

## The Complete Prose Woody Allen

Although Woody Allen's films have received extensive attention from scholars and critics, no book has focused exclusively on Jewishness in his work, particularly that of the late 1990s and beyond. In this anthology, a distinguished group of contributors whose work is richly contextualized in the fields of literature, philosophy, film, theater, and comedy examine the schlemiel, Allen and women, the Jewish take on the morality of murder, Allen's take on Hebrew scripture and Greek tragedy, his stage work, his cinematic treatment of food and dining, and what happens to Jew York when Woody takes his films out of New York City. Considered together, these essays delineate the intellectual, artistic, and moral development of one of cinema's most durable and controversial directors.

**THE STORIES:** In *TALKING CURE*, Ethan Coen uncovers the sort of insanity that can only come from family. Elaine May explores the hilarity of passing in *GEORGE IS DEAD*. In *HONEYMOON MOTEL*, Woody Allen invites you to the sort of wedding day you won't forget. *Reeling Through Life: How I Learned to Live, Love, and Die at the Movies* looks at how film shapes identity. Through ten cleverly constructed essays, Ison explores how a lifetime of movie-watching has, for better or worse, taught her how to navigate the world and how to grapple with issues of career, family, faith, illness, sex, and love. Cinema is a universal cultural experience, one that floods our senses with images and sounds, a powerful force that influences our perspective on the world around us. Ison discusses the universal aspects of film as she makes them personal, looking at how certain films across time shaped and molded who she has become. Drawing on a wide ranging catalog of films, both cult and classic, popular and art-house, *Reeling Through Life* examines how cinema shapes our views on how to make love, how to deal with mental illness, how to be Jewish, how to be a woman, how to be a drunk, and how to die with style. Rather than being a means of escape or object of mere entertainment, Ison posits that cinema is a more engaging form of art, a way to slip into other identities and inhabit other realities. A way to orient oneself into the world. *Reeling Though Life* is a compelling look at one popular art form and how it has influenced our identities in provocative and important ways.

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For the first time, the full life story of the filmmaker laureate: a smart and entertaining deconstruction of Woody Allen's genius, celebrity, and art. Born Allen Konigsberg in the Bronx, the man who came to direct some of the most celebrated comedies in movie history - *Annie Hall*, *Manhattan*, *Crimes and Misdemeanors* - is revealed in all his neurotic complexities in this adroit study by John Baxter. The first biography since the tabloids headlined Allen's lurid breakup with Mia Farrow and his affair and subsequent marriage to her adopted daughter, Soon Yi, this illuminating chronicle of Allen's career - from his days writing jokes for Sid Caesar to his eventual fame as filmdom's quintessential New Yorker - details the often scandalous success that Allen has achieved as screenwriter, actor, and director. And Baxter's compelling saga never fails to uncover Allen's calculated construction of the Woody persona and how far the hapless, obsessive character on screen is from the actual man. "Intelligently points out the gap between the shambling on-screen character that Allen created and the successful, controlling artist." - *New York Times Book Review*

Although Woody Allen is best known for his cult movies, he is also a writer of wit and skill. This collection offers 52 pieces of hilarity, deadpan weirdness and outlandish ideas.

The filmmaker shares his inspirations, anxieties, and frustrations in an updated self-portrait that goes behind the scenes of his films, glimpses his Brooklyn childhood, and considers his opinions on a range of topics from jazz to New York City. Original.

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In a hilarious send-up of sex, scandal, and the Golden Age of Hollywood, legendary cartoonist

