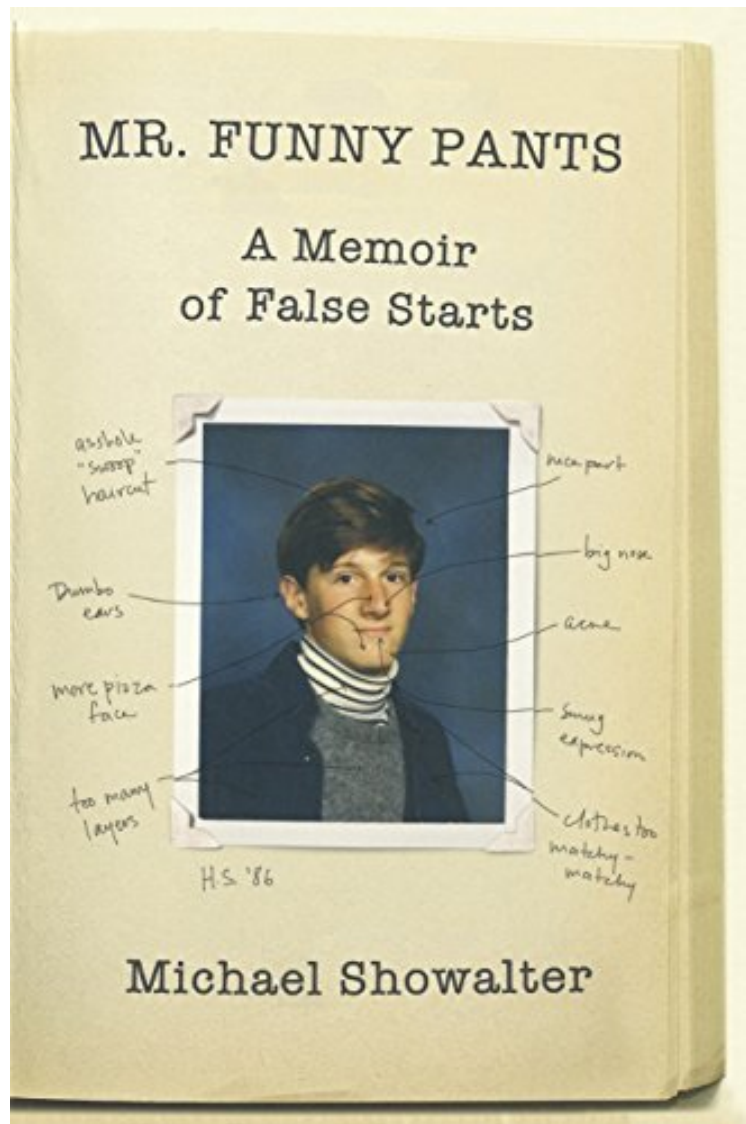


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Michael Showalter : Mr. Funny Pants: A Memoir of False Starts before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mr. Funny Pants: A Memoir of False Starts:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. 100% sillinessBy Melissa GThis was a fun little romp. I think Mr. Showalter is funnier when you can watch and listen to him delivering his material, but I got some good chuckles out of this nonetheless. When he says it's a book about trying to write a book he is not lying. This is not a memoir or an autobiography. It's a funny guy being silly, like really super silly. Every chapter could be a State or Stella bit. i understand why some reviewers, fans of his,didn't really like the book. while there are some sharp moments, it's

mostly just goofy stuff. But it's also somehow really inspiring. He's going through this process of figuring out how to write this book, at the same time it's a commentary on his life and the process he went through to figure out what he wanted to do and who he wanted to be, which I find so relatable as someone who kind of flits from bit to bit without much direction myself. So in that way, despite the author's best efforts to create a totally absurd deconstruction of a memoir, the book really did inspire me and give me a kind of motivational boost. It feels totally dumb to say so because of exactly how silly the book is, but yeah it's inspiring. His tendency to poke fun at himself is very refreshing, and there's that word... refreshing. Especially now six years after it was written and everyone is taking themselves so *expletive* seriously. Reading it was like hitting reset for me somehow. Highlights include a chapter on good penis smell vs bad penis smell, romantic mix tape track list with explanations, and a head shot from his early acting days that is totally cringeworthy but also kinda cute. Anyway that's too much of a review and analysis for a book that really is 100% silliness. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I laughed out loud from page to page. By cassialampier I'm a big fan of Stella, The Baxter and Wet Hot American Summer, so I was expecting to love this book. What I wasn't expecting was to laugh out loud through every ridiculous non sequitur chapter. You really just can't go wrong with Michael Showalter. I can't wait for his next book to come out! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Funny read. Oddly relatable on many fronts. By Matthew S. Drinkwine Imagine if every random thought you ever had on an odd day was ripped raw from your brain and slapped into a book... This would be the result. Funny read. Oddly relatable on many fronts.

