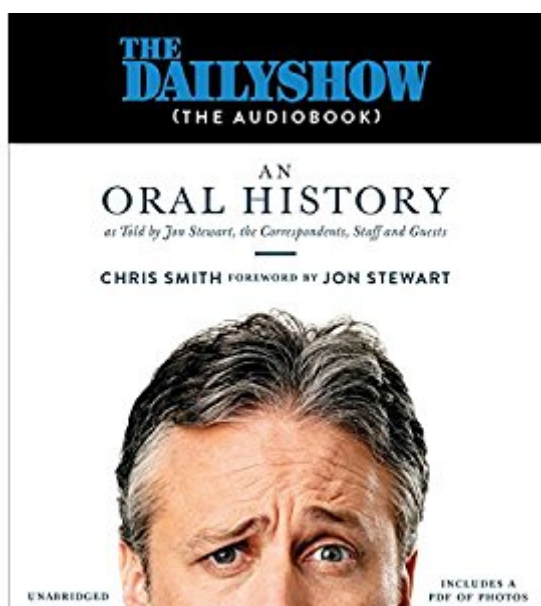


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The Daily Show (the AudioBook): An Oral History As Told By Jon Stewart, The Correspondents, Staff And Guests



Synopsis

The complete uncensored history of the award-winning The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, as told by its correspondents, writers, and host. For almost 17 years, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart brilliantly redefined the borders between television comedy, political satire, and opinionated news coverage. It launched the careers of some of today's most significant comedians, highlighted the hypocrisies of the powerful, and garnered 23 Emmys. Now the show's behind-the-scenes gags, controversies, and camaraderie are chronicled by the players themselves, from legendary host Jon Stewart to the star cast members and writers - including Samantha Bee, Stephen Colbert, John Oliver, Steve Carell, Lewis Black, Jessica Williams, John Hodgman, and Larry Wilmore - plus some of The Daily Show's most prominent guests and adversaries: John and Cindy McCain, Glenn Beck, Tucker Carlson, and many more. This oral history takes the listener behind the curtain for all the show's highlights, from its origins as Comedy Central's underdog late-night program hosted by Craig Kilborn to Jon Stewart's long reign to Trevor Noah's succession, rising from a scrappy jester in the 24-hour political news cycle to become part of the beating heart of politics - a trusted source for not only comedy but also commentary, with a reputation for calling bullshit and an ability to effect real change in the world. Through years of incisive election coverage, Jon Stewart's emotional monologue in the wake of 9/11, his infamous confrontation on Crossfire, passionate debates with President Obama and Hillary Clinton, feuds with Bill O'Reilly and Fox, the Indecisions, Mess O'Potamia, and provocative takes on Wall Street and racism, The Daily Show has been a cultural touchstone. Now, for the first time, the people behind the show's seminal moments come together to share their memories of the last-minute rewrites, improvisations, pranks, romances, blowups, and moments of Zen both on and off the set of one of America's most groundbreaking shows. Full cast of narrators includes Ryan Vincent Anderson, Graham Halstead, Cheryl Smith, Christian Coulson, Tommy Harron, and Elece Green.

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Customer Reviews

Written in a unique conversational way, the book provides innumerable glimpses into the show and the cast of characters. More importantly, it offers insight into the powerful morals and ethics that drove Jon's decision making through the years. I was a faithful viewer and of course desperately missed him during this fateful election. Like all brilliant people, Stewart made it look so easy and light and joyful, and I enjoyed every single show. I now understand how much thought went into the content and how dedicated he was to continued evolution for the creative process. And while Stewart is honest about the demands on his time, his gratitude for the opportunity shines through as a lovely beacon of light. I always viewed him as the most influential voice of the digital age - I now view him as the Michelangelo of our century. Read it!

One of my fav books ever. I was a huge fan of The Daily Show and Jon, so I found it all super entertaining and interesting. I couldn't believe how hard it was just to put together one show, I don't know how Jon did it for so long. It had to be draining, both mentally and physically. If your a fan of The Daily Show, you gotta read this. You won't regret the purchase, I promise. The format is an oral history format, so if thats not your thing, you musn't buy it.

This was a fantastic format for chronicling one of the most important (THE most important ?) political satire shows of our time. Anyone paying attention knew Stewart was a mensch, but hearing from the whole cohort of creators of the Daily Show will show you just how brilliant and talented Stewart and his team is/was, and what a courageously decent guy it took at the helm to make this kind of TV and comedy history. This was an engaging, funny, fascinating page turner. Do yourself a favor and enjoy !

Pulls back the covers to describe the thought processes (and interpersonal conflicts) related to the cultural phenomena that was The Daily Show with John Stewart. There's plenty of dirty laundry that's aired, so it certainly doesn't seem like a puff-piece. I still get angry reading some of the stories, how they showed what seems to be a genuinely authentic man and his attempts to expose

the sartorial coverage of deep issues by all sides of the political spectrum.

As succinctly as I can put it - Jon Stewart and the daily show made me less apathetic, less a cynic, and helped me go from cynical teen to informed adult. I know Stewart would cringe to hear this, but he was, for my formative years, the most straightforward voice in news - he and the cast of amazing correspondents over the years helped teach me and so many others thru humor about the value of paying attention to politics and the world at large around us all. Is the book a flawless telling of history? No, of course not. But it's exactly what you want from a history of the show- it's funny, snarky, self deprecating, and has so much heart and goodwill. Deep, deep, deep in the snark pits, but it's there. In short- if you've ever liked the daily show, get this book.

A little sycophantic and long winded and tends to dwell on less interesting episodes at times, but worth browsing through

Wish I had the hard copy....would loan it out to everyone I know BUT now they have to buy their own. Getting to "know" Jon and all of his staff was one of the pleasures of going from page to page. As a Stephen Colbert fan I look forward to the few times Jon has appeared...miss them as a team. The timing is so relevant...following the talent of so many personalities who have gone on to other (ad)ventures is so now!

I loved this book so much....why? Because I learned, I laughed, I became angry all over again at historical events referenced so well and discussed so insightfully (by many). I cried, happy and sad, and I am grateful the book was written.

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