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Stacey Dash didn't have the ideal American childhood. Growing up in the South Bronx, her friends were the hustlers, hookers, and gang members who struggled in the face of futility, who sold drugs instead of living on food stamps, who settled matters with fists, knives, and guns because it seemed their only option, who stood tall against broken dreams.

Dash's rough upbringing shaped the rest of her life—her relationships, her politics, even her faith. She has seen how conservative and liberal policies play out in the real world, and her experiences have made her the proud conservative she is today.

That's why Stacey Dash, a Fox News contributor and Hollywood actress best known for starring in the 1995 classic *Clueless*, is now telling her story. Amidst all the heated racial rhetoric and the divisive language that flows from T.V., the Internet, self-appointed black spokespeople, and even President Obama, Dash feels compelled to speak out and say something true about race, politics, and America.

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Stan Shelley says

If you only read one book in the next five years, make it this one. Not for the politics which are about one fourth of the book. For her life story. She is not an overcomer, she is a survivor of a world you cannot believe. I listened to the audio version, which she narrates, so I got to hear the emotion in her voice. At the end, I was driving down the interstate crying like a baby. My only caution: if you are prone to depression, don't read it ...her childhood was so incredibly sad. Otherwise read this book. It might change your life.

Stacey Ziegler Harp says

I LOVED this book! I read it in two days. I have loved Stacey Dash since I first watched Clueless and learned we shared a name. I loved that she was so open and honest about the hardships in her life. She could have easily kept her opinions to herself and made her life "easier". You've gotta respect a woman willing to put it all on the line for what she believes. Fabulous!

Kristin says

One of the best books I've ever read. So humble and vulnerable...yet very wise. She is open about her hard journey toward wisdom and explains her beliefs and politics from such a basic and simple place that they would appeal to just about anyone. Very touching bio...I teared up twice at the end. A very imperfect person that anyone would be very blessed to be like ; Stacy Dash is an inspiration to women!

Erick says

Relatable story

Great bio. Stacey is a strong person, inspirational, and very down to earth. Being gay I can relate to how society and the Democrats stereotype groups and try to corral us into their view of how we should think, believe and vote. Her story shows how one can understand the truths in life when one chooses to think for themselves and buck Hollywood, the media, and political parties that work to deceive us.

Emma Sonck says

I was really excited to start reading this book. I thought that it would be a political book given the title. Which it was political, but it was also so much more. You learned about her life and about the decisions she made. Great book.

Warren says

I picked up this book thinking it would be another brief political commentary by a Fox News Personality and I'd wind up giving it 2 or 3 stars out of 5.

"Never judge a book by it's cover."

This turns out to be an amazing and sometimes shocking autobiography by an amazing and sometimes shocking woman who grew up in the cesspool of drugs, violence and immorality of a South Bronx ghetto and moved laterally to the cesspool of drugs, violence and immorality of the more glitzy Hollywood scene.

I'll not mention details as I want future readers to experience the same surprises as I without any spoilers.

The book brought a lump to my throat and a tear to my eye by the end. The good part is that, eventually, Stacey Dash turned her life over to God, took a public (on television) vow of celibacy outside marriage, and now totally has her life turned around. All without government assistance.....which she abhors.

I wound up giving it 5 stars.....and, by the way, the author is a 10.

I think all young women, and many men, could get something of value from this book.

Stacey Dash is an amazing woman!

Kendra says

Very refreshing read!

First off, yes I'm a conservative. I'm also crazy about Stacey Dash so I knew I would be reading this book no matter what. Stacey Dash received a lot of flack with her infamous tweet. Why wasn't she allowed to voice her political choices without causing an uproar? I admire her for sticking to her guns and beliefs. Stacey writes about her early childhood and coming from an unstable family. Even life couldn't seem to stop pushing her down she got back up and dealt with her life. Stacey is a fighter. She had to become one to survive. Yes, she has made some bad choices in her romantic life but who hasn't?

Stacey is not a college graduate. She done not have a political background. Stacey is like the millions of Americans who don't have a political degree or background but we understand the how our country try installing working like it should and something needs to be done about that. Stacey Dash, thank you for writing this book and expressing your beliefs and being proud of them!

Janice Marie says

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Katherine M. Williams says

Stacy Dash is a diamond and this book is a gem

I can relate to Stacy because I'm a black conservative republican. I hold to the same political views as Stacy. I can also relate because I'm black but have green eyes, fair skin and dark blonde hair. I've also dealt with the liberal backlash, but certainly in a less public way than a celebrity. I'm a Christian and really appreciated her Biblical references and her honesty in acknowledging when she fell short as we all do. I purchased the audio and listened to the whole book in one sitting. I really loved it. She's definitely someone who I have a lot of

respect for and really admire for speaking the truth in love. God bless you Stacy!

Deanna says

I thought it was fascinating.

JoAlice says

Wow loved the book. Not a boring book at all.

Valerie Jackson says

An incredible narrative from someone who has really been to the school of hard knocks and how it brought her to her political stance today. Stacey Dash is someone who has learned to stand up for herself from early on and chooses to continue to do so in today's uncompromisingly politically correct climate. I'm awed by her life story and read this book in one day.

