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One of my high school teachers was Mr. Dwayne Manson. In addition to more academic perusals, Mr. Manson also displayed an outrageous sense of humor, for example loudly stating on a Friday afternoon, “I just can’t wait to go home and have myself a nice, cold, frosty glass of – gravy.” In that spirit, he also read from Jack Douglas’s book, “My Brother was an Only Child.” This book consisted of short sideways humor pieces, such as, for example, “Chapter 19. The hell with Chapter 19! Every book has a Chapter 19! This one isn’t gonna have one!” I always did appreciate this outlook, so that, several years later, when I came across this book (from 1961), I purchased it, and was not disappointed. I recently ran across it again in a box in my storage shed and gleefully reread it.

Mr. Douglas was a humorist who wrote not only books but also for TV, specifically Jack Paar (Johnny Carson’s predecessor, for you younger viewers – oh yeah, Mr. Carson was Jay Leno’s predecessor). Just think of this type of humor as enjoyed by the cast of “Mad Men.”

Upon rereading, my impression of Mr. Douglas’s writing is sort of Richard Brautigan with a lot more in your face impulsivity. So here’s an example: “Chapter 5: Department of Better Understanding: ‘The Geisha Girl.’ The Japanese Geisha girl has one mission in life – the entertainment of men. Her role is unknown in Western civilization and is widely misunderstood. Most of us picture the geisha girl as a prostitute.” Here’s another from a chapter called “Just Announced.” “An

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organization called Sports Cars, Anonymous. It's for guys who are trying to break the habit. Any time a member gets the urge to drive a sports car, he calls a fellow member, who comes over and sells him a motorcycle." One more: "Chapter 15: If you follow the advice, 'If you drink, don't drive,' how are you going to get home?" (obviously before the whole "Designated Driver" thing).

Some of the longer pieces are stories which go in several directions at once, very avantgarde. I would warn that some of the material is quite dated, but I'd recommend it anyway. Fun read.

One of my favorite youthful books. If I read it again now, though, I might disagree with this 5star assessment. This book has a weird sense of humor which I could not get into. It seems that the author wrote using a stream of consciousness. It wasn't that interesting. Refer to my review of The JewishJapanese Sex and Cookbook and How to Raise Wolves. In this hilarious sequel to "My Brother Was an Only Child" Jack Douglas continues the nearmanic ravings and off kilter stream of consciousness. All the chapters are short, but the humor never stops. There are some references that a 21st Century reader might not get, but the meaning is usually clear from the context. Read this book! I have been a Jack Douglas fan since I was in junior high school and first discovered his writings in the Orlando Public Library. It's been a long while since I've really read Douglas. I recently came across most all of his library during my travels to add to the entire library I've had for decades. That and other happenings in my life trajectories has me delving back into the humor genre and I'm starting by rereading Douglas.

After reading this book I can't recall that I've read it before, but know I have. The reason I likely don't remember reading this book is how shallow it is to the bulk of Douglas' other books. The book seems a dumping ground for whatever Douglas scribbles at anyone time. Frankly, much of it comes across as being written during the cocktail hour.

Nearly the entire book are nonsequiturs aplenty that leads to somebody killing someone else or themselves. It quickly gets

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predictable and less and less funny. For a short book there are a number of pages of just one line that really doesn't lead to much.

Again, I love Douglas's writings...just not this.

Bottom line: I don't recommend this book. 4 of ten points.
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