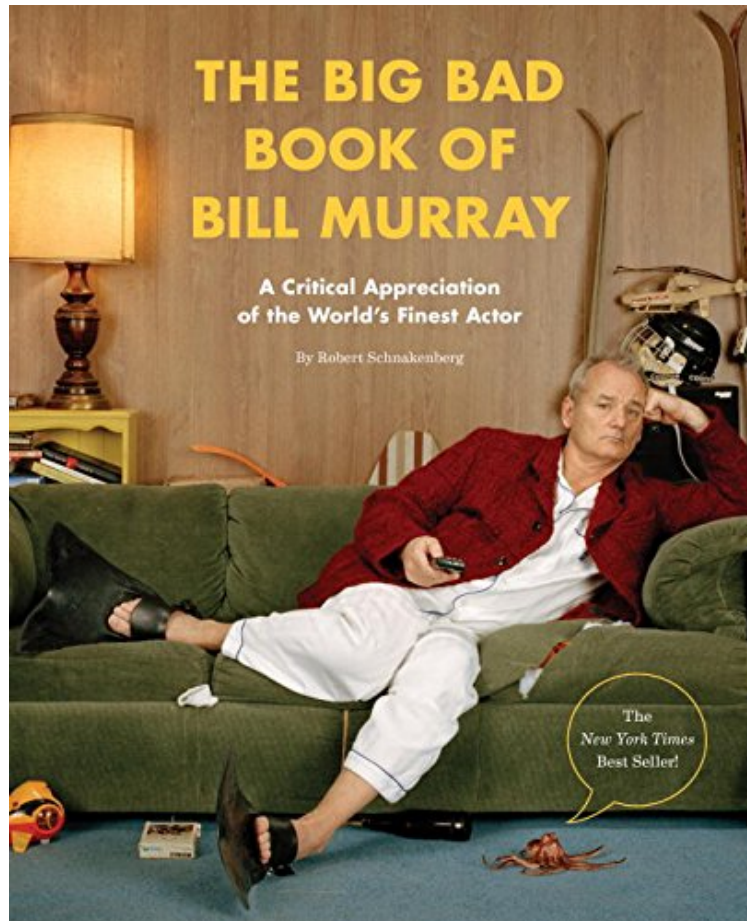


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66 of 68 people found the following review helpful. The Encyclopedia MurrtonicaBy BrandonSo when I got The Big Bad Book of Bill Murray, a rare ocurrence happened in which I had already decided I loved the book before cracking the thing open...then slowly but surely, reality crept in.I'll start with the good. Quirk Books did a fantastic job with this. The layout, the photography, and how it all came together is a work of art. It's so aesthetically pleasing you can't help but want to pick this thing up and start flipping through it. Leave it out on a coffee table and your friends will indeed ask to borrow it...and possibly never return it. The publisher really came through on their end. I also can't deny thatat it's high pointsit's one helluva read. I won't spoil anything, but Bill Murray is one of the most interesting people to ever work in film. Eccentric doesn't even begin to cover it.Here's where the problems start. Aside from aesthetics

and content, this isn't really the Bill Murray book you're expecting and probably not the one you want, either. The author tells you that up front: Bill Murray had nothing to do with this book. It's assembled from articles, quotes, and interviews with people that knew Bill in one capacity or another but Bill himself had no actual involvement. Nothing hugely revealing or new is brought to the table. Most of the information is already out there on the interwebs, but I can't help but admit it's nice to have all that information in one beautiful package. So here's where things get super dicey: the format. This book is put together like a Bill Murray encyclopaedia hence, not chronologically which gives it this horribly disjointed feel. One page you're reading about Ghostbusters, and then a few pages later you're reading about golf, and then that's followed shortly thereafter by Cary Grant. The entire thing is a jumping of topics and time periods. I wondered if some of them were even worth mentioning. Maserati is Bill's favorite brand of car. "Summer Breeze" is one of Bill's most hated songs. These two topics each have their own very short sections. One page you're reading about a movie Bill was in during 2009 and the next you're reading about a movie he turned down years previous. For someone like me who has a pretty good understanding of his career, this was a little confusing. I can only imagine how it would read to a passive fan or someone not familiar with him at all. Lastly, Robert Schnakenberg's non-objective approach might rub some people the wrong way. Schnakenberg gives each Murray film two different star ratings--one for the overall movie, and another regarding just Bill. When Schnakenberg calls Scrooged "...easily the worst film in [Murray's] career," it sort of makes you question the entire system. Take the ratings at face value and watch the movies for yourself. All in all, I don't love this book; I love the idea of it. I love what it could have been, but there are plenty of anecdotes, quotes, and other factoids to carry the reader through. This is a nice reference guide that can easily be killed in one sitting. A hardcore fan should definitely own this. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good book, so I got that going for me... By Sanderson Tattersall Great filmography of Murray, some good quotes, but most are already well-known. Still worth the buy for a Murray fan like me. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Snippets from his life, quotes galore, facts from ... By Courtney Snippets from his life, quotes galore, facts from his various projects, pictures, and other celebrities' opinions and recollections of Bill through the years. If you're a Bill Murray fan, you'll adore it. If you're not, what the heck is wrong with you???

