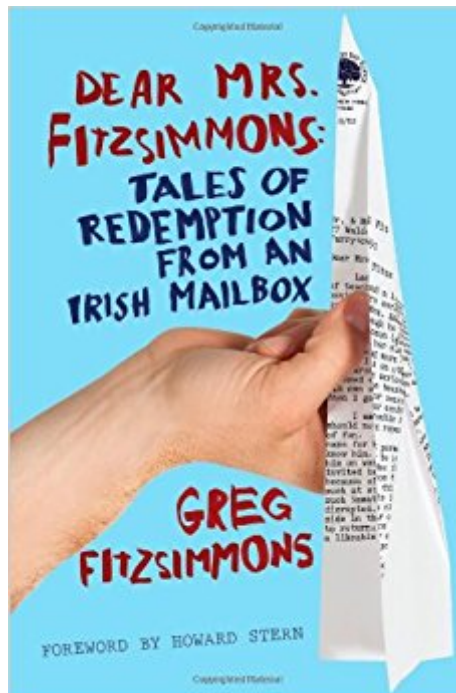




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# Dear Mrs. Fitzsimmons: Tales Of Redemption From An Irish Mailbox



## Synopsis

**PARENTS: DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME** Greg Fitzsimmons has made a lot of what appear to be bad decisions. It's what he was raised to do. Most parents would hide or destroy any evidence so clearly demonstrating their child's failures, but he's lucky for us. Greg Fitzsimmons's family has preserved each mistake in its original envelope like a trophy in a case, lest he ever forget where he came from. Dear Mrs. Fitzsimmons is Greg's life, told through this cavalcade of disciplinary letters, incident reports, and newspaper clippings that his parents received from teachers and school officials. Greg picks up where his parents left off with his own collection of letters received during college and throughout his successful career as a writer, producer, and stand-up comic. Revealing the larger story of how Greg's distinctly dysfunctional Irish-American family bred him to blindly challenge anyone, anytime, anywhere, over anything, Dear Mrs. Fitzsimmons comes full circle to show that the Fitzsimmons torch has been passed on proudly to a new generation. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

"Greg Fitzsimmons was the first comic to ever give me unwanted advice. I thought he was a jerk. I was wrong. Not only is he a great guy, he is also one of the best storytellers I have ever heard. I look forward to someone reading this book to me." —Zach Galifianakis  
"Jewish guilt is well-known because Jews are loud and free to express

themselves. Catholic guilt, however, is fucking bottomless. Irish to the core, despite himself, this bottomlessness oozes from Greg Fitzsimmons's every pore and it's raw, honest, and hilarious. This portrait of one comic's life is funny, hard, and true.

• Sarah Silverman, comedienne and New York Times bestselling author of *The Bedwetter*

"I've often wondered what it was that made Greg Fitzsimmons so funny. And so filled with non-specific rage. Now I know, and you can, too."

• Andy Richter, National Treasure

"Greg Fitzsimmons thinks he's one of the greatest comedic minds of our generation; and in the case of this book, he's right."

• Adam Carolla, comedian

"Greg Fitzsimmons is as funny as he is f\*%ed up. And he is VERY f\*%ed up."

• Jimmy Kimmel --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

With a lethal (and improbably likeable) mix of wit and sarcasm Greg Fitzsimmons has achieved success as a stand-up, Emmy Award winning writer/producer and Radio/TV host. A regular with David Letterman, Conan O'Brien, Jimmy Kimmel, and Jay Leno, Greg has made more than fifty visits to *The Howard Stern Show* and hosts his own weekly radio show on Sirius XM's "Howard 101." His bi-weekly podcast "FITZDOGRADIO" is one of the most downloaded on iTunes.

I am new to the world of Greg Fitzsimmons having learned of him from listening to Adam Corolla's podcast and then discovering Greg's this past Fall. I read "Dear Mrs. Fitzsimmons" on a recent vacation and found the book surprisingly engaging and moving. Greg is a proud Irishman, as am I, and he is also about my age, so I was eager to hear what his experience in life had been like so far. My mom always told me that as an Irish person I would never be happy. I find her words haunt me and I wonder if other Irish people suffer from this same inability to truly be happy. Greg seems like he struggled a lot to find his present happiness and it was a joy to watch him mature from an overly cocky but insecure young man into a man who gave up drinking and drugs because he wanted to be in charge of himself and the best he could be as a comedian. The book is also a bit of a love letter to his famous, deceased father who loomed large in Greg's young life and could never quite control his own demons. A good read.

Hilarious. I loved it. It's a great book because it is real. Real stories that are real funny. What a better way to feel better about yourself and your failings than to make fun of some one else's problem childhood. This is a way to find out what would have happened if you had made all those decisions

that you are glad that you didn't. It's also a way to validate that many of those things that "adults" tell you when you are kid, really have no impact on the person that you end up being as an adult. It is seriously an enjoyable read. Thanks.

I thought this would be light fare, but in fact the book reflects the author's great depth and insight into family life, alcoholism, and his father. He grew up in relative comfort but not all was comfortable inside. Not lost in the storytelling, however, is the author's unique gifts of wit, which has drawn many of us in over the years and continues to do so. Whether you want to cry or laugh, this will not disappoint.

Dear Mrs. Fitzsimmons is funny, poignant and honest (much better than Carolla's recycled rants!) Also, unlike Adam Carolla, Greg actually wrote his own book.

Comedians can be all over the place when they write books despite the fact writing is essentially what they do for a living. Fortunately, Greg Fitzsimmons delivers with this book filled with anecdotes about his life. An easy read that kept me interested from cover to cover. I really hope Fitzsimmons finds the opportunity to write another book.

great fast read. If you are a fan get the book.

Wow! Hilarious book, reminds me of my childhood. if you were a delinquent (which I knew you were) you'll enjoy this read start to finish!

Greg Fitzsimmons is awesome. Great story teller, great writer, hilarious and has had a very interesting life.

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