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In this wickedly funny guide, professional astrologer Hazel Dixon-Cooper casts off sugar-coated astrology in favor of exploring the maladjusted side of the universe. If you want the inside scoop, the real deal, the lowdown on each sun sign, then look no further. It's time to forget those traditional astrology books where Sagittarians are gregarious, Capricorns are ambitious, and Pisceans are dreamers. Instead, enter a world where Archers are loud-mouthed bores, Goats are pompous social climbers, and Fish are chronically helpless. Dixon-Cooper debunks the myths, reveals the flaws, and examines the dubious virtues of each sun sign. Discover how to use your own inner brat to outwit bullies, outmaneuver manipulators, and win those endless games that lovers play. Learn how to deal with those dysfunctional people you encounter every day, including how to:

contain a Ram's oversized ego

calm a raging Bull

keep a fickle Twin faithful

Irreverent, biting, and laugh-out-loud funny, *Born on a Rotten Day* exaggerates the bad, exorcises the good, and puts a new spin on the age-old question -- what's your sign?

## **Born on a Rotten Day: Illuminating and Coping with the Dark Side of the Zodiac** **Details**

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# **From Reader Review *Born on a Rotten Day: Illuminating and Coping with the Dark Side of the Zodiac* for online ebook**

## **Susan says**

I found this fantastic book at Borders this week. Call it kismet, destiny, or fate, *Born on a Rotten Day* drew me in, across the floor of my local Borders, and had me laughing out loud in seconds. I'm serious, people - it's a good thing I was in a book store and not a library, 'cause the noise I was making was totally shush-worthy!

The idea behind this off-the-wall book is that we've been lied to by astrologists for years. If you've ever read your horoscope or seen a report detailing your astrological traits, you know this is true. A conventional (ha! that's a laugh!) astrology book gives you a touchy-feely, happy-go-lucky overview of your traits. Well, *Born on a Rotten Day* tells it like it really is.

Reading this entertaining and easy to read guide will answer burning questions such as:

**Which astrological sign is most likely to abducted by aliens?**

**Which sign makes the world's best serial killer?**

**Which sign checks into the local nut farm more than any other?**

**Who is the loser-magnet of the zodiac?**

**Hanging out with which sign is like being a permanent guest at the Mad Hatter's tea party?**

I know you're dying to have these questions answered, and to find out if (gulp) a meeting with little green men is in your future, so check out Hazel Dixon-Cooper's diverting book *Born on a Rotten Day: Illuminating and Coping with the Dark Side of the Zodiac* - you won't be disappointed.

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## **Mikki Elodie the Ravenclaw Faery says**

A funny read but not very accurate to your personality because it didn't take in account your moon sign or rising sign

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## **Linda says**

wow, nothing good to say about anyone in this book! I think it is a bit close to the truth, but not pleasant at all!

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## **Hannah Whitley says**

Very insightful as to the dark side of astrology, but most of all hilarious!

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## **Amber says**

Like a stereotypical Capricorn, I don't believe in astrology, and I don't now, but I can't deny that astrology is an extraordinarily fun subject to dig into when boredom ensues, especially when you're served the Zodiac TEA. Born on a Rotten Day is as fun and unconventional guide to the dark sides of all the signs as you can get, with tips on how to maneuver around these crazies (including a tip on how you can gaslight each sign lol). Here is the entire Zodiac at their lowest and rottenest. It is formulaic in that the descriptions of all the signs follow the exact same format, but I didn't mind that (again, maybe that's because I'm a Capricorn and the predictability of a sound format that presents information quickly and easily is nothing for me to complain about). I had a wicked time giggling over all the signs' psychotic tendencies.

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## **T.B. Cooper says**

This book review is for Born on a Rotten Day: Illuminating and Coping with the Dark Side of the Zodiac by Hazel Dixon-Cooper

There are probably just a handful of books that I refer to often enough that the pages have become tattered, the covers bent and worn... This is one of them. I find excuses to bring it down from the shelf, all too frequently, that I've ended up building a smaller shelf to keep it closer at hand. What makes this book so special?

Well, let's start with the author. Hazel Dixon-Cooper. She is a professional Astrologer, with over 25 years of characterizing folks based on their humble birth charts. She's the author of the best-selling series, of which this book was the first of (The Rotten Day Series), and she is the woman responsible for me recognizing an Aquarius man as the one holding the other piece of my soul.

As the title suggests, or at least, would lead one to assume, the book is written in a sarcastic but informative tone. I will (sadly) admit, that her vocabulary far exceeds my own, and I embarrassingly have to say that I had to look up one too many words! But that is obviously my own issue, and definitely not a complaint.

A friend of mine, years ago, turned me onto this book, after knowing how I felt about Zodiac signs and compatibilities etc. I'm pretty sure I've loved this book more than even (she) could have expected. Every time a friend or family member thinks about a potential mate, I grab this book and review "qualifications," so to speak. And now, with me progressing in my writing career, I am referring to this book for characteristic inspiration for my countless created cast members.

