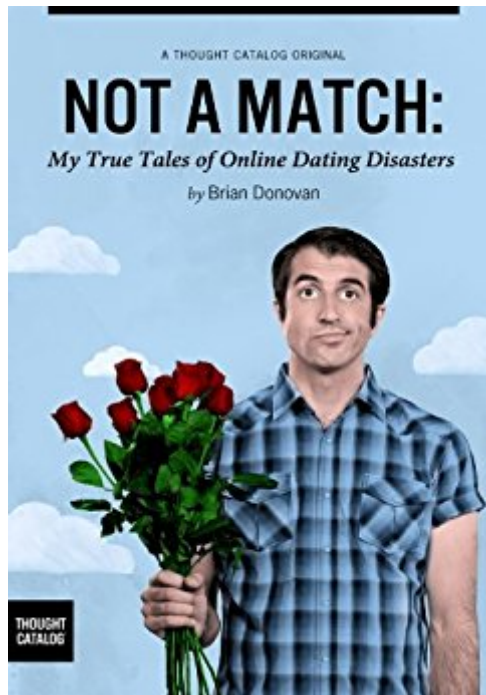




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40 million people in the US have tried Internet dating, which means 40 million people have probably gone on some pretty crappy dates. *Not a Match: My True Tales of Online Dating Disasters* is about one guy who experienced more than his fair share. Brian Donovan, a writer and comedian whose work has appeared on *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon*, *NPR*, and *Chappelle's Show*, has been on over 100 Internet dates in a genuine search for love and happiness.

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Customer Reviews

I picked this book up because I always thought I should have written one of my own based on my own 100+ Internet dates. I think we all believe we're the only ones who can see the madness. While I may have a few stories that top, or certainly fit right in, with these, I probably couldn't have told them as well as this author. A quick, entertaining read for anyone that doesn't take the single life too personally, or seriously.

I decided to read this because I met my current girlfriend on a dating site and had my own "internet dating" adventures and mostly thought this book would be really funny. I was definitely not disappointed in the funny department. The first chapter or two were not really funny and I almost put down the book when I read the first few questions from OKCupid (chapter 2 I believe). Seriously there were 2-3 question and responses I didn't finish reading. I am very glad I kept reading however as the book turns into a very funny telling of some horrible dates and some not so funny truths about women and online dating (ie. I am not 6.2' like the author but rather 5.6'). So if you are looking for Shakespeare here don't bother as this was written by a very funny man as his first book. He delivered on laughs for sure. So why a three star rating and not more? I will admit this author doesn't take himself too seriously and isn't trying to sell himself as a dating guru with all the answers. As he points out, if he was so "good" at dating he 1) wouldn't bring a bookbag to dates and 2) wouldn't still be dating. That being said I give only 3 stars so as not to endorse some of his worse ideas and advice. For instance he says that a bar is a great place for a first date, especially for internet daters, because dinner is too serious and you could be stuck in a bad date for way longer than you wanted. Well I can agree as, especially women, people may feel the need to more properly vet a date in neutral territory. A better idea would be a Starbucks however, not a bar. Seriously, if you're not going to take the first date, and your date, seriously why should they? A bar? Really? Oh well, to each their own I guess. It's a few good reads if you can get past the very beginning and by the end of it you will be dying of laughter.

The main idea of the book is great: failures with dating websites. The narration is also great and I enjoy every pause and joke made. Yet, it is not as entertaining as watching stand-up comedians narrating their adventures with dating websites. I guess the reason is that the narrator and the writer of this book tried not to cross the line by using offensive language. Though I have had a lovely experience with this product and I have listened to it three times so far.

As a previous baffled customer of OKCupid (and other dating sites mentioned in the book) - and someone who occasionally blogs about my own dating exploits and reads a lot of other people's writing on the subject, I was curious to see whether Brian has a fresh new take on these online dating disasters. The book is mainly about Brian's exploits from one crazy to the next. (And some of the women he encounters are Krazy with a capital "K".) I finished the book quickly, it was a good read. But forgot about its content just as quickly. While the writing's good and observations witty, there wasn't anything particularly outstanding or anything that stayed with me. A fun read,

nevertheless.

Some of the stories made me laugh and others made me groan. All of them were a sincere picture of how complicated dating can be. A quick and interesting read.

The book was enjoyable to read and also a very quick read. The dating stories are disastrous indeed and they make the book worth reading despite the authors insistence on putting himself down. In no way is this a self esteem read. Every other page is...I'm a lunatic or a buffoon or I am the worst at this and at that. The attempt at self degradation is to build empathy. No one is as bad as this guy claims and if the author wanted to; he could have avoided the attempt to cripple his voice. The humor is good and there is a lot of Really? I MEAN REALLY? He obviously watches snl news and takes that Really? (Seth Meyers) and makes it his own. Really? He comes off needy and nice and would make a good friend which is not the stuff of romance novels. Whether online or in person- drop the friend line first and go from there. Be willing to walk away as well because of all the other people you got on your list.

What he rights about doesn't necessarily apply in other areas of the country. Here in the middle of the USA, we tend to be more respectful when we date a person we are not very acquainted with. This doesn't mean we don't have sex, but that we move more slowly.

This man is really, truly funny. His writing style is fabulous. Unfortunately, he (partially) ruined all that by peppering his book with many F-bombs and much sex talk. You might be saying, "Duh--it's a book about dating." But I expected a book about *dating*, not a sex expose. In addition, some of the material is about deviant sex, which I *really* wasn't expecting. I bought this book for a laugh, not to feel defiled and grossed-out by things even the author admits are disgusting (making fun of rape, discussions about having sex with dead people, etc.). If you are at all sensitive to such topics, save your money. And Brian Donovan--you have incredible talent and can do so much better by leaving out all the trash! Write another book, edit out all the F-bombs and other unnecessary words, and you've got my wholehearted endorsement.

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