Elaine says

Loved it! Read it in one day, before and after work. If you think Stacey Dash is some rich, entitled actress who happens to have strong political views that she parades around for everyone (like a lot of liberal actors) you are SO WRONG. She never had it easy, instead she was "scrappin' & survivin'", enduring a very rough upbringing that would leave most people down and out, but still she persevered.

Politically, she is my Spirit Animal. Like her, I never was much into politics, until I realized that I was, and actually always had been, a conservative. Politics always seemed illogical, because I had only really been exposed to liberal views growing up in New England and I was raised to not discuss religion or politics, so I had no frame of reference. Now that I am firm in my position on politics and religion, I am not shy about using logic to explain why I think the way I do. The problem is, I shouldn't have to explain why I feel the way I feel, and Stacey should not have to either.

A lot of things she went through made me sad for her, but none more than her mother crushing her dreams--especially when she got into the Dance Theater of Harlem and her mother said she was not going to be a dancer and that she would not be joining the company, then offered her a line of cocaine. The strength to finally succeed despite all the odds being stacked against her is absolutely mind blowing. I have even more respect for her after learning about all she overcame. Excellent read!

Mediaman says

This is an extremely unsatisfying book to read--and that has nothing to do with Dash's conservative politics. As a matter of fact, I agree with most of her political opinions. The problem is in how she tells her incredible

life story. Or actually how she fails to tell her full life story. This is the Cliff Notes version of her life, lacking depth of detail with no specific dates and vague descriptions of the men in her life (I still can't figure out how many guys she married). It even lacks the reasoning behind how she came to her political views and has no details about her supposed Christian faith. It's all too vague, filled with sassy sound bites or tweet-like statements and little more.

Her life story is almost hard to believe--her addicted parents introducing her to drugs when she was in third grade, their abandonment of her to strangers, her moving constantly and never being in a school for more than two years, her leaving home as a teen and having drug dealers and pimps as her role models. She was really messed up...and then she decided to go into acting (the reason is not stated) with her first notable role being on The Cosby Show (she speaks highly of Bill Cosby and said nothing happened to her when she was invited to his home). From there she starts her phase of sleeping with just about every man she encounters, falling in love at first site, spending money she doesn't have, and allowing herself to be physically abused for a number of years. There are a few details about some of the roles she had but this isn't a book about her career.

Each chapter details a portion of her personal life, then she turns the rest of the chapter into a diatribe on a political issue. That doesn't really work well. It's hard to hear someone who sleeps with so many guys on the first night they meet then try to turn it into a lecture on waiting to have sex. Yes, we get that she has been through a lot, but she doesn't really state how she learned to change her life and instead uses her twenty years of promiscuity to try to tell us what not to do.

There is no real point where she becomes a conservative or even becomes a Christian--she just suddenly says she realizes she thinks conservative thoughts and that she cries out to God to save her from her terrible life. The story could be told in a much more richly detailed and emotional way that would add impact. But as is it's too blunt and minimal, lacking the finesse to make the reader feel sorry for her. I could not figure out why she made the terrible decisions she made over and over and over again. For example, she accepts repeated abuse from a boyfriend for years, unwilling to speak up to him or even try to get away, but in the middle of it she gets to the set of a movie she is working on and has no problem telling off producers that want her to do a nude scene and refusing to work unless they change it. There is no sense of understanding why she acts the way she does.

Today? She says she's in a "no more men" and "no more sex" phase, alludes to having faith in God without giving specifics (her co-author obviously tacks on a few Bible verses in the final chapter to try to make this book somewhat spiritual), and seems proud that people get upset at her on Twitter. She has almost no money in the bank, is still depending on men to save her, and has somehow made a new career out of spouting opinions on Fox News.

While I enjoyed hearing about her tragic background, Dash doesn't seem emotionally in touch with the devastation she went through and therefore doesn't make us emotionally invested either. While her life story is worth reading, it fails to answer questions about her mindset and why she is one of the few minority actresses in America to take a stand for conservatism.

Ash says

I will always be that 7 year old girl who absolutely loves Dionne from Clueless. I will forever be in awe of her beauty and Dr. Seuss fashionable but huge hat.

Stacey Dash has really become a polarizing figure as of late for her political views. Actually, for her all of her

views, in general. Remember the BET and Black History month? However, all of that controversy led me to discover that she's an active contributor to FOX News.

Then, I discovered her book at my local bookstore. In Dash's There Goes My Social Life: From Clueless to Conservative, she talks about her very problematic childhood born to drug addicts in the South Bronx, her numerous trouble with men, her professional career, and her children shaped her political affiliations.

Now, I'm pretty much a Democratic Liberal but I am not afraid to admit that Dash made valid points. I agreed with her about many things including our Second Amendment rights, women making less money than men, Welfare making people lazy, etc.

I believe that both parties have agendas and I am not ready to jump ship. However, I do admit that race has become more on the forefront which has always disappointed me. We, as people, are more than that and it disheartening to see we're regressing to that again.

I like Stacey Dash. Always have and always will. I may not agree with her but she is entitled to her opinion as I am with mine.