Ms. Dixon-Cooper skips over any jawing introduction and gets right down to business. She shows each sign as the not so gentle or perfect person, other astrologers would have you believe they are. Then she breaks it down further and gives more understanding of the "rotten" man or the "rotten" woman – what to expect if you love one of them. Also, if you are the "rotten" one, you get to learn about you & the whys to you being you. And then finally she covers briefly, how to deal with the "rotten" one in other relationships, such as a

sibling, a boss, a coworker etc. Hazel then ties each section up nicely with a recap of what you should remember, plus a small list of famous “rotten” ones.

As I said earlier, she is responsible for my marriage. My choices, as I understood them, were a Gemini or an Aquarius. Upon reading about both, I decided I could handle crazy – conspiracy thinking – mad scientist versus a double-faced – cheating – Swagga-muffin. 10 years in, and not enough fights to count, on one hand, says I chose right and she led me there.

I haven't picked up and read her other books in the series. Mostly because I feel that everything I need to know, to make an informed decision, or to understand someone better, is already in here. I have many Scorpio women and Virgos in my life (I know, poor me!). These are two VERY contrasting personalities. Me, being the middle lady (the Libra) wants to naturally balance the behaviors and interactions of these folks whenever we all get-together. With Hazel's expert guidance, I've been able to handle them with my perfected Libra-esque diplomacy! This is an excellent resource for would-be astrologers, zodiac curiositors, and of course, writers. Thank you, Ms. Dixon-Cooper, great book! (And yes, I enjoyed making up some words!)

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### **Amy says**

Ok. this book was hilarious! Most astrology paints most signs in favorable lights but this book let it all hang out there. It called a spade a spade. The Virgo was not depicted as it usually is as "organized, and self assured" it called me a cheap fuzzihead who is anal and hard to please.... that sounds much more like me. It wasn't kind to any sign but it was fun to read and share alike.

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### **Pinkerton says**

Dilettevole volume adatto a tutti che gioca in modo ilare sugli influssi (costantemente negativi) degli astri sul carattere. Fornisce schede dettagliate per ogni segno zodiacale che rispecchiano in chiave spiritosa tanto noi quanto i nostri conoscenti e persino relative contromisure da adottare. Nel complesso si può riassumere con la citazione riportata sul retro del libro... “In qualunque giorno siate nati, una cosa è certa: era IL GIORNO SBAGLIATO”.

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### **Kaitlin says**

This book is dry and humorous. I don't recommend reading your friend their sign. I've had two people leave my house because of it.

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### **Bonnie Randall says**

Hey, baby...what's your sign?

I could \*tell you\* how hysterical this caustic, kicky little astrological guide is, but I would much rather \*show you\*. Here's some quoted gems about each sign (THAT ARE TOTALLY TRUE, DO NOT DENY

THEM) that'll make ya wanna deny the Sun you were born under:

You a Leo? "In romance you have all the finesse of a sailor returning from a twelve month cruise, and secretly everyone had hoped you'd gotten eaten by a crocodile." Or maybe just disfiguringly bitten...?

Libra: "You're so easy, you don't care whether someone's an in-law, out-law, married or on parole. So long as they're cute and know how to dance." I know many Libras. This is spot-on.

Sagittarius: "You are engaged to three unlucky lovers simultaneously, while making wedding plans with a fourth. And you'll leave them all in the rain at the train station while you elope with the Leo in the gold jumpsuit you just met at the liquor store." Sex & booze, baby. Sags love their sex & booze.

Capricorn: (Ah, the uptight tightwad)—"Dream job: Scrooge's financial planner." Oh. I see you found that stick.

Aries: the most obnoxious sign in the Zodiac, "you are genuinely perplexed when rooms empty at your appearance and your friends get Caller ID then refuse to answer the phone."

Pisces: (the Pisces male, in particular) "He loves sex games. Buy a dog collar and he will bark." Oh, dear.

Virgo: "You pride yourself on being a discriminating perfectionist, but everyone else sees that you're just a royal pain in the ass." And a critical one at that.

Aquarius: "Next to Scorpio," (note that this reviewer, for the record, resembles—er—RESENTS this remark. There was NO NEED to drag the noble Scorpion into Aquarian's lunacy) "Aquarians check in and out of the nut farm more than any other sign."

Gemini: "Being with a Gemini is like being a permanent guest at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party." I've SO been to that party.

Taurus: "In romance you have the approach of a dentist's drill. You can knock anyone's socks off but after the deed you're snoring before your partner has stopped breathing hard." There's really nothing more to say here, is there?

Cancer: "Favorite pastime—Whining. Role Model—Eeyore." My daughter had her picture taken with Eeyore at Disneyworld in order to give it as a gift to my brother loooong before I ever tripped over this book. His birthday is July 15th.

And, lastly, Scorpio The Scorpion: "Kindly described as 'still waters run deep' you more closely resemble a boiling cesspool of hydrochloric acid. Your dream job: Judge, Jury, and Lord High Executioner."

