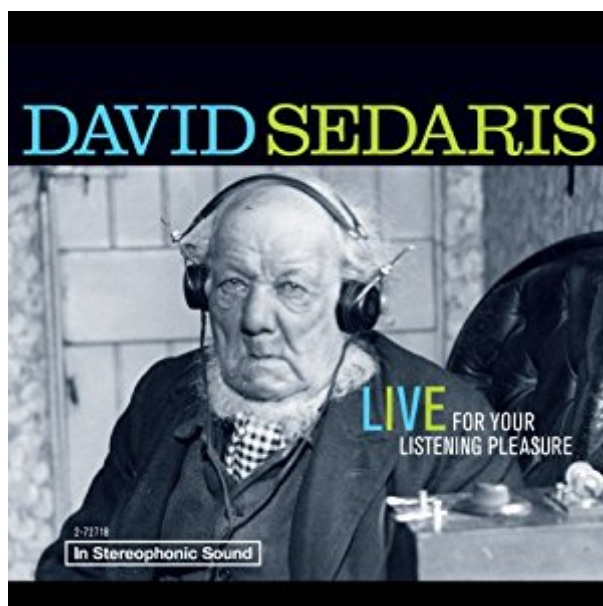


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David Sedaris: Live For Your Listening Pleasure



Synopsis

If you were lucky enough to have caught a performance on David Sedaris's most recent sold-out, 34-city tour, you already know that David Sedaris Live For Your Listening Pleasure is a must-have album! If you didn't hear it live and in person, then you're in for a treat-hilarious brand-new recordings from performances in Denver, New York, Durham, LA, and Atlanta, in one convenient audiobook collection, on sale November 24 for only \$17.98. From the bold feral rabbits of his French backyard to the eating habits of a carnivorous bird Down Under, Live For Your Listening Pleasure takes listeners on a veritable tour of natural wonders, beginning with a fable, "Cat and Baboon," and moving on to the peculiarly American habitat of the "big-box" store. "Sedaris's sparkling essays always shimmer more brightly when read aloud by the author. And his expert timing, mimicry and droll asides are never more polished than during live performances in front of an audience." Publishers Weekly, Starred Review - When You Are Engulfed in Flames Track Listing: 1: Cat and Baboon (Temple Hoyne Buell Theatre in Denver, Colorado) 2-5: Author, Author (Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City) 6-8: Innocence Abroad (Durham Performing Arts Center, in Durham, North Carolina) 9-13 Laugh, Kookaburra (Royce Hall, UCLA in Los Angeles, California) 14-16: Diary Entries (Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre in Atlanta, Georgia) --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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Customer Reviews

In "David Sedaris Live for Your Listening Pleasure" he reads to audiences, and there's a lot of funny stuff he mines from his book tours. In this hilarious recording there's not as much family dissecting as usual, but his father, Lou, does appear to be hung out to dry (humorously, of course.) There are

five titled sections on this recording. He starts out with a fable in "Cat and Baboon" with a cat visiting the local masseuse, a baboon. Naturally they gossip, and they talk about various animal clients. The bit about the personal and shall we say, unsanitary habits of dogs and cats, I think it will have you roaring. Sedaris gets his biggest laughs from his occasional obscenities and the raunchier aspects of his comic writing. His delivery is always great, and he makes no bones about being gay; in fact, it's a source for great humor in his narratives. He knows how to tell a story, very imaginatively and creatively. His "Laugh Kookaburra" about his trip to Australia has terrific descriptions and a literary flair. He's big on irony. "Australia is Canada in a thong." To give a shout is to treat someone to a drink or something else. Sedaris made a trip into the bush and came back with a tender story. This section has the cleverest thematic construction of all the stories on the CD. It could be a case study in how to tie words, ideas, and themes into a coherent whole. "Author, Author" recounts his book tours. He goes to signings at Costco, and in one funny episode he and his brother-in-law go there to pick up little gifts he can give at his signings. I'm not going to spoil the fun. You really should hear it. He gets a lot of joke material from people at the signings. He asks off-the-wall questions of his fans and gets weird answers.

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