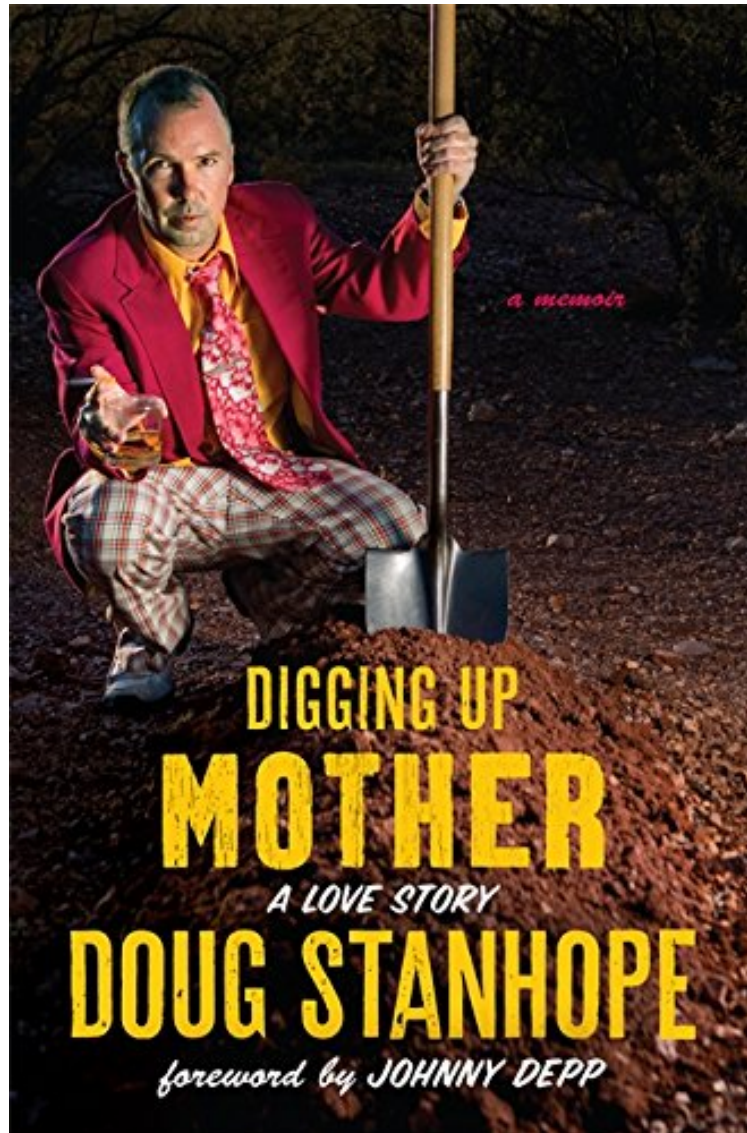


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Doug Stanhope : Digging Up Mother: A Love Story before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Digging Up Mother: A Love Story:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The Cover Reminds me of that Scene in "Goodfellas" where they bury Billy BattsBy ReviewerI've seen Doug live a number of times and have also read his earlier book ("Fun with Pedophiles"). I came to this one expecting it to be (like most comedians' autobiographies) done with a "heavy edit" by a professional writer (maybe Anthony Bozza), but this work has Doug's fingerprints (and bodily fluids) all over it, and is all the better for it. The book deals mainly with Doug's relationship with his mother, a deeply-flawed but sweet

