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Don't Tell Mum I Work On The Rigs...She Thinks I'm A Piano Player In A Whorehouse



Synopsis

'Great two-fisted writing from the far side of hell.' - John Birmingham, bestselling author of He Died with a Felafel in his Hand'A unique look at a gritty game. Relentlessly funny and obsessively readable.' - Phillip Noyce, director of The Quiet American and Clear and Present DangerPaul Carter has been shot at, hijacked and held hostage.He's almost died of dysentery in Asia and toothache in Russia, watched a Texan lose his mind in the jungles of Asia, lost a lot of money backing a mouse against a scorpion in a fight to the death, and been served cocktails by an orang-utan on an ocean freighter. And that's just his day job.Taking postings in some of the world's wildest and most remote regions, not to mention some of the roughest oil rigs on the planet, Paul has worked, gotten into trouble and been given serious talkings to in locations as far-flung as the North Sea, Middle East, Borneo and Tunisia, as exotic as Sumatera, Vietnam and Thailand, and as flat out dangerous as Columbia, Nigeria and Russia, with some of the maddest, baddest and strangest people you could ever hope not to meet.Strap yourself in for an exhilarating, crazed, sometimes terrifying, usually bloody funny ride through one man's adventures in the oil trade.When not getting into trouble on the rigs Paul lives a quiet life in Sydney.

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Customer Reviews

I work in the offshore oil field around the world as a diver. Some of the things in his stories are new to me but for the most part they are things all of us experience in the industry. That doesn't make them any less funny though and Paul Carter is a good story teller. Not only that but the title alone will have people asking what your reading. Another great story about industrial adventures. The reasons i didn't give it 5 stars is, one its a quick read and i was left wanting more, two I am a little jaded to what was described in the book and didn't find it as funny the person who recommended it to me. Neither of those would keep it from being a 5 star read for others who are interested in reading about a job outside there normal 9-5.

Very good stories, a little embellished, but good! I have been to most of the places he has worked and have even heard of some of the folks in his stories (The names have been changed to protect the innocent) but he didn't get Shekou China (across from Hong Kong) quite right. He was writing about Shekou of 1985 and not 2000. That is now one of the more modern cities in China and has been such for 15 years now. Great book and looking forward to reading his second book (written in 2005--This is Not a Drill). Hope it is as good.

Like other reviewers, I laughed out loud so much, I had tears running down my face and a belly ache. Now that's a wonderful thing. Is it a literary masterpiece? Of course not nor was it meant to be. But if you want to laugh and get an insiders view on this most unique, dangerous, high-adventure occupation, you will love this book, I sure did.

I had hoped to get a read that contained some great stories from the offshore industry combined with an insight into the work itself. Instead I got a some very funny stories that didn't necessarily have anything to do with the offshore oil industry. There's no doubt that Paul tells a frank and very funny story but I found myself wanting a bit more depth. If you do purchase this, just read it expecting some funny stories. The book itself felt extremely short and I think Paul missed a real opportunity to write about the industry itself. I can't see myself purchasing anymore of Paul's work but I can't deny that I did like the stories in this read.

So the guy I am dating suggested I read it as a way to understand his world. I live in NYC and work in luxury real estate and he lives near Aberdeen Scotland. And it gave me a clear view of what having a child with him will be like. Unsafe and a single mom basically. I might as well be Pia. But

the book made me laugh and I loved the rough writing. And Joe, oh my. We want a bulldog but now I want a monkey!

Too funny. Great author!

I'm in the oil business and have spent time on the rigs. I down loaded the book to read on a 3-1/2 flight. It was entertaining for that length of time; I didn't finish it. Someday maybe I will time. I recommend it for a light read and to pick up a little knowledge of the life of rig hand.J Smith

i got this for my fiance as a birthday gift, he hasn't read it yet but i just wanted to rate this seller cause it came very fast and in great condition and i would definitely buy from them again!

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