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Edward Sorel brings us a story (literally) ripped from the headlines of a bygone era. In 1965, a young, up-and-coming illustrator by the name of Edward Sorel was living in a \$97-a-month railroad flat on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Resolved to fix up the place, Sorel began pulling up the linoleum on his kitchen floor, tearing away layer after layer until he discovered a hidden treasure: issues of the New York Daily News and Daily Mirror from 1936, each ablaze with a scandalous child custody trial taking place in Hollywood and starring the actress Mary Astor. Sorel forgot about his kitchen and lost himself in the story that had pushed Hitler and Franco off the front pages. At the time of the trial, Mary Astor was still only a supporting player in movies, but enough of a star to make headlines when it came out that George S. Kaufman, then the most successful playwright on Broadway and a married man to boot, had been her lover. The scandal revolved around Mary's diary, which her ex-husband, Dr. Franklyn Thorpe, had found when they were still together. Its incriminating contents had forced Mary to give up custody of their daughter in order to obtain a divorce. By 1936 she had decided to challenge the arrangement, even though Thorpe planned to use the diary to prove she was an unfit mother. Mary, he claimed, had not only kept a tally of all her extramarital affairs but graded them—and he'd already alerted the press. Enraptured by this sensational case and the actress at the heart of it, Sorel began a life-long obsession that now reaches its apex. Featuring over sixty original illustrations, *Mary Astor's Purple Diary* narrates and illustrates the travails of the Oscar-winning actress alongside Sorel's own personal story of discovering an unlikely muse. Throughout, we get his wry take on all the juicy details of this particular slice of Hollywood Babylon, including Mary's life as a child star—her career in silent films began at age fourteen—presided over by her tyrannical father, Otto, who "managed" her full-time and treated his daughter like an ATM machine. Sorel also animates her teenage love affair with probably the biggest star of the silent era, the much older John Barrymore, who seduced her on the set of a movie and convinced her parents to allow her to be alone with him for private "acting lessons." Sorel imbues Mary Astor's life with the kind of wit and eye for character that his art is famous for, but here he also emerges as a writer, creating a compassionate character study of Astor, a woman who ultimately achieved a life of independence after spending so much of it bullied by others. Featuring ribald and rapturous art throughout, *Mary Astor's Purple Diary* is a passion project that becomes the masterpiece of one of America's greatest illustrators.

Previously published as Leonard Maltin's 2015 *Movie Guide*, this capstone edition includes a new Introduction by the author. (Note: No new reviews have been added to this edition) Now that streaming services like Netflix and Hulu can deliver thousands of movies at the touch of a button, the only question is: What should I watch? Summer blockbusters and independent sleepers; the masterworks of Alfred Hitchcock, Billy Wilder, and Martin Scorsese; the timeless comedy of the Marx Brothers and Woody Allen; animated classics from Walt Disney and Pixar; the finest foreign films ever made. This capstone edition covers the modern era while including all the great older films you can't afford to miss—and those you can—from box-office smashes to cult classics to forgotten gems to forgettable bombs, listed alphabetically, and complete with all the essential information you could ask for. With nearly 16,000 entries and more than 13,000 DVD listings, Leonard Maltin's *Movie Guide* remains "head and shoulders above the rest." (The New York Times) Also included are a list of mail-order and online sources for buying and renting DVDs and videos, official motion picture code ratings from G to NC-17, and Leonard's list of recommended films.

Sixteen pieces show Allen's unique perspective on Socrates, restaurant reviews, the UFO menace, love and passion, and other topics and issues of undying interest.

In this extended essay, Vittorio Hösle develops a theory of the comical and applies it to interpret both the recurrent personae played by Woody Allen the actor and the philosophical issues addressed by Woody Allen the director in his films. Taking Henri Bergson's analysis of laughter as a starting point, Hösle integrates aspects of other theories of laughter to construct

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his own more finely-articulated and expanded model. With this theory in hand, Hösle discusses the incongruity in the characters played by Woody Allen and describes how these personae are realized in his work. Hösle focuses on the philosophical issues in Allen's major films by exploring the identity problem in *Play It Again, Sam* and *Zelig*, the shortcomings of the positivist concept of reality in *A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy*, the relation between reality and art in *The Purple Rose of Cairo*, the objective validity of morality in *Crimes and Misdemeanors*, the power of evil in *Shadows and Fog*, and the relation between art and morality in *Bullets over Broadway*. He cites Allen's virtuosic reinterpretation of older forms of expression and his integration of the fantastic into the comic universe--elements like the giant breasts, anxious sperm, extraterrestrials, ghosts, and magicians that populate his movies--as formal moves akin to those of Aristophanes. Both an overview of Allen's work and a philosophical analysis of laughter, Hösle's study demonstrates why Allen's films have more to offer us--morally, philosophically, and artistically--than just a few laughs. "In Woody Allen, Vittorio Hösle goes a long way toward explaining everything you wanted to know about Allen but were afraid to ask. Just why exactly is he funny, and why does his humor have a strong appeal for academics? In his comprehensive analysis of Allen's work, Hösle outlines a workable theory of humor, illustrates his conclusions by referring to the films and prose, and points out several philosophic motifs underlying Allen's deceptively complex comedies. Hösle's work elevates the enjoyment of Allen's films from guilty pleasure to satisfying intellectual engagement with an intriguing contemporary thinker and artist." --Richard A. Blake, S.J., Boston College "Vittorio Hösle presents a compelling overview of Allen's work in which he discusses different theories of laughter and argues for the priority of the incongruity theory as the only one able to answer the normative question, what distinguishes good from bad laughter? On this theoretical basis he goes on to delve into both the humor and the philosophical profundity of Allen's films." --Sander Lee, Keene State College

