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If You Ask Me



Synopsis

It-girl Betty White delivers a hilarious, slyly profound take on love, life, celebrity, and everything in between. Drawing from a lifetime of lessons learned, seven-time Emmy winner Betty White's wit and wisdom take center stage as she tackles topics like friendship, romantic love, aging, television, fans, love for animals, and the brave new world of celebrity. *If You Ask Me* mixes her thoughtful observations with humorous stories from a seven-decade career in Hollywood. Longtime fans and new fans alike will relish Betty's candid take on everything from her rumored crush on Robert Redford (true) to her beauty regimen ("I have no idea what color my hair is and I never intend to find out") to the Facebook campaign that helped persuade her to host *Saturday Night Live* despite her having declined the hosting job three times already. Featuring all-new material, with a focus on the past 15 years of her life, *If You Ask Me* is funny, sweet, and to the point - just like Betty White.

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Customer Reviews

Still going strong at the age of 89, Betty White is practically a force of nature, and only a determined curmudgeon could dislike this endearing collection of mini-essays by the seven-time Emmy winner. Written in a style similar to her previous book *"Betty White: In Person,"* this new book is filled with chatty, warm, winning anecdotes about *HOT IN CLEVELAND*, her recent turn on *SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE*, and, as always, her love for animals. Her fundamental decency as a person, as well as her gifts as a performer, are evident throughout. Numerous black-and-white photos from throughout her career grace the pages. If you're looking for bitterness, cynicism, or salaciousness,

keep moving. But if you'd enjoy spending a few hours in the company of a very classy, funny, down-to-earth lady who wears her success lightly, this is just the ticket.

I didn't realize that this book was only about her life after Hot In Cleveland. Wasn't bad reading, was very short. In the process of buying her other 5 autobiographies now :)

The "chapters" are often 2 short pages and the stories are cute but I wish they were more fleshed out. I expected a bit more depth so I was disappointed on that front. But I still love Betty White and it was still an entertaining enough read, esp if you just want something light and not at all deep or thought provoking. I don't really feel that I know Betty any better after reading this book and I think that's my main disappointment. I wanted to know more than just scratching the surface. I think the memoirs by Sarah Bareilles and Jewel Kilcher have spoiled me!

Betty White has an easy going, conversational writing style. About 3 pages in, you feel like you want to meet her in person, have coffee, get a hug, pet her dog. With time to indulge in fun reading on a holiday, I am so glad I took time to get to enjoy time with Betty. Read this and you will be glad too!

Admittedly my review of this book is biased. I'm a huge Betty White fan and love animals as much as she does. I cried through the entire book because of the memories it evokes and, especially, the stories of her animals. None of the cattiness that makes her TV characters so hilarious is in the book...and I'd bet my house it's not part of her true personality. She's quick to laugh at herself and obviously enjoys life. She is a sweet, sweet lady and tells her stories with charm and grace. She gives praise and credit to those people who have helped her on her journey. This book is a fast read. Her chapters are short, and she shares her pictures throughout the book. I highly recommend this "feel good" book.

I bought this book for a friend, but couldn't resist reading it myself first. It was interesting and entertaining. It's pretty much just how I imagined a Betty White book would be, humorous and lighthearted. It's a quick read with short chapters, which made it difficult to put down. I liked it :)

Easy read and great snippets of an amazing life that Betty has been living. Her outlook on life is one of her best qualities. She is such a humbled person.

Bias warning: I love Betty White. But who doesn't? Freaks, I guess. This book is a delightful read with lots of great sections, making it easy to stop and restart as needed. She amusingly and touchingly covers all the topics we want her to: early life, Alan Ludden, her pets, projects and awards. Plus MTM, Golden Girls, HIC, even the Snickers commercial. A wonderful read for anyone needing a smile.

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