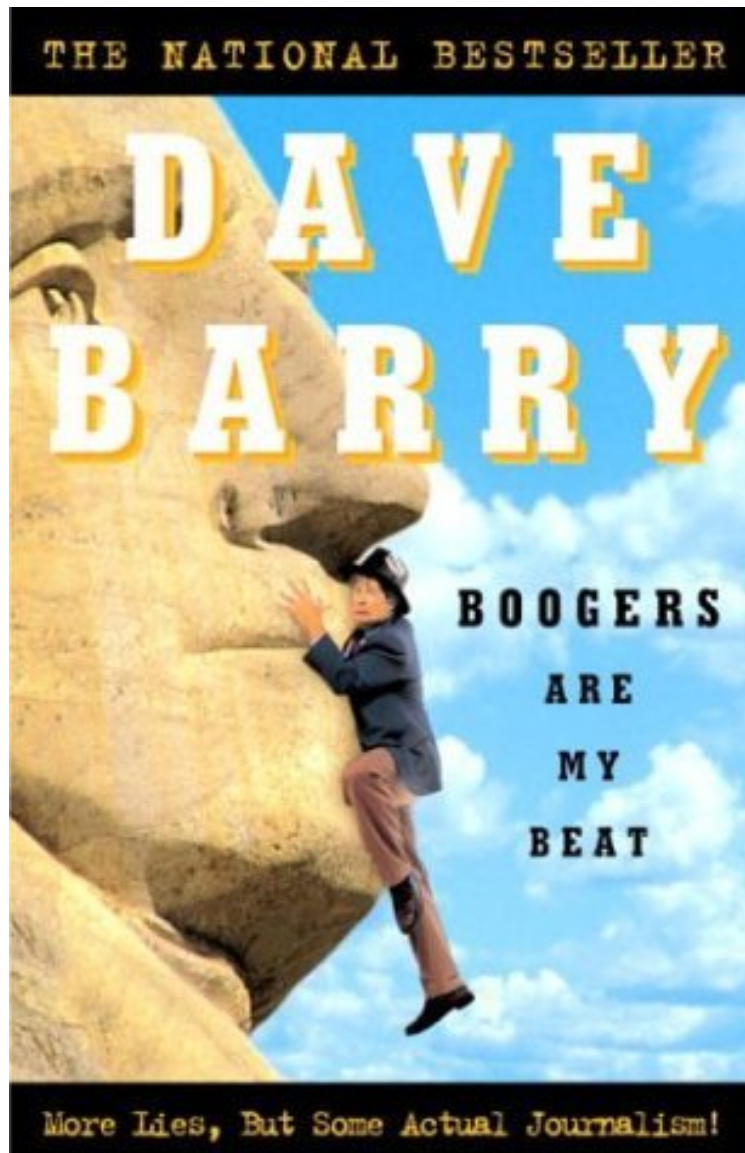


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takes on subjects ranging from politics to giant squid. But what makes this book unique among Dave Barry books is that the final two essays are very powerful, deadly serious essays written after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon. There is not a hint of humor in these two essays, and eight years after those events, these essays are powerful enough to bring me to the edge of tears. Who knew that Dave Barry had it in him? Given what it takes to make him write seriously, I hope to never see another serious column by him. But it was fascinating to see that he actually DOES have a serious side, and can write just as well seriously as he can humorously. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Dave Barry Does it Again By RJB1207 Can Dave Barry do wrong? Some absolutely wonderfully funny stories. Even my wife liked it and she's not especially a Dave Barry fan. The last two stories, however, aren't funny. They are about 9/11. Nonetheless, Barry does one of the best memorials, tributes for that tragic day. I shows he's not just about funny. He can be touching without being sappy. We listen to a lot of audiobooks, and this is one of the best.

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From Publishers Weekly Readers know what to expect from Barry: antic takeoffs on the news and home life, frequently prompted by participant observation. This collection of columns is best read in segments: while Barry uses the same basic bag of tricks, a judicious dose can still provoke involuntary laughter. "Florida's #3 industry, behind tourism and skin cancer, is voter fraud," he declares, amid a series on his home state's elections. At political conventions, parties are "sponsored by large corporations with a sincere public-spirited desire to become larger." Utah was chosen to host the Olympics after officials "carefully weigh[ed] numerous wads of cash supplied by local organizers." At home, his windows suffer from "some kind of window leprosy." Yorkshire terriers, he declares, were "originally developed... to serve as makeup applicators." And feeding his toddler means "picking her food off the floor and checking to see if it's still clean enough to eat." He ends the book with two effective, somber pieces written after the September 11 attacks, but notes that he'd rather not write about serious topics, because that means something bad has happened. Barry's a franchise, so while this hardly breaks new ground, it should consistently please his considerable fanbase. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Barry has never been as funny as he is in this rip-roaring, hilarious new collection of columns, which parodies everything from the 2000 election snafu to so-called smart appliances. Barry went to the Republican and Democratic primaries, where he saw Republicans "'getting down' as only Republicans can" and Al Gore give a "speech that really 'rocked the house.'" Next Dave is off to the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, where he grapples with the some of the competitors' amusing names and the controversy surrounding the French skating judge. ("Don't trust any judge with two first names," Dave sagely cautions.) But lest readers begin to think Dave only goes to high-profile places, he also includes several essays about his trip to North Dakota, a state he often gently pokes fun at. North Dakotan politicians entreat him to visit the state, and when he does, they name a sewage lift-station for him. Barry also tackles cell phones, feng shui, and deck building, with nothing less than outrageously funny results. The collection concludes with two moving pieces on the aftermath of September 11 and the bravery of the passengers on Flight 93. Whether funny or serious, Barry is always on target. This work on the "booger beat" is nothing short of excellent. Kristine Huntley Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved From the Inside Flap The New York Times calls him "the funniest man in America," and his legions of fans agree, laughing and snorting as they put his books on bestseller lists nationwide. In *Boogers Are My Beat*, Dave gives us the real scoop on: - The scientific search for the world's funniest joke (you can bet it includes the word "weasel")- RV camping in the Wal-Mart parking lot- Outwitting "smart" kitchen appliances and service contracts- Elections in Florida ("You can't spell Florida without 'duh'")- The Olympics, where people from all over the world come together to accuse each other of cheating- The truth about the Dakotas, the Lone Ranger, and feng shui- The choice between death and taxes And much, much more--including some truths about journalism and serious thoughts about 9/11. Dave Barry won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1988, and his columns are syndicated in more than 500 newspapers. His most recent books, *Dave Barry Is Not Taking This Sitting Down* and the novels *Big Trouble* and *Tricky Business*, were national bestsellers. He lives in Miami, Florida. Also available as an eBook "From the Hardcover edition.