The New York Times Best Seller. The man. The movies. The life. The legend. He's played a deranged groundskeeper, a bellowing lounge singer, a paranormal exterminator, and a grouchy weatherman. He is William James Bill Murray, America's greatest national treasure. From his childhood lugging golf bags at a country club to his first taste of success on Saturday Night Live, from his starring roles in Hollywood blockbusters to his reinvention as a hipster icon for the twenty-first century, *The Big Bad Book of Bill Murray* chronicles every aspect of his extraordinary life and career. He's the sort of actor who can do Hamlet and *Charlie's Angels* in the same year. He shuns managers and agents, and he once agreed to voice the lead in *Garfield* because he mistakenly believed it was a Coen Brothers film. He's famous for crashing house parties all over New York City and if he keeps photobombing random strangers, he might just break the Internet. Part biography, part critical appreciation, part love letter, and all fun, this enormous full-color volume, packed with color film stills and behind-the-scenes photography, chronicles every Murray performance in loving detail, recounting all the milestones, legendary Murray stories, and controversies in the life of this enigmatic performer.

The 271-page tome is an alphabetical guide to everything you ever wanted to know about the eccentric actor, and it's a pretty absorbing read even if you are ambivalent about Murray and his quirks. Washington Post Schnakenberg, a huge fan, does a great job of collecting some great snarky quotes and wacky trivia facts about one of America's most beloved comedic actors. The New York Post Bill Murray is a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma but the key is [The Big Bad Book of Bill Murray] Flavorwire The Big Bad Book of Bill Murray: A Critical Appreciation of The World's Finest Actor promises to be so enthralling, so rich with anecdotes and life-changing koans of wisdom, that literature as we know it may be separated into two distinct segments in the future: Before BBBoBM and After BBBoBM. Thrillist For the guy who likes to think he's the president of the Bill Murray fan club, this will be his most prized possession. Real Simple This resoundingly successful work offers a unique approach to an unapproachable figure. Library Journal, starred review ...glorious...mental_floss Its perfect for the Murrayphile on your list and, let's be honest, you have at least one of those. YAHOO! Movies Of all the coffee table books in all the world, this will be read the most. Brit + Co ...sprawling, unconventional, hilarious, and wonderful. Geeks of Doom The Big Bad Book of Bill Murray is unquestionably as definitive as it gets. Read it to your friends at a party or read it by yourself in the bathroom. No matter how you approach Schnakenberg's work, you will be both edified and regaled. Pop Matters ...as multi-faceted as Bill Murray. The Freelance Star Bill Murray is an American Treasure. With The Big Bad Book Of Bill Murray fans of all ages are treated to an encyclopedic examination of the actor, his roles, his co-stars and his odd antics. Alive If you're a fan of the man you've got to grab yourself a copy of The Big Bad Book of Billy Murray. Now. GeekDad "For Murray fans, this appears to be the ultimate resource on the eccentric comic/actor. Bucks County Courier Times A comprehensive compendium on the life and career of the enigmatic and contradictory Bill Murray. Shelf Awareness The perfect gift for the Murray-phile... Monsters and Critics Fans of actor and comedian Bill Murray can revel in The Big Bad Book of Bill Murray by Robert Schnakenberg. Erie Times-News About the

Author Robert Schnakenberg has written more than a dozen books about American history and pop culture. His three favorite Bill Murray movies are Rushmore, Lost in Translation, and Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties, but his favorite Bill Murray character is the host of Saturday Night Live's Quin Es Ms Macho? For the record, he believes Ricardo Montalbn es ms macho. He lives in New York City.