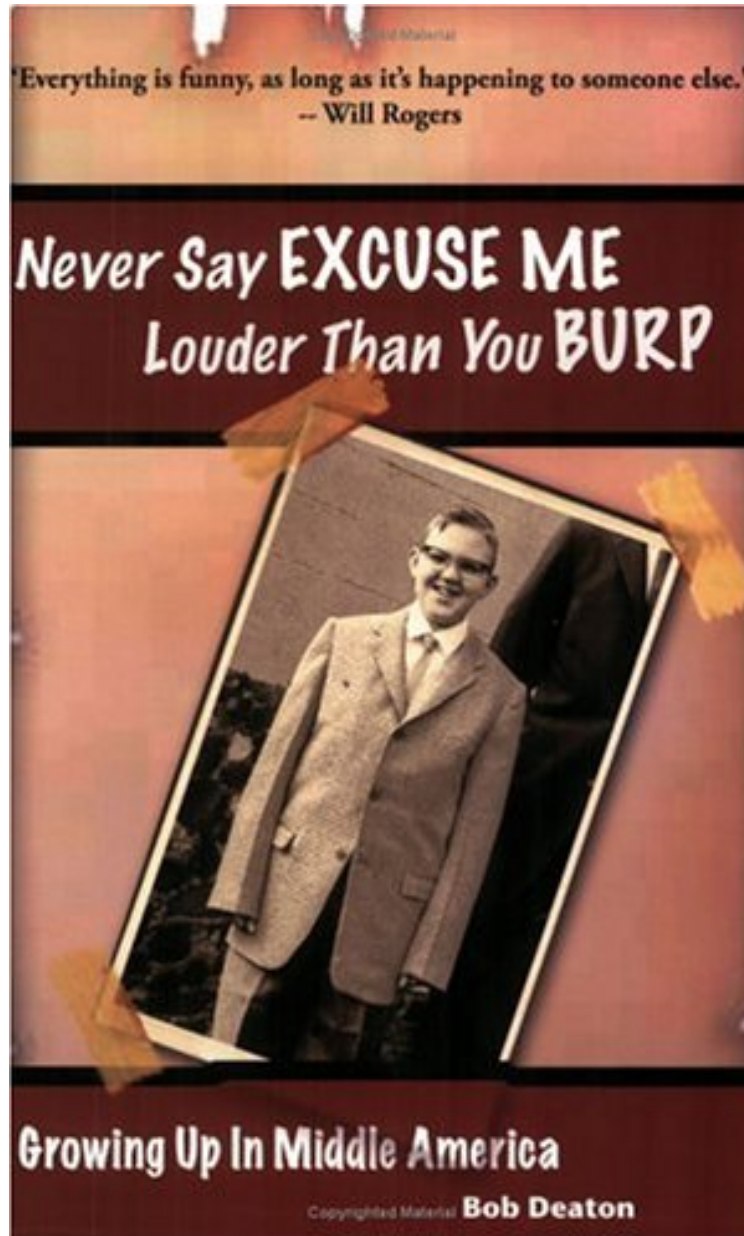


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Bob Deaton : Never Say Excuse Me Louder Than You Burp before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Never Say Excuse Me Louder Than You Burp:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The cover picture says it allBy Whistlers MomYou look at this tubby kid in the ill-fitting jacket with the unfortunate hair cut and the doofus grin and think, "Where WERE this boy's

parents?" Contrary to appearances, the author was not an orphan. It's just that he grew up in the days before helicopter parenting and self-esteem building. He grew up in a time when parents considered that their obligations began and ended with providing a roof, basic food, and ugly clothes. The rest was up to the kid and, clearly, it took this poor guy a while to figure things out. I think his stories of being a boy in a not-too-classy neighborhood in a small Indiana town are some of the funniest things I've ever read. It was a time of unchallenged (usually tacky) religious displays on courthouse lawns. Were we any holier for it? Not that I remember. It was a time when pet-ownership was a casual affair. It was a time when kids (especially boys) were free-range chickens. Kids from that era have some great memories. If they survived. There was little by the way of "organized recreation" and most of that was pretty disorganized. Indiana was (and is) basketball-mad and yet even the klutzy author warmed the bench of a local team. There was no "sex ed" but teens managed to figure it out and the occasional shot-gun wedding provided much needed entertainment. There were no self-service gas stations and a customer purchasing a dollar's worth of gas received the kind of attention that's now reserved for billionaires buying yachts. It was the 1950's - a era which looks better in the rear-view mirror than it did at the time. Still, this author has a great talent for capturing the eccentric characters who peopled his childhood and if he exaggerates a bit here and there I don't hold it against him. I loved his stories of childhood and I enjoyed his stories of his awkward teen years. It's a good read. Those of us who are his contemporaries will find plenty to relate to and you young folks can shake your heads at how hopeless we were. Something for everyone. Isn't that every author's dream?

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. comfortable read
By barbaraje This book was about the childhood of a guy in the Midwest, at about the same time I was a girl in the Midwest. I could really relate to most of the episodes, except they were from the male point of view, which I hadn't really thought about before. I enjoyed reading it and being reminded of some of the quirky but universal traits of that time and place.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The Perfect Gift Idea
By Phillip P. Schmidt Everyone is always looking for that perfect gift for someone. You know the Baby boomer reaching 40, 50, 5x, or 60 something, who wants some remembrance of what it was like before they emerged to become who they are today. Deaton's book, like a fine root beer float, hits the spot. (burp) This book is also a great gift to give to teenagers so they can laugh about how funny their parents were. This will have the unexpected effect of creating a bond, because their current trials and tribulations are not so different from the nerdy experiences of Mr. Deaton that most of us don't admit. I have five kids and they all want to read about "back then." I saw many similar emotional events in my life in this book, but Deaton portrays these events with lots of teary-eyed belly laughs. The first date episode is a classic and worth the price alone. I could see kids all over the country taking snippets of this book and working them into funny school play skits, making me think that the movie contract is just around the corner. Seriously, this book is a hilarious hoot.

Never Say Excuse Me Louder Than You Burp is an affectionate and edgy look back at the experience of growing up clueless in the Middle America of the 1950's. This collection of short pieces is rich with characters from the author's youth -- alpha males in the gym class shower, a politically incorrect Santa Claus, a dentist who eschews anesthesia but embraces conspiracy theories, a summer camp chaplain who recruits Manchurian candidates for Jesus. It is a gonzo take on a time and place in which vomiting in a grade school cafeteria is a political act and prom dresses were impenetrable fortresses of taffeta and rebar.

Sharp yet nostalgic ... Wickedly funny! --Guy Adams, author of *Deadbeat* [Captures] life in the Midwest without making us sound like we all chew on straw and drive tractors to work. --Holly Miller, Saturday Evening Post travel editor

About the Author Bob Deaton misspent the first half-century of his youth writing technical pieces, none of which were a bit funny. His more readable works include a guest column in the Long Beach Press-Telegram, a hilarious piece in the collection *Upon The Midnight Clear* and a first-prize entry in Sela Ward's "Home For The Holidays" essay contest. Deaton has the distinction of beating out thousands of other entrants to take the top spot in David Letterman's Late Night Online Top Ten List contest, before losing his stand-up comedy virginity in an Open Mike Night comedy club disaster.