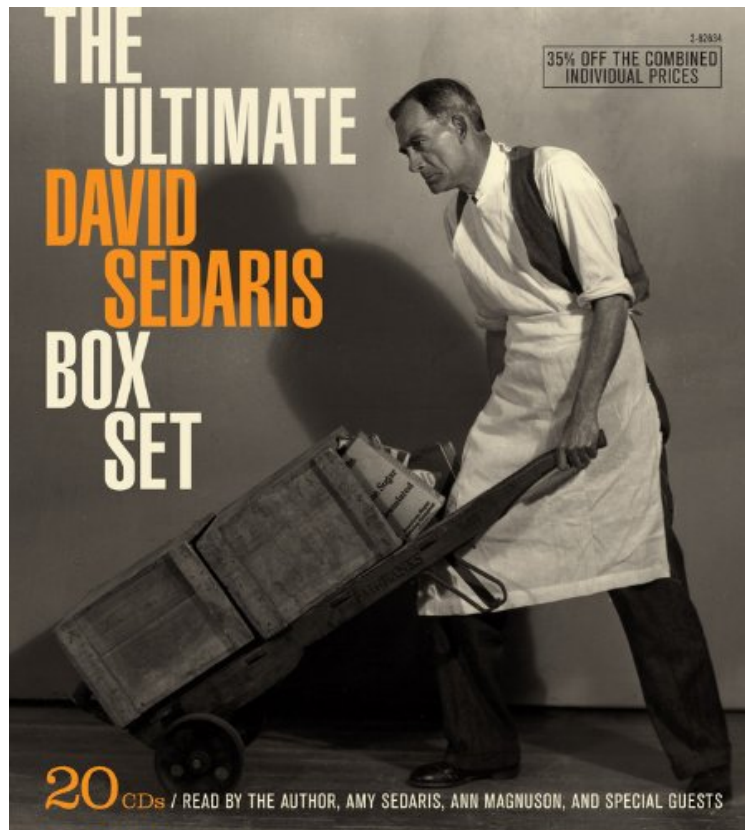



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**David Sedaris : The Ultimate David Sedaris Box Set** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Ultimate David Sedaris Box Set:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. needs a better grasp of what "new" means...By sjz75 For the material and David Sedaris, 5 stars, no question. BUT - I bought this as a "new" product directly from , not from a third party seller, yet when I checked out all of the discs to make sure everything was in good condition, it was very clear that this was used, re-packaged merchandise. 5 or 6 of the discs had obvious fingerprints and dirty/greasy smudges. 3 of them had a sticky, glue-like residue on them which I managed to clean off with some lighter fluid and a tissue; this may have been glue from the packaging, I didn't really look further into that yet (that has been a problem on a few box sets I've owned). Overall, the packaging had plenty of scuff marks and was obviously worn - not that it was ripped to shreds or anything like that, but it just looked like something that had been used for a few weeks, then repackaged (the flimsy shrink wrap should have been my first clue). Anyways, I was able to clean everything up and there were no fatal scratches on any of the discs, so I'm not going to make any further issue of it with ... besides which, I'm just not in the mood to pack it all up again, send it back, and wait for another set - just wanted to share this experience in a public forum. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Poor packaging for sure, but worth the purchase. By BKX This

set of audio CDs is worth the purchase price, but be warned that the packaging royally sucks, and if you convert it to digital for a hand-held music device be prepared to do some digital manipulation. First off there are no track listings. When importing the files they come into iTunes as music files and not audiobook files. You have to convert them to audiobook files via info. Also the discs come in differently and will not be listed in order in your library. For example discs might be listed as (Disc X), [Disc X], or my favorite DX. This varies from CD to CD and not just from one book to another. Whomever it was that prepared these CDs lacked the basic knowledge to set a format, and keep it from disc to disc. Overall the sound quality is good, and the stories are great. So I will take the bad with the good, but you have been warned. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Sedaris: yes; Packaging: no. By A.P.S. I'll jump on the package-train and say that it really is the downfall of this set. Luckily, the price tag has come down significantly from its original release, making this flaw an easier pill to swallow. My biggest complaint with the way the sleeves are designed is not aesthetical or even economical; it's that the sleeves scratch the disks. Several of the CDs arrived with hairline scratches on the surface of the disks from rubbing around in the loose cardboard pockets, coming in contact with debris from the cardboard in storage and transit. Luckily, we have programs like iTunes that allow you to import your files and preserve them. I spent a few hours cataloging the entire set into my iTunes library, so hopefully I won't have any problems listening to it. The track listings were readily available thanks to the import software, so it wasn't a difficult process getting them all in there; just time-consuming. A little tip: If you want them separated in your library from your music as Audiobooks, once you import a disk, you can change the media type to "Audiobook," and it will whisk it away to the Book section of your library. Edit multiple tracks (from all 3 - 5 disks for the book) and title/label them as one album (i.e. Me Talk Pretty One Day) and it should take the 3 - 5 disks in the set and lump them into one whole Audiobook. Hope this helps. The set is worth it for the material if you are a fan and don't already own them, but like countless others have advised, the packaging/protection of materials leaves much to be desired.

David Sedaris, who regularly appears on NPR, is fun, satirical and brazen. A wonderful collection of his greatest work.

From Publishers Weekly Starred . Previously released in 2002 as a 14-CD set containing Sedaris's *Naked*, *Holidays on Ice*, *Barrel Fever* and *Other Stories* and *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, this updated 20-CD box set adds his latest two Grammy-nominated audios (his single-disc live concert at Carnegie Hall and the unabridged *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim*). Twenty-two hours of Sedaris in one box should be nirvana to his legion of fans. This collection allows listeners to witness Sedaris's growth as a writer. He never stops being funny but by *Dress Your Family*, his essays exhibit the memoirist more than the humorist, and his ability to walk a razor's edge between hilarity and heartbreak (without bathos) is breathtaking. His essays are written to be read aloud, and he performs them flawlessly. Considering the long gestation of this collection, it's surprising that the interior packaging is so dismal. The discs are housed in blank, black slipcases with no illustrations or track listings (which is especially distressing because *Barrel Fever*, *Naked* and *Holidays* don't have track listings on their discs and there is no track listing on the outer package). (Nov.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. About the Author David Sedaris is a playwright and a regular commentator for National Public Radio. He is also the author of the bestselling *Barrel Fever*, *Naked*, *Holidays on Ice*, and *Me Talk Pretty One Day*. He travels extensively though Europe and the United States on lecture tours and lives in France. From AudioFile I read out loud, David Sedaris says modestly. His voice might not sound powerful, but its lack of power enhances his deadpan style. It also conveys the pain that echoes throughout his often autobiographical essays, which frequently touch on his experiences growing up gay in North Carolina and his offbeat take on life. The extra energy Sedaris gets from an audience makes *LIVE FROM CARNEGIE HALL* the sets highlight. Sedaris's humor is frank--often with profanity--as it mixes the touching and personal with laugh-out-loud moments. The box collects Sedaris's releases through *DRESS YOUR FAMILY IN CORDUROY AND DENIM*; there's some repetition of themes and material throughout the set. J.A.S. © AudioFile 2008, Portland, Maine-- Copyright © AudioFile, Portland, Maine