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The book that more than 12 million YouTube subscribers have been waiting for! Shane Dawson's memoir features twenty original essays—uncensored yet surprisingly sweet.

From his first vlog back in 2008 to his full-length film directorial debut *Not Cool*, Shane Dawson has been an open book when it comes to documenting his life. But behind the music video spoofs, TMI love life details, and outrageous commentary on everything the celebrity and Internet world has the nerve to dish out is a guy who grew up in a financially challenged but loving home in Long Beach, California, and who suffered all the teasing and social limitations that arise when you're a morbidly obese kid with a pretty face, your mom is your best friend, and you can't get a date to save your life.

In *I Hate Myselfie*, Shane steps away from his larger-than-life Internet persona and takes us deep into the experiences of an eccentric and introverted kid, who by observing the strange world around him developed a talent that would inspire millions of fans. Intelligent, hilarious, heartbreaking, and raw, *I Hate Myselfie* is a collection of eighteen personal essays about how messy life can get when you're growing up and how rewarding it can feel when the clean-up is (pretty much) done.

## I Hate Myselfie: A Collection of Essays Details

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## **From Reader Review I Hate Myselfie: A Collection of Essays for online ebook**

### **Paige Bookdragon says**

**EDIT:** Check out Nenia's review and you'll know why this fucking shit is disturbing.

Dunno who this guy is, but his jokes are mean and crude.

**"One day she came up to me with an idea I knew was bad from the second it left her dick-suckin' lips."**

Shane, to the woman cutting his hair, three pages in: **"AM I OKAY WITH THAT?! ARE YOU FUCKING KIDDING ME, YOU BARELY GED-ACHIEVING, TACKY-DRESSED SNAGGLE-TOOTHED CUNT? NO! This was NOT ok!"**

And did I mention date rape jokes are **never** funny?

**I wasn't the prettiest girl at the prom but I was definitely good enough to get date raped.**

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### **Lyn \*GLITTER VIKING\* says**

I wasn't the prettiest girl at the prom but I was definitely good enough to get date raped.

How the fuck is this sweet?

I Hate Your Book, Shane Dickhead Dawson.

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### **April (Aprilius Maximus) says**

3.5 stars

i LOVE shane and I could listen to him talking shit all day.

Just be warned though that this book contains a lot of his old offensive humour.

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### **Matthew says**

For the people who have no idea who Shane Dawson is or does, let me break it down:

GIFSoup

That is Shane Dawson: a sweary, offensive YouTuber who most people assume is gay. He's not, by the way. His videos, which feature him in drag being all ghetto:

GIFSoup

Or being a stereotypical Jewish woman:

GIFSoup

And even a lonely nerd named Ned:

GIFSoup.

rack up millions of views every day; in YouTube land, he's a veteran and one of the biggest successes. What he does for a living (he makes millions every year) doesn't sound that funny so far, but if you're a fan of such raunchy material like *American Pie* and other things of that nature, you're sure to have a good time, even if Dawson isn't making as much skits as he used to. He even made a film, entitled *Not Cool*, but nearly everyone **HATED** it. So now he turns to yet another medium - our favourite, books. But don't worry, Dawson's collection of personal essays doesn't suck. In fact, it's surprisingly good; everything I expected from something with the name Shane Dawson on it, yet containing heart.

The essays in question, from Dawson's début novel *I Hate Myselfie: A Collection of Essays* by Shane Dawson, are mostly well-written, but not in the way that Zoella's was, if you catch my drift. You can tell Dawson slaved over a computer typing it up, and his voice resonates around your head when reading it. I don't have Audible. There are some problems however, albeit small. Just things like majorly offensive similes, sequences that make you squirm, nothing too big. Overall, a really good, short read, and yet another victory in Dawson's claim to take over the world.

