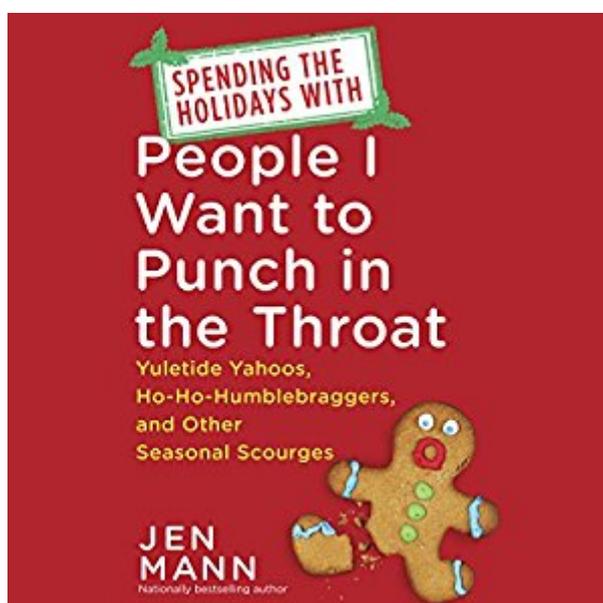


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# Spending The Holidays With People I Want To Punch In The Throat: Yuletide Yahoos, Ho-Ho-Humblebraggers, And Other Seasonal Scourges



## Synopsis

For fans of Laurie Notaro and Jenny Lawson comes an uproarious and oddly endearing essay collection for anyone trying to survive the holidays in one piece. When it comes to time-honored holiday traditions, Jen Mann pulls no punches. In this hilariously irreverent collection of essays, Jen Mann, nationally best-selling author of *People I Want to Punch in the Throat*, turns her mordant wit on the holidays. On Mann's naughty list: mothers who go way overboard with their Elf on the Shelf, overzealous carolers who can't take a hint, and people who write their Christmas cards in the third person ("Joyce is enjoying Bunko. Yeah, Joyce, we know you wrote this letter."). And on her nice list...well, she's working on that one. Here, no celebration is off-limits. The essays include: "You Can Keep Your Cookies, I'm Just Here for the Booze" "Nice Halloween Costume. Was Skank Sold Out?" "Why You Won't Be Invited to Our Chinese New Year Party" From hosting an ill-fated Chinese New Year party to receiving horrible gifts from her husband on Mother's Day to reluctantly telling her son the truth about the Easter Bunny, Mann knows the challenge of navigating the holidays while keeping her sanity intact. And even if she can't get out of attending another Christmas cookie exchange, at least she can try again next year.

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## Customer Reviews

This is one very funny book of essays, (mostly) about the Christmas holidays, written by Jen Mann. Stories like "The Elf on the Shelf" and "You Can Keep Your Cookies, I'm Just Here For The Booze" are hysterical, honest and rich essays of life as a mom, woman and human in this modern

Christmas Holiday World. Ms. Mann has a sharp wit, and writes with an ease and style that makes the stories of her experiences easy to relate to. With a heart, she brings out the character in her family for all of us to get to know. Ms. Mann crosses all boundaries in her witty writing, and no matter what you celebrate, you will feel like you have been through some of the exact situations she has. And maybe some of the same relatives! One of those 'pick up and open anywhere' book of essays that makes this a very enjoyable collection of works that can be read over and over again. Definitely a great gift for the Christmas holidays or anytime!

Oh My Gosh, this book is one that is going to stay in my little library collection of favorites. I haven't laughed so hard in such a long time and yes I can relate to almost everything the author is talking about here. This will be my beacon with a bright light when I'm feeling a little Ho Hum and need a great pick me up. This book has so much to offer in witty humor, sarcasm, whining why did I do that or why did I not see this coming. Am I really turning into my Mother? Hmm....is that such a bad thing.....ah yup if you like to be a member of the hoarder's club. I am just so surprised I didn't pee my pants here and believe me it came really close. I do have to say one shout out to the author, "Thanks Jen for the memories about the Merry Go Round and the Teeter Totter. I really thought I was going to die from a good dose of laughing so hard at remembering just what you described!" Oh my I still can't keep a straight face when thinking about that. Each chapter of this book you will find Jen remembering parts of her life and that of her family and the hilarious times when OCD really is a label written on your forehead. Some of the moments are moments one would sooner forget than rehash but those are memories made and you are stuck with them. This book is about as light hearted and full of surprises as you are going to find. If you don't have a sense of humor or have a dry sense of humor you might want to think twice about reading something that might just be over your head. If you are prim and proper and don't swear, have never had a bad thought in your life then keeping going buster and don't look back. This book is for real people who like to live, laugh and have a hoot of a good time. Now I have to go buy the other book by this author so I have a back up of humor in a different direction.

Loved Jen Mann's first book and pre-ordered this one, hoping for the same laugh-out-loud humor. It does have the occasional chuckle but is more of a re-telling of Christmases past than the true-to-life pain in the neck behavior exhibited by many at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Her family seems delightfully normal and her Christmas letter writing friends absolutely the same as hundreds of thousands of others who use that medium as a chance for the once a year brag fest. Read it, it's

cute and you'll no doubt see yourself or someone you know described in it.

Another great read from Jen Mann. I tore through it and laughed all the way. She captures life and the ( annoying) people in your life in a great collection of stories. If you are a mom, school volunteer etc, you will identify with the funny scenarios she assesses - nails it every time!! Hoity toits galore. You will "recognize" a lot of the people who have passed through your lives. I don't think she can write enough stories...I'll read anything she writes. Great follow up to "People I Want To Punch In The Throat"- buy that one too.

you are in for a treat jejejeje that's what you have with Jen... i have not read her blog but her books are really good... i feel part of her family and it is awesome to get a glimpse of this chaotic life with a nice punch and swearing

Laugh out loud funny because it's all so true!!! I love Jen's blog so I thought I'd like the book but I loved it, giggled at so many parts because they've happened in my house too. Now I need to order several copies to give as Christmas gifts so my family will get the hint and leave me alone so I don't have to punch them in the throat!

If you are a suburban mom, you can totally relate to Jen's essays compiled in this funny book. The cookie exchanges you really don't want to partake in, the unsaid neighborhood light competition, and of course that Elf on the Shelf! I love how easy it is to read her stories and how much I find myself laughing out loud. Provided you have a good sense of humor and can laugh at yourself, you will truly enjoy this book.

I am not a member of the Mommy Tribe and I don't care who or what these "Mommy Bloggers" are, but the title caught me because lets be honest...we ALL have people we want to stuff up the chimney at Christmas as we light the Yule Log. Jen Mann is snarky and funny. She says the things you know you want to say, but don't dare lest your Mother have an apoplectic fit and put actual coal in your stocking instead of a gift certificate to Nieman Marcus from now on. Some of the vignettes in this book are definitely funnier than others, and I could have done with a bit less of the overall childhood background. I found myself laughing out loud at two essays that struck particularly close to home - the one about the Elf on the Hated Shelf and Ho-No-Horrendous Lighting up the house hassle. I get roped into helping my neighbor shuffle that Elf around every year in ever increasingly

bizarre and psychotic scenarios. I live on a street known for its beautiful light displays and one sad underachieving house. Yes, I live in the one always described as "it would soooo pretty if they just tried harder!" So yes, Mrs. Mann, I too have flung a wad of lights on some bushes, shaken a fist at passing cars and stomped back inside. Bottom line ~ I can't wait to share this book with my neighbor before that stupid Elf comes out again. I'm considering Elf in a Fire 2015 actually.

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