woman who always encouraged her son to follow his dreams in comedy, while pursuing her own dreams of being a professional massage therapist, actress, dominatrix, and leader of an army of constantly-shedding house cats. The relationship between Doug and "Mother" (as he insists on calling her, like a comedic Norman Bates) is sweet without being saccharine, and when it comes to his mother's assisted suicide, the comic is both brutally honest and frank. The book is many things, including a meditation on mortality, ageing, and the right-to-die; Doug is a libertarian, but doesn't browbeat you with it like Penn Jillette. The parts I enjoyed most were the passages detailing Doug's long tenure at cold-calling centers/boiler rooms, where he met a host of crazy and desperate characters that helped shape his view of life and his stand-up routine. The hazards of the road and his developing comedy act are dealt with, as are Doug's own brushes with fame and the famous (like the late, great Mitch Hedberg). It should be emphasized that the book is not the traditional Hollywood "fish-out-of-water" tale you sometimes get from people who work in the entertainment industry while hating it (like Tom Green's "Hollywood Causes Cancer"). This is not a book mainly about the evolution of a comedian's career, but is rather a sometimes funny, many times sad portrait of the woman who formed Doug and never ceased to support him in his goals, even after she lost her mind. Recommended. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. I came for the laughs and I left with my head riddled with self-reflection. By Anthony L. Simply put, fans of Doug are going to love it. Readers who have lived safer and more responsible lives will enjoy vicariously debauching throughout Doug's journey. Killer Termites, give this book to someone clueless once you're done reading it. I'm giving mine to my mother. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. "I'm sorry if this gets too depressing but it gets worse." By Greg Dahlmann "I have the kind of show that reminds you of your problems and then I talk about other problems you didn't even know you had until tonight. Then, I dump all my problems on top of that and you walk outta here ten times more depressed than when you even walked in." - Doug Stanhope Doug Stanhope proves yet again he is a master at what he does. If ever there was an inkling that the man was just some stupid drunk he washes that away in his writing with suiting analogies that would require a well-versed traveler to keep up and know he was using well-timed examples that dig into past decades' ghost. Like in his stand up act and podcast hosting we the reader (and listener!) are treated to an elaborate array of vernacular that would give even your English teacher goosebumps. Stanhope takes you on a journey to get some insight on how his life evolved into what it is today, transgressing through being a poor road comic barely making ends meet with all the hustle bustle of big city life, to eventually living the modest means of semi-retirement and enjoying it in his share of dead wasteland - the desert. Despite his love-hate relationship for the Killer Termites and fans in general Stanhope does a phenomenal job in letting you into his head, which admittedly he says memories are foggy based upon the lifestyle he lives. The readers will see a bit of a side that only imaginatively closer friends of his only get to see; a man that is compassionate, really emotional, and truly loved his mom. He expresses his love through a dark morbid sense of humor that leaves you writhing with the ups and downs, twists and turns, and can only leave yourself wondering about your own damn life in the end. Doug Stanhope's sense of humor may not be for the mainstream taste; he may be in the eyes of the coats be a novelty. To us though, we admire a genius of humorous wit; to a young fan he's the imaginative drunk uncle you wish you had over to annoy the rest of the family during the Holidays. Fan or not, just buy the book and reflect upon how you turned out different...or similar. Or don't. You can always get the audiobook and enjoy the bonus commentary while singing praise to Chad Shank's booming voice and noting that the man can read effortlessly. Get them both now!

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and funny."? Jason Zinoman, New York Times 12/29/16 From the Inside Flap Doug Stanhope is one of the most critically acclaimed and stridently unrepentant comedians of his generation. What will surprise some is that he owes so much of his dark and sometimes uncomfortably honest sense of humor to his mother, Bonnie. It was the cartoons in HER Hustler magazine issues that molded the beginnings of his comedic journey, long before he was old enough to know what to do with the actual pornography. It was Bonnie who recited Monty Python sketches with him, who introduced him to Richard Pryor at nine years old, and who rescued him from a psychologist when he brought that brand of humor to school. And it was Bonnie who took him along to all of her AA meetings where Doug undoubtedly found inspiration for his own story-telling. Bonnie's own journey from bar-tending to truck driving, massage therapy, elder abuse, and stand-up comedy and acting never stopped her from being Doug's genuine number one fan. So when Bonnie's alcoholic, hoarding life finally came to an end, so many weird adventures later in rural Arizona, it was inevitable that Doug and Bonnie would be together for one last journey. Digging Up Mother follows Doug's absurd, chaotic, and often obscene life as it intersects with that of his best friend, biggest fan, and love of his life his mother Bonnie. And it all starts with her death one of the most memorable and amazing farewells you will ever read. About the Author Doug Stanhope is a veteran of over twenty-five years of stand-up comedy, a stalwart of the hard-drinking, chain-smoking, literally dying breed. With a litany of dubious television credits, he has successfully dodged mainstream fame using his uncompromising brand of stand-up to build a cult-like following around the world. He's won numerous accolades, including being voted the best show of the entire Edinburgh Festival by the British press on his 2002 UK debut, and has recorded over a dozen comedy specials. Stanhope tours extensively in North America and overseas, described by the New York Times as "an acidic blend of prickly hostility, elaborately articulated self-loathing, and righteous anger" and who Ricky Gervais says "might be the most important stand-up working today." A regular guest on the Howard Stern Show and appointed the Voice of America for Charlie Brooker's BBC TV Wipe shows, Stanhope continues to be an armchair revolutionary for the excluded, ignored, forgotten, and wasted of society, rallying them with what The Guardian calls "comedy with brains and guts and a heart." Stanhope resides in the US border town of Bisbee, Arizona, with pets who have people names, in an absurd relationship with his galpal Bingo.