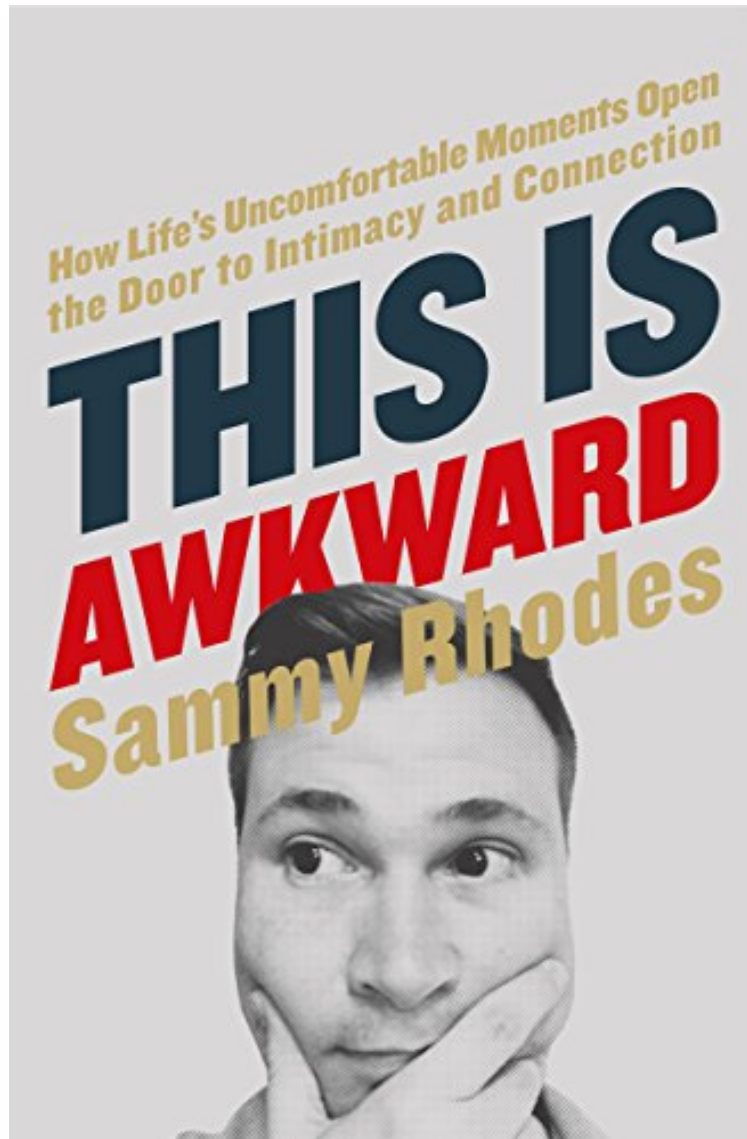


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Sincere, Vulnerable, AwkwardBy RMKAn imperfect book by an imperfect person, and that's what I enjoyed so much about it. I've noticed a few readers have found issue with the writing style, especially with the seemingly random journal entries, but I liked them. I found they broke up some heavy moments and helped show that he knows he's not a perfect person with perfect answers.I found the writing sincere and the general message powerful. There are several areas of his story I can identify with and they hit home hard. There is a lot of truth here. There are a few references and jokes that don't land, but this added to the real awkwardness that would have been more egregious had they been removed in editing. This is a book I needed to read at this point in my life and one I'm glad to have owned to mark up and be able to re-read later. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. If I was your awkward friend, I would awkwardly give this awkward book to you. By CharlotteCharles This is Awkward is a book for everyone, because everyone is awkward. As an extremely awkward introvert with a case of RBF, standing in the corner at parties with my headphones in scrolling through my twitter feed is the norm and since I can't look up long enough to be friendly I've never realized I'm not the only one who does this. Sammy puts into words my struggle to be vulnerable, to look up from my isolation long enough to realize I need to pursue real relationships and friendships, and my lack of trust in God's love for me at all times. The last two chapters, in particular, wrecked me as I realized how the sudden loss of my father three months ago has caused me to drift towards my ridiculous sounding and very fleeting idols of desired twitter fame and approval of others instead of believing that even though I am suffering God is faithful and is weeping with me as I miss my dad. If I was your awkward introverted friend, I would hella awkwardly give this awkward book to you. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Worth the read. By BrittI don't often write book reviews. Frankly, this is the first review I've posted on , but I decided about three chapters into This Is Awkward that I would have to review this one. I "knew" Sammy before he published the book. I've followed him on Twitter for five-ish years now, and I watched everything go down with @prodigalsam, hoping that Sammy would come back better than ever afterwards. I was glad when he returned to Twitter and was even more glad to hear he was writing a book. I thought I was buying the book for the humor. My friend and I had very loosely committed to reading it together, slowly as we both have busy careers, but when I started reading, I couldn't really stop. I'm a young high school English teacher, and there's usually enough going on in my life that I push personal reading time to the back burner, but I made it through This Is Awkward in a little over a week. I loved it because it's real. Sammy covers topics that we need to hear about. He is honest about his own insecurities, which I think makes the book that much more enjoyable - because you know he's really presenting himself, it's not smoke and mirrors. Sammy Rhodes, if you ever read this: your book was the ultimate example of "going second" (I think that was the term - I've already lent my copy to one of my students, so I can't be sure). You were real. You were genuine. You were transparent, and you made me feel like I am not alone in feeling imperfect. That imperfection is okay and is a feeling everyone encounters, even if they're unwilling to share it all the time. And above all else, God uses our imperfections to speak to other imperfect people. Your book was a source of both comfort and encouragement. Thank you for writing. Please keep it up; it makes a difference.

Don't waste your awkwardness. One of the saddest realities of life is that the things we need to talk about the most, we tend to talk about the least—from bouts with depression to sexual struggles to parent-wounds that never seem to heal. Raise these issues out loud, and wait for the awkward silence. But those awkward moments are precisely where we find connection with God and one another. In This is Awkward, Sammy Rhodes talks directly, honestly, and hilariously (because sometimes we need to laugh) about the most painfully uncomfortable subjects in our lives. In chapters like “Parents Are a Gift (You Can’t Return Them)” and “D is for Depression,” he boldly goes where most of us fear to tread, revealing that we can be liberated by the embrace of a God who knows the most shameful things about us and loves us all the same. Because nothing is too awkward for God.

About the Author Sammy Rhodes is a campus minister with Reformed University Fellowship at the University of South Carolina. Rhodes is frequently invited to speak at conferences and churches on topics including anxiety and depression, approval, the Internet, pop culture, humor, theology, and leadership. Rhodes also has a popular Internet presence, which has been highlighted in Huffington Post, Salon, Paste, and Christianity Today.