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An affectionate and humorous celebration of every aspect of the craft of knitting, from buying—and hiding—massive quantities of yarn to wrestling with projects that go seriously awry to prescriptions for alleviating the stress brought on by holiday knitting. This witty collection represents a pitch-perfect send up of one of the most rapidly growing hobbies today. Including 75 cartoons, deftly rendered in pen and ink with watercolor wash, and several humorous short essays, every knitter is sure to find elements of themselves in this collection.

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### Natalia says

This is a very short book, containing 10 little essays and 75 cartoons. The essays are funny and personal, but considerably more satirical than, for example, the writings of Stephanie Pearl-McPhee. (I love Stephanie's books too, but I wanted to make clear that Franklin's stories are very much his own style)

He is a blogger, and his essays and cartoons touch quite heavily on the in-jokes and common discussions in the online knitting community. I think it will still be funny to knitters who don't participate much in the online knitting world, since most of the subjects are well known to all knitters. But I think some of the cartoons holds a little extra resonance for people who have watched a wool vs acrylic argument get deeply and disturbingly out of hand on a knitting forum.

The single funniest of the essays was, in my opinion, the collection of variations on the classic learn-to-knit rhyme: "In through the front door/Run around the back/Peek through the window/And off jumps Jack", including variants for Eco-tourists and Mobsters. I like that kind of strange and clever humor.

Since it is not a technique book, pattern book, or stitch dictionary, I really would not be able to classify this as a "must have", but it's cute and funny. It's an excellent small gift for a secret santa exchange in a knitting group, or other small-gift kind of occasion.

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### Janelle says

I got this book for Christmas and sped through it then. I couldn't remember if I had read all the essays, though, so I picked it up again - and ended up reading the whole thing all over again. This is a giggly book! My 6-year-old son also enjoyed reading the cartoons, and I am a proud, proud mama that he got a lot of the knitting and fiber-related jokes. Great little book - get it!

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### Kate Stericker says

An amusing and relatable collection of comics and humorous essays. I particularly appreciated the essays with a more personal slant and the author's efforts to subvert the gender stereotypes surrounding knitting.

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### Dale Meyer-curley says

I got this just to get some knitting-related giggles. I got that in form of one-page cartoons that only a knitter, or a knitter-enabler would love.

There were also some essays that were cute. My favorite essay was from the viewpoint of a poncho knit by a grandmother. It reminded me of some of the handknit and crocheted items I have saved downstairs, including a bright orange-and-white afghan with my name on it. It's now upstairs in my daughter's play area.

I think this would be a great book for a gift for the knitter in your life.

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### **Silverluna says**

Franklin is an amazing writer & cartoonist... I practically rolled on the floor with laughter from his cartoons. At times, these were only funny to a knitter. Or a Knitter's Significant other. I honestly would recommend this book to anyone who wouldn't mind some dry humor! :)

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### **Denise says**

Second time, Oct 2016, at a leisurely pace this time; very leisurely, finished Feb 2017. I may even have enjoyed it more the second time. Didn't remember it much after eight years, so it was a real pleasure, again.

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### **Lara says**

Franklin Habit is one of my favorite knitting humorists. (Yes, there's more than one knitting humorist.) He's funny and clever and sweet and smart. The cartoons are amusing enough, but his short essays are where he shines. Particularly funny is "The Underpants Knitters of Great Fussing-on-the-Wold," while "Advice from a Poncho" is surprisingly poignant. Every obsessive knitter should make Habit a habit.

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### **Rachel says**

I like knitting humor. That's probably weird.

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### **Nicole says**

Very amusing! This would really only be something that a knitter (or someone who loves a knitter) would enjoy as much as I did, though. Yes, some of the cartoons appeal to non-knitters, and the essays can be fun for people who enjoy other past-times with the intensity that knitters have about their craft. However, to fully enjoy this book, one should understand the hobby behind it, know how easily it can turn into an addiction, and have a stash hidden somewhere in the house. (Mine's in the guest bedroom closet. And in boxes under the bed.)

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### **Tevilla says**

Being a knitter helps translates this to the fine art that it is. The cartoons made me laugh out loud and the essays made me grin.

It's like being on the inside of the joke, and that is a fun place to be.

Highly recommended to all knitters.

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### **Hannah says**

Definitely a Habit fan.

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### **Cindy says**

This is a very funny book but will most likely not be understood by non-knitters. Franklin has managed to capture his sense of humor in this little book. I was lucky enough to have met him and he autographed my copy. I still pull it out for giggles now and then.

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### **Jessica says**

This is a hilarious little book for knitters, featuring cartoons and humorous essays. Franklin's descriptions of his mother's macrame projects, his own weakness for insanely complex antique patterns, and the insanity of knitters in general are charming and extremely funny. The cartoons are great, too. I hope he does another one!

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### **svm says**

i've had this on my shelf for a year or longer thinking i had read it but it turns out i hadn't. i'm glad i did. the comics are charming but the essays are WONDERFUL, especially one about a bile green poncho. habit's musings rival pearl-mcphie's so i've placed them side by side on my shelf.

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### **Isabel says**

Cute little book with sometimes very funny knitting/yarn related cartoons and a handful short texts about knitting and being a knitter.

Quick read, finished it in under 45 minutes.

I should add that I don't usually buy these kinds of books and I only have it because someone gave it to me. So it's not 'only' three stars because I didn't particularly adore this book among its genre but because I liked it despite it not being my usual fare.

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