

The History of the World According to Facebook

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Wylie Overstreet : The History of the World According to Facebook before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The History of the World According to Facebook:

15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Really funny and creative, guffaw-inducing, comedyBy DMR008It says right on the cover "A PARODY !!!", referring both to the history of the world, and to Facebook. This comical frolic redacts the world history as a series of Facebook wall snippets among imaginary and not so imaginary user accounts. In doing so Mr. Overstreet cunningly parodies both Facebook conventions (etiquette, language, humor)

and Historical pretensions (merging both scientific, religious, political, and chronological modes that otherwise would never be caught dead in the same book). I recommend this highly to anyone who enjoys a good laugh, and who takes neither themselves nor Facebook nor the history of the world too seriously. Now excuse me while I go un-friend god. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. GREAT GIFT!! By ian I bought this book for my mother for Christmas this year. The book was delivered today and after flipping through it and laughing hysterically I ordered two more; one for each of my sister in laws. If it weren't Christmas I'd buy myself one. I'm not a fan of reading books, but this has very glossy pages and is not really "book like". The pages look like the Facebook news feed and the posts are HILARIOUS! The only thing I didn't care for was that the outside of the book seemed a little bit dirty looking, almost like it came from a cheap print shop (sturdy, but matte cover) but the inside is in fabulous color with thick pages. And the content is so funny I'd buy it with no cover at all. I'm thinking this is gift of the year material! I had written three really funny posts in this review, but took them out and suggest everyone just buy the book and read them for yourself! For the record, I do not get offended easily and I'm curious if the book would be as funny to someone who isn't familiar with Facebook (photos, tagging, likes, interests, relationship status etc). Hope you enjoy the book as much as we do!! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Get this book for every millennial in your life. ... By RealReader Get this book for every millennial in your life. They may actually look away from their phone! Okay, just kidding, but the adults in my world thought this was right on in their assessment of Gen Z.

In August 2010, Wylie Overstreet published a satirical article called "If Historical Events Had Facebook Statuses" on the website CoolMaterial.com. Within a month, it had received 3 million views and had been "liked" by 120,000 Facebook users. In *A WORLD HISTORY ACCORDING TO FACEBOOK*, Overstreet expands this concept into a full-length history of the world, from its creation up through to the present day, as if Facebook had existed all along and Abraham Lincoln had written a status update about "taking the missus to the theater" on April 15, 1865 and Ben Franklin had done the same alerting his network that he'd signed the Declaration of Independence ("Bring it," replied John Adams). Filled with hundreds of real-life historical figures and thousands of not-at-all-real Facebook statuses, comments, and actions, and parodying Facebook users' proclivity to over-share and use lazy jargon ("lol," "rofl," "fml," etc.), this is the definitive humor book for our generation.

I think Abraham Lincoln would find this book funny. Right after he decided Facebook was a huge waste of time. (Justin Halpern, #1 New York Times Bestselling Author of *Sh*t My Dad Says*) About the Author Wylie Overstreet, 26, has worked for *Architectural Digest* and *GOOD Magazine*, and has written satire for the website CoolMaterial.com. He lives in Los Angeles.