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**Augusten Burroughs : Possible Side Effects** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Possible Side Effects:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Mostly Harmless Fun with some Heartbreaking MomentsBy Donna HillI'll probably hold onto this book for a while just because it has a few of those precious, shocking, funny, and disturbing moments which I learned to love in Running with Scissors. For me, it wasn't a "can't put it down" book but it wasn't "a lingering bad taste" book which I found Magical Thinking to be. No strictly gratuitous profanity that I can

remember--just an excellent story about the tooth fairy and Jesus which made me empathize with the boy who learned his vocabulary from his parents. Absolutely loved Wonder Boy--more and more I'm seeing his mom in both a sympathetic light and a humorous light. Her belief in his psychic powers--very funny--and then so poignant when he attempts to get her out of a depressed mood with one of his tricks. I loved Peep and even in this chapter where he admits to spying on people he reveals his tender side--he wanted better for the woman victimized by the king of the quickies. I adored the chapter about broken escalators. I wondered if it were just I who, at 64, trudges up broken escalators as though I were climbing mountains. So often young people fly by me. So Burroughs too finds them nearly impossible to scale. How comforting! I absolutely loved Little Crucifixions and this tale of a visit to an unusual dermatologist made me sob. Burroughs has the talent of making you laugh uproariously one moment and in the next minute you're sobbing uncontrollably. He can cut you to the quick. Fetch was an interesting, cute, and shocking chapter. I'm so glad he got his puppy, but his way of manipulating his mom was beyond belief. I'm about to finish Burroughs' brother's book Look me in the Eye. I was halfway through it when Running with Scissors arrived and so was waylaid. I will say that between the two of them they gave their parents some horribly distressing times, but I will say that they had a pair of wild and crazy parents. Quite a family! Every parent should be aware that some talented children possess the best weapon of all--the pen. The pen is mightier than the sword! Keep writing Burroughs! You're great. Originally I gave this book three stars and then just had to change to four. It had its flat and boring moments, but the great moments were superb. Burroughs is like a husband you've grown to love. Sometimes he bores you, sometimes he exasperates you, and sometimes he shocks you beyond belief, but some of the time he's endearing, amusing, and loveable, and you know that you don't want to give him up. I'm already thinking about ordering my next book by Burroughs--maybe I'll give myself a Christmas present and get his Christmas stories. Thank you, Burroughs, for moving me to both laughter and tears once again. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Another Wonderful Memoir By Stacey L. As a fanatic of David Sedaris and all of his memoirs, I was looking for an alternative, after reading all of his novels...twice. Augusten Burroughs delivered. And then some! I've since moved on to his latest, "Lust and Wonder" and as with all of his novels, I'm going to be sad when I finish it. He's lived a life that seems unbelievable, which is what makes it all the better. And whether you believe it's genetic and he inherited his phenomenal writing abilities from her, or he worked for it. Either way he's got it! 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Possible Side Effects by Augusten Burroughs By Mary-Lynn from Boston Another witty, laugh-out-loud, cringe-worthy work by Augusten Burroughs. I read "Running With Scissors" and "Dry: A Memoir" by this author before I read this book, but it is not necessary in order to appreciate this work of vignettes about the author's life. Having lived a bizarre childhood and a more than difficult transition into adulthood, he tells his stories with such wit and humor that bad situations make you cringe and smile at the same time. His style is endearing and contagious, as is witnessed by the fact that I was compelled to read 3 of his books...so far!

National Bestseller From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Running with Scissors comes Augusten Burroughs's most provocative collection of true stories yet. From nicotine gum addiction to lesbian personal ads to incontinent dogs, Possible Side Effects mines Burroughs's life in a series of uproariously funny essays. These are stories that are uniquely Augusten, with all the over-the-top hilarity of Running with Scissors, the erudition of Dry, and the breadth of Magical Thinking. A collection that is universal in its appeal and unabashedly intimate, Possible Side Effects continues to explore that which is most personal, mirthful, disturbing, and cherished, with unmatched audacity. A cautionary tale in essay form. Be forewarned--hilarious, troubling, and shocking results might occur.