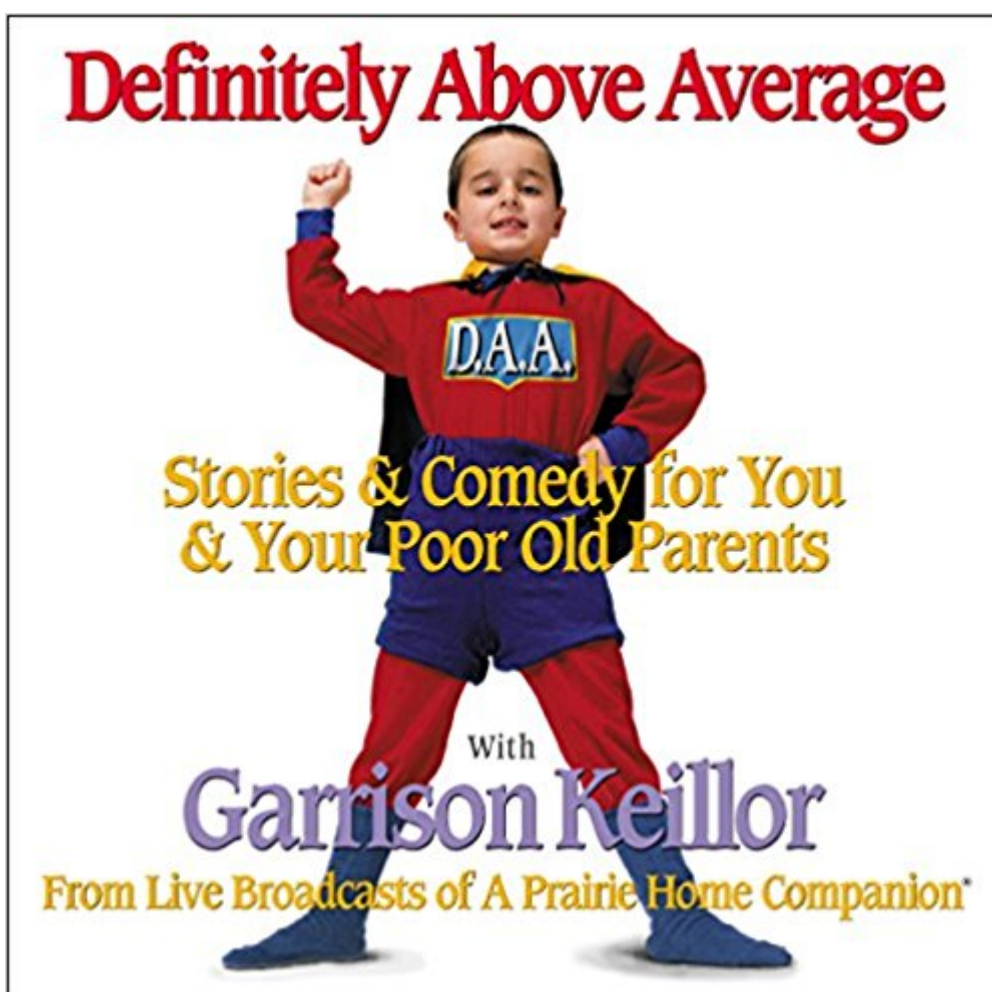




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Definitely Above Average: Stories & Comedy For You & Your Poor Old Parents



Synopsis

From live broadcasts of *A Prairie Home Companion*. After the birth of Garrison Keillor's daughter, the stories, songs, and sketches on *A Prairie Home Companion* took on a distinctly parental bent. This new collection gathers the warmest, funniest, most affectionate examples: dance tunes and comedy with sound effects; songs featuring Chet Atkins, Leo Kottke, Beausoleil, and other guests; Ian Frazier's much-requested "Lamentations of the Father"; and Garrison's version of "The Princess and the Pea." Garrison says, "I test-played this album for my daughter, who is three, and she jumped around a lot." Filled with stories, sketches, and songs recorded from live broadcasts, *Definitely Above Average* will delight parents and children everywhere.

Contents:

Oh Baby Bananas
Children Go Where I Send Thee
The True Sad Story of Mr. Froggie
Baby Dance
Knock Knock
Who's There
El Hambo
Hush Little Baby
The Baby Says Ha
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Brownie and Pete
The Horses Stood Around/
Powdermilk Biscuit Theme
Tell My Ma
Happy One Step
Oh Susanna
Fantasy
Wheels On the Bus
Songs That I Love Best
Baby Blues
Tell Me Why
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A Game of Chess
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The Sound Effects Man
Part One
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The Sound Effects Man
Part Two

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Customer Reviews

As the host of *A Prairie Home Companion* for over forty years, Garrison Keillor has captivated millions of listeners with his *News from Lake Wobegon* monologues. He has been honored with Grammy, ACE, and George Foster Peabody awards, the National Humanities Medal, and election to the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

These songs and sketches are taken from live broadcasts of "A Prairie Home Companion" and, as such, qualify more as a concert than an actual book. It doesn't matter what the format is, though, because Keillor is a very funny fellow. Tape One contains musical selections of old children's favorites, twisted versions thereof, and some new material. Tape Two has sketches that aren't really for children, but certainly capture the fun of dealing with young ones. Most of the material is funny and warm and, in the case of "Lamentations of the Father," dangerous to listen to while driving. It is utterly priceless. Keillor fans might have heard some of these, but for the rest of us they provide a welcome diversion. R.I.G. Â© AudioFile 2001, Portland, Maine-- Copyright Â© AudioFile, Portland, Maine --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I still listen to this cd...and my kids are all grown and gone...Love Garrison Keillor and his obvious connection to his "baby girl."..who I imagine might be grown and gone herself by now!

If you are unfamiliar with Keillor, but like listening to old time radio shows, then you may enjoy this cd. I liked this collection, even though it is frequently corny. While an adult would have to be a true fan to enjoy Keillor's singing on the music cd, my uncritical toddler bounces to the rhythms and enjoys the quirky music. As an adult, the cd with the sketches is more enjoyable. "Laws concerning Food and Drink: Household Principles; Lamentations of the Father" is worth the price of the cd alone.

Garrison Keillor is WAY above average. Love this - thanks!

This is missing much of the charm of the usual Prairie Home Companion programs. The first CD consists only of songs. If you listen to the show for the music you may like this. The second cd has a few long sketches, a couple of which were entertaining, the others were simply repetitive. If you're expecting the typical Prairie Home Companion show, look elsewhere.

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