

One-Star Reviews: The Very Best Reviews of the Very Worst Products

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C Coville : One-Star Reviews: The Very Best Reviews of the Very Worst Products before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised One-Star Reviews: The Very Best Reviews of the Very Worst Products:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. "Butterfly Conservatory Did Not Feature A Single Waterslide...." By Robert I. Hedges C. Coville, author of "One-Star Reviews", has trolled the Internet for idiotic reviews so you don't have to. Some of these reviews are so otherworldly that they defy classification. The complaints range from almost sane to completely unreal. For example, a highly tasteless novelty pen holder was criticized thus: "My wife bought this for me as a gag gift. I hate it for so many reasons. It came from china [sic] in styro-foam [sic] wrapped in tape.

(worried about cancer)" So your wife buys you a pen holder in which the pen comes out of a plastic butt and cancer is your biggest concern? Ponder. An even more extreme review was for an Atkins diet book. Now I'm no expert on dieting, but I do have some questions after reading this review: "My wife lost the use of her legs and our cat is dead....What kind of madness is this diet? It's bad karma from killing animals." I couldn't possibly make that up. If you want to see a truly entitled complainer, examine the review of Vroman's Bookstore, which reads in part "I don't [sic] like Vroman's [sic] and I have a valid reason. I only go to bookstores to read their tabloid magazines for free! I usually buy my books online since it's way cheaper." The reviewer goes on to complain that they have their magazines outside but don't have tables outside for you to relax for hours while reading but not buying their merchandise. Imagine the nerve! I was especially fond of the hotel reviews inasmuch as I stay in a lot of hotels. Perhaps my favorite was a review of Las Vegas' Artisan Hotel Boutique, "Very dark hallways with red lighting and disturbing paintings literally covering every inch of the walls and ceiling....We had to cover up one of the paintings in our room just so I could sleep." In the best but most obscure bit of commentary in the book, Coville opines "At 3 a.m. I woke up to find that the covering had fallen off and the eyes of the person in the painting were pointed in my direction. The voice of the demon Pazuzu asked me if I needed any more towels." (If you don't get the Pazuzu reference, it relates to a Babylonian god, and one of the worst movies ever made, "Exorcist II: The Heretic.") Some of the reviews are entirely more sensible, like this one for a very expensive book called "The 2009-2014 World Outlook for 60-Milligram Containers of Fromage Frais", which brilliantly expounds "A 60 milligram container would be 1/16 of a gram, or about 1/450 of an ounce. I can tell you exactly what the market outlook for 60mg containers of fromage frais - none. There is no market outlook for 60mg containers of fromage frais, for the simple reason that they do not exist." Finally, the book closes with a critique of the US Army: "It's a fact that vaccines contain some of the most harmful crap known to man. And you will have A LOT of vaccines during your time in the US military." It's definitely true that the people in the military are in harm's way. Due to vaccines. That's their biggest worry. Vaccines a point Coville was fast to make, although I'm sure that even if you could opt out of vaccines the author probably wouldn't be volunteering to serve anytime soon for a host of other reasons. This is a very quick and occasionally uneven book, but to show the gross excesses of the Internet, it's a funny and scary gem. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. This Just Makes Good Economic Sense By David Hess I'm terrible at writing reviews, kind of like a lot of people in this book. But here's a story: I bought this book because it looked like it might be interesting/funny. I took it with me to help kill time when I was waiting to have some service done on my car. So there I was, in public, about to pee myself because I am laughing so hard. I look around and I'm getting all kinds of strange looks, but I can't stop reading and seriously - laughing out loud (L'ing OL is what I believe the kids would say). Eventually I was afraid that they were going to ask me to leave, go outside, or call the cops on me. So I made a show of recommending the book to the guy at the counter as I was paying my bill. You know, so that everyone could breathe a collective sigh of relief knowing that I'm not insane and that their children were safe again. Seriously, buy this book, the laugh per dollar ratio is WAY in your favor. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Multi-genre entertainment By Christina H. I hardly ever laugh out loud at anything, but I laughed out loud a bunch of times while reading this book. This book defies genre. You can find mystery (the reviewer who found their resort's Mexican restaurant out of taco shells, only to order a pizza at the resort's Italian restaurant whose crust was made of taco shells), horror (a motel room that kills people), and political commentary (a review of the U.S. military). It comes in short bites (the review, and a few lines of commentary), so you can consume it in small quantities here and there while you're waiting on hold, or going to the bathroom, or waiting for your dog to go to the bathroom. Good for the internet generation!

The Internet's most ridiculous product reviews! A hotel guest whose toilet wasn't securely fastened to the bathroom floor. A father livid that Toys'R'Us sent him a "make believe" dragon. An Alan Rickman fan who loathes a bookmark for casting Snape as a villain. Inspired by consumers who demand quality from a 39-cent product, One-Star Reviews features 150 side-splitting critiques for one-star-worthy items and establishments. From deeply disappointed reviews about the projects in Crafting with Cat Hair to scathing remarks about restaurants that serve every meal with a side of broken glass, these unique evaluations are comedic gems in their own right. Filled with only the best critiques the Internet has to offer, One-Star Reviews unleashes the snark with products and customers so ridiculous you can't help but laugh.

"The concept of One-Star s is simple--and inspired.... More than enough to make for a funny book, what with all the outrage and crazy that the Internet has to offer." --Failure Magazine About the Author C. Coville is a columnist and regular contributor at Cracked, where her writing has accumulated many millions and millions of hits. These days, you can usually find her digging out from the snow in Syracuse, New York, or at www.cscoville.com if that's your thing.