

# Witty tweets captured in 'Twitter Wit' book

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"The [tweets](#) are irreverent, inappropriate, geeky, and pretty much hilarious," Twitter co-founder Biz Stone said in a message at the firm's website. "If you don't like one, you'll like the next."

Author Nick Douglas got permission to publish a collection of tweets that the book touts as "Brilliance in 140 Characters Or Less."

Tweets in the book include: "The baggage carousel sounds a lot more fun than it really is."

Twitter is not getting any money from the book's publisher, according to Stone, who wrote a foreword for the work.

"The first few pages of *Twitter Wit* provided an opportunity to share some behind the scenes perspective and highlight the significance of humor as a meaningful part of communication," Stone said.

Twitter allows users to pepper one another with messages of 140 characters or less and has seen a dizzying surge in popularity since it was launched in August 2006. The micro-blogging service claims millions of users worldwide.

Twitter has launched a contest that challenges people to create brief videos showing interpretations of five tweets plucked from the book's pages.

Contest tweets include:

"Why should I be the one to take the kids to see their psychologist? I don't even love them" and "Why aren't martini glasses shaped so they don't spill so easily on the bus?"

The book launched with a list price of 12.99 dollars, but online shop Amazon on Wednesday was selling new copies for 9.55 dollars and used copies for a couple of dollars less.

Predictably, readers whose tweets were quoted in the book praised the work while [Twitter](#) users whose missives didn't make it into print were more critical.

"I can't wait to see what offensive thing I said about your mom got published in this book," one person quipped in a review chat forum at Amazon.com.

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