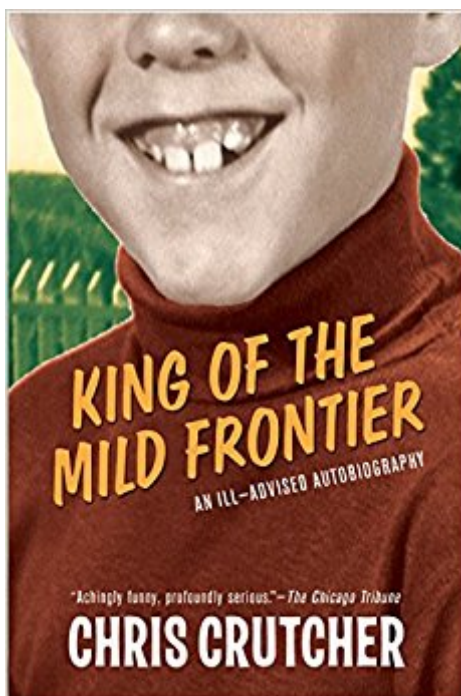


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Checked this out from the library many years ago and remember sitting in the stands at my kid's swim practice hysterically laughing out loud and all the parents wondering in what shape or form I had lost my mind along with my social decorum. Don't know what had this book on my mind again but this time I'm owning the book and keeping it forever.

If you're looking for a book that will make you laugh, touch your heart, and bring forth the nostalgia of previous generations, this is the book. Chris Crutcher is an amazing storyteller, and his autobiography is perhaps his greatest work. If you have read any of his fiction, you'll find pieces of his inspirations here, rooted in real life. My whole family ended up reading and enjoying this book.

Having briefly met the author I enjoyed this book immensely. Mr. Crutches bared his soul, sharing life experiences in an entertaining way. I will purchase a paperback to give my son who faces many of the same challenges.

This is one of my all time favorite books. Although Chris Crutcher is mainly famous for his young adult fiction, this is a memoir about growing up in Cascade, Idaho, and is truly one of the funniest books I have ever read. The stories will stay with you forever.

I am a high school English teacher working with struggling readers. I read Deadline to the class and loved it. I had read Whale Talk and loved it so I "dove" in to Crutcher's books. This book gives you all the background on all the other books. It makes reading all the other books so much easier to understand and makes you go "Oh ... I understand now." Crutcher is a genius when writing for teens and from the teen experience ... Read anything he writes ... Note ... he does use typical teenage language which many may find offensive.

All of Chris Crutcher's books I have read proceed from the life experiences of the characters in his professional life...I thought. His own young life clearly influenced his writing equally.

I cannot praise this book enough. It was an absolute enjoyable read. However, it is not for the faint of heart. There are situations that make you cringe and quite a bit of profanity and sexual reference. If

you cannot talk about masturbation or swear in your classroom (in a professional way), I do not recommend it. It is great to have in any library! This is a fantastic read!

Chris Crutcher's autobiography gives the reader some idea how he became a writer with a sense of humor and the ability to have compassion for his characters.

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