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Fans will get an up-close and personal look at what drives the former teen-magazine heartthrob and find out how God and family became the secrets behind his celebrated smile. In his own words, Kirk shares how he is still growing.

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Erin says

How refreshing to take a look at a celebrity standing morals and principles instead of promoting the foolishness they usually do! It's a nice peek at the life of someone who is walking with God even though it has cost him opportunities in his line of work. He wasn't afraid to make his faith walk number one... encouraging!

Dichotomy Girl says

I read this for my former teenage self who was madly in love with Kirk Cameron and had posters of him all over my walls. Unfortunately he lived a fairly boring life.

Alex says

I was never a huge Kirk Cameron fan growing up. I occasionally watched *Growing Pains* as a kid, but it's not one of the shows that come to mind when I think of my favorite shows as a kid. (Those would be more *Saved by the Bell*, *Full House*, *Boy Meets World*, *Roseanne*, etc.) However, I am a huge fan of his sister, Candace; and after reading and loving his mom's autobiography a few years ago, I've always been curious about him.

I knew Kirk was a born-again Christian, and had always heard the rumors about him causing trouble on the *Growing Pains* set, but didn't know too much more about him. Though this book was not that well-written, I ended up really enjoying it. I think it's a shame that Kirk got this reputation as being a pain in the butt to work with because he didn't want to be in scenes that compromised his beliefs. It is a little ridiculous that you can be a crack addict in Hollywood and show up to sets wasted and be such a liability that the insurance for you on a movie set is astronomical, but you will still get hired. And then you have someone who is a Christian, and Hollywood doesn't want to work with them. That's just odd to me.

I admire Kirk for standing up for his beliefs. I watched the movie *Fireproof* a few years ago, and was very impressed that he refused to kiss the actress playing his wife. He had his real-life wife come in, and they kissed in silhouette. I had heard about that while watching it, and thought it was very sweet and romantic.

Not only does he have my respect for standing up for himself, but he and his wife run a camp for seriously ill children and their families. This is a cause that definitely hits home for me, and I teared up during this chapter. I love that they make this camp for the whole family instead of just the sick child, and that the goal is the family coming back together as one.

All in all, this wasn't necessarily a great BOOK, and I considered giving it 3 stars instead of 4. But this book made me feel very peaceful upon completing it, and that deserves 4 stars.

Doug Neiner says

This was a charming read and challenging at times. It was difficult to read the chapter about Camp Firefly without tearing up. More than the first part of the book is just fun information about his life as a child star – toward the end of the book you start to really see how his faith has affected his life.

Tiffany Malcom says

I thought to myself, I liked Growing Pains. I'll read this. And then, while reading it, I thought, why can't I remember much about Growing Pains? And then I realized: it was over twenty freaking years ago!! When did I get so old?!?!?!?

Rebecca says

Very neat read! It was enjoyable yet very informative. It was neat to see what some of the day-to-day looks like for a movie actor. Highly recommended! Kirk Cameron has some experiences that were amazing to read about! God has His hand on this man!

Lilly says

Stop judging me. The book was free and I need closure on my relationship with Kirk. Met him this weekend and can't wait to learn about the "way of the Warrior". Book club?

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(later)

By 3 star "I liked it" what I mean is "I didn't hate it" (reading fans and friends: this is generally true of my reviews)

Ok, so *maybe* I ignored my family for part of the weekend to read this. It wasn't a page turner, but the writing voice is very authentic and likeable (yes, even for an evangelical missionary). I didn't learn too much dirt about him - he married his first real girlfriend, so there were no torrid affairs with Alyssa Milano or anything delicious like that. It's an honest account of how being a teen star is awkward and not necessarily for everyone- and then it moves into a brief tale of his journey from atheist to devout Christian. His conversion to religion seems to have surprised him as much as his legions of teenage fans, and he actually doesn't spend much time on it. The writing voice was exactly what I expected it to be- true to Mike Seaver-ness while nothing near Shakespearean. He repeatedly quips and puns in attempts to entertain readers and then calls himself out on his cheesiness. Somehow it worked.

