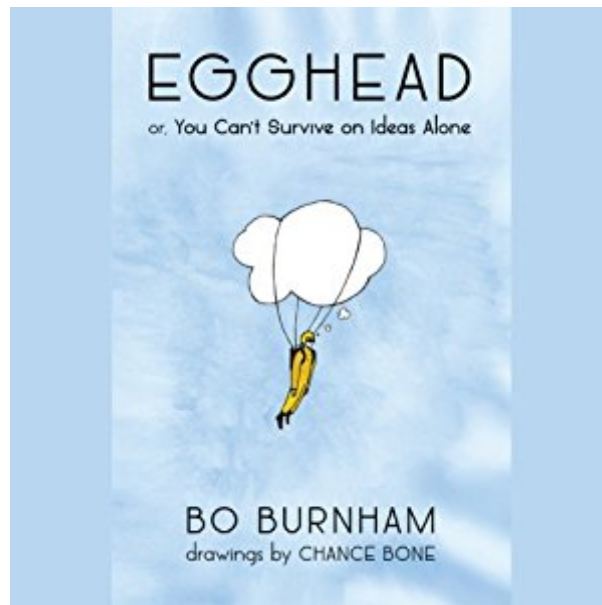


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# Egghead: Or, You Can't Survive On Ideas Alone



## Synopsis

A strange and charming collection of hilariously absurd poetry, writing, and illustration from one of today's most popular young comedians.... Bo Burnham was a precocious teenager living in his parents' attic when he started posting material on YouTube. 100 million people viewed those videos, turning Bo into an online sensation with a huge and dedicated following. Bo taped his first of two Comedy Central specials four days after his 18th birthday, making him the youngest to do so in the channel's history. Now Bo is a rising star in the comedy world, revered for his utterly original and intelligent voice. And, he can SIIIIIIING! In *Egghead*, Bo brings his brand of brainy, emotional comedy in the form of off-kilter poems, thoughts, and more. Bo takes on everything from death to farts in this weird audiobook that will make you think, laugh and think, "why did I just laugh?"

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I never write reviews for products, so this is a first but I felt some weird sort of obligation to do this. I've been admiring Bo Burnham's work for a few months now, so I'm not a super dedicated, long term fan by any means. I found a few of his standup videos a couple months ago and was so impressed by the depth of his comedy and even more so by the fact that he's in his early 20s. I find that people give him grief for being young and for coming from the internet but if you actually listen to his comedy, you can tell that it's very well thought out and that he's a very smart person, well beyond his years. So I bought the book, expecting it to be hilarious and well thought out, and that's exactly what it is. What impresses me the most is the variation that exists between the poems, not all of them are going to make you laugh. Some of them are pretty deep, and deal with serious

issues and what I love is that he doesn't try to make you laugh every second you are reading it. He reaches this amazing level of introspection that is so palpable and relatable (at least for me) that blows my mind. That being said, you will laugh when you read this book. There are plenty of poems that had me doubled over in intense laughter. Bo's very talented and very dedicated, and I can't wait to see what he comes up with next, whatever it is I trust it will be spectacular. So basically, buy the book (it's good).

I absolutely love this book. I'd like to think that my personal bias for Bo Burnham (following and adoring his comedy since the youtube days) doesn't have anything to do with my recommendation for anyone and everyone to get a hold of a copy of this book. The balance between silly, laugh-out-loud funny, disturbing, and good poetry is astonishing. Even some of the disturbing or silly poetry contains excellent use of literary devices such as alliteration, rhyming, irony, satire, etc. I think it is inevitable that a comparison between "Egghead" and Shell Silverstein books will be drawn. Whether you think Silverstein is better because he is a true poet and not a comedian with a poetry book or not, it can't be denied that there is an uncanny resemblance between the two. The works have many similar qualities (writing style and illustration) and are both excellent works of poetry. However, what's special about Bo's book is that it's dirtier and more appropriate for an older age. The description in the information is really very true, "...book that will make you think, laugh and think, 'why did I just laugh?'" And lastly, the illustration puts the book over the top for me. Each drawing is so detailed and well done, and really adds something to the book. I have very high praise for Chance Bone. And of course for Bo, for once again being so incredibly talented.

Its a pretty good book. There are serious poems, funny poems and some are just flat out stupid but its a nice combination.

When I heard Bo Burnham was writing a poetry book, I knew it wouldn't be an average read. His witty criticism and hilarious cynicism uplift your mind from any other kind... of book. I am extremely glad that I decided to pre-order this spectacular set of poems.

Bo Burnham is an intellectually stimulating and comedic writer. I believe, to some extent, he underestimates just how alluring and hilarious his words, within each poem, really are. I enjoyed the weirdness and creativity the most. There is a lot of satisfying truths behind this text too... He is simply an inspiration to all future writers because of his daring approach to description and his ability

to think outside the square. I would love to meet him, if given the chance, being a writer and performer myself. You are welcome here to New Zealand, Bo Burnham. Tovah Reed.

You can't go wrong with Bo Burnham. When I saw his new special What. he mentioned his book and I knew I had to get it. Some poems are geared towards his dark, uncensored and unforgiving humor and some are serious and romantic. It's a very great combination.

Really intriguing book. If you know Bo's comedy style this book portrays it pretty well. It makes you laugh, cry, and think. I finished it in one sitting because I felt like I had to. Some parts I liked and some I didn't; some parts I had to stop and reread what I just read and some parts I had a huge grin and I feel like everyone will have a different experience with the book. The illustrations were fun too and made me wonder how some fit with what.

After reading one too many collections of pretentious poetry, Egghead was a welcome relief. A wonderful satirical jab at the world of poetry that often tries too hard to be impressive. With gems like "You're incomparable like a... Shit. Like a..." Burnham can entertain poetry fans and foes alike.

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