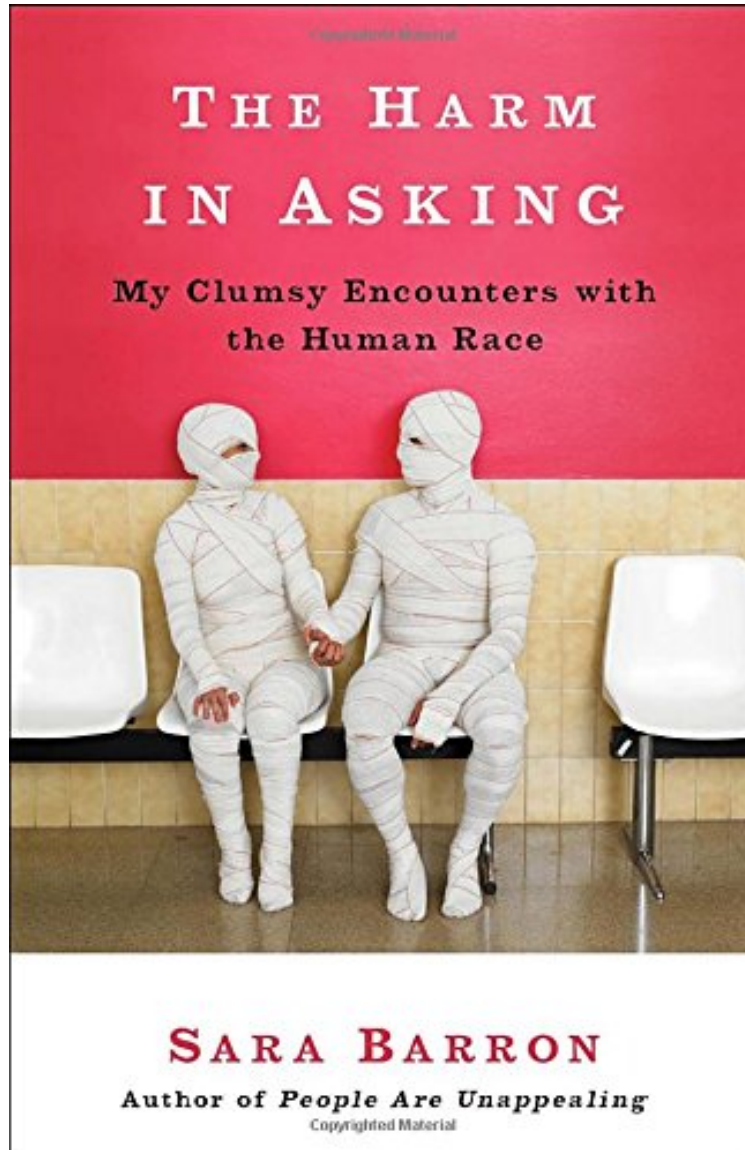


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Sara Barron : The Harm in Asking: My Clumsy Encounters with the Human Race before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Harm in Asking: My Clumsy Encounters with the Human Race:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. MehBy Kindle CustomerI wanted to like this book. I really did. I only bought it because I'd read another and at the end this popped up as suggested readings similar.She starts out