This book is the first detailed study of Woody Allen's life and work, and an original attempt to locate Allen's work in the great tradition of American popular culture. It explores that inimitable New York Jewish voice in the themes, dreams, hopes and hidden meanings of Allen's urban humour, with countless examples of Allen's own hilarious comic lines.

"A psychologically nuanced, tough-minded portrait" of the New York filmmaker and his relationships with Mia Farrow and Soon-Yi Previn (Publishers Weekly). Writer, director, actor, humorist. Woody Allen stands as one of our era's most celebrated artists. Starting in the 1950s, Allen began crafting a larger-than-life neurotic persona that has since entertained and enlightened millions. In his films, widely thought to be autobiographical explorations of his own comic fears and fixations, Allen carefully controlled the public's view of him as a lovable scamp. But that all came crashing down the day Mia Farrow found a Polaroid on her mantle. What followed was a flurry of sensational headlines and legal battles. His relationship with Soon-Yi Previn, thirty-four years his junior and the step-daughter of his longtime girlfriend, caused shockwaves in the public's perception of the director, yet few biographers and journalists have explored what happened and why. In this, the first deep investigation of Allen's life and the events surrounding his split with Farrow, biographer Marion Meade tracks down dozens of friends, actors, neighbors, and film historians. They open up with insights and details rare in the world of wealth and celebrity. What results is a fascinating portrait of a flawed genius, as adept at constructing his own image as he is at crafting films. Rereleased and updated, this is an unauthorized biography that neither Woody Allen's fans nor his detractors will be able to put down. The revised and updated edition was reviewed in the *Wall Street Journal* in 2013 by Carl Rollyson, in a roundup of the five best Hollywood biographies. A complete look at the extensive, ageless, unparalleled filmography of Woody Allen. Writer, actor, director, comedian, author, and musician, His films - he has over 45 writing and directing credits to his name - range from slapstick to tragedy, farce to f

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New York Times Bestseller A startlingly original debut from the actor, writer, director, and executive producer hailed as “a gifted observer of the human condition and a very funny writer capable of winning that rare thing: unselfconscious, insuppressible laughter” (The Washington Post). A boy wins a \$100,000 prize in a box of Frosted Flakes—only to discover that claiming the winnings might unravel his family. A woman sets out to seduce motivational speaker Tony Robbins—turning for help to the famed motivator himself. A new arrival in Heaven, overwhelmed with options, procrastinates over a long-ago promise to visit his grandmother. We meet Sophia, the first artificially intelligent being capable of love, who falls for a man who might not be ready for it himself; a vengeance-minded hare, obsessed with scoring a rematch against the tortoise who ruined his life; and post-college friends who try to figure out how to host an intervention in the era of Facebook. Along the way, we learn why wearing a red T-shirt every day is the key to finding love, how February got its name, and why the stock market is sometimes just . . . down. Finding inspiration in questions from the nature of perfection to the icing on carrot cake, *One More Thing* has at its heart the most human of phenomena: love, fear, hope, ambition, and the inner stirring for the one elusive element just that might make a person complete. Across a dazzling range of subjects, themes, tones, and narrative voices, the many pieces in this collection are like nothing else, but they have one thing in common: they share the playful humor, deep heart, sharp eye, inquisitive mind, and altogether electrifying spirit of a writer with a fierce devotion to the entertainment of the reader.

