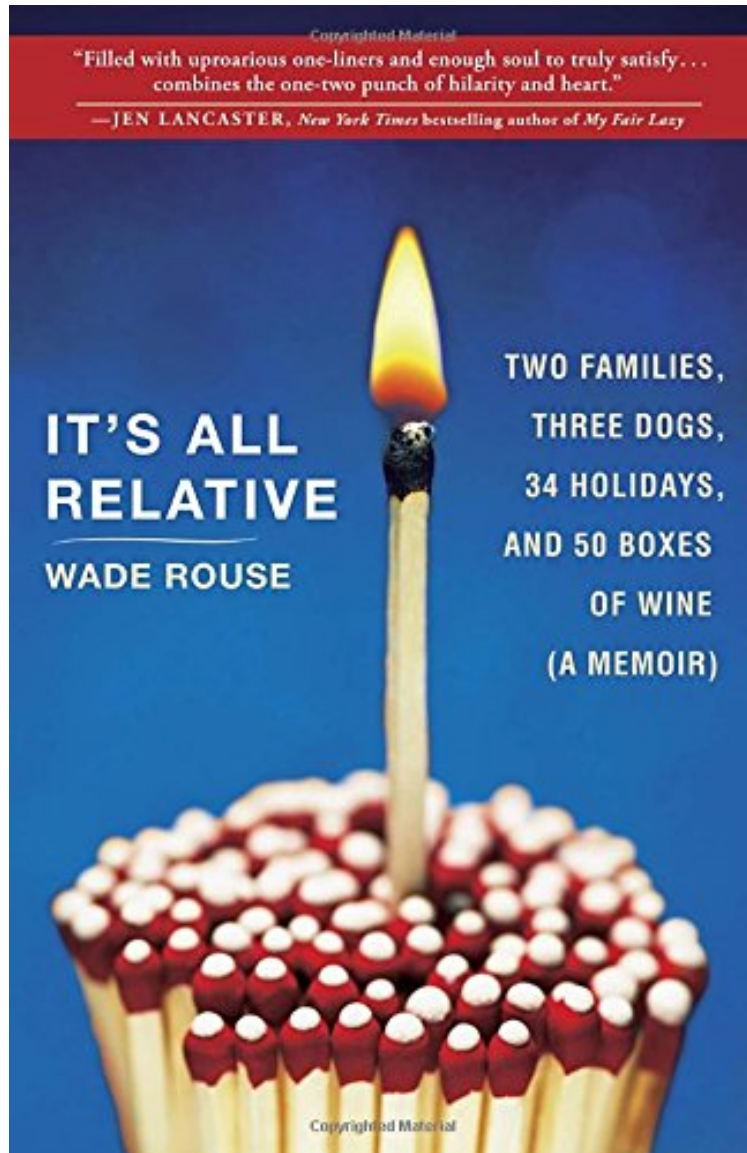


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Wade Rouse : **It's All Relative: 2 Families, 3 Dogs, 34 Holidays, and 50 Boxes of Wine (A Memoir)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised **It's All Relative: 2 Families, 3 Dogs, 34 Holidays, and 50 Boxes of Wine (A Memoir)**:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. All in the Family with Love 4.5 Stars By J. Sidelinger I haven't read

any of Wade Rouse's other memoirs, but "It's All Relative" showed up in my recommendations, so I thought I would investigate by going to the author page where I ended up amused by the promotion video. Wade Rouse's humor is wickedly funny even biting at times, but he is always completely honest about himself and his faults. A memoir can be a platform for self-aggrandizement, but for each spotlight cast on his family's eccentricities or partner Gary's idiosyncrasies there remains a deep undercurrent of love and awareness that he has some interior work to do too. "It's All Relative" is a loving tribute to our family beginnings and how they shape us. It is also a compliment for his partner Gary, who is wickedly funny in his own right. Whether you are straight or gay, if you find someone who loves you in spite of all your faults and accepts you for who you are, then you have found something and someone very special to be proud of and a relationship to nurture. Wade Rouse's writing style is clear and brimming with wit and humor. He knows he is blessed and fortunate even as he teases his family or partner. Overall, there are moments in the memoir when you really want to slap the man upside the head, but he is completely honest and accountable for his behavior. There are also many touching instances as he realizes the importance of family and how special they are in their own right. It is a good read, but like any intimate personal disclosure (het or gay) there may be a certain level of discomfort for some people. It isn't extraneous or intended to shock...the man is just being his gregarious and hilarious self. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. If laughter is good medicine, then after reading "It's All Relative" you'll ...By Jim Blasdel If laughter is good medicine, then after reading "It's All Relative" you'll be completely healed of all ailments -- From the first to the last page "It's All Relative" is a and celebration of all families . . It proves the point: how different we all are and how much we're all alike. Wade Rouse has become my "go to author" when I want to laugh and have a great time. He never fails to deliver great stories and great laughs. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Feeling Stressed About Holidays?! By UGAG We've all had those holidays where nothing goes right, or you wish you were with the in-laws instead of your own family (or vice versa), or you wish you could teleport to anyone else's family because yours is so damn boring! This book is a definite affirmation that you're not alone, and your family is not the only crazy one! Wade has such a way of relating to all of your holiday horror stories, or of recognizing holidays we forgot or didn't know existed. Coupled with some great reflective chapters on the importance of being with people and moments that matter, this book is sure to make you laugh and cry - and realize that some relatives and traditions are really just that ridiculous!!