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## Whitney Atkinson says

I've known the name Shane Dawson since I was about 13 and first started watching YouTube, but for a long time, I wasn't a fan of him. I didn't understand his crude humor, and I found him abrasive rather than funny. In the past few years, however, I started growing more fond of his internet presence. And especially this year with his new video format, he has me laughing at every video, and I find myself unable to wait for his next videos because they're some of my favorite content on YouTube at the moment.

Because of my newfound appreciation for Shane, I decided I'd pick up his two books of essays to learn more about him and see if they're just as funny as he is on camera. And wow. If you're a fan of 2018 Shane Dawson, do not pick up this book.

It's a slap in the face because it reverts right back to that problematic, gross 2011 humor. This book was back to back jokes about rape, bestiality, incest, and other distasteful topics that made me frown in disgust rather than laugh. He also references his history of being fat with very fatphobic hindsight, so much so that it was

almost disturbing to read. I thought some of these stories were entertaining, especially because I've seen his mom and other people he mentioned in his videos and it's interesting to hear more about growing up and his childhood, but he would make self-aggrandizing jokes rather than opening up to the audience, and most of those jokes were just so poorly done.

Even the stories inside the book felt so fake. There are several points where you just know he's making up a story or dialogue, and it's so obvious. I don't know how he got away with writing about a situation that's so obviously fake, but I was rolling my eyes at half the dialogue because it was just so clear that he was embellishing his stories for a joke. By the end of the book, I didn't trust what was real and what wasn't because he made everything hyperbolic in order to deliver a mediocre punchline.

If I were Shane, I would be ashamed that this book exists. He's grown so much since this point in his life, especially in the way his humor has evolved, and even though he says he wants to be able to joke around in a way that's harmless and say things that other people are afraid to, most of the humor in this book is just plain offensive. I know he's learned from his mistakes so I'm still going to try his second book, but skip this one if you're a fan of Shane. It's very messy.

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### **Claudia Ramírez says**

Read this on Audible <3.

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### **Tamara says**

I'm so happy this one didn't win the GR Choice Award but 9,227 votes? REALLY, GOODREADS? REALLY?!

JUST NO.

I thought no book deserved to be burned but this one proved me wrong.

Take a look at this wonderful review from Nenia Campbell. She explains so well why this book should burn but let me summarize it for you.

#### **This book consists of;**

- Racist, sexist and offensive jokes
- Fat-shaming, Slut shaming, you name it he shames
- Misogyny (this guy totally hates womans. TOTALLY!!!)
- And one of the worst; A date rape joke

*I wasn't the prettiest girl at the prom but I was definitely good enough to get date raped.*

WHAT.THE.FUCK.

This stuff supposed to be funny?!

How about;

***"A wise person once said: "Prom is only for whores and for the guys who want to fuck them."***

or "dick sucking lips"?

UGH.

And among all of funny books this one was chosen to be in the final round in GR Choice Awards Nominees? THIS SHITTY BOOK?!

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### **Tan Markovic says**

**Reviews can be found at: [www.booknerdtan.wordpress.com](http://www.booknerdtan.wordpress.com)**

Shane Dawson has been one of my favourite YouTubers for as long as I can remember. His videos have got me through a fair few dark times with his weird, relentless sick sense of humour and I'm forever grateful.

I listened to the audiobook version of this and it was well worth it as Shane himself narrates it which definitely adds to the humour in it and I was laughing all the way through.

This book is a collection of his personal stories from his teenage years through to 2013. He talks openly and frankly about his troubled teens, his weight and addiction issues and how YouTube has allowed him and his mum to have a more fulfilled life than they did when he was growing up. It was interesting to see some of the person behind the persona he plays online; I think we often feel like entertainers like him have this personality 24/7, but clearly that isn't the case.

Although this book was hilarious and had me in stitches, serious subjects were discussed and the way he has overcome his struggles is inspiring. There is a big message throughout of bad events in his life turning out to be the biggest blessings in disguise and that's definitely something I needed to read right now.

If you're looking for a light, hilarious pick me up then this is for you. It's fairly short and sweet and will leave you significantly happier than when you started.

