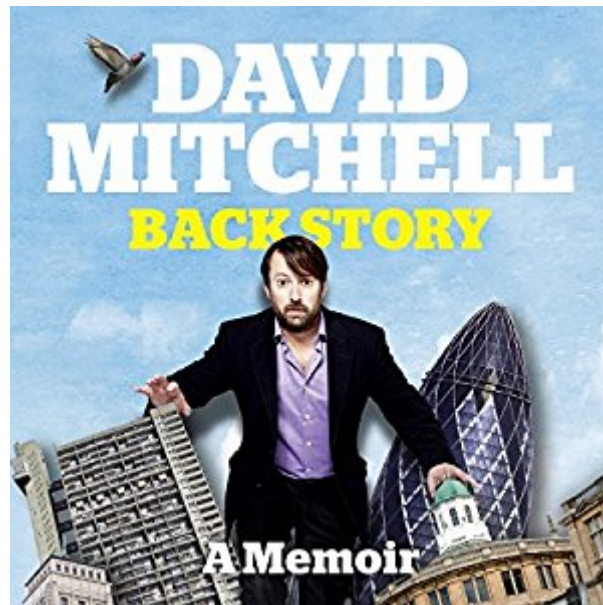


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David Mitchell: Back Story



Synopsis

David Mitchell, who you may know for his inappropriate anger on every TV panel show except Never Mind the Buzzcocks, his look of permanent discomfort on C4 sex comedy Peep Show, his online commenter-baiting in The Observer or just for wearing a stick-on moustache in That Mitchell and Webb Look, has written a book about his life. As well as giving a specific account of every single time he's scored some smack, this disgusting memoir also details: The singular, pit bull-infested charm of the FRP ('Flat Roofed Pub') The curious French habit of injecting everyone in the arse rather than the arm Why, by the time he got to Cambridge, he really, really needed a drink The pain of being denied a childhood birthday party at McDonalds The satisfaction of writing jokes about suicide How doing quite a lot of walking around London helps with his sciatica Trying to pretend he isn't a total **** at Robert Webb's wedding That he has fallen in love a LOT, but rarely done anything about it Why it would be worse to bump into Michael Palin than Hitler on holiday That he's not David Mitchell the novelist, despite what David Miliband might think

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Customer Reviews

I've been a David Mitchell fan since I first accidentally found Peep Show on YouTube in 2005. In the years since, I've listened to The Unbelievable Truth on the BBC iPlayer at every opportunity, bought every series of Peep Show on DVD (as well as the various "That Mitchell and Webb [Look/Sound/Book]" products), and scoured YouTube for the panel show appearances we don't get access to in the US. Basically: I'm a big fan. This book sat on my Kindle for a month before I got

brave enough to read it, as I was so afraid it might not live up to my high expectations. I should've known David wouldn't disappoint! The book is funny, as I'd hoped, but it's more than that. It's an inside look at the years of hard work and running in circles that go into an ultimately successful career in show business. It's a free admission that, although he worked hard, he also had turns of incredible good luck, and he has the good sense to see them for what they are and be grateful. And it's proof positive that renown doesn't have to make people into narcissists or egomaniacs. He makes no apologies for his good fortune, but he also never fails to mention that it is just that - good fortune; he's lucky and he's thankful, which is a refreshing change from so many celebrities who choose to be "entitled and prone to whining". There are heartwarming accounts of his various friendships with fellow heavy-hitters of the British comedy scene (including but not limited to Robert Webb), and his description of his relationship with now-wife Victoria Coren was so sweet and sincere that it made me tear up. Repeatedly. Ultimately, Mitchell comes across as funny and intelligent, which we already knew, but also down-to-Earth, self-aware, warm and vulnerable.

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