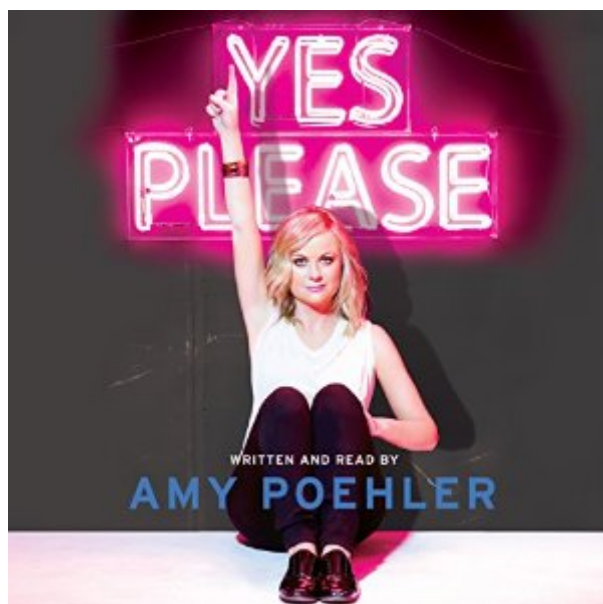


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# Yes Please



## Synopsis

Audie Award, Humor, 2015 Amy Poehler is hosting a dinner party and you're invited! Welcome to the audiobook edition of Amy Poehler's *Yes Please*. The guest list is star-studded with vocal appearances from Carol Burnett, Seth Meyers, Michael Schur, Patrick Stewart, Kathleen Turner, and even Amy's parents - *Yes Please* is the ultimate audiobook extravaganza. Also included? A one-night-only live performance at Poehler's Upright Citizens Brigade Theater. Hear Amy read a chapter live in front of a young and attractive Los Angeles audience. While listening to *Yes Please*, you'll laugh, you'll cry, and you'll become convinced that your phone is trying to kill you. Don't miss this collection of stories, thoughts, ideas, lists, and haikus from the mind of one of our most beloved entertainers. Offering Amy's thoughts on everything from her "too safe" childhood outside of Boston to her early days in New York City, her ideas about Hollywood and "the biz", the demon that looks back at all of us in the mirror, and her joy at being told she has a "face for wigs" - *Yes Please* is chock-full of words, and wisdom, to live by.

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## Customer Reviews

I will first admit that I'm a sucker for these type of books. I've read Mindy Kaling's, Tina Fey's, Lena Dunham's and even Ellen Degeneres'. I'll also admit that I'm a 24 year old girl, and that my opinions are probably biased based on my age and the (lack of) life experiences I've had so far. First of all, if you're considering picking up the book versus buying the Kindle version, I would strongly recommend the hard copy. The book is formatted with glossy pages full of colored pictures and

chapter titles that I really love (attached some photos and a video). It makes the reading experience a whole lot more exciting. Every time I turned upon a new chapter, I would have to stop for a moment and smile to myself. That being said, I was excited about Amy's book because I've an avid fan of Parks and Rec, and her previous work on SNL. To me, she just seemed like a really warm person and people only have compliments when talking about her. I couldn't wait to read a book in her voice and learn more about her past. Some Youtube clips that I just had to dig up after reading about them from Amy's perspective: SNL Sarah Palin rap:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cG1g5qvgtSg> 2011 Emmy's bit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyFyJqx1lpc> 2009 Emmy's bit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jSk8yzlm94I> I'm glad to say I was not disappointed at all.

Compared to some of the other authors that I have mentioned, Amy does have more stories and chapters on experiences that I couldn't quite relate to (pregnancy, divorce, raising kids), but by reading about those stories I felt a little more prepared for the future. So despite the fact that much of the book were not relatable, I like how she told those stories so outsiders like me could be more familiar with what other people are going through at times like those. Other than that, the whole book is written in the typical witty/sarcastic tone that most books like this are written in. And I love it. She talks a bit about her past, how she got into acting and improv, stories about all her famous friends, the journey with Parks and Rec and just gives some general life anecdotes. Seth Meyers also makes a guest appearance and writes a short chapter! I finished the book within a day because it was a speedy read and I never wanted to stop. I suspect I'll be reading it again in a couple months. All in all, I can't be more happy that Amy Poehler finally decided to publish her own book. Here's to hoping there will be more!

I really enjoy Amy Poehler and I was so excited to get this book- I'd read interviews with her about the book, like in Entertainment Weekly, and couldn't wait because it sounded funny and honest. Know how sometimes you can't wait to see a movie, then you see it and realize the best bits were everything you saw in the trailer? That's sort of how I feel about this book. It's well written (and, if you get the paper version the publisher put a lot into the paper quality and photos etc.) and there are some fun lines, but it's more wise than LOL. Also, I felt kind of old to be reading it- I'm roughly her age and it felt like she intended some of the wisdom for younger women in earlier stages of life, and that was really disappointing. The chapters on SNL and Parks and Rec were good but not really detailed for as long as she was on both shows- but there are constant references to the Upright Citizens Brigade. Lots of talk about motherhood and her sons and orphans in Haiti. Oh and a

chapter on the pros and cons of drugs (which seems to offend some people who feel pros come out ahead). If you're looking for gossip, there's not much but she does name drop. I guess I expected this to be more like *Bossypants* by Tina Fey or *Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me?* by Mindy Kaling, both of which I loved. Those books made me laugh and feel like Kaling was my wise, never judging bff, whereas Poehler, I have to say it, is a little preachy. I still love Amy Poehler and I think she's a brilliant performer, but this book wasn't 'that' funny but it's full of wisdom. I gave Kaling's book to my friends but I'd give this as a high school or college graduation gift.

If you like Amy Poehler, don't pick up this book. My opinion of her has dropped so much by reading this book. It's not really that funny and she does so much name-dropping and talking about how wonderful her life is and all the celebrities she knows. She gloats about her celebrity life, but also pretends it's hard, and then in the next breath talks about how her childhood was perfect and her parents were perfect. She spends so much time complaining about how hard it was to write the book- so don't write a book. I was not impressed by this book at all and am sorry I wasted my time.

I really enjoy Amy Poehler - she's an incredible, strong woman - and I love that. But I had to force myself through this book. It was very much so a re-counting of her rise to success, but it didn't "give" the reader much extra. I was inspired, I didn't feel like she was sharing anything too interesting with me. And unfortunately, I think Amy's humor doesn't translate to the written word all that successfully. Performances? Fantastic. Reading her book? Eh. I respect her, but I would skip the book.

A quick and funny read, but not much substance. She drops a lot of names and cracks a lot of jokes about herself and others but she never lets down her guard and gives you a peek at who she really is.

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