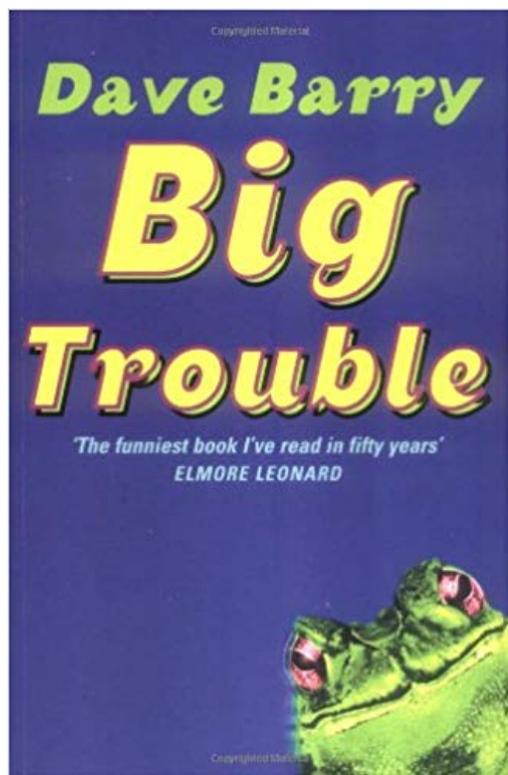


## Big Trouble *by* Dave Barry



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## Reviews of the *Big Trouble* *by* Dave Barry

### Ausstan

This has been one of my all-time favorite books since I first read it 17 years ago. I own the hardcover, e-book, and Audible editions, plus the DVD. The story line is absolutely ridiculous and that's what makes it so funny. The humor manages to be slapstick and dry at the same time, which makes it difficult for some people to get it. I also recommend Dave Barry's books (in this order): Lunatics, Insane City, and Deep Trouble.

### Jugore

Humor,mystery,international intrigue, a little sex,it has it all! Once I started reading it I couldn't stop. I laughed out loud so many times waking my wife up she was glad I finished it.

The characters are great, especially Roger, the plot was great. Only thing better could have been the ending the punishment for Snake was less than he deserved. I'm definitely going to read this one again this winter. Keep up the fiction Barry

### **LONUDOG**

I read this book and was talking about it to my daughter, and she told me it was written prior to 9-11, but not pushed at the time because it would be bad form to take on our friends at TSA. Well maybe if might be a good to take on the TSA rent a cops that make all of our live miserable while we wait in line and endure the Potemkin security state that inconveniencenes us all, but probably does very little to make our lives safer.

Now that I have gotten that off my chest, I can say that Barry sends up Florida and the TSA with the a sense of humor and an appreciation of the absurdity that we all endure in our daily lives. His characters are entertaining, and if I didn't know South Florida and the keystone cops of the TSA, I would say they are a little absurd, but then, even the most absurd fiction, can hardly begin to describe the reality of the absurd that occurs when TSA meets South Florida.

Apart from his social criticism, his characters are sweet, and I was smiling at the kids and the adults trying to make the best of a crazy world.

If laughter is the best medicene, Barry is a brilliant doctor.

Buy the book and smile.

### **Lailace**

Dave manages to combined Russian mafia, a hit team from New Jersey, a dog with the IQ of celery, irresponsible teenagers, sacrificial goats, rogue FBI agents and other petty criminals, and a nuclear bomb to explain just one day's worth of 5 o'clock news for Miami. You could think of it as a travelogue for those not familiar with the customs of the people of Miami, combined with a love story, and a book on modern parenting....

### **Matty**

Satirical farces are some of my favorite books, and Big Trouble is among the greatest. It takes a lot for a book to captivate me as much as this one did; every time I picked it up, I didn't want to put it down until it was finished. Big Trouble is a book about people, a lot of different kinds of people, and the ridiculous events that take place when an almost random assortment of these people bump heads. The characters have heart, and the contrasts between goals, such as looking for a bomb and facing off against an Enemy Toad, make for a hilarious and wonderfully insane story that's going to rock your socks off.

### **Gavirim**

If there's anything missing from Dave Barry's "Big Trouble," I don't know what it is. It's got humor, action, romance, adults, teens, thrills, crime, corruption, bribery, current events (even though it was written 15 years ago), popular culture, immigration issues, terrorism issues, weapons issues, and, even though Barry makes a joke of it in his introductory material, a plot. Of course, Dave Barry wrote this (not Hemingway or anyone like that). So, don't expect capital-L Literature here. But, for being a light, fast, fun read (NOT for the kids, though), I'm happy to rate it at an Excellent 5 stars out of 5.

## Mazuzahn

I found myself laughing out loud regularly, as Dave Barry takes the reader through a convoluted series of events that reach an exciting and bizarre conclusion. Barry's odd ball characters come with outlandish back stories. By the time he wraps their fate up in an Epilogue, we're glad our new friends are OK, or not, depending on their place on the good-bad continuum.

As soon as Dave Barry finishes reading the collected works of Carl Hiaasen and Elmore Leonard he will be able to do a better job of emulating them. Dave shouldn't take offense at this comment as whom does he have endorsing his book? Why none other than Hiaasen and Leonard.

This is a story that takes place over a period of about two days, and is both frenetic and fun. While most of the characters are strictly out of the Hiaasen Casting Agency, they are enjoyable. Essentially a few decent people get entangled with Russian arms dealers, incompetent robbers, nasty FBI agents, the local police, and, most evil of all, the Miami International Airport. What is that ominous weapon in the suitcase? Will the goats in the street block our heroes' way to the airport? Will the python at the airline ticket counter manage to squish one of the hit men? How many bribes does it take to get a seat on a plane at the Miami airport? Read the book and find out.

On every page I half expected to read the words "I am not making this up", but they never appeared. Most of the time you actually feel you are reading a novel, and not an extended newspaper column, although Barry yields to temptation at least once when he gives his views of elderly cruise ship addicts. All in all not bad for a first effort.

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