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"A handy autobiographical end-of-the-world companion"--Cover.

Book Blurb:

You've probably heard the rumours about the world ending in 2012 right? Did you know that the smart and powerful people are secretly building three giant spaceships in which to make a getaway but it's only for them? And did you also know that to get on one of those spaceships and escape you've got to be a VIP? That's right, you've got to MAKE IT BIG! You didn't know? You don't know how? Rhys Darby has written just the book for you. Get noticed? Dance like a demon? Score with the opposite sex? Not just talk the talk but walk the talk as you walk? And achieve fame and fortune? This book won't just change your life - it will save it! The result is a book as zany and hilarious as Rhys Darby himself. Now is the time to act, people!' shouts Darby. 'Get off your ass and make sure you're on the invite list.' 'But just to start with: read this book!'

This Way To Spaceship Details

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Brendan Ward says

Your life wasn't interesting enough. Live it again!

Meg says

I've finally finished reading this book. I confess it's taken me an age, partly due to the fact that for most of it, I just read it when I was getting my hair done at the hairdressers. I highly dislike going to the hairdressers so this book was perfect, as a light entertaining distraction.

Obviously it was written with wit, the author being a comedian, and there were a couple of laugh out loud moments.

The sentence on the cover 'A handy Autobiographical End-Of-The-World Companion' sums up exactly what the book is. It's an autobiography of Rhys Darby, a famous New Zealand comedian written with the humorous side plot of escaping the End Of The World (mostly at the beginning and end of the book).

Rhys shares his life with us and we see that he has had his ups and downs, like all of us, but he has pushed his way through to be where he is today. He also dispenses a lot of 'advice' along the way.

I can only really give it 3 stars though as I'm just not a fan of non-fiction (I guess there was splatterings of fiction - space ship, aliens etc) it just isn't my cup of tea or rock my boat or any suchness. I prefer to escape life when I read not read about more real life.

Anyway... it's definitely worth the three stars I've given and it's great to support New Zealand's talent so I'd recommend it to all, particularly those wanting an easy-going humorous read. Perfect reading for when you're needing distraction, like at the hairdressers maybe ?

Michael says

This is so much more than an autobiography, it is a lifestyle guide to all people like us. I say people like us, because through reading his book I find that Rhys and I have an awful lot in common. We are both style icons, and have got a natural rhythm that to the observer may look unnatural due to the futuristic nature of our moves. We both make people laugh just by pulling a face, we both get laughs just by giving our honest opinions and we are both admittedly socially awkward. We both have the same reaction to this affliction, CONFIDENCE! This book may or may not help you get on board the Spaceship of life, but it will certainly entertain you and help you somewhat understand the fascinating world of Mr Rhys Darby.

Sarah Evans says

Book was so good, couldn't put it down. Parts where I was laughing out loud! He is so funny.

Then came the end-of-the-world thing at the end. Ruined it a bit for me, didn't feel like the book was ended properly. Went from autobiography to scifi fiction. Bit odd. But then it fits in with his humour.

Ashley says

3.5 stars rounded up to 4. I love Rhys Darby's stand-up, as well as his work on Flight of the Conchords and films like Pirate Radio and Yes Man. I enjoyed the majority of this book a lot, but the last 30 pages or so nearly lost me. He spends most of the book telling humorous autobiographical anecdotes, but the last section is on preparing for the end of the world. He tries to make it funny, but I was ready for the book to be done by that point. Either way, it was still a good read and I hope to see more from him in the future.

Marnie Mccoll says

I chose to read this book because I think Rhys Darby is a really funny comedian. I loved his role as the manager in 'The Flight of the Conchords'. So I had the expectation that this book would make me laugh. The book is about the story of Rhys's life up until now and how he came to be a great comedian and an actor. I thought this book was mostly really funny.

He starts telling the story from the time he was born, the youngest of five (has three sisters and one brother), knowing he wanted to be a comedian from the age of six. At the age of sixteen he joined the army and was sent off on training missions around the North Island. He has had thirteen different jobs in the past until he finally developed a successful film and TV career in the UK, US and NZ.

This book fits into the 'written by a New Zealander' box on the bingo board chart. I gave this book four stars because it's a fun read and I really enjoyed it and it is a laugh out loud in some parts.

Tania says

Perfect read for a long-haul flight: easy, entertaining and surprisingly engrossing.