I was at my wit's end. I'd had enough of this job, this life, and my relationship had broken up. Should I eat chocolate, or go to India, or fall in love? Then I had a revelation: Why not do all three, in that order? And so it was that I embarked on a journey that was segmented into three parts and was then made into a major motion picture. Later, I woke up on an airplane with a hole in my face and a really bad hangover. I was ushered brusquely off the plane by my parents who took me to a rehab where I tested positive for coke, classic coke, special k (the drug), Special K (the cereal), mushrooms, pepperoni, and Restless Leg Syndrome. It was there that I first began painting with my feet. But rewind...the year was 1914. I was just a young German soldier serving in the trenches while simultaneously trying to destroy an evil ring with some help from an elf, a troll, and a giant sorcerer, all while cooking every recipe out of a Julia Child cookbook. What I'm trying to say is that there was a secret code hidden in a painting and I was looking for it with this girl who had a tattoo of a dragon! Let me clarify, it was the 1930s and a bunch of us were migrating out of Oklahoma, and I was this teenage wizard/CIA operative, okay? And, um then I floated off into the meta-verse as a ball of invisible energy that had no outer edge...Ugh, okay. None of this is true. I'm just kind of a normal guy from New Jersey who moved to New York, got into comedy, wrote this book about trying to write this book, and then moved to Alaska, became the mayor of a small town, spent \$30,000 on underwear, and now I'm going to rule the world!!!

From Booklist This memoir-of-sorts by the offbeat writer and comedian should, at the very least, get a few readers scratching their heads. Showalter combines Woody Allen-like essays (a parody of an ad for an online university, for example) with episodes from his own life (auditions, his editorship of the college literary magazine), advice for would-be Hollywood screenwriters, brain-teasers, dos and don'ts of dating, and running commentary on the writing of the book itself. The book is very funny; it begins with the traditional About the Author section, followed by About the Author (for the Canadian edition) and About Bea Arthur, for no particular reason and in among the jokes and parodies, readers may get the occasional glimpse of Showalter himself, peeking out from behind the wordplay. Fans of Showalter's offbeat comedy, the movie *Wet Hot American Summer*, the sketch-comedy series *The State* will very much enjoy this book. All others may be entertained if mystified. --David Pitt "Showalter is a comic genius. This is, cover to cover, the funniest book I've ever read!" (Dear Mike, Haven't time to check it out yet. Do you want to just write a quote and put my name on it? Best, Ben) --Ben Stiller "Here's the deal: I think Michael Showalter is a genius. And I don't use that term lightly. This book is brave, merciless, and soulful and I think that by that I actually mean stupid, smart and very funny (I mostly just wanted to use the word "merciless" in a sentence.) If you see it on a friend's shelf do yourself a favor and just take it. Not the shelf. Just the book. Unless of course you need a shelf. Merciless!!!" --Paul Rudd "I read Michael's book on a train. It was funny and engaging. I also once took a train with Michael. I wish that Michael, as a passenger sitting next to me, was as funny and engaging as his book was." --Janeane Garofalo "Procrastination in written form. This book, like all great works, is honest, absurd and absolutely pointless." --Amy Poehler "With MR. FUNNY PANTS, Showalter deconstructs books down to their core, then builds them back up into a swirling core-nado. Which is a tornado made out of book cores. It's not a real thing. This book is funny." --Andy Samberg, Akiva Schaffer, and Jorma Taccone of SNL "The Lonely Island" Showalter, Michael has written a very clever book. And he has written about writing a book, cleverly. Showalter, Michael asked me to write a blurb. It was easy to do—here it is: 'I very much really really liked this Mr. Funny Pants—a book so enjoyable that blurbing about it is so very easy.'" --Zach Galifianakis "MR. FUNNY PANTS is unlike any book I've ever read. It's this weird, hilarious, choose-your-own-adventure inside Michael Showalter's brain—which is, of course, brilliant. I was at first skeptical of the premise of deconstructing the process of writing a book, but 10 pages in, I was literally crying with laughter and by the time he

got to analyzing his own high school poetry, I could no longer read the book in public without embarrassing myself." -- Mike Birbiglia, author of *Sleepwalk With Me*"Michael Showalter: amusing trousers, singular mind." --Sarah Vowell, New York Times bestselling author of *The Wordy Shipmates*"With *MR. FUNNY PANTS* by Michael Showalter, the meta-enterprise of the [comedian memoir] genre achieves full wax-bouquet bloom." --James Wolcott, *Vanity Fair*About the AuthorMichael Showalter is the star/creator of *Michael Michael Have Issues*, *The State*, *Wet Hot American Summer*, *The Baxter*, *Stella*, *Die Hard** and *Die Hard 2: Die Harder***. He lives in Brooklyn with his lady and a bunch of cats.