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Editorial Review

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Starred Review Insisting that this tome is neither autobiography nor memoir, countercultural icon Robbins (*Another Roadside Attraction*) covers the significant touchstones of his life. Beginning with his humble origins in a succession of Tidewater towns (Blowing Rock, Urbanna, Kilmarnock, Warsaw), Robbins knew that he wanted to write since before he could write. Always marked by his “funky orientation and anarchic aesthetic,” Robbins has held a lifelong love for the offbeat and for the written word. As a child he won a radio in a raffle and sold it for books. “Nothing the human race has ever created,” he writes, “is more cool than a book.” Humorous anecdotes and high jinks fill these pages as Robbins waxes poetic about the circus life and shares his love for tomatoes, kimchi, numerous women, and his preference for Pepsi over Coke, but it’s not until almost page 200 when his life is forever altered by exposure to LSD and the infinite rabbit holes it has led him to. Now in his eighties (hard to believe), and still a booster for the mind-altering properties of most drugs, Robbins continues to embody Zen coolness and bohemian charm. Famous for his clever turn of a phrase, Robbins, with such nuggets as “Adrenaline shot through me like a crystal meth espresso through a break-dance” and “Shaking his hand was like being forced to grasp the flaccid penis of a hypothermic zombie,” certainly won’t disappoint. **HIGH-DEMAND BACKSTORY:** Robbins will be enjoying a six-city author tour and a national print campaign as part of his publisher’s promotional push. --Ben Segedin

Review

“Robbins continues to embody Zen coolness and bohemian charm.” (*Booklist* (starred review))

“Robbins carries us along a magical wonder tour in this high-flying, Zen koan-like, and cinematic tour of some of the episodes in his journey through space and time.” (*Publishers Weekly* (starred review))

“[Readers] will enjoy this peek into the intelligently goofy and always fertile mind of this inventive writer... a fitting cap to a *sui generis* career, equally satisfying in short installments or read straight through.” (*Kirkus Reviews*)

“Memoir or not, the form suits Robbins’s digressive style, philosophical musings, and self-deprecating humor. Each piece stands on its own, but when read side by side they develop into a powerful argument about magic and the necessity of imaginative, interior worlds.” (*Library Journal* (starred review))

“Perhaps the only aspect more impressive than Robbins’s ability to imbue a lifetime of interesting anecdotes with an additional layer of introspection is his trademark style [...]earthy and conversational yet simultaneously intellectual. Fans and newcomers alike will guffaw and marvel at this most extraordinary life (*Shelf Awareness*)

“[*Tibetan Peach Pie*] bursts with enough *joie de vivre* to bewitch even the most present-shock-imprisoned 28-year-old and to snag the rest of us with Robbins’ far-out, feel-good sensibility and trademark helical, world-happy prose.” (*Elle*)

“*Tibetan Peach Pie* is a late, welcome gift from a philosopher-novelist who continues to believe in the transformative qualities of ‘novelty, beauty, mischief and mirth’ - qualities apparent on every page of this lively, large-hearted book.” (*Washington Post*)

“*Tibetan Peach Pie* is a gift to his fans, the story of a man who had the sense to follow where his imagination led... How lucky for his readers that we got to tag along for the ride.” (Seattle Times)

“The author of such off-kilter bestsellers as *Still Life with Woodpecker* has written a rollicking reminiscence of his Appalachian upbringing, his spiral through the psychedelic ‘60s, and his unconventional path to literary stardom.” (O magazine)

“Beautiful... Robbins has never met a pun, a blissfully crooked analogy, a magician’s bit of verbal trickery that he didn’t love... He knows words the way a pool hustler knows chalk.” (NPR Books (Online Review))

“As in his many novels, [*Tibetan Peach Pie*] is buoyed by a palpable sense of the fun Robbins is having with language, in all of its rhythmic and poetic possibilities.” (BiographileBiographile)

“Wacky, wonder-filled... The fiction master of our times, Thomas Pynchon, once called Robbins a brain-dazzling ‘world-class storyteller.’ Now in his 80s, he still is, even in telling his own story.” (USA Today (Online Review))

“Hallucinatory and conversational... intertwined with many fun and interesting tales... This is what happens when you let Tom run.” (Slate)

“If you’ve read any of his quirky best-sellers, such as *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues*, you’ll scarf down this account of Robbins’ Appalachian childhood, his life on the wild, wonderful West Coast in the 1960’s and his world travels.” (AARP Magazine)

“He’s never lost that voice, and it’s the star of this memoir.” (Tampa Bay Times)

“Robbins is king of the sidewinder simile, the mixologist’s metaphor. No other popular writer of our time depends as he does on pure verbal dazzle, or delivers as reliably on the deal.” (Seattle Weekly)

“Haphazardly ricocheting-but without exception entertaining.” (Bookish.com)

“Robbins writes beautifully... In works of pure imagination, like his novels, his style suits the material... A damned satisfying trip to the moon.” (Santa Fe Pasa Tiempo)

“Charmingly offbeat... unconventionally literary. [Robbins] excels at compositional oddity, brandishing the creative and the humorous... [*Tibetan Peach Pie*] is an amusement park of allusions and madcap stories.” (Daily Californian)

“For the lover of words and wordplay, humor, and creative and high flying imagination, there is no contemporary writer any better.” (San Francisco Book Review)

“A perfect bookend to Tom Robbins’ oeuvre, an opportunity to finally catch a glimpse behind this magician’s curtain.” (About.com)

“At his best, Robbins writes prose that flows like he’s having a blast putting it all down as fast as he can think it.” (Houston Chronicle)

“*Tibetan Peach Pie* is vintage Robbins. It’s pyrotechnic in language, labyrinthine in logic, daunting in voice, threaded with his wonderfully esoteric wit... Authentically charming... profound.” (Washington

Independent Review of Books)

“Readers will enjoy immersing themselves in [Robbins’] adventuresome life, from his remarkably unsupervised childhood to his free and easy adulthood. *Tibetan Peach Pie*... is a welcome antidote to our current era of helicopter parenting and disciplined conformity and rules, rules, rules.” (Richmond Times-Dispatch)

“...haphazardly ricocheting--but without exception entertaining.” (Bookish)

“Fans of Tom Robbins, the person, the novelist, the introspective jokester and the gifted storyteller, will love this book. It truly is a gem.” (Portland Book Review)

From the Back Cover

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