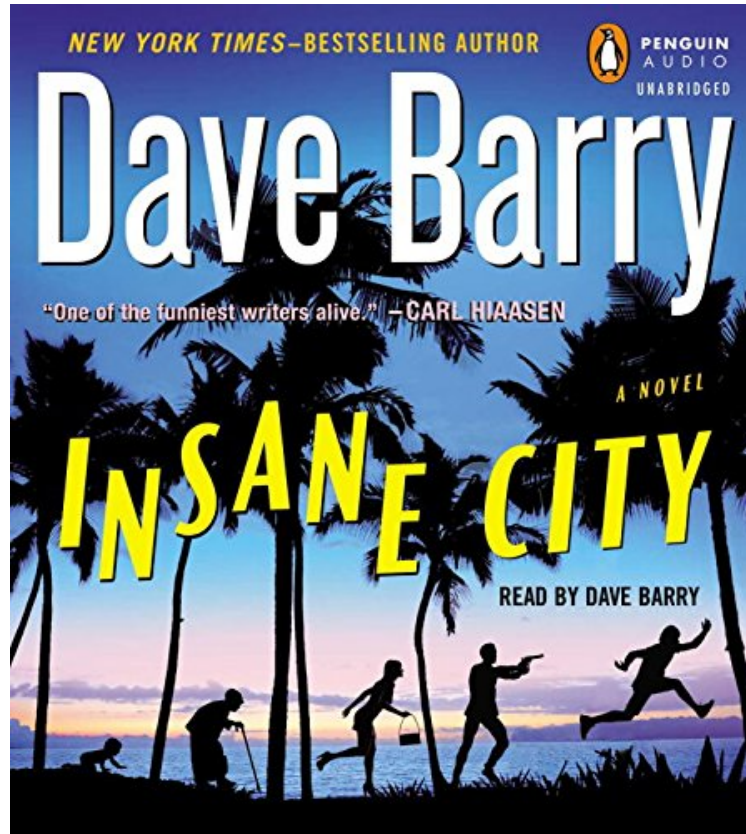


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**Dave Barry : Insane City** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Insane City:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Funniest book I've read in a long time - maybe ever By Husky Bobalina  
Insane City is the first Dave Barry novel I've read, and I was delighted with his humor and style. The title is more than apt, and the twists and turns of the plot are, as the title foreshadows, insane. As the story unfolded, I found myself morphing from smiling wryly to laughing out loud as I tried to guess where this story was headed next. I never did get it right. Barry taps his private cellar of zany ideas to take the reader down pathways other writers can't begin to imagine. Even when he signals where things might go next, they don't, with hysterical results. This saga of a dream wedding gone wrong could be savored in one or two intensive reading sessions, but I read it over several days, and the structure of many short, funny chapters helped me to savor a couple at a time, like a degustation at a fine restaurant. Either way, Insane City is worth the effort.  
2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Nobody can write south Florida like Dave Barry Carl Hiaasen. By DataDame  
I lived in the Keys for a long time and Miami is indeed an insane city, and Dave Barry is one of its treasures. I mean, he won a Pulitzer as a HUMOR writer - of COURSE this is a great read! I didn't get as many out-loud laughs as I have from some of his other work (including his years of weekly

columns for the Miami Herald, which was the biggest reason I bought the Herald every Sunday), but the out-loud laughs are definitely there, and there was at least one time in this book when I found myself laughing so hard I couldn't read and had to put the book down for a couple of minutes and collect myself. As implausible as the plot may seem, remember - this is Miami and anything can and does happen there and once again, Dave Barry nails it. I found the following review helpful. Dave Barry's best book for many reasons. By Bob This book has everything, humor (nobody is better than Dave Barry at making people laugh), drugs, booze, very bad decisions, terrible mistakes, problems that keep growing and getting worse, people who are desperate (life or death desperate), evil people, extremely evil people, good people, extremely kind people, extreme wealth, extreme poverty, and a man who is not sure what he wants but he is figuring it out. All this is in the first 81 pages of a 385 page book. I decided to write this review before I finished reading it because I don't want to give away the ending so it's better that I know nothing about it. I can only tell you the ending is impossible to predict. I can also tell you that you absolutely must buy this book. It's priceless, even better than Lunatics because it has a serious side to it. I have read virtually every book Mr. Barry has written. This is his best, his masterpiece. I don't make things up. You have to buy this book.

A dark comic masterpiece—the first solo adult novel in more than a decade from the Pulitzer Prize winner and New York Times–bestselling author. Seth Weinstein knew Tina was way out of his league in pretty much any way you could imagine, which is why it continued to astonish him that he was on the plane now for their destination wedding in Florida. The Groom Posse had already sprung an airport prank on him, and he'd survived it, and if that was the worst of it, everything should be okay. Smooth sailing from now on. Seth has absolutely no idea what he's about to get into. In the next several hours, he and his friends will become embroiled with rioters, Russian gangsters, angry strippers, a pimp as big as the Death Star, a very desperate Haitian refugee on the run with her two children from some very bad men, and an eleven-foot albino Burmese python named Blossom. And there're still two days to go before the wedding. As it turns out, it's not smooth sailing, it's more like a trip on the Titanic. And the water below him is getting deeper every minute. By the end, amid gunfire, high-speed chases, and mayhem of the most unimaginable sort, violent men will fall, heroes will rise, and many lives will change. Seth's, not least of all.

From Booklist Seth Weinstein, trudging along in an aimless career as a Twitter marketer, knows he is outmatched by his fiancée, Tina, who is rich, brilliant, and driven by serious causes. But amazingly, she has agreed to marry him. So they are off to Florida for their fabulous wedding, paid for by Tina's rich and powerful father, who doesn't quite approve of Seth. And Seth does not fail to disappoint as he and his Groom Posse become entangled with a stripper, her angry boyfriend, a desperate Haitian refugee and her children, and a cast of others in the hectic two days leading up to his wedding. When he should be preparing for the wedding, he's off on rescue missions and avoiding police in a car chase. Can Seth pull himself together in his grand misadventure of wildly competing desires and obligations to do the right thing and still make it to the altar? Pulitzer Prize–winning humorist Barry's latest offers a wild romp through south Florida. --Vanessa Bush Praise for INSANE CITY "Picture The Hangover with a splash of Miami Vice, and you get Dave Barry's Insane City. . . This is a quick, fun (and laugh-out-loud funny) read, and the action never slows."—Fort Worth Star-Telegram "[A] very funny new novel . . . [Barry's] sly observations, well-delineated characters, and intricate plotting mesh perfectly."—Publishers Weekly Praise for Dave Barry "Dave Barry remains one of the funniest writers alive."—Carl Hiaasen "While reading Dave Barry's Big Trouble, I laughed so loud I fell out of a chair. Luckily, there's a rug, so I didn't hurt myself." —Stephen King About the Author Dave Barry's bestsellers include his Peter Pan prequels, written with Ridley Pearson; I'll Mature When I'm Dead; and Lunatics, written with Alan Zweibel. He is also the author of the two dark comic suspense novels Big Trouble and Tricky Business. A play based on his first Peter Pan book, Peter and the Starcatchers, is currently a hit on Broadway. He lives in Coral Gables, Florida.