describing herself- as adolescent and all of her fecal habits then into college and her masturbation and one night stands. She ends the book pretty much describing herself as an extremely self involved, self centered whiner unable to even care enough for herself on a basic level to ensure her own long term health. I was left thinking a couple things. One, "so shocking" (not) she is still single in her 30's. 2. She is a very negative person 3. She tried to hard to make herself out to be this poor social outcast estranged from society because she and her family were different than others, presumably because they are Jewish? I'm not quite sure. It felt more like she was saying them because they sounded good in writing. But lastly the person she describes I just don't respect very much. I think she'd LIKE to believe her up bringing was extra ordinary but it just wasn't. And throwing in descriptions about her bowel habits, how much chronic gas she has, and awkward one night stands just seems like she's felt that it would be shocking. It wasn't. It was just unpleasant to listen to. I was left thinking, how did this get published??? Is it all in who you know? Because she just isn't the next David Sedaris. Her life experiences are just not interesting enough to warrant publishing. Save your money. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Well By Drea I chose this book at random. The title sounded interesting. That was about it. The title was interesting. The book was written in a stream of consciousness manner that was more of, I do not have a point than a flowing of ideas. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Sara Barron Scores Again! By Johnny I'm a big fan of Sara's after reading both of her books. This book isn't as laugh-out-loud as her first book but enjoyable nonetheless. Sara shares more family experiences when growing up, working in NYC and her mostly disastrous love life. She's not a victim or blamer, which I appreciate. And it sounds like things have taken a very good turn for her. Looking forward to her next book.

Welcome to the perverse and hilarious mind of Sara Barron. In *The Harm in Asking*, she boldly addresses the bizarre indignities of everyday life: from invisible pets to mobster roommates, from a hatred of mayonnaise to an unrequited love of k.d. lang, from the ruinous side effect of broccoli to the sheer delight of a male catalogue model. In a voice that is incisive and entirely her own, Barron proves herself the master of the awkward, and she achieves something wonderful and rare: a book that makes you laugh out loud. Simply put: if you read it, you will never be the same. **That's not true. You'll probably stay the same. But you'll have laughed a lot. And you'll have learned a fun fact about Jessica Simpson's home spray. See? You didn't even know she had a home spray! The learning has already begun.

Praise for *The Harm In Asking* "Whether [Barron is] moving into a friend's walk-in closet because she's priced out of Manhattan real estate, discussing her love of bad music, or going on a hot date at Chipotle, we're lucky to squirm alongside her. . . . Barron makes for great company. The show-stopping penultimate essay alone . . . is worth the price of admission." --Entertainment Weekly "If you're searching for something both well-written and hilarious . . . then this Bud's for you." --BUST Magazine "Sara Barron has a knack for colliding into life's odd characters and sharp corners with hilarious and heartrending results. Here she navigates this journey with the biting humor and telling observation of a born storyteller." --Piper Kerman, author of *Orange Is the New Black: My Year in a Woman's Prison* "Made me laugh so hard, my ribs and sides ached. . . . If *Sex in the City* had been based on reality, it would have been more like . . . Barron's book. . . . If you like funny, brutally honest, self-deprecating writers who write about life's everyday degradations (Barron has been compared to David Sedaris), then you may want to pick up a copy of *The Harm in Asking*." --PopMatters.com "Pick up *The Harm In Asking* as soon as you can so you can feel like you're talking to your favorite friend, the one who is not afraid to say salty things and expose her secrets for the joy of watching you respond with a hearty laugh." --HelloGiggles.com "There are plenty of laugh-out-loud moments throughout. . . . Fans of the Chelsea Handler/Tina Fey awkward-and-unashamed sense of humor will find a kindred spirit." --Publishers Weekly "Sara Barron is the reigning queen of New York's live storytelling scene. In *The Harm in Asking* she proves she's even better written down." --Jon Ronson, author of *The Psychopath Test* Praise for *People Are Unappealing* "Sara Barron's essays . . . are, dare we say it, as funny as David Sedaris . . . When you aren't squirming, you're laughing out loud." --Los Angeles Times "A wickedly funny and dirty treasure trove of modern day oddballs." --Sloane Crosley, author of *I Was Told There'd Be Cake* "Hilarious . . . Sedaris and Crosley come off as adorable children in Barron's presence." --Cleveland Plain Dealer About the Author SARA BARRON'S work has appeared in *Vanity Fair*; on *Showtime's This American Life*, *NPR's Weekend Edition*, and *Today*; and at *HBO's Comedy Festival*. She is a frequent host of *The Moth: True Stories Told Live* events.