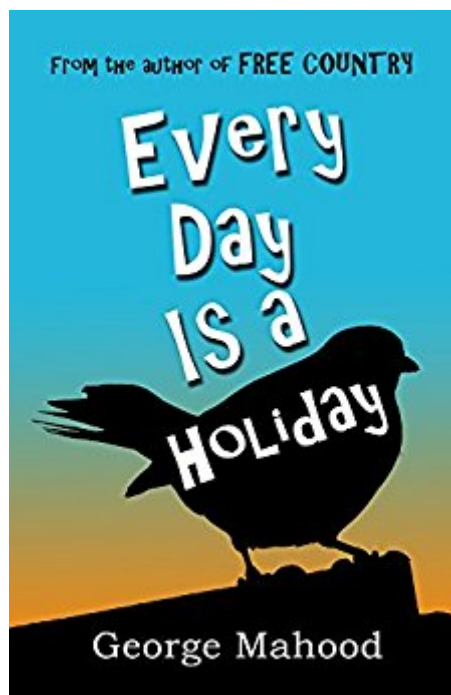


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Every Day Is A Holiday



Synopsis

...laugh out loud moments on nearly every page...
...had me laughing from beginning to end...
...loved the book - funny and engaging...
...read it, love it, recommend it...
George Mahood had a nice, easy, comfortable life. He had a job, a house, a wife and kids. But something was missing. He was stuck in a routine of working, changing nappies and cleaning up cat sick. He felt like he was missing out on a lot of what the world had to offer. He then discovered that it was Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day. The day after that was National Curmudgeon Day, and the day after that was Inane Answering Machine Message Day. In fact, the calendar is FULL of these quirky, weird and wonderful events. He realised that somebody somewhere had created these holidays, believing that they were important enough to warrant their own official day. Surely he should therefore be more appreciative of their existence? So he decided to try and celebrate them all. As you do. He hoped that at the end of the challenge he would be transformed into a happier, more intelligent and more content person. Follow George on his hilarious, life changing adventure as he tries to balance his normal life with a wealth of new experiences, people, facts and ridiculous situations. It's a rip-roaring, life-affirming, roller-coaster of a ride, where every day is a holiday.

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Customer Reviews

I picked this up for free on a couple of days ago thinking it was fiction. I don't generally read memoirs, especially memoirs of people I don't know of before hand. It took me a few pages to realize that I made a huge mistake- this book is non-fiction and I don't read non-fiction. But I kept reading because I loved the quirky concept and I kept reading until two days later I was finished and excited to find out there was a sequel. (Please oh please Mr. Mahood, consider making it free on some day soon.) I loved learning about special holidays and celebrations throughout the year and reading Mr. Mahood's experiences with them. I think my favorite day to read about was the St. George's Day and the "Mass Gathering of Georges" in which only one George showed up- with his dragon in tow. I'm glad he got his free coffee and lunch voucher despite the party being quite lack luster. I also really liked any stories having to do with the mystery cans. The author is so much braver than I am. Also any parts of the book that had to do with his family and friends and pets were wonderful to read as well. Today is March 9th and according to this calendar [...] it is also Get Over It Day. I do plan on focusing some energies today on getting over a few things that have been driving me crazy lately. I have some roommates moving in soon and I've not been too happy about it. What was I talking about? Oh yeah! And then I found $\pounds 50$.

This is a dangerous book. I'm still reading it but had to write a review because I love it so much. It's dangerous because when I read it while (or whilst) using the elliptical (other cardio machines are available), I've almost fallen off many times from stifling bouts of laughter. Laughter suppression is not healthy but I don't want to create a scene at the gym. I didn't think this book would be very entertaining due to the subject matter. I know there are a huge number of stupid holidays and I wondered how he'd pull this off. I just couldn't see how this would be as good as Free Country. In short - it is. You get to meet his wife and kids and neighbors - and his cats (well - so far just the one cat with two names is mentioned the most - the other is largely ignored). It's really a great book and I'm looking forward to the next book (Life's a Beach). This guy is VERY funny.

Every day is something or other day. Some days are even more than one day. Join George Mahood as he bumbles his way through a quest to celebrate a bunch of weird and wonderful official days, dragging his family along for the ride. National Curmudgeon Day, Create Your Own Holiday Day, Camera Day, and all the other weird and wonderful days of celebration he finds from January to

June are featured in this delightful book. Bonus culinary sidetracks include Man Against Can and Man Against Ham. Plenty of chuckles and some laugh out loud moments can be found along the way. Will George succeed, does he find himself? Read the book. What about the rest of the year? Aha! Read the next book. I will.

This is quite good, although not something you're likely to read from the start to the finish in one go. I came back to this in between other books and was surprised when at one point the author mentions this his how he assumed people would read this. That's what I liked about the author he wasn't pretending this is the greatest book ever written or that it will even hold everyone's interest. Basically George is a stay at home dad who does some freelance photography for weddings to pay the bills. Having written a previously successful book (and I like how he acknowledges authors monitor , and talks about putting that book on the free list and things like this), he has decided to take up a new challenge of celebrating the day allocated to every date of the year, some days have multiple entries. He doesn't even know what many of them are before looking them up on the day. Although this isn't a really interesting thing to do for an adventure, he somehow makes this mundane adventure fun or at least mildly interesting at times. Although as I said you'll probably need a break from the entries from time to time. The author comes across a guy you wouldn't mind sitting next to on a plane or something, as well as a great father and caring person towards others such as his neighbours who sort of kidnap his cat each day. If this book was that interesting with lets face it fairly boring in real life subject matter, I can't wait to check out what he has written with more active adventures.

Since this is the first book by George Mahood that I've read (yes I plan to read more!) I can't make comparisons to his other books. I was a little skeptical about the subject matter but his writing style and sense of humor had me hooked. And being American I couldn't pass up that British 'accent' which was entertaining and enlightening in and of itself. I felt like I learned a little bit of a new language ;) You'll definitely enjoy this book and learn about some crazy holidays in the process. I have to read part 2 next but then I'm on to Free Country or maybe the latest book which sounds intriguing as well as uplifting. I have no doubt that George has the ability to inspire, although I think I prefer celebrating inane holidays than participating in a triathlon!

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