Three delightful one-act plays set in and around New York, in which sophisticated characters confound one another in ways only Woody Allen could imagine. Woody Allen’s first dramatic writing published in years, “Riverside Drive,” “Old Saybrook,” and “Central Park West” are humorous, insightful, and unusually readable plays about infidelity. The characters, archetypal New Yorkers all, start out talking innocently enough, but soon the most unexpected things arise—and the reader enjoys every minute of it (though not all the characters do). These plays (successfully produced on the New York stage and in regional theaters on the East Coast) dramatize Allen’s continuing preoccupation with people who rationalize their actions, hide what they’re doing, and inevitably slip into sexual deception—all of it revealed in Allen’s quintessentially pell-mell dialogue.

Here they are--some of the funniest tales and ruminations ever put into print, by one of the great comic minds of our time. From *THE WHORE OF MENSA*, to *GOD (A Play)*, to *NO KADDISH FOR WEINSTEIN*, old and new Woody Allen fans will laugh themselves hysterical over these sparkling gems.

Seminar paper from the year 2008 in the subject Communications - Miscellaneous, grade: 2,0, University of Siegen, course: Mere Anarchy? Woody Allen Films, language: English, abstract: Woody Allen, born Allen Stewart Konigsberg, is a Jewish artist, who is mostly known as filmmaker - but he carries several faces and puts his work into several fields. Although his movies often seem to deal with the same topics, Allen never concentrates on only one genre, as we worked out during our seminar and the expert sessions. Besides his widely spread image of the intellectual and humorous filmmaker, he put his thoughts into prose and stand-up comedy, too; he wrote articles for magazines like *New York Times*, *Playboy* or *The New Republic* and of course he is known through his roles in his own films. By acting out his own roles he has written, Woody Allen as the

private person and the public known Woody Allen, somehow melted together; so, the viewer can find more personal elements in Allens movies, as he or she may expect. Or better said, he by some means performed himself through the stories of his films. Besides the fact that Allen mostly acted out the role of the protagonist in his movies and barring that the topics of the movies seem to be repetitive, there are other typical elements that continuously appear in his movies, what in this paper - as it already have been in our expert session - will be depicted as "allenesque elements." These are for instance the neurotic characters, the Jewishness (that apparently refers to his private persona), the psycho-analysis, the fusion of reality and fiction, unhappy relationships, love-affairs and the element of the anxious behavior, towards special issues, of some of his characters are just a number of the main subjects that are typical of Woody Allen stories. But Allens audience is not only "confronted" with these topics in his movies; as already mentioned, he also developed his ideas in prose and short stories. With his book "Mere Ana

The Long-Awaited, Enormously Entertaining Memoir by One of the Great Artists of Our Time—Now a New York Times, USA Today, Los Angeles Times, and Publishers Weekly Bestseller. In this candid and often hilarious memoir, the celebrated director, comedian, writer, and actor offers a comprehensive, personal look at his tumultuous life. Beginning with his Brooklyn childhood and his stint as a writer for the Sid Caesar variety show in the early days of television, working alongside comedy greats, Allen tells of his difficult early days doing standup before he achieved recognition and success. With his unique storytelling pizzazz, he recounts his departure into moviemaking, with such slapstick comedies as *Take the Money and Run*, and revisits his entire, sixty-year-long, and enormously productive career as a writer and director, from his classics *Annie Hall*, *Manhattan*, and *Hannah and Her Sisters* to his most recent films, including *Midnight in Paris*. Along the way, he discusses his marriages, his romances and famous friendships, his jazz playing, and his books and plays. We learn about his demons, his mistakes, his successes, and those he loved, worked with, and learned from in equal measure. This is a hugely entertaining, deeply honest, rich and brilliant self-portrait of a celebrated artist who is ranked among the greatest filmmakers of our time.

"I don't want you to rehabilitate me," Philip Roth said to his only authorized biographer, Blake Bailey. "Just make me interesting." Granted complete independence and access, Bailey spent almost ten years poring over Roth's personal archive, interviewing his friends, lovers, and colleagues, and listening to Roth's own breathtakingly candid confessions. Cynthia Ozick, in her front-page rave for the New York Times Book Review, described Bailey's monumental biography as "a narrative masterwork ... As in a novel, what is seen at first to be casual chance is revealed at last to be a steady and powerfully demanding drive. ... under Bailey's strong light what remains on the page is one writer's life as it was lived, and?almost?as it was felt." Though Roth is generally considered an