Amanda Vodic says

Some pretty hilarious stories - I enjoyed the memoir aspect. Although I think it would have been more hilarious without the whole 'end-of-the-world' thing and more real-life stories. The 'end-of-the-world' stuff felt a little gimmicky. Fair enough that he was just trying to be a little different but it didn't work for me.

Hayley says

I loved the beginning. I'm from New Zealand and could hear Rhys's voice as I read the words which was awesome! I loved the start and hearing about his life and the autobiographical bits and the jokes he put in there. I would have liked to hear more about his present life. The book sadly lost it for me a bit at the end, though I so wanted to continue loving it! - but it got a little too on the lifestyle guide and I got a little bored. I want to know more about you Rhys! Apart from that, great book, I read large chunks out to whoever was in the room with me and I laughed out loud many times.

Penny says

Great book. It's a short book, printed on thick paper and the text is kind of centered in the middle, this just means that there isn't quite as much content in the book as it might appear - but it has highlights of his life in laugh out loud moments, and that itself was enjoyable.

Whether or not you will like it boils down to whether or not you like Rhys Darby's stand up. If you enjoy that, then you will enjoy the book, it's written in the same style and you can hear him "performing" it through the pages.

If you don't like the stand up but like him in movies and *Flight of the Conchords*, the book is still for you. you will enjoy it.

If you don't like his comedy, don't read it.

Lisa says

I love Rhys Darby. Mainly his fashion sense but his sense of humour is also quite addictive. During the Auckland Writers and Readers Festival back in May I had the pleasure of going to see Rhys talk about his book. *This Way to Spaceship* is mainly an autobiography of Rhys Darby's life up until this point, but it is also a handy guide to prepare us for the end of the world later on in 2012.

One of the main things I took away from the hour session with Rhys was this... To enhance the enjoyability of reading his book he hoped everyone would read it in his voice. So as I began to read my personally signed copy of *This Way to Spaceship* I made an active effort to read the book in my head in the voice of Rhys. He was right! It is a lot more humorous if you imagine Rhys is reading the book to you! I found it hard to keep up, especially at night when my brain wanted to switch off, so the voice in my head (and no I don't need psychological help) kept switching back to my own. Piece of advice, try as much as possible to read the book in Rhys Darby's voice, it will definitely enhance your experience.

Read the rest of the review here... <http://thebookprincessdiary.blogspot....>

Angie says

A few actual laugh out loud moments made this book particularly memorable, but I feel content wise it left a little to be desired, like it couldn't decide between being an autobiography or a 'how to' book.

The autobiographical components which make up a good chunk of the book were definitely my favourite, but the rest... I've seen it in his live show and it works amazingly on stage, but in text it's just not the same, not as funny, not as unpredictable or innocent.

I did really enjoy Rhys Darby's printed debut though, and I would definitely recommend *This Way to Spaceship* to anyone who enjoys his stand-up.

Thomas Edmund says

This probably isn't the first time I've mentioned this, but there is something strange about reviewing biographies. Are we passing a judgement on someones life, or looking at the story that is woven around them?

The reason Darby's autobio prompts this thought, is that he has depicted his life in the most original way yet: This way to Spaceship is crafted as a guide to making sure you'll get on the spaceship when the world ends. By way of advice Darby uses his own life stories (and thus rather than being an actual book about how to win a spot on the ship, it is about why Darby thinks he deserves a spot [maybe])

No doubt this is a fun way of doing things, and reading through I certainly enjoyed the wit expected of the ginger funny man. Even when he went so far as to discuss what life might be like on the spaceship (aliens)

Nonetheless I feel I need to only give this work 4 stars. While it is quite funny, and quite interesting learning about Darby's life he only really provides snippets of each. The most interesting section was a brief chapter on a low period between filming Flight of Concords and becoming popular for his role as Murray. (and this chapter was only brief)

In short it may be the case that Mr Darby simply has too much more life to go and no doubt there will be more biography produced. This Way to Spaceship presents more as a 'passing project' than a magnum opus, but at least was still enjoyable.

Leonie says

This was a pretty good book, and I like Rhys Darby very much. I just wish he hadn't gone with the whole Mayan apocalypse theme because he doesn't really sustain it throughout the text and it is not going to be all that funny a reference after today. He is very funny though, and the book is well worth a read, especially if you read it in a kiwi accent like I did.

Lisa says

Some parts were pretty funny as long I read it in the voice of Murray Hewitt. 3 stars.