How come the only thing my family tree ever grows is nuts?" Wade Rouse attempts to answer that question in his blisteringly funny new memoir by looking at the yearly celebrations that unite us all and bring out the very best and worst in our nearest and dearest. Family is truly the only gift that keeps on giving—namely, the gifts of dysfunction and eccentricity—and Wade Rouse's family has been especially charitable: His chatty yet loving mother dresses her son as a Ubangi tribesman, in blackface, for Halloween in the rural Ozarks; his unconventional engineer of a father buries his children's Easter eggs; his marvelously Martha Stewart-esque partner believes Barbie is his baby; his garage-sale obsessed set of in-laws are convinced they can earn more than Warren Buffett by selling their broken lamps and Nehru jackets; his mutt Marge speaks her own language; and his oddball collection of relatives includes a tipsy Santa Claus with an affinity for showing off his jingle balls. In the end, though, the Rouse House gifted Wade with love, laughter, understanding, superb comic timing, and a humbling appreciation for humiliation. Whether Wade dates a mime on his birthday to overcome his phobia of clowns or outruns a chubchasing boss on Secretary's Day, he captures our holidays with his trademark self-deprecating humor and acerbic wit. He paints a funny, sad, poignant, and outlandish portrait of an all-too-typical family that will have you appreciating—or bemoaning—your own and shrieking in laughter. From the Hardcover edition.

From Booklist Rouse's fourth collection of autobiographical essays is about holidays, some traditional (Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Year's), some (Spring Break, Secretary's Day, Arbor Day) . . . not. No matter, however, since the holiday theme is little more than a literary excuse for Rouse to recall episodes from his and his family's past. He is no David Sedaris, though he tries awfully hard to be, and as a result, some of the humor is as strained as Mr. Magoo's eyesight. Ironically, the best pieces in the book are the ones where tenderness, not hilarity, takes control of the mood being evoked. For example, Rouse's recollections of the Memorial Days he spent as a child with his mother and grandmother as they decorated family graves are genuinely touching, as is his account of trying to rescue an abandoned and terribly sick dog. Ultimately, Rouse's essays are like holidays: some are delightful, and some must simply be endured. --Michael Cart "Damn you, Wade!! Damn you! I missed two ebay auctions and delayed taking my Ambien every night for a week so I could finish It's All Relative, but it was so worth it. This book rocks! Charming, funny and saucy enough to make me blush. Wade's family makes mine look like the Kennedys (the ones not driving around on sleeping pills or the ones charged with felonies)." —Laurie Notaro, bestselling author of *We Thought You Would be Prettier* "Wade Rouse is back and better than ever in his new memoir *It's All Relative*. Rouse's books combine the one-two punch of hilarity and heart and never cease to delight. Filled with uproarious one liners and enough soul to truly satisfy, readers are going to clamor for a seat at Rouse's holiday table! I can't tell you how much I loved this book." —Jen Lancaster, New York Times bestselling author of *My Fair Lazy* "Wade Rouse has officially

become the laugh assassin. And with his holiday masterpiece, *It's All Relative*, he's getting downright dangerous, delivering even more laughs than usual. Rouse's remembrances of his family holidays are masterfully gift-wrapped in delightful dysfunction and topped with a bow of laser-sharp sentimental insight designed to help you not only laugh at but also fall in love again with your own jacked-up gene pool. This book is the gift that keeps on giving."—Josh Kilmer-Purcell, star of the hit reality series, *The Fabulous Beekman Boys* and New York Times bestselling author of *The Bucolic Plague* and *I Am Not Myself These Days* From the Hardcover edition.

About the Author WADE ROUSE is the critically acclaimed author of the memoirs *America's Boy*, *Confessions of a Prep School Mommy Handler*, and *At Least in the City Someone Would Hear Me Scream* and editor of the upcoming humorous dog anthology *I'm Not the Biggest Bitch in This Relationship!* He is a humor columnist for *MetroSource* magazine. Rouse lives outside Saugatuck, Michigan, with his partner, Gary, and their mutts, Marge and Mabel. He is available for select readings and lectures. To inquire about a possible appearance, please contact the Random House Speakers Bureau at www.rhspeakers.com. www.WadeRouse.com From the Hardcover edition.