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autobiographical novelist—his alter-egos include not only the Roth-like writer Nathan Zuckerman, but also a recurring character named Philip Roth—relatively little is known about the actual life on which so vast an oeuvre was supposedly based. Bailey reveals a man who, by design, led a highly compartmentalized life: a tireless champion of dissident writers behind the Iron Curtain on the one hand, Roth was also the Mickey Sabbath-like roué who pursued scandalous love affairs and aspired “[t]o affront and affront and affront till there was no one on earth unaffronted”—the man who was pilloried by his second wife, the actress Claire Bloom, in her 1996 memoir, *Leaving a Doll’s House*. Towering above it all was Roth’s achievement: thirty-one books that give us “the truest picture we have of the way we live now,” as the poet Mark Strand put it in his remarks for Roth’s Gold Medal at the 2001 American Academy of Arts and Letters ceremonial. Tracing Roth’s path from realism to farce to metafiction to the tragic masterpieces of the American Trilogy, Bailey explores Roth’s engagement with nearly every aspect of postwar American culture.

An insightful, entertaining, and authoritative exploration into the mind of one of the world's most complex and neurotic movie-makers. The book explores themes, motifs, and styles, and breaks down Allen's films frame by frame to help understand the brilliant and comical mind of one of popular culture's best loved, and intelligent, worriers.

“I am greatly relieved that the universe is finally explainable. I was beginning to think it was me.”—Woody Allen Here, in his first collection since his three hilarious classics *Getting Even*, *Without Feathers*, and *Side Effects*, Woody Allen has managed to write a book that not only answers the most profound questions of human existence but is the perfect size to place under any short table leg to prevent wobbling. “I awoke Friday, and because the universe is expanding it took me longer than usual to find my robe,” he explains in a piece on physics called “Strung Out.” In other flights of inspirational sanity we are introduced to a cast of characters only Allen could imagine: Jasper Nutmeat, Flanders Mealworm, and the independent film mogul E. Coli Biggs, just to name a few. Whether he is writing about art, sex, food, or crime (“Pugh has been a policeman as far back as he can remember. His father was a notorious bank robber, and the only way Pugh could get to spend time with him was to apprehend him”) he is explosively funny. In “This Nib for Hire,” a Hollywood bigwig comes across an author’s book in a little country store and describes it in a way that aptly captures this magnificent volume: “Actually,” the producer says, “I’d never seen a book remaindered in the kindling section before.”

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Collects three hundred "Inside Woody Allen" newspaper comic strips by Stuart Hample from between 1976 and 1984, shot off the original art and based on the life and jokes of Woody Allen.

For the first time in one hardcover edition, here are three best-selling books by one of 20th century's greatest movie directors. Woody Allen is an American cultural icon -- funny, philosophical, and controversial in his work and personal life. In this side-splitting collection, containing *Without Feathers*, *Getting Even*, and *Side Effects*, the Academy Award-winning filmmaker explores subjects ranging from sleeplessness to the UFO menace. No Woolly fan will want to be without his hilarious ruminations on the moral and ethical predicaments of modern life.

Fifteen philosophers representing different schools of thought answer the question what is Woody Allen trying to say in his films? And why should anyone care? Focusing on different works and varied aspects of Allen's multifaceted output, these essays explore the philosophical undertones of *Annie Hall*, *Crimes and Misdemeanors*, *Manhattan*, *A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy* and reminds us that just because the universe is meaningless and life is pointless is no reason to commit suicide.

Introduction -- The script -- The money -- The cast, the cinematographer -- Locations, production design, and costumes -- The shoot -- Editing -- The music -- The color correction and the mix -- The end

