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Comedian, blogger and essayist Samantha Irby is *not* going to be a better person this year than she was last. Nope. With a small group of woo-woo others, Irby sets seventy micro-resolutions, and then—with the rest of us—she fails at almost every single one of them.

Thoughtful, witty, poignant—the failed intentions in *New Year Same Trash* will make you laugh and cry. Because you know you’ve been there. You can’t wake up in time to go to brunch. Swimming three times a week? Who are you kidding. You’re not going to shower every day or pack your lunch every day. You’re definitely not going to choose a *smart* movie over mindless entertainment, because you’re tired. You’re lazy. And, no, you’re never going to be a positive thinker. “I didn’t do this. I’m gonna. Maybe.” Don’t worry. It’s okay. There’s always next year. Instantly recognizable to anyone who’s ever failed to make goals and stick with them, *New Year Same Trash* will bring hilarious relief.

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Sarah Obsesses over Books & Cookies says

omg i love this woman

Bryony Nelson says

So brilliant and so funny! I need more Samantha Irby in my life.

Esil says

This year, I made no resolutions -- especially no reading resolutions. Other years, I've always planned to be disciplined about reading what's on my shelves, what's in my kindle, what's on my tbr and books friends have lent me or recommended. And I always break those resolutions. Reading is supposed to be fun or at least not to feel like a job or a chore, so I decided to give myself the freedom to wander from one book to another footloose and fancy free.

And then I read GR friend Andrew's post about planning to read more humour in 2017. And I decided that that was one resolution I would latch on to. Because 2017 is definitely a year in which humour -- including lots of acerbic political satire -- will be much needed.

All that to say that I was delighted to get an ARC of Samantha Irby's Same Trash, New Year today. I know nothing about Irby, but looking her up I saw that she's smart and funny. And how fitting that this very short piece is about her 70 mini resolutions -- all pretty much broken and with rationalizations provided. Funny and recognizable -- good fun for 30 minutes of entertainment.

Thank you to Netgalley and the publisher for an opportunity to read an advance copy.

By the way, I am open to suggestions for other funny reads this year. I just can't promise I'll read all or even any of them...

Jessica says

Are we the same person???

After having finished "We Are Never Meeting in Real Life" earlier this week, I knew I wanted to read more of Samantha Irby's work. This one solidified my initial takeaway: she and I are either the same person or very closely related. Like separated at birth related. Henceforth and forevermore I self-identify as a Samantha Irby. And y'all will deal!

Selwa says

I recently read a short story by Samantha Irby (contained in her book *We Are Never Meeting in Real Life.: Essays*) and it was so funny I recommended it to 2 people and made my husband sit through my reading of it to him haha! Anyway, I thought this short would be a good introduction, and also a good way to see if she's funny beyond one short story. This was hilarious and I'm looking forward to reading more by this author :)

Wayne McCoy says

'New Year, Same Trash: Resolutions I Absolutely Did Not Keep' by comedian and blogger Samantha Irby is a short essay about how most of us actually deal with resolutions. It's pretty funny.

Samantha Irby for 2016 wrote down 70 short resolutions. The idea was simple goals that could be met. In this essay, she lists them, and how she fared. As the subtitle might suggest, she didn't do all that well with most of them.

The resolutions are grouped into categories like writing, or eating well. They include entries like: 21. Wear clean socks every day, and are followed by the results: "Nooooooooope. Nope, nope, nopety nope. I did not manage to do this."

It's pretty funny, albeit a bit crude at times. It feels a bit like an extended blog post, but it is less than a dollar for the Kindle edition. I think it's worth at least a buck.

I received a review copy of this ebook from Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group, Vintage, and NetGalley in exchange for an honest review. Thank you for allowing me to review this ebook.

Alexis says

This is a tiny little book of Samantha Irby's micro-resolutions for the year 2017. She emphatically states that never makes resolutions because she knows there's no way she'll keep them, so why would she want to set herself up to fail? But she was tricked into doing this anyway. She lists 70 (it was supposed to be 100 but she couldn't come up with the full set) things she seemingly sincerely thought she would be able to accomplish in a year. The list is divided into categories: Writing, Events and Happenings, I Am Just an Old Garbage Bag Full of Blood, Cultural Kinds of Things, Glamour, That Stupid Place I Live, Possibly Going Outside, Emotional Well Being, Responsible Adult Activities, and General Life Horseshit.

Not to give too much away, but Irby doesn't keep all 70! The ones that would have required her to leave the house and do things fared the worst. She also had a hard time keeping some that were a little too ambitious, like taking 4 vacations in one year, and learning to like chia seeds.

If you've read anything else by Samantha Irby, this little nugget of a book will tide you over until you can get your hands on a larger book of her hilarious foul mouthed musings.

Fern F says

Samantha Irby has this ability to pinpoint a specific moment of life that you thought no one ever noticed and make it you go "omg, I do/think/feel that too!" And no where is this more apparent than in this slim but delightful book about all the resolutions we make and abandon. For instance, one of Irby's resolutions is "Drink tons more water," a goal most if not all of us have once made. But, as we quickly find out and Irby perfectly writes, we abandon it because "I don't have time to pee this much."

This book has 70 resolutions, ranging from "learn to love chia seeds" to "find an eyebrow person." I personally dislike hearing about other people's resolutions (though, hypocritically, I love talking about my own), but if my friends/family could talk about abandoning their resolutions like Irby does, I'd happily listen.

Wendy Ortiz says

LAUGH OUT LOUD FUNNY. Not this lol shit but LAUGH. OUT. LOUD.

Kirsti says

In a preview for her next book of essays, Samantha Irby lists dozens of "micro-resolutions" she made and explains which ones she kept. (Spoiler: Not many.) It's only 30 pages long, but it's well worth 99 cents and half an hour of your time.

Cristina says

I was ready to give this another 5 star rating thanks to that sweet Jibri call-out again, but it loses a star for terrible pizza opinions. I read 2 pages dedicated to cat anuses in the last book, but the anti-NY pizza line was the most offended I've ever been.

Katie says

If you haven't read her blog, bitches gotta eat, go read it. Don't even come back because she is FAR funnier than me, and I know you'll be there a while.

I snort laughed so many times reading this I lost count. Not that I was counting. It was just that...well, this is some funny shit and you should read it.

Mic drop.

Corrin Foster says

God damn Samantha is funny.

Meghan says

I can't wait for her next full-length book to come out! Samantha Irby is so funny.

karenbee says

I think I like Irby, but *New Year, Same Trash* underwhelmed me. It was entertaining enough -- I didn't literally lol but it was amusing (that word sounds snobby, hopefully YKWIM) -- but it was more a listicle than an essay. Irby wrote down a bunch of small resolutions one year and after the year was up, went through the list noting successes and failures. I mean, that's basically what the summary says, so I'm not sure why I expected something more.

Not my wisest impulse purchase but not my most expensive, either, so we'll chalk it up to supporting the arts and move on.

(two-and-a-half stars)
