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# From Reader Review Awkward Family Photos for online ebook

## Terry Collins says

I've read that some things once SEEN can never be UNSEEN ... and the photographs in the first collection of Awkward Family Photos fall into that slice of the last forty years of the American Experience. Even the most amusing of the pictures on display also offer up moments of clarity - we are not witnessing posed, staged lives on display, but instead, are seeing the sloppy truth of what it meant to live in an already being forgotten America; from an era where photographs were not instant and digital, or easily deleted before being printed on high glossy color paper, and lived on long after the shutter clicked.

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## Chris Gager says

Found it yesterday at the local transfer station. Good for a few yuks. If you were a space alien and had nothing to go on but this book vis-à-vis what Planet Earth was like you might think we're all insane.

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## Kelly says

Many of these pictures I've already seen on the internet. Many were funny, some...not so much. I had a lot of hope for this book. I imagined it would be just page after page of awkward photos. But there were a lot of photos that weren't necessarily awkward...just goofy. And then there were family stories not even related to photographs. I was pretty disappointed.

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## Celia Pires says

What a laugh! ?

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## Eastofoz says

This book had some very hysterical family photos and the captions or little blurbs about them made them even funnier. The book is a compilation of way too hilarious pictures that most people can probably relate to from the stilted family portrait where no one looks "natural" to the freaky background wedding/graduation/big event shots. Done in all seriousness, there are some "period" pieces (80s hilarity especially), some "re-enactments" (à la Dynasty, Ma & Pa Kettle for some priceless ones), some "ouch" uncomfortable shots (kids putting their hands on body parts that only kids can get away with), vacation shots (with clothes that you wouldn't be caught dead in otherwise) and then just the "beautifully challenged" people shots -wow! Makes you wonder what these people were thinking when they had these pictures taken, but then you stop and think of your own embarrassing family photos and there you have your answer ;) It's a good laugh to be had from start to finish.

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## **Sarai says**

I was actually kind of disappointed with this book. I wanted it to be hilariously funny, but it was only kind of funny. My favorite picture is at the back and took me a while to figure out - the family is sitting on the couch and there was nothing strange about the picture until I noticed they were sitting on someone else and all you could see of her was her eyes. That did make me laugh.

Otherwise, I found only a few pictures really funny, and my husband was looking over my shoulder going, "I don't get why that's awkward."

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## **Jenna says**

Love it!

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## **Jennifer Daniel says**

Awkward was too gentle a word for some of these clunkers. Painful, disasterous and down right creepy would be better adjectives. My personal fave was the engagement photo of a young couple, the girl in what had to be her prom dress, standing behind her man who was shirtless and sporting a farmer's tan. Also, I'm pretty sure he was gay. I'm gonna predict that marraige didn't last.

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## **Xanthi says**

I enjoyed this very much. It wasn't just the photos (they were hilarious) but the way they were presented. There were various categories - holidays, family vacations, siblings, birthdays, etc. and each had a warm and humorous introduction. I guess that is what I liked about this book - its warmth and humour. It didn't have a nasty 'look at those dorks' tone to it, but rather 'look at US, being dorks'. We have all been there and been that awkward! I also like the true stories of family related awkward incidents. I am happy to say that my dad never cracked dad jokes, however!

A fun book.

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## **Charlotte says**

The (inevitable?) spinoff of the hilarious website [www.awkwardfamilyphotos.com](http://www.awkwardfamilyphotos.com). About 75% of the photos in the book are new and about 25% had already been published on the website. The photos are priceless, and the authors' titles and captions are consistently funny. The authors also include quite a few awkward family emails that are generally entertaining, but I would have preferred using the available page space for photographs. The short introduction about the permanence, and resulting ups and downs and awkwardness of family, was surprisingly well-written and sweet. Recommended for a fun in-store or library read, but I probably wouldn't buy it. I shall continue to visit the website regularly, however.

