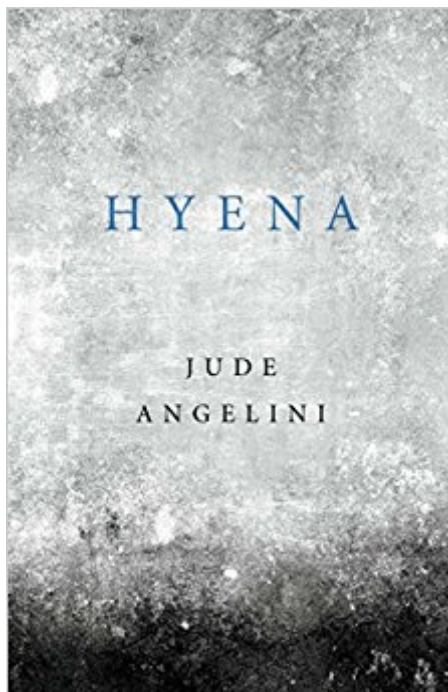


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# Hyena



## Synopsis

Hyena is a collection of autobiographical stories by Jude Angelini, which takes the reader on his journey of heartbreak, depravity, and hilarity, deftly moving between his adult life and his childhood growing up in a factory town outside of Detroit. Each story is told with brutal honesty, yet maintains a gallows humor that will leave you shaking your head in disbelief. Jude is one of the top hip-hop radio hosts on Sirius Satellite radio. His self-published, print-on-demand edition of Hyena has been an indie bestseller, despite having no ebook or physical distribution. Its exploration of drugs, sex, and the human condition compares to Charles Bukowski, Hunter S. Thompson, Artie Lange, and Jim Norton. It also captures the hardscrabble culture, language, and landscape of post-industrial Detroit, from which came some of pop culture's most compelling artists.

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“Angelini's book is like a mix of Charles Bukowski and Hunter S. Thompson, chronicling a whirlwind of belligerent wild tribulations all his own. You won't be able to put it down, and you will come out understanding and understood.” • (Mariah Summers BuzzFeed Books)

Jude Angelini was born and raised in Pontiac, Michigan. He got his start as a guest and comic on The Jenny Jones Show and now hosts his own show, The All Out Show, on Sirius Satellite Radio. He loves reading Elmore Leonard, science fiction, and medieval fantasy, as well as antiquing and playing a good game of backgammon. He currently lives in Los Angeles.

Jude doesn't hold back. The stories are off the chain and well told. It's an easy read and you'll be glad you did!

A funny, and oftentimes, even sad view into the life of Jude Angelini, this book gives us insight into a world some of us may not otherwise see or know about. The author writes in a way that allows you to feel as though he's speaking directly to you, giving you his testimony, sharing his honest, raw, brutal view of the world, and opening up in a way that many authors don't for fear of how the world would judge them. In his follow up *Hummingbird*, he continues with that raw emotional appeal, maybe even on a deeper level. His gut wrenching, but often humorous struggles with love and life, give us a glimpse into the mind of a man who struggles with self acceptance, yet continues to strive for more. The book touches on themes of substance abuse, sex, relationships, breakups, but twists them into humorous short stories that are palatable, heart wrenching, and hilarious. If you're going to read this book, follow up with *Hummingbird*. Jude's writing style reminds me of a more vulgar Frank McCourt. His ability to connect to the reader using writing that is not full of flowery words, but rather fraught with meaning despite that, is uncanny. Neither book is a disappointment, but rather can't be put down. I read *Hummingbird* in one day and *Hyena* in 2 days. Believe the hype.

Great read. I love listening to Jude on the Jason Ellis show, and finally bought this book. It was an extremely easy read and gives you some great insight into Jude's life. Would prefer it was laid out more chronologically with a better back story (youth, Jenny Jones, etc), but I know enough about Jude to already know his story. If you know of and/or like Jude you will enjoy this book.

I've met Mr. Angelini recently, I hear him on satellite radio from time to time, and I remember him from his days on the Jenny Jones show. I have always found him to be a funny guy, and he was very cool in person, so I was expecting good, solid entertainment with this book. I was not disappointed. It's a bit down and dirty at times, so if squeaky clean is your thing this book might not be for you. If you don't mind a little off-color story telling and some dirty humor, then do yourself a favor and get this book!

I'd recommend you listen to Jude a few times on the radio before you read this book just so you can put his voice and the way he speaks with the way the book is written. It's a fascinating read. I tried to watch a movie after reading a few chapters and had to go right back to the book you could crush it in one night if you wanted to. It's an interesting life lived put into a book. I mean I found myself

laughing several times but then feel sorry for him. I'm sure he doesn't want my pity. We've all got issues to deal with and he is so brutally honest about obsessing over an ex and self torture I think it's kind of brave. 5 starts. Can't wait for the show.

I haven't read a book in almost 10 years but I read through 139 pages of HYENA in one sitting. If you've heard Jude on the radio and enjoyed it then you will absolutely like his book, even if you're someone like me who hasn't read a book since high school. There are a lot of hilarious parts, there are parts that hit close to home, the way he weaves the two together is amazing.

I listen to Sir Angelini's show every once in a while on my drive home. The guy is hilarious, point blank. Early on after researching him, finding out he was the same guy from the Jenny Jones show, from Pontiac Michigan, and caucasian, I was dumbfounded. Not because he was a throwback semi-celebrity, from a nearby area and white, but he didn't fit the image I had in my head. While listening to Sirius one day, I heard his commercial that he had written a book and that a show was being made about him on HBO. I immediately jumped on , ordered the book and this is by far the fastest book I've ever read. I know my wife was tired of me stopping her from her day by me reading her entire chapters at a time. I heard Jude's distinctive voice throughout the book, which made it much more vivid. After reading the book, and knowing what he has going on in outside activities, my desire for the All Out Show to go to a 90% talk format is a pipe dream. Jude is off to bigger and better stuff, as long as he allows it without blowing up his spot. I do think this is where Jude stands above some of his peers, he has a desire to move forward, and doesn't seem afraid of success. Back to the book... if you enjoy raunchy humor, vivid storytelling and cringe inducing situations, you're doing yourself a disservice if you haven't read this book. And Jude, whenever you're back in MI, come up to Flinttown and we'll tear up LLT & Cloud Nine.

Ordered this book for my boyfriend who is a fan of this radio DJ. Rude Jude has a very graphic way of communicating on the radio so naturally his book would be no different. What I can say is that my boyfriend read the book in just a few sittings. This is the first book I have seen him finish since meeting him 16 years ago. So for that reason I give the book 4 stars. I would offer 5 stars if the book were a little better written. That said, the first person narrative is true to the author's real personality.

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