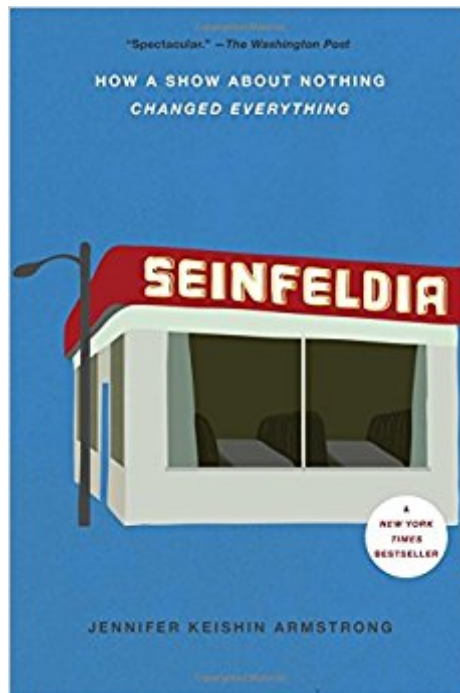




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Seinfeldia: How A Show About Nothing Changed Everything



Synopsis

The New York Times bestseller about two guys who went out for coffee and dreamed up Seinfeld—“A wildly entertaining must-read not only for Seinfeld fans but for anyone who wants a better understanding of how television series are made” (Booklist, starred review). Comedians Larry David and Jerry Seinfeld never thought anyone would watch their sitcom about a New York comedian sitting around talking to his friends. But against all odds, viewers did watch—first a few and then many, until nine years later nearly forty million Americans were tuning in weekly. Fussy Jerry, neurotic George, eccentric Kramer, and imperious Elaine—people embraced them with love. Seinfeldia, Jennifer Keishin Armstrong’s intimate history is full of gossipy details, show trivia, and insights into how famous episodes came to be. Armstrong celebrates the creators and fans of this American television phenomenon, bringing readers into the writers’ room and into a world of devotees for whom it never stopped being relevant. Seinfeld created a strange new reality, one where years after the show had ended the Soup Nazi still spends his days saying “No soup for you!” Joe Davola gets questioned every day about his sanity, and Kenny Kramer makes his living giving tours of New York sites from the show. Seinfeldia is an outrageous cultural history. Dwight Garner of The New York Times Book Review wrote: “Armstrong has an eye for detail.” Perhaps the highest praise I can give Seinfeldia is that it made me want to buy a loaf of marbled rye and start watching again, from the beginning.

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"Even for those of us who imagine ourselves experts, Armstrong scatters delicious details throughout her book, like so many Juicyfruits we can't resist." [I]n describing the making and writing of this singular show, Armstrong is queen of the castle. Her stories about "Seinfeld" are real — and they're spectacular.

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"Lively and illuminating. A wildly entertaining must-read not only for Seinfeld fans but for anyone who wants a better of understanding of how television series are made." —Booklist, starred review

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—Wall Street Journal

"The heart of Armstrong's book and its most engaging quality is how it all came to be: the Seinfeld rules of the road that seemed to be without rules; the actors who left their indelible mark (Bryan Cranston as dentist Tim Whatley, Teri Hatcher as one of Jerry's "spectacular" girlfriends) and the parade of moments about nothing that really turned out to be something."

—USA Today

"Even as someone lucky enough to be on the show, I couldn't put Seinfeldia down."

—Larry Thomas, The Soup Nazi

"Armstrong's intimate, breezy history is full of gossip details, show trivia, and insights into how famous episodes came to be. How nothing could become something or how a national TV audience learned to live in a Beckett-ian world. Perfect for Seinfeldians and newcomers alike."

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"Armstrong offers a masterly look at one of the greatest shows. The research involved makes this a boon to television scholars, but Seinfeld enthusiasts will also enjoy this funny, highly readable book."

—Library Journal

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Brings back memories. Seinfeld brought great fun to the whole country and this book kindles those memories. The origin of Moops, spongeworthy, bubble boy, the balm and hundreds of others was detailed.

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