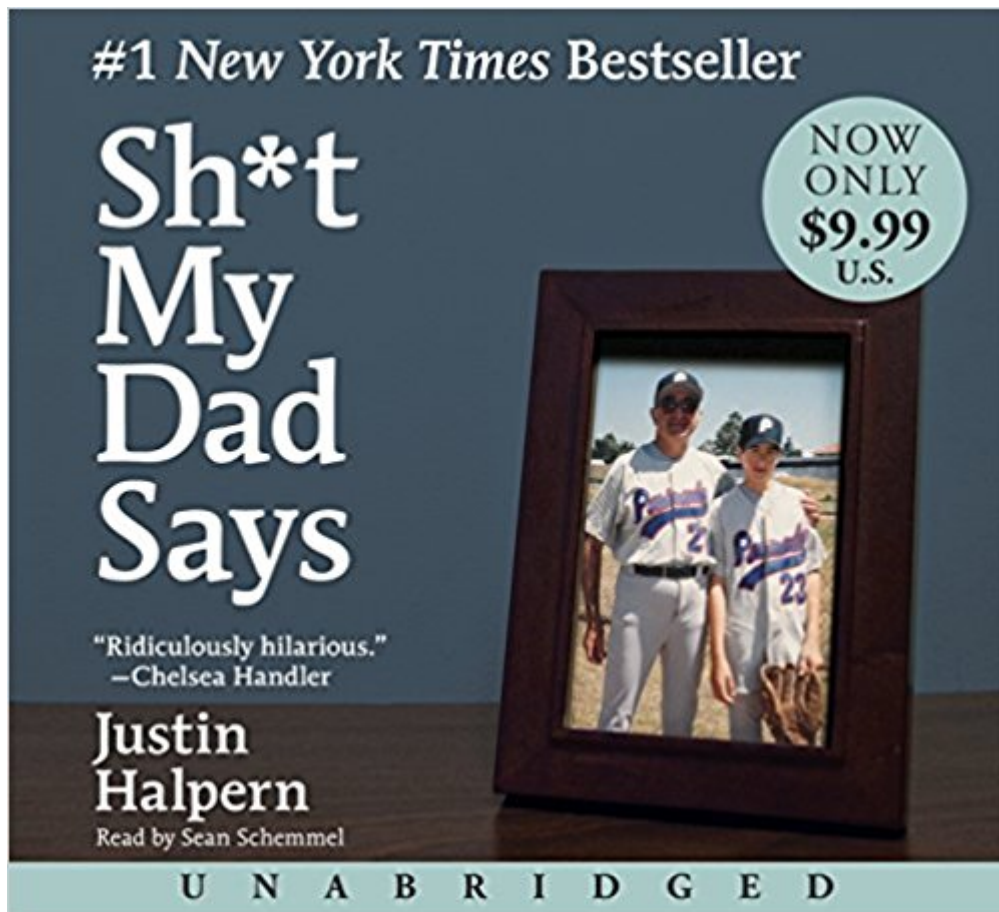




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# Sh\*t My Dad Says



## Synopsis

After being dumped by his longtime girlfriend, twenty-eight-year-old Justin Halpern found himself living at home with his seventy-three-year-old dad. Sam Halpern, who is "like Socrates, but angrier, and with worse hair," has never minced words, and when Justin moved back home, he began to record all the ridiculous things his dad said to him: "That woman was sexy. . . . Out of your league? Son, let women figure out why they won't screw you. Don't do it for them." "Do people your age know how to comb their hair? It looks like two squirrels crawled on their heads and started fucking." "The worst thing you can be is a liar. . . . Okay, fine, yes, the worst thing you can be is a Nazi, but then number two is liar. Nazi one, liar two." Almost two million people now follow Mr. Halpern's philosophical musings on Twitter, and in this book, his son weaves a brilliantly funny, touching coming-of-age memoir around the best of his quotes. An all-American story that unfolds on the Little League field, in Denny's, during excruciating family road trips, and, most frequently, in the Halperns' kitchen over bowls of Grape-Nuts, *Sh\*t My Dad Says* is a chaotic, hilarious, true portrait of a father-son relationship from a major new comic voice.

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*Sh\*t My Dad Says* is f\_\_\_\_\_ great!...Very funny, very irreverent, very real. It's refreshing at a time when we're all choking to death on political correctness and can go for days without meeting a single person with common sense. (Janet Evanovich, *Time*)

Magazine) “This book is ridiculously hilarious, and makes my father look like a normal member of society.” (Chelsea Handler) “Shoot-beer-out-your-nose funny.” (Maxim) “A fun gift book that is bound to crack up anyone who flips through it.” (Los Angeles Times) “If you’re wondering if there is a real man behind the quotes on Twitter, the answer is a definite and laugh-out-loud yes.” (Christian Lander, New York Times bestselling author of *Stuff White People Like*) “Read this unless you’re allergic to laughing.” (Kristen Bell) “Justin Halpern tosses lightning bolts of laughter out of his pocket like he is shooting dice in a back alley. In one sweep of a paragraph, he ranges from hysterical to disgusting to touching—and does it all seamlessly. *Sh\*t My Dad Says* is a really, really funny book.” (Laurie Notaro, New York Times bestselling author of *The Idiot Girls’ Action-Adventure Club*) “Justin Halpern’s dad is up there with Aristotle and Winston F\*cking Churchill. He’s brilliant, and his son’s book is absolutely hilarious.” (A.J. Jacobs, New York Times bestselling author of *The Know-It-All*)

--This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

So, I bought this book on a whim, since it was on sale. I love the Kindle and Kindle app, but I tend to buy sale ebooks (max \$5) if I just keep it cheap if I can’t have a physical copy to hold and love and flip through. There are exceptions to that silly little personal rule, but not many. All I can say is that I loved it! Halpern’s dad is a real character and his analogies and the lessons he teaches his son are colorful, to say the least. I laughed until I cried multiple times and my poor wife had to listen to me repeat quote after quote out of earshot of my kids, of course. The book is definitely Rated R for the volume of cursing. This doesn’t bother me, but I’m throwing it out there out of respect for those who it may turn off. I really enjoyed getting to know the Halpern family. And, that’s really how I felt as if I got to peek inside their lives. No family is perfect, and I enjoyed the honesty and quirkiness. Kudos to Halpern’s dad—great book!