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### **MLE says**

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## Candice says

EDIT: Initially, I gave this book two stars. I retract that. If I could give it negative stars, I would. Book contains: misogyny, fat-shaming, slut-shaming .

I was given an e-ARC in exchange for an honest review. If this review seems harsh, I am not sorry at all.

I am not the biggest fan of Shane Dawson. I could never get behind the hype of this "character" that he portrayed. Up until a few months ago, I'd never seen any of his videos.

When I learned that he was going to have a book published (just like all the other YouTubers were/are, *yawn*), I decided I should at least watch one of his videos. So, I watched a collab he had done with Tyler Oakley. I wasn't impressed, but I was still interested in seeing who Shane really was.

With an inside look at the "real" person, I am still not entirely sure that I like him. From the **misogyny, to the fat-shaming**, there was nothing to like about this. If this is who Shane Dawson really is, I am glad that I've never supported him in anyway. I suspect most of the stories to be falsified to a certain degree, despite being labeled "non-fiction."

Honestly, I probably wouldn't recommend it.

### **TRIGGER WARNING FOR THE FOLLOWING QUOTES: fat-shaming, slut-shaming, misogyny, date rape.**

Misogynistic quotes from his book:

"I wasn't the prettiest girl at the prom but I was definitely good enough to get date raped."

"One day she came up to me with an idea I knew was bad from the second it left her dick-suckin' lips."

Fat-shaming quotes from his book:

"It's the same feeling a wicker chair gets when a circa-2006 Kelly Clarkson takes a seat. TENSE."

Slut-shaming quotes from his book:

"A wise person once said: "Prom is only for whores and for the guys who want to fuck them. ""

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This book was honestly disgusting.

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## Anne says

I don't know about anyone else, but for me, **THIS GUY IS A LEGEND.** For someone I've **never** met to

cause such an intense dislike of his person, just because of a book? There's just no two ways about it, it can only mean one thing-he is legendary.

**I am not joking** when I say that throughout this book I just kept going; **That's just racist; That's so sexist; That's just racist; That's so sexist. AND.THAT.IS.JUST.MEAN.**

And then there's this:

"Even as a young kid I remember wondering, "Is my mom a whore?"

### **THAT'S JUST COLD. SLUT SHAMING HIS OWN MOTHER?**

That's what happens when you're trying so hard to be cool.

And someone said he was just trying to be funny? Where exactly do I insert my laughter? Funny? **Really?**

**A HELL NO**

I can't even say crap like that about my mama to myself, because "funny" is the last thing I'll ever be. She can smell treachery from a mile away. I wouldn't be surprised at all if she even came after me with a cane while I was in bed at night. I'd welcome it. That kind of crap warrants some repentance to be flogged into me.

What more can I say? It's possible people like this book, but as for me-

**I WON'T EVEN BOTHER WASTING ANY OF MY STARS**

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**#WHEN WILL I STOP BEING CURIOUS? I SWEAR ONE DAY MY CURIOSITY WILL BLIND ME**

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**Thibaut Nicodème says**

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Not interested in reading what the unfunny guy who does blackface and makes rape jokes has to say about...anything, really.

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### **Meg says**

Sarcastically witty and charmingly funny.  
I loved it.

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### **Lauren says**

This book made me cry, laugh, and feel happy. I went into this book expecting to laugh a lot, and while that did happen, I also felt an abundance of other emotions that I wasn't expecting to feel. This was a great book that explores what it's like to be human, and what it's like to go through emotional and physical a struggle.

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### **Petra Chase says**

I wasted 20 bucks on this book.

Shane Dawson can't write professionally, his stories go nowhere, they're cheesy, I'm pretty sure everything is greatly exaggerated, considering it's supposed to be a memoir. It sound like the script of a sit-com. There is nothing emotional about this book. The only way he keeps his readers are the dirty jokes and references to sex every couple pages, and they're not even funny or realistic, they all sound like they came from a bunch of middle school boys. Not impressed.

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