll all be chicks". I laughed out loud constantly (and got a couple of strange looks from other passengers on a plane!). My husband laughed so much when he read it, that it disturbed me trying to read my book while next to him. I was really looking forward to reading this book. Unfortunately, I stopped reading it (I've only done that with two other books) at chapter 7 because it is absolutely boring. What a HUGE let down from the previous book.

These stories are great. The dysfunction and neglect that have been a main feature of American parenting for the past 50 years has, at least in Adam's case, generated a bevy of hilarious misadventures. They are entertaining, and accurate vignettes of what it is like for an male to raise himself amid the squalor and splendor of southern California. There are lots of missteps, and crazy risk-taking that are distinctly male. I don't know how this sort of thing strikes the average American female, but I recognized myself and many of my friends in these stories. Fortunately for our senses of humor, Adam Carolla has the innate intelligence to reflect on the downside of total freedom (aka benign neglect, and irresponsibility), and realized the need for self-discipline. I think we all know someone who has not, and for whom the consequences have been severe. By example, and with humor, Mr. Carolla acknowledges the lost souls of our screwed-up society and encourages them to cast aside their self-doubts and believe they can achieve a better life for themselves. All it requires is desire, some self-discipline, and a willingness to call a spade, a spade. Do it. you will enjoy it. :-)

The stories are very entertaining. They are interesting. The people in it are interesting. The jokes are funny. The house theme works well. But there are flaws. The biggest flaw is the grammatical errors. There are many. The style is supposed to be the author telling you a story but the grammatical errors take away from the storytelling. The other flaw is in the ending. Ace man tries to make it inspirational but there were surprisingly few stories in the book that demonstrate why you should be inspired. His story should be inspirational but it doesn't come off that way. I'm a long time listener so I can say that a lot of what he says on air does not inspire you to go out and achieve it makes you say "why is this guy such sick now?" I bought it on sale for \$2. It is well worth that but I don't know if it's worth a \$12 list price.

I bought the audio version, good stuff. Read by Adam. Save some cash - buy the collection used.

The Aceman does not disappoint with his new book. When I read "In Fifty Years We'll All Be Chicks," I was pretty new to Adam's podcast but was familiar with him from the Man Show. That book catapulted me into Ace-like obsession! And now, with "Not Taco Bell Material," the hilarity continues and we learn even more about the obscene circumstances that brought Carolla into our ears and hearts every weekday. In this latest book, an autobiography to a certain degree, he shares his stories dating all the way back to his unfortunate youth. If you're not an Adam Carolla fan, read this book. You'll love it because it will probably make you hate him more, and people like you who

don't like Ace have no feelings and revel in any semblance of humanity (in this case, the aforementioned hatred.) If you love Ace, this will cause your love to spiral out of control and probably cascade you into an Carolla-induced obsession like I went through. If you have no idea who Adam Carolla is, this book is the best introduction, and congratulations on the wonderful wellspring of complaints and observations you have yet to hear! SNIFFI can speak for the 20 year old white female demographic (although I'm probably not the best representative of such.) Ladies, buy the book. Good day!

This book is BRILLIANT, one of THEE funniest book I've ever read in my life..! If you just wanna forget about your day and get lost in some fun stories of a guy and his buddies growing up and screwing around in the San Fernando valley in the 70's and 80's this is the book. Throughout the book Corolla comments on his lame upbringing and how lazy his fold were and and how he's chosen to rise above it. He offers a lot of great advice and observations along the way, it's very inspiring!! I am not a profession book reviewer (obviously) but if you like to laugh, get this book! You won't be sorry!! I used to read it while at Starbux and just break out laughing right there in the store, people thought I was insane. I've given it as gifts to 5 of my friends and they ALL loved it!!

Having grown up in the San Gabriel valley, with a bunch of screwed up losers for friends and a miserable stepdad who would spend \$10 in gas to drive to Santa Monica in order to save \$3 on a custom guitar pick, but could not bring himself to drop that kind of largesse on my high school gym shorts, I can identify with Adam's pain. I will be recommending this book to my youngest brother, the spawn of that miserable professional world-blamer and hobbyist cheapskate, in the hopes that he can glean some inspiration and a few laughs out of it.

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