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# The Bassoon King: My Life In Art, Faith, And Idiocy



## Synopsis

Rainn Wilson's memoir about growing up geeky and finally finding his place in comedy, faith, and life. For nine seasons Rainn Wilson played Dwight Schrute, everyone's favorite work nemesis and beet farmer. Viewers of *The Office* fell in love with the character and grew to love the actor who played him even more. Rainn founded a website and media company, SoulPancake, that eventually became a best-selling book of the same name. He also started a hilarious Twitter feed (sample tweet: "I'm not on Facebook" is the new "I don't even own a TV") that now has more than four million followers. Now, he's ready to tell his own story and explain how he came up with his incredibly unique sense of humor and perspective on life. He explains how he grew up "bone-numbingly nerdy before there was even a modicum of cool attached to the word." *The Bassoon King* chronicles his journey from nerd to drama geek ("the highest rung on the vast, pimply ladder of high school losers"), his years of mild debauchery and struggles as a young actor in New York, his many adventures and insights about *The Office*, and, finally, Wilson's achievement of success and satisfaction, both in his career and spiritually, reconnecting with the artistic and creative values of the Bahá'í faith he grew up in.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This book is so much more original - and moving - than the typical mid-career celeb autobio. You expect humor and you get the big laughs, but you also get a fascinating, gritty look at the growth of the artist and the man. "*The Bassoon King*" reads fast and funny, while embracing the struggle to find meaning in life beyond the superficial and the celebrity. No easy feat, but Wilson pulls it off with

grace and worms and bassoons and D&D and sci-fi and NYU and bad day jobs and Polish experimental theatre and pit bulls and "The Office" and the Face of God and LOVE.

The last thing i needed was ONE MORE BOOK to read. So i just flipped it to a random page to get the gist, and it sucked me in. From the DWIGHT SHRUTE (sp?) intro to the ridiculous ABOUT THIS FONT entry, this book is funny and surprisingly informative and wise. (in a weird way) I love this book for the honesty, fantasy, vulnerability and absurdity all wrapped up in one.

This book was very funny but also very insightful. I love that Rainn does not shy away from Dwight Shrute, but embraces him throughout the book. I really enjoyed the book. Rainn has led a fascinating life. I recommend this book!

The audiobook was so good that I also purchased the book so I could (those of you that can't stand books being marked STOP READING) highlight, make notes, and insert my own ponderings. I have been taking college courses after being out of school for 12 years... It has been difficult, but when I popped the first disk into my car for the drive to work it turned my mood around. I love this book.

Very interesting read. I was interested to learn about his faith, and even though it does not match mine, he is passionate about it. I just wish there were more funny stories about his time on set of The Office. Loved his character.

Not only have I read this book, but I also attended Rainn Wilson's book signing at the Dallas Museum of Art. It was an incredible experience! Mr. Wilson actually addressed the event in which he smashed a bassoon on Colbert. He said, firstly, that the bassoon was found at a junk store and was very cheap. Second, he is also a bassoon player and played it during his high school years and beyond (as you will read in the book), and while he does make some negative comments about it, that is simply his opinion from firsthand experience, and he is not trying to degrade others for playing it. As for the remainder of the book, Wilson highlights several interesting and hilarious aspects of his life that were both entertaining and educational. Yes, there is also an entire chapter dedicated to his time at The Office. Therefore, if you're looking for a book that talks about the time he got worms when he was little (so funny!) to moments that completely changed his perspective on life, then this is the book for you! Keep in mind that I am writing this from the eyes of an 18 year old girl, so you may view this completely different from me. Also, the picture I provided is my personal,

signed copy of the book.

The man is a genius, I love the whimsical manner Rainn tells his stories. I'm a huge fan of his from his days playing Dwight Schrute and love this book for the tiny little details that add to my love for the show.

I enjoyed parts of this book but come away feeling like the author isn't particularly a nice person. His writings about becoming an "ACTOR" come off as pretentious, after all didn't the late great Spencer Tracy say it all about acting when he said "Acting is not an important job in the scheme of things. Plumbing is."

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