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Bob Newhart : I Shouldn't Even Be Doing This and Other Things That Strike Me Funny before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised I Shouldn't Even Be Doing This and Other Things That Strike Me Funny:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Frequently Funny AutbioBy RavynThis book is an easy, enjoyable read which is often very funny as Newhart includes a lot of his routines and excerpts of funny routines he likes. I wish he had had more about his co-stars and filming of The Bob Newhart Show but he does explain in detail how the show came about, the casting of Emily, the opening credits, and includes a few of his favorite scenes from some episodes. He includes far, far less about The Newhart Show beyond how it was created the famous final scene of homemaking up in bed with Emily from his first show. Most of the books focuses on his starting out, his gravitating into comedy, developing some of his famous comedy routines and the first two hugely successful comedy albums. He really didn't feel successful until his second The Bob Newhart Show (the first one was made in the early sixties and short-lived) went into syndication. Bob Newhart comes across as being a very nice, likeable person who really enjoys his work and life, and appreciates the success he's had, which I found refreshing. He says that the character of Bob Hartley was 85% Bob Newhart! However I think Newhart is less modest than his alter-ego as he does enjoy doing some name dropping of the famous actors and comedians he's met or worked with, but he does so in a clearly admiring and respectful way. He writes about a lot of the feature films he's been in. I wish the book had been a bit longer and come with some personal photos, but overall I really liked it and frequently laughed while reading it.4 of 4 people found the following

review helpful. Like Visiting an Old Friend - Enriching, but Beware of the Old Stories By Dirk Drudgler "I Shouldn't Even Be Doing This!: And Other Things That Strike Me as Funny" by Bob Newhart is a pleasant stroll through the moderately interesting life of a very funny man. Newhart is truly one of the most successful comic personalities of the last 50 years and it is wonderful to see that happen to someone who is so laid back about everything. I think that is what makes him so funny. Like Jeff Bridges in "The Big Lebowski," Bob Newhart is an original "Dude". He abides. As I mentioned earlier, the book is very casual. Newhart never seemed to have a problem with achieving fame and then dealing with it. Just like his TV persona, Newhart is almost a secondary character to the things that happen around him. His first and second album spent time simultaneously as #1 #2 on Billboard's Top 100 list. His first two television shows were long running hits which were allowed to end themselves, which is rare. For all these accomplishments, which have destroyed lesser men, Newhart remains effortlessly casual. Sticking with the tried and true formula of Bob as a secondary character, the book is strongest when Newhart talks about his relationships with other people, most notably his fellow comedians and TV co-stars. He also spends a good deal of the text going over some of his classic gags, like the "Bus Driver School" and "The Driving Instructor." These are particularly interesting because he talks about how he came up with these classic jokes. Bob Newhart belongs to the often overlooked school of casual, subtle comedians. These comedians include his heroes Bob Ray and Jack Benny. I would be curious as time moves forward to see who the comedians pointing to Bob Newhart as their influence are going to be. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Bob By Dave Edmiston I love Bob Newhart. His stand up routines and his iconic sitcoms have entertained me for years. His deadpan delivery has hit my funny spot for as long as I can remember, so I was very happy to get to read his own story. How's the book? Well, I liked it, but I didn't love it. It was interesting to read his account of his life and his career. But as memoirs go, this one seemed a little superficial. By that I mean that I couldn't help but feel like I was only being told part of the story--the part that Newhart was willing to share. That's OK; I'm a private guy and I really don't need to know salacious details. The private stuff really isn't any of my concern anyway. My only point is that I felt like there was a lack of candor to the story. I could be completely off base though. That's just how the account came off. Putting that impression aside, this was an interesting read and I had a hard time putting it down. I loved hearing about Newhart's relationship with Don Rickles. The bottom line is, Bob Newhart has brought immeasurable amounts of laughter to my life. So what if his memoir was a little dull? It was still interesting and I'm still glad I read it. It was fun to reminisce. I wish Newhart and his family all the best and I appreciate him sharing some of his stories with us.

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