Reading Justin Halpern’s book brought back memories of my own father’s words of wisdom. Although my father (a southern gentleman by birth) was somewhat more prudent in his use of curse words and references to sex, he never hesitated in telling his children (or anyone else for that matter) exactly what was on his mind. I remember when I introduced him to my first really serious girlfriend, a young woman who was more than a foot shorter than myself. He took me aside and

said, "What's the matter, didn't they have one in your size?" However, when we later announced our engagement he was the first to congratulate us and brought out the bottle of Cold Duck that he was saving for such an occasion. When the author was 28 years old he was suddenly dumped by his girlfriend and needed a place to live when he made the decision to move back in with his mother and his then retired father. Working from his new "home" as a writer for Maxim Magazine gave him the time (an awful lot of time according to the author) to see his father through new, adult eyes. The terror that he had felt in his youth due to his father's "bluntness" began to be replaced by admiration for the only person that he had ever known who really spoke his mind without self-censorship. It was only then that he began to see the wisdom in his father's tersely worded observations and began posting them on his Twitter page with the same title as this book. Because Mr. Halpern Sr. has the gift of being able to "swear with great expertise" I can't quote many of them on , but here are a few of my favorite PG rated quips:

**ON THE DEATH OF OUR FIRST DOG** He was a good dog. Your brother is pretty broken up about it, so go easy on him. He had a nice last moment with Brownie before the vet tossed him in the garbage.

**ON MY BLOODY NOSE** What happened? Did somebody punch you in the face?!... The what? The air is dry? Do me a favor and tell people you got punched in the face.

**ON THE MEDICINAL EFFECT OF BACON** You worry too much. Eat some bacon...

What? No, I got no idea if it'll make you feel better, I just made too much bacon.

**ON SHOPPING FOR PRESENTS FOR HIS BIRTHDAY** If it's not bourbon or sweatpants, it's going in the garbage...

No, don't get creative. Now is not a creative time. Now is a bourbon and sweatpants time.

**ON BEING ONE WITH THE WILDERNESS** I'm not sure you can call that roughing it son... Well, for one, there was a (EXPLETIVE) minivan parked forty feet from your sleeping bags.

**ON SILENCE** I just want silence... Jesus, it doesn't mean I don't like you. It just means right now, I like silence more. If you grew up with a Ward Cleaver type of father (or wish that you did) you may find Mr. Halpern's way of expressing himself to be crude, unfeeling, or even uncaring. Far from it. The author augments the pithy quotes (some recent, other's from his childhood) with brief essays that gives the reader a little more of the back story of this unique father-and-son relationship. Is it ideal? I have learned that, for me at least, the best way to judge someone's parenting is by the adult it produces. Justin Halpern's book reads to me as a love letter to a father that always tells it like it is and who made you who you are.

My father passed away at age 87 in 2008. At his wake (we are Irish after all so alcohol was involved) his former co-workers, friends and family paid tribute to him by telling our own little stories and quotes from a man who could be described as both taciturn and brutally honest. The recollections from my three brothers, my sons and myself included stories and things that my dad said that to the outside observer might have also seemed acerbic or even caustic, but

to us it was the way that he showed us that he cared. This book is not for those addicted to a PC idea of what a father should be or for those who are easily offended by real life conversation. But if you, like me, value frank and seemingly brutal honesty (especially from someone who brought you into this world) this book will delight you as much as it has me. I only wish that I could give this to my dad for Father's Day. He would have laughed his (BLEEP) off!

Even funnier if you know or knew someone like Dad. I had the luck to know a man like him; he was my best friend's father. He told you the truth in no uncertain terms, usually in language he learned in the Navy. I could hear Gene's voice throughout this book, and feel my heart swell up missing him. Justin Halpern's Dad is the most laugh-inducing, hard-swearing, truth-telling guy you'll ever laugh until you cry over. You might not approve of his language but you're going to appreciate his honesty, how he is there for his family, and his blunt way of telling you what he thinks of everything. I thoroughly enjoyed this book.

I remember when this was just a Tumblr account and then it skyrocketed into a book. It's definitely a testament to how someone being candid and open and honest can not only be a blessing for not having to read minds, but how funny we are in our natural human states. This is one funny Dad. Being blunt with people who are socially conditioned to think such behavior is wrong may get you the side eye but take a literal page out of this book when it comes to "Who cares what people think of me!" Hats off to Justin's awesome Dad. Even if he doesn't give a s\*\*\*.

I'm not gonna bore you with the long review. I will tell you this is one of the funniest books I've read in a long time. Dad proves to be a no nonsense kind of guy and has no qualms about telling his son when he screws up, and has an off-color way of telling him when he does something right. This is no Leave It to Beaver, and as you can guess by the title there are several of those seven words you're not supposed to say on TV in this book. You deserve a good laugh - indulge yourself!

I don't know what else to say but this book is FREAKING HILARIOUS. I laughed so hard I kept having to explain and read aloud to my husband because he was getting annoyed. I loved it so much I bought and sent copies to my siblings who equally enjoyed this. The language is quite colorful so it's not for everyone but I found it entertaining and clever just the same. I don't know how this man remembered all of this detail--but his dad sure is a colorful and creative man!

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