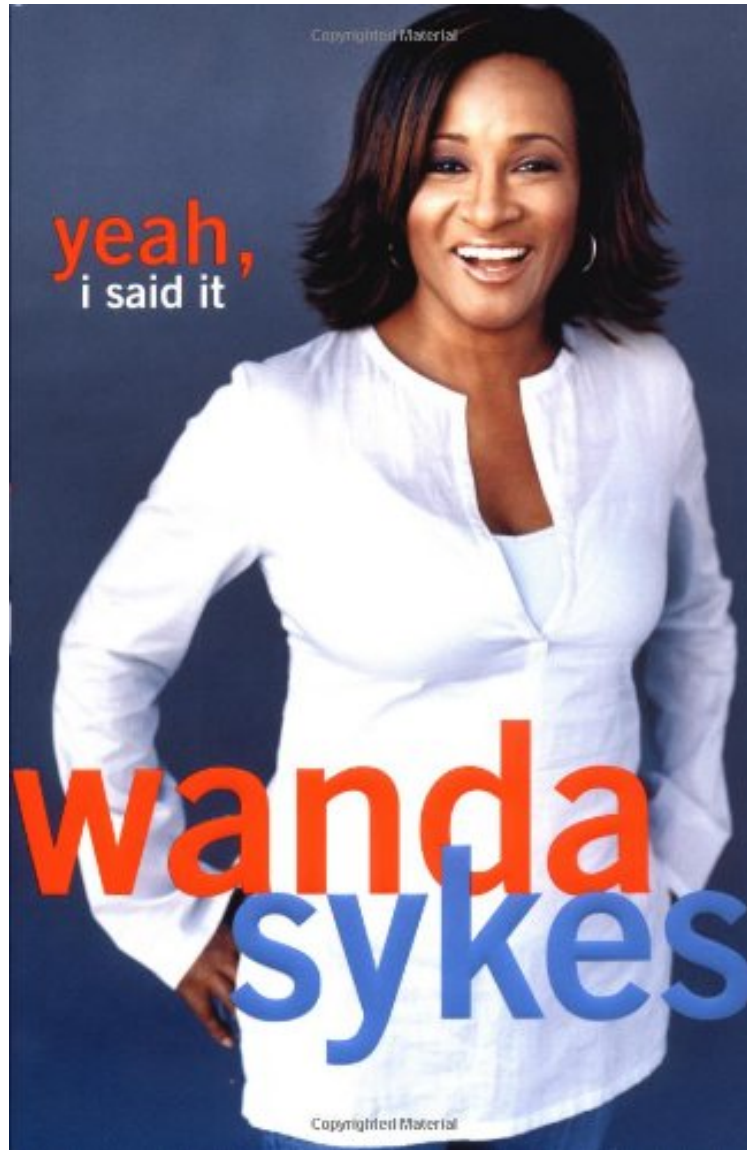


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**Wanda Sykes : Yeah, I Said It** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Yeah, I Said It:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. ZOMG! Wanda Sykes is MY GIRL!By BaboomaroonieFABULOUS humor from one of my new heroes, now that she SLAYED at that Washington reporter's dinner.And here's a post-script from the TV entertainment magazine Extra, explaining how she was asked to keep her routine clean ... "They told me not so say the F word or the N word... I'm offended they even told me that," Sykes told

"Extra" moments before taking the stage. "What do they think? I'm some ignorant a\*\*. Like I'm going to go in there, 'What's up n\*\*\*\*. Like what the f\*\*\* they think I'm going to do?" 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Laugh at loud funny By abiddings I don't know how I missed this book previously. It confirms to me that Wanda Sykes is one of the funniest people alive. Some of the jokes about Bush were a bit dated but the book was written awhile back and probably would have felt more timely if I had read it when it was first released. However many of the other topics still felt fresh and I will listen/read whatever Wanda has to say. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. funny By Darlene Harris Enjoyable read

Wanda Sykes reduces people to tears -- tears of laughter. She's done so as a stand-up comic, a sitcom star, and a sports commentator for years now, and in the process she's gained a huge fan base nationwide. Now that she's conquered television, she's applying her genius to her first book, *Yeah, I Said It*. Here, Wanda presents hilarious and uncensored commentary on sex, family, politics, celebrities, and much more than she could ever say in a sound bite. But then again, she's a genius with a sound bite too. Here's what she says about men and football. "I used to think that football took place in this overbearing male-only environment that bled masculine domination. But the more I attend, the more I realize these football fans could actually be experiencing the straight man's gay pride parade. You see men painting each other's faces in bright colors. You see men proud to wear another man's last name on their shirt. You see some men wear no shirt at all.... Hot wieners on every corner as you walk up to the main competition. Men open the back of their trunks for a little tailgating." Here's what she says about women: "Women are taking stripper classes in hopes their men will stop going to strip clubs.... You can't compete with those strippers.... You gotta have... the stripper mentality. In other words, the ability to lie like a dog for a measly buck. A stripper will tell your man anything for a dollar. 'Oow, I thought you were Brad Pitt.'" An uproarious and irreverent collection from one of today's foremost comedic talents, *Yeah, I Said It* is Wanda Sykes at her uncensored best. Here, she channels her sharp wit into funny bits on the truth as she sees it from the halls of government in Washington, D.C., to the red carpets and boardrooms of Hollywood. Imbued with her razor-sharp voice, these essays showcase Sykes's sidesplitting candor and her trademark brand of comedy.

From Publishers Weekly Humor books by popular comedians are a tricky proposition reading the routines can rarely compete with watching the performance and Sykes's gathering of jokes and rants suffers from its medium. Her introduction, in which she claims that she's only writing the book for the money, could be either clever sarcasm or amusing defiance ("let's face it, right now, I'm on fire; did you see Pooty Tang?"), for example but it's funnier as the former. The rest of the material short takes on Clinton's affair, vanity license plates, Martha Stewart, love, and professional sports is mixed. Good lines can get lost on stale topics: there are jokes about last year's California recall election and complaints (recently rendered moot) that no one had seen the 9/11 Commission's findings. Time-tested race relations jokes include suggestions that a black man could never steal as much money as a white executive, because "[t]here are just not that many liquor stores in the country," while observational humor includes the likes of "[a]n ugly man with a six-figure salary becomes 'kinda cute' to most women," and "[t]o some women, marriage is really the wedding." Sykes's irreverence can be refreshing, but some of her jokes need that same energy. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Sykes, Emmy Award-winning standup comic, brings her irreverent humor to a variety of issues and topics, including sex, politics, war, homeland security, the death penalty, and family. She begins by poking fun at celebrities' writing books and having little of substance to say, parodying her own creative process in producing this book. She goes on to take jabs at celebrities from Michael Jackson to Kobe Bryant to Tiger Woods. Like her stand-up routine, much of her material centers on sexual politics: women being judged primarily on their looks, attractive actresses even getting the roles to play unattractive women, cheap dates being good for a few laughs. Crime, guns, and race are also among the topics she considers in these brief essays. Fans will find the book amusing, but the occasional profanity will limit its appeal. Vanessa Bush Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved "And I'm glad you said it, Wanda! Keep on entertaining and empowering us."-- Tavis Smiley "Throughout my career I've heard comedians say...that 'chicks ain't funny.' But then there's Wanda...one of my favorite practitioners of stand-up comedy from any gender."-- The Artist Formerly Known as Dave Chappelle "Considering all the endless nights Wanda and I have spent clubbing 'til dawn, I have no earthly idea how she had time to complete this book, but all fans of great literature are thankful she did."-- Bob Costas "I laughed out loud all the way through."-- Jane Fonda