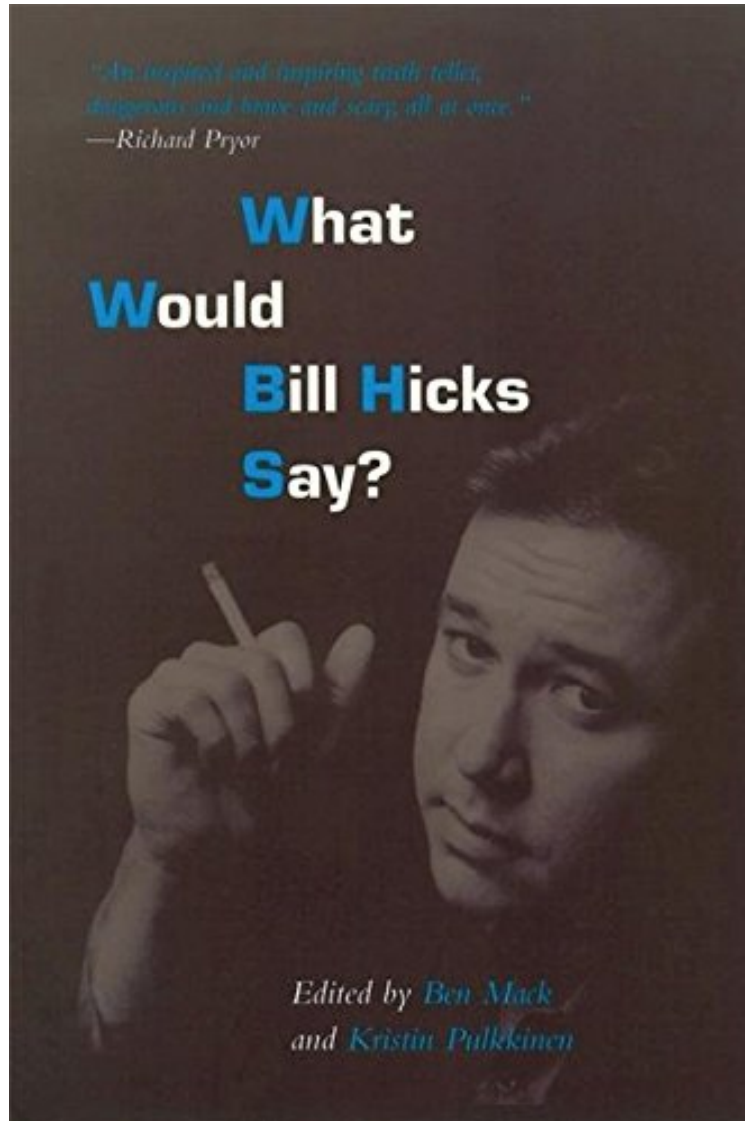


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never have said 99% of the stupid stuff in this book. "The 9/11 crashes are the ONLY ones never investigated by the FCC!" Really? The Federal Communications Commission, which regulates TV and radio stations, investigates air crashes? Okay, let's assume you meant the FAA; the FAA doesn't investigate crashes either. The NTSB does that, and they investigated the 9/11 crashes with unprecedented thoroughness. A minimum of research would have told you that, and saved you a lot of embarrassment. And that's only ONE of the really stupid, embarrassing diatribes in this book, which nobody would even look at except that Bill Hicks's name is on it. Which brings me back to the fact that Bill would be outraged -- because it's precisely this sort of exploitative nonsense -- written by an ad exec, no less -- that enraged Bill. Remember what he said to ad execs in his audiences? "Kill yourself, right now. No joke. There is no justification for your existence." This book proves he was right.

What would Bill Hicks say about the second George Bush, the second war in Iraq, American Idol, or erectile dysfunction? In 250 words (or one picture) or less, writers, comedians, musicians, cartoonists, and entrants from Austin's annual Bill Hicks Tribute Rant-Off fulminate about the current political and cultural scene in Hicksian rants. Contributors include cartoonists Jeff Danziger and Martyn Turner; writers Neal Pollack, Robert Newman, and A.L. Kennedy; and Thom Yorke of Radiohead. Just emerging from underground cult status when he died in 1994, Hicks redefined the boundaries of comedy in the 1980s. His biting social satire about everything from the first President Bush to rock stars who shill for diet Coke made audiences roar and censors cringe. Hicks believed that while ideas evolve, principles remain constant, and that the venues for expressing them change over time. Hicks said he was planting seeds. By providing a forum for those touched by Hicks's ideas to speak out on his behalf, this book waters those seeds. More than just a tribute to Hicks's legend, *What Would Bill Hicks Say?* is a thought-provoking reflection of the present moment.