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Dave Barry's Worst Songs And Other Hits



Synopsis

Dave Barry didn't know what he was letting himself in for when he invited his Legion of Alert Readers to submit their nominees in the Bad Song Survey. "Song badness," he soon learned, "is an issue that Americans care deeply about." Now John Ritter and Arte Johnson present for you the songs that Americans love to hate. There is Gary Puckett and the Union Gap Band's "Young Girl" ("Young girl, get out of my mind, my love for you is way out of line..."), which is not to be confused with "Woman", and "This Girl Is a Woman Now" (which some readers believe to be the same song). Another strong contender is Neil Diamond's "Play Me", particularly the part where he trills, "song she sang to me, song she brang to me..." And don't forget "Candy Man", "Johnny Get Angry", "Itsy-Bitsy Teeny-Weeny Yellow Polka-Dot Bikini", "Wildfire", and the entire Barry Manilow oeuvre. This much is guaranteed: as soon as you hear even a snippet of these songs, you won't be able to get them out of your head!

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Customer Reviews

Awesome price and product!

I've read most if not all of Dave Barry's books, but for some reason had missed DAVE BARRY'S WORST SONGS AND OTHER HITS . . . now I know why; it apparently never came out as a book. What Dove Audio did was record his original "Bad Song Survey" columns and then add a long piece about Elvis fans and the tale of his "Tupperware Song" . . . the compilation rocks. Barry is sooooo funny, as evidenced by his description of the voter's choice for Worst Song--in both the Worst Overall and Worst Lyrics category: "MacArthur Park," as sung by Richard Harris, and later

remade, for no comprehensible reason, by Donna Summer. It's hard to argue with this selection. My 12-year-old son, Rob, was going through a pile of ballots, and he asked me how "MacArthur Park" goes, so I sang it, giving it my best shot, and Rob laughed so hard that when I got to the part about leaving the cake out of the rain, and took so long to bake it, and I'll never have the recipe again, Rob was on the floor. He didn't believe those lyrics were real. He was sure his wacky old humor-columnist dad was making them up. So as to not disappoint readers of this review, here are the other results . . . the clear runner-up in both categories was "Yummy Yummy Yummy (I Got Love in my Tummy)", performed by Ohio Express, and coming in a strong third was "(You're) Having My Baby" by Paul Anka. Honorable mention went to Bobby Goldsboro, who got many votes for various songs, especially "Honey." Arte Johnson and John Ritter both did a fine job on the narration of WORST SONGS.

If you are a Dave Barry fan, you'll enjoy this compilation of tales.... The piece about Elvis fans and the saga of the Tupperware Song are the best! John Ritter is an excellent choice to read / "sing" the tales (very expressive storyteller and great "singer" for this type of musical content). Thanks for making the commute more tolerable!

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