Why....yes. That \*is\* my dream job. And any of you who don't think I'd ROCK that gig? ::regards the masses:: Do I have an electric chair for YOU.....

5 BAHAAAAHA, this-would-be-a-great-stocking-stuffer-OR-birthday gift, Stars for Born On A Rotten Day. Loved it!

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## Adriana Scarpin says

*Aquariano: Seu cérebro é como uma enciclopédia com várias páginas faltando. Você confunde pedaços de uma conversa que teve há um ano com o documentário sobre as pirâmides que você viu na semana passada. Daí, você insiste que teve uma conversa com o curador de um museu egípcio sobre as relíquias encontradas na tumba do Rei Tut. A parte triste é que você acredita em suas fantasias e, portanto, você é não apenas uma fraude como também muito pirado. Os alienígenas seqüestram aquarianos com maior frequência do que qualquer outro signo. Na verdade, vocês provavelmente são alienígenas que usam a história do rapto para encobrir seus estranhos padrões de conduta.*

HAHAHA. Gosto particularmente da ilustração do aquariano na capa: um cara pelado parecendo um palhaço psicopata despejando um líquido radiotivo na galera.

### ***Mamãe era uma espiã; papai era um psicopata***

*Aquário é elétrico e imprevisível. Você sabe que a tempestade está chegando, só não tem certeza de quando ou com que força. Aquário é a versão humana do tornado que carregou Dorothy para a terra de Oz.*

***Livro Favorito:*** *Psicografando Mensagens do Além de Animais de Estimação por Prazer e por Dinheiro.*

***Modelo Exemplar:*** *Goldfinger.*

***Emprego dos Sonhos:*** *Chefe dos Borgs.*

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## Lizzie says

*Born on a Rotten Day* takes traditional astrology a bit further and gives insight on how to survive coexisting with each sun sign. The general descriptions made me laugh: the quality of my sign, Gemini, is described as "Mutable. Gemini is the human version of the revolving door." Each sign is divided into different categories: If You Love One - Man/Woman, If You Are One - Born Rotten, It's All Relative - The (Sign) Family, Office Party (each sign in the workplace), and Can't We All Get Along? (Basically, how to deal).

However, I had to disagree with some of the generalizations *Born on a Rotten Day* makes about my sign; this, of course, caused me to doubt the accuracy of the other sign descriptions. One worries that to keep the rotten, snarky tone of the book, Dixon-Cooper decided to forgo accuracy. Keep this in mind as you're reading; and try a little cross-referencing; I'd recommend *Darkside Zodiac* if you appreciate the bitchy, cynical tone in *Born on a Rotten Day* as I did.

I think the thing that bothered me the most, and is consequentially the reason I didn't give it 4 stars, is this: each sign supposedly has a back-up weapon of sorts against the other signs, EXCEPT for the other signs that have a shared element. Example: for Gemini, "You and the other Air signs, Aquarius and Libra, understand each other on a soul level, and therefore, rarely have serious confrontations." This is a load of bull. There has to be a way to get under Aquarius and Libra's skin, because despite having the shared element of Air, the qualities are all different. It is described this way for each sign, with the exact same phrasing; the only difference being the signs.

Understanding each other on a soul level, my ass. If every sign understood each other, well, we wouldn't be reading this, now would we?

Mostly, I'd recommend *Born on a Rotten Day* to anyone looking for a good laugh, not for someone who wants serious, accurate advice on how to live with someone born under a certain sign.

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### **Writer's Relief says**

If you're looking for a fresh, sarcastic, and blunt take on astrology, look no further. The last thing Dixon-Cooper does is sugarcoat the personalities of each astrological sun sign while offering a hilarious perspective on the dirty truth. For example, whereas Sagittarians are typically described as gregarious and outgoing travelers, Dixon-Cooper makes it clear that they talk about travelling more than actually going anywhere. In fact, according to Dixon-Cooper, a Sagittarian's idea of adventure, at best, boils down to exploring their basement at night. Learn how to deal with the dysfunctional sides of each sign in the universe including how to contain a Leo's over-sized ego, calm a raging Taurus, and keep a fickle Gemini faithful. Dixon-Cooper puts a new spin on the age-old question – what's your sign?

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### **Amber Hudson says**

I study astrology, and most books are always given the positive info on each sign. This book was different it gives the negative things on a persons' sign, in which gives you a better perspective of the good and bad traits. Love this book...Still use it to this day...

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### **Eleonara says**

ehhhhh. Some parts of it were funny butttt it was pretty repetitive and a lot of it just seemed like stereotypes of signs ". I could picture a wine mom reciting the contents of this book, to which the other wine moms would reply "oh Debra, you really are so zany!!! LOL". You may say that I am just complaining because my fragile Leo ego can't face the truth of the book, but believe me I was prepared to get wrecked. Please, I want and anticipate getting called tf out. Instead, I felt like none of the signs were really captured (negatively or otherwise). Really not an awful book, but not my cup of tea!

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