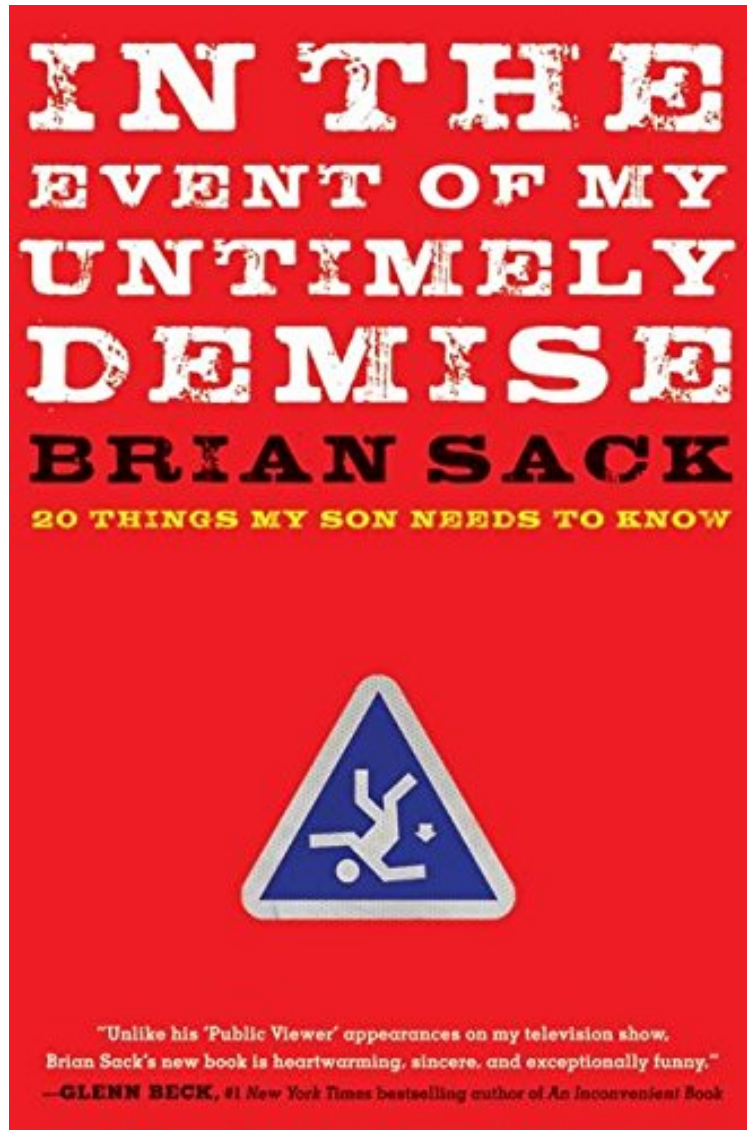


In the Event of My Untimely Demise: Twenty Things My Son Needs to Know

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Brian Sack : In the Event of My Untimely Demise: Twenty Things My Son Needs to Know before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised In the Event of My Untimely Demise: Twenty Things My Son Needs to Know:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Not really intended for a child By Ken Hansen I've been a fan of Brian's since I first saw him on Glenn Beck's TV show, and I've enjoyed his various 'bits' for a couple years. Having

