

My Planet, Finding Humor in the Oddest Places

Mary Roach

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My Planet is an amazing collection of anecdotes and little excerpts from the author, Mary Roach, past writings. I have read a few of Mary Roach's novels before, including *Gulp*, *Stiff*, and *Spook*, but this collection is from before all those fantastic novels were even written, when Mary Roach was still writing columns for reader's digest. My favorite anecdote is called "The Way I Can't See It," and it is a hilarious story about the authors need for reading glasses and the different emotions she feels because of them. The anecdote starts with "This is a story of loss and denial", but will keep you laughing throughout because of the subtle and not so subtle humor.

This book deserves a 9 out of 10 and I would put it on par with any other of Mary Roach's novels. The collection of humorous anecdotes kept me laughing and smiling the whole time I spent reading it, and *My Planet* is easy to pick up during short breaks because it is broken to different sections per type of story. If you are in high school or older, I would recommend this book because of its ability to make the reader have a good laugh.

Recommended Titles:

Stiff Spook Gulp (All by Mary Roach)