So as I read,I was pretty pleased by it and was impressed that he didn't shove his religion down my throat.

Until the last chapter.

That's the part where he offered his broad interpretation of the Ten Commandments. As in, he plays

Cliffnotes to God. Apparently "Thou shalt not kill" isn't really "kill" but a bunch of other things. Courtesy of his runny interpretations of sin, I am hellbound. Who knew?

So suddenly this guy I liked became kinda unlikeable. I mean, what stress! Here I am, just wanting to read your teen bio and next thing I know, you're condemning me!

He also spent a paragraph per religion discussing how they don't offer the salvation you need. An infomercial of 3 page proportion.

But let's get back to the important stuff: I'm going to hell?

Maybe. If so, it's for reading this book!

Well, Kirk, if this is the thanks I get, you can bet I'll be reading Michael J Fox's bio next.

Natalie Vellacott says

I really enjoyed this book that I found cheaply in a Philippine bookstore.

I had seen the actor in several Christian movies but was unaware of his secular acting career prior to his conversion. I was encouraged by his bold testimony after his conversion as he left his secular acting career behind realising it was incompatible with his new-found faith. His strong Christian faith now is a testimony in the midst of a Hollywood that isn't the least bit interested in the things of God. It is hard to find Christians in those circles who are truly trying to live in holiness. Most seem to be walking danger lines in a desperate attempt to hold on to their fame and fortune. Cameron isn't doing this and I'm sure has faced ridicule due to the stance he has taken in accordance with the Bible.

An example of Jesus' instruction to count the cost and to give up our worldly lives when we decide to follow him. Recommended for Christians in positions of responsibility debating whether to "go public" with their faith. There is really only one option.

Meadow Frisbie says

I loved this book. It was one of the best ones I watched in awhile.

His life was pretty interesting to read about. His faith on set was amazing, and how he met his wife was neat.

I recomend this for ANY Kirk Cameron fan....or chrisitan who wants a view of a actors struggles.

Lydia says

As a child of the '80s, I couldn't help but love this book. I remember so many of the things he talks about. I

enjoyed Kirk's account of his teenage self-image issues in the midst of his teen idol status. His account of his conversion to Christianity is extraordinary. He has given up millions of dollars in order to live out his faith.

Mariana says

I LOVE this book. It really shows how a hollywood movie star can be so humble!

Julie McGaffey says

I am not a fan of biographies, but this one was well written.
I have read it more than once.

Angela Dueck says

I don't often read biographies because I often find them dry and often I don't find one on someone I'm interesting in knowing more about. I picked up this autobiography from my church's library because I wanted a book to read and thought this book may be interesting. When I was younger, I would sometimes watch reruns of "Growing Pains" with my mom. Since then, I have watched several movies of Kirk Cameron's and knew a little bit about his life.

I really enjoyed this book. It had humor in it and the way Cameron wrote it, made it a fairly easy read but interesting at the same time. I enjoyed reading some of the behind the scenes of "Growing Pains" from his perspective and hearing how he came to Christ. I also enjoyed reading about how he met his wife, Chelsea and how the book shared their story from both their perspectives. Kirk Cameron came out as very real and genuine in the book, sharing his insecurities when he was younger and sharing of how nervous he was when he was interested in Chelsea.

I really enjoyed this book and I know many others will as well.

Cindy says

Nothing heavy, very Mike Seaver-ish, but very refreshing to read about an actor who actually came out of Hollywood unscathed, wholesome and a Christian. Maybe there's hope for my daughter in the theater world, too.

Alicia Willis says

I LOVED this book! Kirk's wonderful sense of humor and his open, heartwarming reminescences about his younger years made this book hard to put down! I especially enjoyed the stories of how he met his wife and how he got started with the Left Behind movies. A must-read!
