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The First Five Details

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Eric says

Real. Gritty. Awesome.

Dina says

I adore you, Henry, but this book is so dark and depressing it took me 5 years to get through all of it.

Galen Kaback says

great read, once you get into it it goes fairly fast. but take my advice with a grain of salt. I'm a huge Rollins fan

Blake Nelson says

Henry Rollins can write about musicians.

Tuxlie says

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Gerry says

For maximum enjoyment, read the whole book in Henry's yelling voice.

Kirsten says

I have had this book for many years and often, in my darker moments, open it to a random page and start reading about someone else's pain and raw emotions and rants for a while. Truly dark and twisted, and real. Be honest, haven't we all thought like this once in a while?

Annie says

something about if when having to burn, allowing oneself to burn completely and all by oneself. made a lot of sense in high school.

Brad says

A great collection of Rollins's early work.

Sheena says

needless to say, henry rollins scares me; but a person with more charisma, there isn't.

Chris King says

Great collection of early works

Britt Freeman says

Despite some wonderful historical context on the man, Rollins, here, is tough to read. A few promising passages here and there (Art to Choke Hearts) where you can see the insight, the wisdom, to come. However, his future sophistications are overshadowed by his anger and misanthropy. A great work of existential nihilism, but reading this from someone today, I can't imagine we'd allow that person to purchase firearms.

Ben Mcfarlane says

It's tough. Henry Rollins is one of the people I admire the most but these writings are from a time before he had mellowed out and the writing is plagued by conventions adopted by most all disenfranchised young people.

Michael says

Much too repetitive to be entirely meaningful.

It felt like Mr. Rollins was scribbling in his notebook when he was 15 while being kicked by a donkey in heat (do donkey's be in heat?)

Shawn Fairweather says

A great collection of Henry's first five works. Raw and personal. This is right up there with Get In the Van for me. See my individual reviews for each book contained within.
