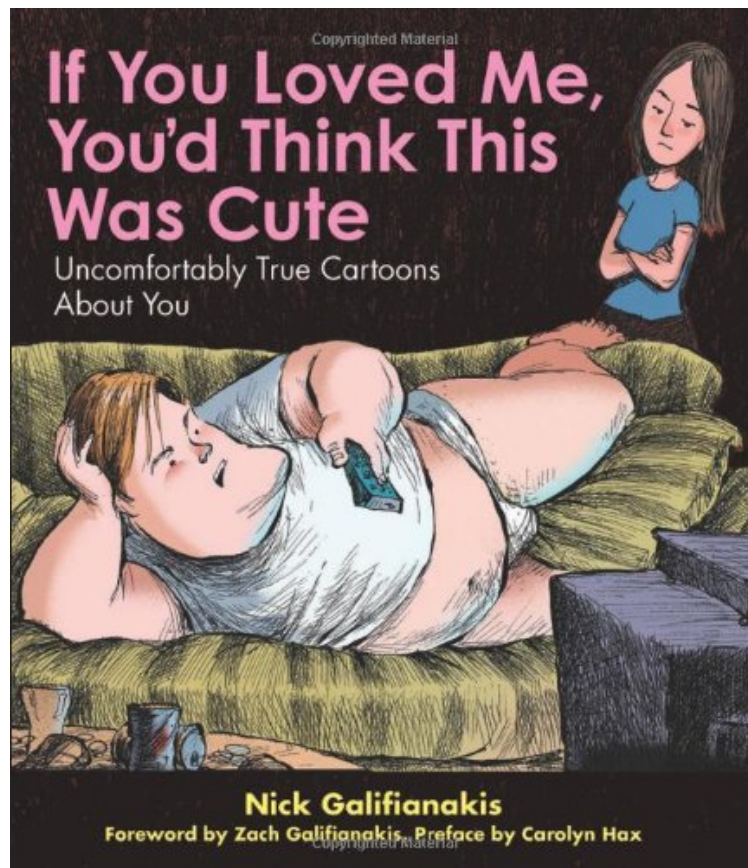


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Nick Galifianakis : If You Loved Me You'd Think This Was Cute: Uncomfortably True Cartoons About You before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised If You Loved Me You'd Think This Was Cute: Uncomfortably True Cartoons About You:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Nick knocks it out of the parkBy Jon BastianThe best art serves as a mirror of our own humanity, sparking uncomfortable moments of, "Oh, yeah. That's me!" In this book, Nick Galifianakis manages to bring us the best of art with a combination of simple yet emotionally loaded cartoons, accompanied by dad-on captions. For me, this collection works on two levels. As art, each of Nick's cartoons is a mini-masterpiece, with so much expression, emotion, and detail created with such clean and simple lines. With no more than a twist of lip or cant of eye, each cartoon manages to say so much with an economy of style that is incredible. On the second level, the insights about human behavior that appear in one or two lines below most of the cartoons are deep, insightful, illuminating, and incredibly touching. If you've ever loved and lost, or just lived in hope of being loved, or, hell, ever lived, there are useful messages here for you -- call-outs on our common bad behaviors,

encouragements for being better, and a general sense that the only differences between human beings are superficial. Eye color is variable. Behavior is not. There's a reason that the Pulitzer Prizes have a cartoon category, and this is a collection and a cartoonist fully worthy of that merit. Buy the book, then share it with your loved ones -- or your dog. You'll see yourselves in here, and realize that, for all of your flaws, you're just as human and valid as everyone else. And, as I said at the beginning, "the best art serves as a mirror of our own humanity." Here is a great mirror. You'll find yourself gazing into it again and again. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Enjoy the Cartoons By Peggy A. This book was enjoyable. I thought that some of the cartoons were hilarious, and a few were stupid, but I didn't expect to like the entire book. The drawings were executed very well, and the captions contained some great zingers. The Forward, Acknowledgments and Introduction did not measure up to the rest of the book. If they had been left out, and I had been allowed to draw my own conclusions, I would have thought the book was a lot funnier. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By A E BUZZ JEHLE VERY FUNNY

Nick Galifianakis provides a cynical, yet hilarious take on the ups and downs of love, relationships and pets. Zach Galifianakis, star of *The Hangover*, will provide the foreword. Everyone knows the only thing more painful than relationships is not having them--or is it the other way around? Whatever, says author and cartoonist Nick Galifianakis. In his first book, *If You Loved Me, You'd Think This Was Cute: Uncomfortably True Cartoons About You*, he makes the case that either way, the only recourse is to embrace our frailties and laugh. Taken from Carolyn Hax's nationally syndicated advice column, this compilation spins the pain of dating, mothers-in-law, "beneficial" friends and more into ... the pain of self-recognition. The intricately drawn pen-and-ink panels and pointed captions explore some of life's most uncomfortable truths, exposing the humanity in our mistakes, the underbelly of our triumphs and the sheer heroism of trying and trying again. Throughout this character study of men and women (and the dogs who love them), Galifianakis mines our hopes and insecurities for a unifying truth: If we can't laugh at ourselves, he'll do it for us. "Nick snuck me into my first comedy club when I was only a back-acned teenager. The back acne went away but the comedy stuck. I know that last sentence sounds like a lyric from a Joan Baez song, but trust me, it's original." --Zach Galifianakis, from the foreword "Nick's cartoons are funny, witty, and smart. But what makes them so special are how universal and true they are, making the laughs they bring all the more poignant. Relationships, in all their glory, have never been captured quite so succinctly and with such charm." --Amy B. Harris, writer/producer for *Sex and the City* "Nick Galifianakis understands relationships unbelievably well, for a guy. My guess is he actually menstruates." --Gene Weingarten, two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, Washington Post humor columnist

About the Author Nick Galifianakis is an American cartoonist whose work is nationally recognized alongside the must-read advice column by Carolyn Hax. The column appears in nearly two hundred newspapers and is one of the most popular features on [washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com). It also was named by Time magazine as America's best advice column. Contributing a foreword is Zach Galifianakis, the author's first cousin and the runaway star of *The Hangover* and *Due Date*. Nick resides in the Washington, D.C., area with his canine alter ego, ZuZu.