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Ted Travelstead : The Petraeus Files: All the Photos, Chats, Poems, and Other Super-Secret Emails They Don't Want You to See before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Petraeus Files: All the Photos, Chats, Poems, and Other Super-Secret Emails They Don't Want You to See:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hilarious and Unexpectedly Endearing By J. Lyons Making fun of General Petraeus, his biographer/lover Paula Broadwell and their scandalous affair seems like it would be easy work, fill a book with a bunch of Jay Leno-like monologue sex jokes and you're done, a fun but forgettable read. I'm happy to report this definitely not the case with The Petraeus Files. Author Ted Travelstead--a talented writer and performer known for dreaming up bizarre little landscapes filled oddly sweet creatures and people--creates a truly hilarious and original take on this outrageous romance in the form of email correspondence between a cast of both horned-up and buttoned-down characters. I was laughing at loud (honest to goodness LOLs!) within the first few pages as I learned about the General's professed love of bugle music, hatred of pool parties and complete ignorance of iTunes. Travelstead's deft treatment of the mercurial pair and their romance is absurd yet oddly respectful, making these love-struck kids quite endearing. By the end of the first couple of chapters, you find yourself rooting for them and their mutual admiration of John Mayer music and donkey-inspired love-making. Ted saves the majority of his jabs for the insane character of Jill Kelley, the busybody bored housewife who throws lavish parties for her military neighbors, pens godawful fan fiction, loves chain restaurants and inadvertently causes the downfall of the infamous secret romance. Her inane text conversations with her sister and emails with multiple generals are downright gut busting. Travelstead's comedic sensibilities--follow him on Twitter at @trumpetcake (he is the best)--really shine bright with his over-the-top descriptions of her extravagant parties (Shark-Attack Simulator!). I really loved this book and want to know more about these people... not the real ones, I'm talking about the dopey, love-starved characters Travelstead gleefully created for us. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. All the best comedy LOOKS easy. By Customer I laughed. I cried (but that's a personal problem I have and has nothing to do with Ted Travelstead's work). I first discovered his absurdist take on the world via twitter (where he goes by @trumpetcake) a few years ago, and he has been making me laugh on a daily basis since then. Every comedian, pro and wannabe, took their shots at the Petraeus scandal when the story broke, but only Ted had the cajones, and more importantly the comedic chops, to put together this extended riff on the affair. Eggheads talk about two different kinds of satire--Juvenalian, which is the vicious, mean-spirited, tear-the-world-down kind, and Horatian, the kind that Travelstead practices here. It recognizes that even when people deserve to be taken down a bit, they're still people, and a recognition of them as such, married with a bit of "there but for the grace of God go I," only serves to deepen the humor. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Headline or summary for your review (required)

WARNING: The satire you are about to read will change the way you look at our nation's leaders. FOREVER. In November 2012, General David Petraeus stepped down from his post as director of the CIA when it was exposed that he'd had an affair with his biographer, Paula Broadwell. The political scandal that unfolded would eventually include four-star generals, socialites, FBI agents, the Army, a stuffed Sasquatch, and the entire cast of TLC's Sister Wives. Hundreds, thousands? maybe millions? of e-mails were exchanged between these parties. Their computers have been seized by the government, and those e-mails would likely never see the light of day. . . . However, access to these confidential documents has been obtained by a most unlikely source: comedian Ted Travelstead. Through a perfect storm of dumb luck, desperation, and a favor from a friend with a working computer, Travelstead managed to secure these e-mails. He has pored over reams of pages to give you an inside look at The Petraeus Files. Prepare to be amazed by: *The coded phrases Gen. Petraeus and his mistress Paula Broadwell used to keep their rendezvous private, and the numerous nicknames they had for each other ("Peaches: I want your plums in my juicer.") *Florida socialite Jill Kelley's official titles: Vice Consul of Sweet Times, Ambassador of Lady Town, Lil' Mayor Push-N-Pull, and Undersecretary of All Things Considered, to name a few. *Gen. John Allen's previously unknown penchant for Nip/Tuck fan fiction With exclusive e-mails, chats, photographs, and illustrations, this is a book that will change the way you look at the military, our nation's leaders, and the phrase "rear admiral."

About the Author TED TRAVELSTEAD is a writer and performer. He is a co-author of SEX: Our Bodies, Our Junk, a contributor to Care To Make Love In That Gross Little Space Between Cars?: A Believer Book of Advice, and has written for Esquire, Vanity Fair, Radar, and McSweeney's, among other publications. As an actor he has appeared onstage performing sketch and stand-up at various venues in New York City, and in a broad range of films, comedic shorts, and music videos.