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Stairlift to Heaven (The journal of an OAP.) Don't miss this one!. Although Stairlift to Heaven is written by an old age pensioner, non-coffin dodgers should not be put off by this. Everyone will be old someday, if they're lucky, and there are valuable lessons in coping with old age to be learned here. Written by Terry Ravenscroft, former scriptwriter to Les Dawson, The Two Ronnies, Morecambe and Wise, Ken Dodd, Alas Smith and Jones and many more top comedians and television shows. Stairlift to Heaven has been likened by one reviewer to be 'Like Last of the Summer Wine on cocaine' This journal really will make people of any age laugh out loud.

If you enjoyed reading Stairlift to Heaven I would really appreciate it if you were to recommended it to any of your friends who you think might like it.

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## Stairlift to Heaven Details

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## **From Reader Review Stairlift to Heaven for online ebook**

### **Linda says**

If you enjoy British humor, this diary like account of events in the life of an "old age pensioner" might just be your cup of tea. If his style, which is definitely not gentle or PC, but quite colorful does not offend your sensibilities, you will find yourself laughing out loud. I have to agree with another reviewer who says this author stays on the tasteful side of crude. If you are looking for a break from your usual reading fare, this will be a book to consider. Funny stuff!

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### **Michelle Orndorff says**

#### **Really Funny**

The author is a crazy old man--crazy as in VERY funny! I will have to read more of his books. He has a dry sense of humor that I think of as very British, but it does not get lost in translation for this American.

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### **Michael Madden says**

Brilliantly funny observations from an accomplished writer. Well, I guess having written for Les Dawson he should be funny - and this book certainly doesn't let you down. Genuinely laugh out loud often cautionary tales about getting old!

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### **Darren Worrow says**

I find pensioners are both ecstatically happy and kind or are exceptionally grumpy and bad mannered; there seems to be no middle ground. Terry Ravenscroft is the first but posing as the second and the result is nothing short of hilarious.

Terry has written scripts for many British comedy legends of yore and this classic style of humour shows in Stair-lift to Heaven. It's carefree, cheeky and can be naughty at times without being offensive. In the book Terry gives random muses and rants in a diary style. We have observations of the young, foolish and socially challenged; we have outbursts of about modern society and consumerism but the funniest moments have to be the short anecdotes about what he and his friend get up to. This is pensioners behaving badly, acting up on their old age to see what they can get away with. Pranks and childish tomfooleries abound and never fail to make you laugh out loud.

Make no mistake; Terry Ravenscroft is one funny old fellow. I know funny and he is it.

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## **Ruth says**

This book is a collection of stories written by a senior citizen from age 65 to 70. I had read the reviews online and since people said that they were laughing so hard they were crying, I figured this was the book for me since I love humorous books. I admit I was very disappointed. Many of the stories didn't even bring a chuckle. Several of the stories involved the author, Terry and his best friend and the inane little things that they decide to do. My favorite story involved Terry and how he handled telemarketers. The best story of the bunch and very enjoyable.

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## **Becky Sherriff says**

If I had to sum up this book in one sentence I would say "British comedy at its best"

I have never read any of this author's books before and I was very impressed.

Stairlift to Heaven is a diary of an OAP, the accounts are all true with a little bit of exaggeration added here and there.

Terry lives with his wife 'the trouble' as he has nicknamed her, I thoroughly enjoyed reading about their relationship. I am not going to say his 'long suffering wife' because she can certainly hold her own and I would say their marriage is equal. Terry and his wife are a very entertaining couple and I was in hysterics reading about them.

He also talks about his very good friend Atkins, the parts in the book which involved Atkins and Terry were my favourite and the tears were rolling down my checks as I was reading about them. The things they get up to we're almost like what a couple of naughty schoolboys do behind their mum's backs.

A selection of my favourite parts of the book were when Terry went into a barbers shop quizzing him about his advertised prices, the part with the duck in the restaurant, the bit where he jumps the canal and the charity shop trip in York.

This book doesn't hold back at all and reminds me of the older British comedy which I have always enjoyed. The added bonus for me was that it mentions a lot of familiar places to me as it is set near where I live and I recognised a lot of the places, pubs and restaurants mentioned.

I have read a few of the reviews and a lot recommend this book for the over 50's, I disagree and would recommend it to anybody with a good sense of humour. I am mid 30's and I loved it.

I am definitely going to read more of the author's work.

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A great read, 5 stars from me.

### **Dee-Ann says**

One of the funniest books I have read for a long time ... it helped me get through a dose of the flu, but sometimes the laughing made me cough more.

This book is of notebook entries of Terry from the age of 65 to 70. The pranks that he (with and without his friend Atkin) gets up to, leave many young pranksters to shame. Loved the story of when accidentally shot the farmer's pig, also the 'idiot proof camera'. This book is not for the gentile, but I loved it, even after the disparaging remark about Australian wine.

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### **Kay says**

This book is a delight with a lot of laugh out loud moments. Terry Ravenscroft is a retired television screenwriter who is using his time as a pensioner to recount his adventures and sometimes misadventures. (On those days where there are no adventures, he simply does not chronicle them.) Of course it helps that he has a wicked sense of humor, is an excellent writer, and has a very quirky friend who willingly does outrageous things with him. I rate this as 4 instead of 5 stars as this book is episodic in nature dependent upon what opportunities present themselves. As such, it's a jolly good time although I cannot say it has any grand arching themes. Nevertheless, I thoroughly enjoyed it.

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### **Karen Pratt says**

This book was for my comedy category within my book club.  
Throughly enjoyed it - made me laugh out a few times. Will read the other books in the series.

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### **Clare says**

this book is laugh out loud funny!

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### **Philip Whiteland says**

I bought this book to read on holiday and I'm really glad that I did. A series of really funny stories from a professional writer of comedy of long-standing (albeit, with the occasional aid of a walking stick). Delightfully non-PC, these stories will have you laughing out loud. I particularly enjoyed the story about the swimming lessons. These stories are the sort of standard that I have long aspired to. Great fun, Terry and I look forward to reading more of the same.

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### **Neats says**

An amusing book of diary entries. I especially liked the ones about the phonecall for a weekend away for £99 with the one you love and his wife's weightloss over Christmas. All in all a light hearted and amusing read but I prefer a novel to this style of writing, although saying that I would read one of Mr Ravenscroft's other books.

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### **Peter Underwood says**

#### **Dated**

Unfortunately this is of the 1970s sitcom school of writing, allied with the sort of nostalgic moaning and rose tinted view of the past that any older person should be ashamed to spout.

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### **Larry says**

A book of humorous anecdotes from the life of a retired British man. A few of the stories rely on British slang that is unintelligible to Americans (or anyone who isn't British, I imagine), and some also have many celebrity names mentioned who would be totally unknown to non-British. So those stories pretty much make no sense outside the British audience. But the majority of the stories were very understandable and ranged from mildly humorous to extremely funny.

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### **Richard Ramsay says**

#### **Brilliant**

I laughed till I cried, everyone needs to read this book, it is a real feel good experience, can't wait to read another one of Terry's books.

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