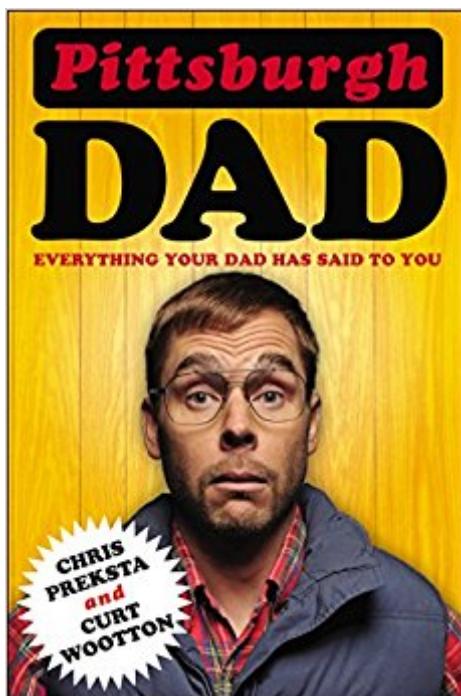


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# Pittsburgh Dad: Everything Your Dad Has Said To You



## Synopsis

When Pittsburgh Dad debuted on YouTube three years ago, creators Chris Preksta and Curt Wootton little suspected their sitcom would receive more than sixteen million views and turn their blue-collar everyman into a nationally known figure. Illustrated with hilarious black-and-white photos, Pittsburgh Dad shares the best of the best, from rants about swimming pool rules to reflections on coaching little league to curmudgeonly movie reviews. With its heavy dose of nostalgia and pitch-perfect sensibility, Pittsburgh Dad will have readers laughing in recognition, especially those who love recent blockbusters like *Sh\*t My Dad Says* and *Dad Is Fat*.

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Chris Preksta is the director and cocreator and Curt Wootton is co-creator and star of the Pittsburgh Dad series. They live in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH DAD CHRIS PREKSTA (director/cocreator) is a film and web series director whose credits include Pittsburgh Dad, the sci-fi series *The Mercury Men*, which premiered on the NBC Universal/Syfy digital network, and the award-winning online sitcom *The Guild*. Chris grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. CURT WOOTTON (Pittsburgh Dad/cocreator), a film and stage actor, turned an impression of his actual father into a nationally known character with the introduction of Pittsburgh Dad. His credits also include the online series *Captain Blasto* and *The Mercury Men*. Curt grew up in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Chris and Curt are currently writing and developing Pittsburgh

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YouTube to share with our families, we expected a total of 50 views. That first day, we had 1,000. Within just a few months, we had more than 1 million views. National news outlets began sharing the episode, and we were flooded with hundreds of messages and comments from around the country all saying similar things: "My dad is EXACTLY like this!" • "It's scary how accurate this is." • "As if you secretly recorded my family growing up!" • It seemed like everybody's parents said the same things to them when they were growing up. Was there some class that taught all dads to yell about not pressing your face against the screen door? Do you automatically start guarding the thermostat the moment you become a parent? At what age do we suddenly start regulating how much milk is poured into a cereal bowl? Over the past three years, that single video has led to more than 100 additional episodes capturing the nostalgia, funny phrases, and frustrations of growing up in a blue-collar, middle-class home. "Coming home when the street lights go on, catching lightning bugs, and not being allowed to play in the living room. What you're holding is a collection of our favorite jokes and stories written for the show, collected from our personal experiences and memories of growing up. But you'll swear it was your own dad speaking. And if you picked up this book wondering what the hell it is, or why you should care about some dad from Pittsburgh, you can see the show for yourself at [www.youtube.com/pittsburghdad](http://www.youtube.com/pittsburghdad). Millions of views later, we still film on Chris's iPhone. We hope yinz enjoy it! EATING FAMILY DINNER The food tastes the same in all the chairs. Wash your hands and sit the hell down! Can you have a Happy Meal?! You should just be happy you're even getting this meal. Can we eat dinner at IKEA tonight?! Why don't we grab hors d'oeuvres down at Roomful Express while we're at it? What's city chicken?! It's pork. If you don't like it, just close your eyes and pretend it's chicken nuggets. Jessica, I rinsed the apple off. It's clean, for crying out loud. You won't eat fruit until we soak it in Purell and run it through the dishwasher. Take that wrapped Arby's sandwich outta the microwave before you blow up my house! Hey, what's the number-one rule in the house? "Always use a Chip Clip." • Quit eating all the Little Debbie snacks! Those are for your lunches. No, I don't want no craft beer. I don't even like their mac and cheese. PICKY EATERS You have to eat it 'cause there's kids starving in China. Send it to them, then?! How's about we just send you, instead? You're a vegetarian? Since when did Cinnamon Toast Crunch become a vegetable? No, this ain't like eating in a prison. They complain less there. Quit feeding the animals under the table. That dog eats better than some families I know. Hey, Mum, stop throwing all that leftover bread to them filthy birds. It's starting to look like a damn Hitchcock movie out there. Can we make you something else?! Sorry you ain't happy with tonight's selection at Mom's Diner. Let's see what else we

have on the menu. Oh look, a hot plate of nothing with a delicious side of grounded. Whaddya mean Dr. Oz says we should use sea salt instead? Since when are we taking health advice from a wizard? Is Dr. Oz gonna pay our grocery bill? Them rumors about Mountain Dew ain't true! I used to drink it all the time and here are you three goofs complaining. GOING SHOPPING I found this Sopranos DVD box set in the five-dollar bin, so all I'm paying is five dollars. If it got in there by mistake, that sounds like a Walmart problem. Wait in line for hours to see the "Cake Boss" •? Yeah, Deb, I'd love to explain that to my real boss. Nah, Mum will have to take yinz shopping down that Hollister's. You need a lantern and a map to shop at that place. Yeah, Mum bought yinz book covers. They're in the kitchen and say Giant Eagle on them. You have a dime. Quit asking the penny-candy lady about your Swedish Fish and Flying Saucer options • like you're buying a new SUV. Where's Gram? Over there talking to the self-checkout machine. No, we ain't buying yinz Lunchables. There's bread and chipped ham in the fridge. I don't care if only the ends are left, them are just as good. And quit eating all the Pepperidge Farm cookies. Those are adult cookies. GIVING RIDES TO THE MOVIES No, I ain't ridin' yinz to the movies. It's raining, it's slippy out there. We are in for the night. And don't bother asking Mum, 'cause she has night blindness. She'll end up over an embankment 'cause yinz had to see Gravity? She's gonna feel gravity when that car rolls down a hill.

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