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## **Lisa says**

This was the funniest book I have ever read. It consists of really awful family photos with hilarious captions. I picked it up while waiting to meet my friend at Borders and I read the entire thing. I thought I was going to get myself kicked out of the store because I was making such a scene. I could tell that people were not sure if I was laughing or sobbing, because I was in complete hysterics. When my friend arrived (I was there about an hour before her, hence the ability to read the entire book before she got there) I was like, Jenny, you have to see this book it is the greatest book on earth. And she was like, ya, this is from a website called [Awkwardfamilyphotos.com](http://Awkwardfamilyphotos.com) (I don't know how she knows all this wierd kind of stuff but she is an absolute fountain of knowledge on all these strange, current goings-on). So not only did I crack up in Borders, but when I got home that night, I went on-line for round 2, and my husband joined me. We stayed up until midnight laughing so hard that I can't believe we didn't wake up the kids. If you ever need a present for a grab-bag or a college graduation gift for someone you don't know that well, or pretty much anyone for any occasion, I would suggest this awesome book. It will provide at least an hour of priceless amusement.

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## **Terra says**

As you start reading the introduction to this book you'll find yourself chuckling but as you get futher into it you will be laughing out loud to strange looks from your dear hubby or dear children or for that matter anyone within hearing distance. Some of the pictures are just above and beyond hysterical and the captions with them are perfect. I can actually picture myself in some of the circumstances with which the photos had been taken. I'm sure if I went digging through my family photo albums I would find some hilarious moments trapped in motion that will never be forgotten. Oh and I'm sure there will be a few that I wish would be forgotten but good gosh if you can't have a sense of humor and laugh then you're missing out on a major joy in life. This book will give you joy, laughter and a number of looks from those you love or are near to gain there interest. The one thing I suggest is that you have a box of tissues to wipe those tears of laughter and make sure there is a bathroom nearby as you might just piddle by accident. Enjoy.

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## **Jen says**

There is a little bit of WTF inside every family album. Some families have more of these WTF bits than

others, and let me be the first to offer you my sincerest condolences if you and yours have less than your fair share. It is my belief that the universe has a limited number of incongruous photo opportunities, and I feel sorry for those lacking documentation of wonderful family togetherness-awfulness, because I'm pretty sure my family stole all these photo ops from your family. Which is why I ordered this book; I needed to make sure my family wasn't prominently featured between its covers.

And it isn't. At least, not yet. But I am familiar with many of the themes found inside: *Holidays*, *The Kids*, and *Family Portrait*. My sisters and I had twitchy noses when we were mice in "the Cheeses for Jesus," I've played the part of Johnny Appleseed, barefoot and with saucepan headgear earnestly imploring all in song to remember "Earth as a garden, where all nature is free", and I'm pretty sure my middle sister howled her way through a church pageant dressed as a hound dog. My family, acting as singing songbooks (Psalty and the Kids Praise! kids!), wiped oil paint from our faces only to dress in sweat suits and travel across the land for "The Sweat Family on Vacation." Each member of the family unit had a different color sweatsuit (we each got to choose our color- we were a loving Christian family and my parents did partially believe in the doctrine of free will and all); my mother embellished the sweatshirts by puff painting over the edges of flowers, cows and bears, because appliques need embellishing, but also because she soooooo loved us.

So this is why I can only give this book 3.5-4 stars. Because my relief in knowing that our prized family photographs are still closeted in hatboxes far from the internet and book publishers may be short lived. But until then, I'll page through this book and uncomfortably laugh at the rest of those the universe has blessed with this brand of lucky.

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## **Megan says**

Is it silly to purchase a book when these same photos and many more can be found on the website of the same name? Perhaps. But who can possibly resist this sort of hilarity?

...or bad judgement?

...or dysfunction?

It is impossible to view this book without feeling nostalgic for my own childhood. Crazy family, weird 1970's and 1980's fashions, incredibly awkward photos. This book, and the website which inspired it, are like crack to me. It is a plethora of awkwardness ~ candid snapshots, unintentionally revealing photographs, bad photo-studio poses, and in some cases totally wacky and awesome creativity.

*My new goal is to get the hubby drunk enough that he agrees to copy this idea for our holiday cards next year!*

Yeah, the pictures included in this collection can be found on the website. But in the event of the zombie apocalypse and the subsequent loss of electricity (cause you know that day will come!) it will be nice to have an old fashioned book on hand. A book of wonderful family weirdness to take your mind off the ravenous

hoard on the front lawn. Or, you know, it's great to just put out as a coffee table book too :)

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**Amy Moniz says**

Some of the photos were funny, some of the stories were funny, and I am glad that I didn't pay full price for the book!

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