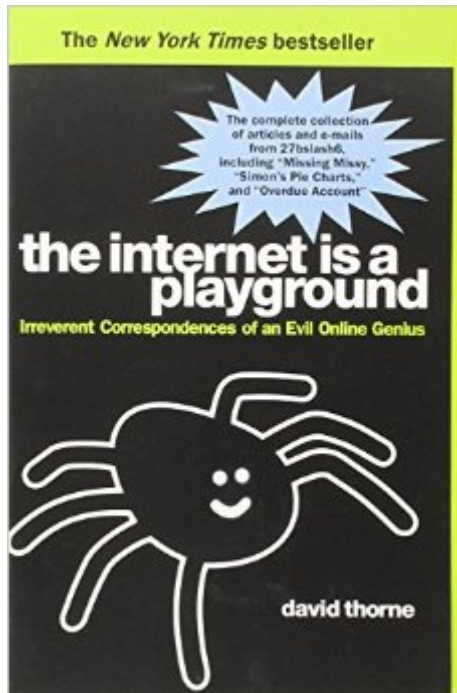


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The Internet Is A Playground: Irreverent Correspondences Of An Evil Online Genius



Synopsis

From the notorious Internet troublemaker who brought the world the explosively popular Next Time I'll Spend the Money on Drugs Instead, in which he attempted to pay his chiropractor with a picture he drew of a spider; "Please Design a Logo for Me. With Pie Charts. For Free," which has been described as one of the most passed-on viral e-mails of all time; and, most recently, the staggeringly popular "Missing Missy", which has appeared everywhere from The Guardian to Jezebel to Andrew Sullivan's The Daily Dish, comes this profoundly funny collection of irreverent Internet mischief and comedy. Featuring all of Thorne's viral success, including "Missing Missy", The Internet Is a Playground culls together every article and e-mail from Thorne's wildly popular website 27bslash6.com, as well as enough new material, available only in these pages, to keep you laughing-and, indeed, crying-until Thorne's next stroke-of-genius prank. Or hilarious hoax. Or well-publicized almost-stint in jail (really). "There is usually a fine line between genius and insanity, but in this case it has become very blurred. Some of the funniest and most clever writing I have read in years."--Terrance Fielding, WIRED magazine "I laughed so hard and uncontrollably I could hardly breathe. Reading this on public transport is not a good idea."--Penthouse magazine "Brilliantly funny."--Jezebel.com

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Customer Reviews

This is quite possibly the best telescope I've ever bought. It's cheap, it works well, and it arrived quickly in the mail. My only complaint is it came with some sort of a coaster, or possibly a paper weight, that I'm not sure what to do with. It is a nicely decorated coaster however. Maybe the seven

legged spider on the front will work as a warning to other spiders wanting to enter my apartment and make them think twice. Again tho, excellent telescope. I can't say enough good things about it.

This book is so good I bought 6 copies and plan to buy several more. One is to read, one is to dip in chocolate and I will put the rest in a pillowcase or large sock and use it as a weapon either against criminals or bank tellers, depending on how well my day goes. EDIT: I did not actually do that, I only bought 2, one for me one for a friend. I am sorry and ashamed that I lied, you deserve better. I hope you will forgive me. However even if you do not forgive me, I hope you do not take it out on this wonderful book. It is very funny and deserves your respect. Bow and grovel before this book and beg for it to make you laugh, in the most sniveling manner that you can manage which I would imagine is utter. Because that is what you are to this book. And it will absolutely make you laugh. But not because you asked for it, but because that is its will.

David Thorne is a humorist, satirist, Internet personality and author. It is also apparent that he has made a dastardly deal with the devil himself; one soul, for one razor-wire sharp wit. Mr. Thorne has a penchant for satire, the absurd, and the often drolly ghastly. Of course, at times he is a prick, but often in the best of ways, morphing into your racist swearing-whisky drinking-motorcycle riding-grandfather who flips you off as he zooms by naked, wrinkles rippling in the wind. As his bare ass disappears down the street, you know that Mr. Thorne is clearly in need of help, but he is definitely going places.

I understand this book has good advice on how to mail cats. I need this. Mostly I have been unsuccessful in doing this. Mostly.

I had been meaning to buy Mr. Thorne's book for some time, but didn't want to actually pay for it. However. Having just read Ella J.'s daft put-down of the book via 27bslash6.com, I decided it would really be worth the heavily discounted price if for nothing more than to stick it to that sad, dreary, chubby carrot-up-the-arse. And yes, that can be a noun as well as an adjective; you don't think I would lie about something like that on 's web site, do you? Ella J., my hat is tipped. And by way of repaying the favour, if you would like some suggestions how to remove that obviously large and intractable vegetable from your fundament without incurring equally large and intractable proctologist's bills, please get in touch with either myself or David. It involves drawings of spiders, so you'd probably want to sharpen your pencil. The book, by the way [that's BTW to you, Ella J.], is

hilarious.

I've been a long time reader of David Thorne's website, and was more than excited (very excited) to discover his novella. I may have to sue him, because I just spit coffee on my work monitors. I was reading about Bill's insight of Google Images, and when I read "Horse Dicks" I was mid-coffee drink, and spit coffee all over my monitors. Now my boss is upset. This may teach me that I am to do work while at work. Thank you Mr. Thorne. I don't think you're a foggot.

Somehow, in the hundreds of thousands of hours I've spent mindlessly procrastinating on the internet, I never came across 27bslash6. When I read the synopsis for The Internet is a Playground, the antics of David Thorne were totally new to me and I was intrigued. Paying a doctor with a drawing of a spider? It seemed just the right level of random and slightly insane that my sense of humor seems to gravitate towards. In his emails, Thorne manages to walk the obnoxious without ever having to resort to rudeness. It's hard to believe these people continue to reply to him. The book is full of articles and emails from his website, but the best are the emails with pictures, either along the same lines as the spider or where people ask him to create something for them but give him way too much room to interpret their directions. Another favorite is a email conversation between Thorne and a hate mailer beginning with "I have read your website and it is obviously that your a foggot." Those who believe that adults should act as such and take life seriously will find Thorne and The Internet is a Playground offensive. Most, I think, will wish they'd found him and his website sooner. Seriously funny on a hard to describe level, you'll either "get" David Thorne and his book - or you just won't. In my case, The Internet is a Playground caused out of control laughter and caused people to look at me funny.

I laughed, I cried, I had multiple orgasms. This book does it all. David Thorne knows how to hit all the right spots.

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