said that, I never really thought about buying the book until Brian started tweeting about how his book was doing compared to "The road to Serfdom" a boring economics tome published some 50 years ago. Any way, I started teasing Brian via Twitter, but he either ignored my tweets or knew better than to engage a stranger. Any way, I felt bad for the teasing, good-natured though it was, and I ordered a copy of his book. I enjoyed reading it, the humor was appropriate and the occasional insights were well-worded. I won't say I learned a lot from his book (he and I are about the same age, have roughly the same number of kids), but what I found was that as I read the book it got me to remember things that happened to me as Brian wandered from topic to topic. I don't believe Brian honestly meant for this book to be handed to child in place of a departed/deceased parent, despite the cheery title that says so. This book provided Brian with a fun vehicle to share some of his insights and observations. As I read the book I sent Brian one-tweet reactions to each chapter (there are 20 chapters in the hardcover, the paperback edition has one additional chapter- so I sent Brian about 25-30 tweets, a few of which provoked a response from him. I enjoyed this book, I also enjoyed tweeting w/ Brian as I read it, but what I really enjoyed was the memories his stories brought up from my childhood and adolescence. I gave the book a well-earned four out of five stars. I found his pop culture references a bit too heavily based in the '80s and '90s, but that wouldn't cost him a star - no, what kept this book from earning a fawning five star rating was Brian's fanatical insistence that he not use any parentheses in this book. I noted this in a couple of my tweets to Brian, hopefully he be a bit more parenthetical in his next book. I highly recommend this book, it's a good read and has just the right amount of humor. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Love the book. Wish I have a friend like the author. By Customer I didn't like that it ended too soon, I'll recommend it to my already grown three sons, some of the advice may be late, but mostly the rest is just in time and any way is a hearth warming book to read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Quotable quips. By C. Ramsay hilarious perspectives and turns of phrase made me read aloud several sections to share with my partner. That's high praise!

When Brian Sack's mother passed away, he was left with a letter and a pink cardigan. The cardigan was promptly placed in a drawer, but the letter was pure gold. In just a few pages of fancy cursive, her posthumous dispatch offered the kind of guidance you would expect from a mother to her young son. And while he didn't necessarily follow all the advice, he never forgot how very important those words—and that letter—were to him. Decades later, on the verge of parenthood himself, Brian decided to write something for his own child, wanting a legacy, and not just a pink cardigan, to leave to his son. But far from the usual collection of advice, Brian has written a sharp, sage, warts-and-all survival guide to life. With quick wit and self-deprecating honesty, Sack draws from his experiences, tapping them for the humor within. Holding nothing back, he: Gives the skinny on relationships—don't let the woman you love wander alone in France Commiserates about the death of the meritocracy—wanting to sing doesn't mean you can Recounts his awkward entry into fatherhood—you'll overcome your aversion to poo Offers firsthand advice—avoid any bipolar lady with a drug-sniffing wonder-cat And argues that the Empire State Building is not a phallic symbol—no matter what the professor said Every chapter takes on subjects ranging from the universal and mundane to the life changing and inevitable. With its funny and heartfelt musings from a father to a son, *In the Event of My Untimely Demise* is a delightful life primer for all of us.

“Brian Sack’s *In the Event of my Untimely Demise* is a very funny book--let’s keep him alive so that he may write some more!” (Chris Regan, Emmy Award Winning Writer, *The Daily Show* with Jon Stewart) “A strange and hilarious compendium of parenting wisdom for an age when no one knows anything.” (Neal Pollack, author of *Alternadad*) “Unlike his “Public Viewer” appearances on my television show, Brian Sack’s new book is heartwarming, sincere and exceptionally funny.” (Glenn Beck, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *An Inconvenient Book*) “I like my life wisdom sardonic, salty and refreshingly dry, just the way Brian Sack serves it in his charming and insightful collection of essays.” (Alisa Kwitney, author of *The Dominant Blonde and Flirting in Cars*) “Part witty memoir, part common-sense guide and part social commentary, *In the Event of My Untimely Demise* is an owner’s manual for the late-model human heart.” (David Giffels, author of *All the Way Home*) “Brian Sack’s book *In the Event of my Untimely Demise* had me laughing, crying with laughter, and seriously considering a vasectomy, often in the same paragraph.” (Grant Stoddard, author of *Working Stiff*) “An addictive read. You might come for the laughs, but you stay for the undeniable honesty of it all. In the end, it reminds us all of why it’s so great to be a parent - and that’s worth a lot more than the price of this book.” (Fusion Magazine) “A book that covers almost everything that a human being in the modern world needs to know... It’s the kind of advice that, if we’re being honest, we all kinda wish our fathers had bothered to tell us.” (Vanity Fair) About the Author Brian Sack offers humorous commentary on the Glenn Beck Show and Not Just Another Cable News Show, as well as on his award-winning blog, banterist.com, and in publications such as *McSweeney's*, *The Independent*, and *Glamour*.