Shulman, a chubby, middle-aged stationery-store owner from New Jersey, has always claimed that he's been gaining and losing the same thirty-five pounds since junior high—and that if you added all of that discarded weight together, he had lost an entire person. Another Shulman. A Shulman he never really cared for. A Shulman he'd always tried to lose by dieting and exercising. A Shulman he'd cover by wearing extra-large shirts in an attempt to hide his existence. This has been just a joke until, at a crossroads marked by overwhelming marital and business stress, he actually encounters this Other Shulman—an incredibly successful man who's made life and career choices that Shulman has spurned. At first, the Other Shulman is but a mere nuisance, a source of frustration brought about by mistaken identity. But as time goes by, his actions become increasingly destructive and threaten to sabotage all aspects of Shulman's existence. The struggle between the two Shulmans comes to a head while Shulman is running in the New York City Marathon. And it is during the course of this race, as he runs through the old neighborhoods where his life took shape, that this ordinarily passive family man examines all the choices he's made and realizes that in order for him to get his life back on track he must confront and overcome his haunting demons as presented in the form of this angry doppelgänger, this Other Shulman. In 26.2 chapters, one for each mile of the marathon, *The Other Shulman* is a hilarious and affecting tale of identity and aspiration from

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one of America's best-known comic writers.

**NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER •** "A simply elegant memoir."—Newsweek In this exquisitely written memoir, Mia Farrow takes us on a journey into her remarkable life. As the daughter of actress Maureen O'Sullivan and film director John Farrow, she lived what was by all appearances a charmed a privileged childhood. But below the surface, money troubles, marital tensions, drinking, and occasionally violence marred the Hollywood illusion. And when Mia was nine, she would be forever wrenched from childhood by the terrible isolation of a bout with polio. Her father's death propelled her out into the world, where she embarked onto an acting career that included television, theater, and film—from her debut in *Peyton Place* to her first starring role in *Rosemary's Baby*, and on to her thirteen films with Woody Allen. Here is a luminous memoir of childhood and motherhood, a thoughtful exploration of a spiritual journey, and a candid examination of her marriages to Frank Sinatra and André Previn and her close but troubled twelve-year relationship with Woody Allen. Told with grace and deep understanding, as well as humor, *What Falls Away* is an unforgettable book, an extraordinary record of an extraordinary life. Praise for *What Falls Away* "Compelling and convincing . . . a story of survival."—Chicago Tribune "A beautifully written memoir . . . about complex people and issues."—The Atlanta Journal "A juicy book and a good one."—Time "Farrow's book possesses an elegance of prose and sensibility that elevates it way beyond the typical gofest of sex, gossip, and betrayal."—USA Today "A stellar new memoir . . . it's all there, every wondrous, scandalous, inhumanely difficult thing."—Mirabella "Mia Farrow tells the story of her fascinating life with uncommon grace and insight."—William Styron "Word by word, page by page, we're convince. We believe her."—Newsday "One of the best writers to ever come out of Hollywood. She writes with extraordinary wit and polish. This is good news from Frank Sinatra, André Previn, and the hundreds of other celebrities who make cameo appearances in her fabulous life, but it is very bad news for Woody Allen."—Pat Conroy

Woody Allen's screenplays are some of the wittiest and most sophisticated of modern cinema classics, and these four scripts reflect the emotional range of his talent. *Annie Hall*, subtitled 'A Nervous Romance', starred Diane Keaton with Woody Allen and won Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Script, Best Actress and Best Director. *Manhattan* takes city life as its subject and stars Woody Allen as TV-comedy writer. *Interiors* and *Stardust Memories* are studies of the inner lives of their characters.

The New York Times best-selling author of *Zombie Spaceship Wasteland* reveals his addiction to film between 1995 and 1999, during which he absorbed classics and new releases three days a week and applied what he learned in these films to acting, writing, comedy and relationships. 70,000 first printing.

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A complete collection of prose writings by the acclaimed playwright, screenwriter, actor, and director features selections from his best-selling works--*Getting Even*, *Without Feathers*, and *Side Effects*--that offer the author's trademark humorous asides on such topics as sex, death,



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religion, philosophy, psychology, and the human condition. Original. 25,000 first printing. The Insanity Defense reveals many sides of Woody Allen as he holds forth on the most human of urges ("Why does man kill? He kills for food. And not only for food: frequently there must be a beverage"); reflects on death ("I don't believe in an afterlife, although I am bringing a change of underwear"); and notes the effect on history wrought by trick chewing gum, the dribble glass, and other novelties. There is also an inspiring story of the futile race to beat Dr. Heimlich to the punch: "The food went down the wrong pipe, and choking occurred. Grasping the mouse firmly by the tail, I snapped it like a small whip, and the morsel of cheese came loose. If we can transfer the procedure to humans, we may have something. Too early to tell." -- Publishers description.

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