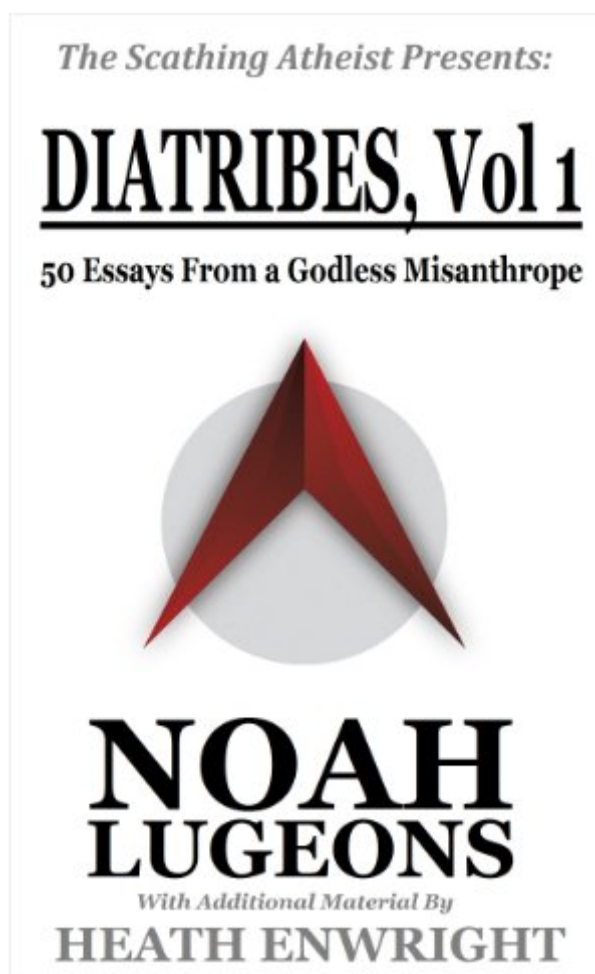


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Synopsis

Do you occasionally suffer from bouts of rationality, cognizance and literacy? Are you constantly baffled by the failure of your fellow hominids to comprehend simple principles like evidence, statistical significance, confirmation bias and logic? Do your jaws ache from constantly holding your tongue in polite company? Do you find yourself tempted to stand on tables and scream “The bible also says rabbits chew their cud! That’s not an allegory and I’m not reading it out of context, you frothing nincompoops, it’s just wrong!”? Then this may be the book for you. The Scathing Atheist is a weekly podcast about religion that uses all the expletives the subject deserves. In its first year of production, host Noah Lugeons has earned a reputation for vindictive wit that is on full display in these fifty essays; each an expanded version of a tirade that first appeared on the podcast. More than a third of the book is all new material so whether you’re a fan of The Scathing Atheist podcast or just a fan of vulgar and blasphemous wordplay, these bite-sized nuggets of vitriolic rationality are the perfect catharsis for atheists who are too polite to tell people what they really think.

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Customer Reviews

I’m a huge fan of the Scathing Atheist podcast, and when I heard the Diatribes (short pithy

monologue at the beginning of each show) were available as a book, I thought they might come across better in writing. I'm not sure they do. Don't get me wrong they're great either way. Noah has great delivery, so the spoken version comes across great while driving in the car, unless you laugh so hard you wrap your car around a pole. That would be bad. The written version makes the points more memorable for my aging brain, though. Written isn't better. It's just different. Unless you hate irreverence directed at targets that basically stand up and beg for it, and dick-jokes (can't forget those), listen to the podcast and buy the Diatribes. You have to do both. There's tons of laughs in podcast that aren't in the book.

Yeah, I'm guy you saw burst out laughing on the subway for no apparent reason. It's only happened while listening to one of Noah Lugeons diatribes on my iPhone. Now I have them in an actual book! In the fine tradition of George Carlin (oh how we miss him) Noah takes on the target ripe affliction of humanity called faith. Like any good court jester Noah wraps up this ancient taboo topic in swaddling, dips it in brandy and flambÃ©s it for your intellectual comedic pleasure. Searing deliciousness! Harris, Hitchens, Kaus, and Dawkins hit the points but Noah hits the hilarity and absurdity of it all and in many ways that's just more fun.

The Scathing Atheist is a podcast designed to shock much the same as Howard Stern, and shock it does, it is not for the faint of heart. It is over the top insulting, vile, funny as hell, leaving no revered idol unscathed, but the diatribes, now they are something different. They illustrate the brilliance of Noah Lugeons, he is a wordsmith. His witticisms and ascerbic wit show his courage in saying exactly what we wish we could say, if only we dared. There was somebody else like that who batted for our team, sadly he is gone but maybe the 'Hitch Slap' could be succeeded by the 'Lugeon Bludgeon'?

He may not be Dawkins or Hitchens, but Noah is eminently accessible to the lay reader, where neither of the greats usually are. He's funny, clever, and angry. I can't tell you how many times I both found myself laughing out loud and simultaneously nodding in agreement. He deserves a place in every free thinker's library. Even if you don't agree with him or his tactics, his eloquent expressions of rage will let you see how the not so friendly side of atheism feels. As an added bonus, I accidentally spilled holy water on the back cover, and it beaded up and slid right off, so it has that going for it, too.

One way to combat sheer idiocy is with hearty laughter. These are brutal and brilliant. So much more satisfying than the work of the professional philoso-fluffers. Noah helps emancipate your brain.

I am a fan of The Scathing Atheist podcast but I don't think you need to be a fan to enjoy this book. Some people may be offended by the R rated language but this is, as Noah points out, what "the subject deserves." If you think the Bible or Qur'an has less offensive language, you have not read the Bible or the Qur'an. Diatribes: Volume One offers a chance for believers to view what non-believers find offensive with religion. From the viewpoint of the non-believer Noah Lugeons represents, I think, a much needed voice of an intelligent person removing the veils of theism to show what it really is. I highly recommend this book!

I'm glad I bought this on my Kindle because it has a pop-up dictionary. When Lugeons goes on a rant he uses some 50 cent words. I'm glad he knows what they mean and how to use them because they just add to the sting of his diatribes. Whether you are an Atheist, Agnostic, a true believer or the Pope, himself, you can't help but admire Lugeons' verbal gymnastics and articulate routines. And yes, he nails the dismount!

Absolutely the most fun I've had reading in a great while. Even though, technically I've heard all these on the show, reading them is better! I can reread, and remember certain quotes to "S" someone "TFU" as needed. The combination of thought, clarity of expression, humor, and "cussin" is juuuust right! Each diatribe is just about one trip to the bathroom long. :-P

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