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Courtney B. Vance met Angela Bassett....

They ran for years as friends in the same small circles. They had some hits, but mostly misses with other partners, and they shared one spectacularly dreadful first date together. And then, Courtney and Angela connected.

Experience the up-close-and-personal, real-life love story of this inspirational African-American celebrity couple. Learn how they navigate the fickle tides of fame, while keeping their relationship fresh and true. See how they've carved a meaningful life together in spite of humble beginnings, family tragedy and the ups and downs of stardom with love, faith and determination.

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Kayceey Greer says

A historical account of the loves and lives of Angela Bassett and Courtney Vance. Very detailed dissection of male/female relationships. Candid of other AA thespians and their connection to Angela and Courtney.

The book really chronicles the triumphs and challenges within their relationship as they both learned how to deal with each other's needs.

Claudette Alexander says

I am a big fan of Angela Bassett and I've seen Vance before but his presence in movies do not leave any memorable on my brains. In this book they each took alternate turns talking about their childhood up to when the two met and later fell in love.

I like love stories and found this two endearing. The two went through a series of failed relationships then they took stock, reflected on what their needs were and tried to improve themselves before embarking on another failed relationship. During their healing process they encountered each other although they had met each other at an earlier time.

It just goes to show that when you take time on yourself God will send you your soul mate in due time.

I found Vance to be an annoying young man but he has grown into a caring loving husband. A bit too caring if you ask me when he expresses how he puts his wife second after God. It was a bit repetitive but I guess he was trying to make a point.

I find Angela to be as sweet as she is depicted on the screens but she can be annoying with her constant referral of lack of a father growing up. I don't know why people who have achieved a degree of success still mourn about a stupid man that was not there to hold their hands in childhood even though there were other relatives who picked up the slack.

It was a joy to read about their quest to become parents and how it became a reality. However that put them on a preachy platform and they ended the book on a preachy note.

It does make a nice love story.

Leah says

I love a good love story and you will love this one! I learned something in each chapter. This book inspired me to believe in my relationships. They really gave me motivation to keep praying for my prince and have strong faith.

Encouraging words from the book:

Surround yourself with like-minded people and take that world with you wherever you go.

Its a continuous daily struggle for us humans to walk the path of righteousness. We are imperfect and all fall short. when that happens, get on your knees and ask for forgiveness; for the righteous may fall seven times and rise again. That a marvelous thing! It means you don't have to be right all the time. You're going to fall. But when you do, our Father's hands are going to be right there. Too Sweet!!! Enjoy!!

Shannon *Eboni Scarlett* Holliday says

I absolutely enjoyed reading this book. I appreciate the manner in which the stories were arranged. Every other chapter telling of a portion of Angela Basset and Courtney B. Vance's lives as individuals then giving a vividly colorful account of their shared life together.

E. R. says

I knew that it was told to someone and that someone helped the couple write the book. I do like the separate chapters so that the couple can each tell their POV as their love story was told. I was so happy for the couple for finding each other as well as creating a loving family.

Zakia says

It's a feel good read. The book it not particularly literary and neither of the authors, Courtney or Angela, have above average skills when it comes to writing. But it's okay that they're not great writers. As the story progresses you hear their individual voices and begin to get lost in the story rather than flowery language. So if you want to read an endearing true love story, learn about acting, and the lives of these two individuals, this is the book for you.

Yuri says

The relationship between Angela and Courtney is real. A man that will stop what he is doing, pull the car over, walk over to your side, kneel down, and ask you what is REALLY going on....just stops my heart!! Friendship -- understanding, respect, and communication -- these are the foundations of a TRUE love relationship.

Monica says

This was a good book on the life of Angela and her actor husband Courtney Vance (The Preachers Wife). We see an account of each of them individually (childhoods, schooling, careers, individual personalities). Midway through book, the 2 meet, almost 3/4 of the book, they end of crossing paths again which starts the beginning of a relationship. There is a small portion accredited to their relationship but it's very good information on some struggles they had to overcome. Overall it's a good read, especially if you are into the arts (acting, industry)

Lisa says

"....the book walks you through the lives of Angela and Courtney's from birth until their marriage. Their childhood stories give us an understanding of their adult personalities. I did enjoy their love story...good read...for a Sunday afternoon. But don't expect a NY Times Bestseller story...just a leisure read."

India Celeste says

One of the best books I have ever read in my LIFE! Met Angela Bassett almost 3 years ago, and she is just as wonderful in person as her words came across in this book. Learned SO much from reading this and gained so much wisdom from it (being I was in my early 20s when I read it). Main things I learned were take a lot of time to be alone to develop your principles & learn what you are capable of/can tolerate and expect there to be times that you want to give up when it's rough but know you can get through it. Their marriage adjustment and in vitro stories were very powerful to me. INCREDIBLE BOOK!

RYCJ says

The choppy writing worked `like' magic, but what seals the love part of this story was when Angela was going on and on running her mouth, and Courtney was just sitting back trying to listen as he's also asking her to hold it down. Just too cute; especially when she couldn't `hold it down' and him sitting there thinking, `what do I have here!?!'... YET realizing this was the woman he wanted to marry! ...Exactly how true love works... `being yourself' and letting the chemistry (if it's present, which in their case it was), go thru its natural process.

A love story I'll always treasure and remember! Pragmatic, FUN, and a sassy but classy keeper!!!

Ruth Palmer says

I really enjoyed reading this book of love. While reading it I feel happy that two people could find each other among the circle of friends they. It was their destiny to find each other. I enjoyed how they came together to write their story. This is a good story.

Karen says

I loved this story. I wish I had read it sooner. The advice they offer throughout their story is wonderful. Take it and apply it. I will! To God be the glory. I pray that he will continue to bless their relationship.

Eclipse says

I bought and read this when it first came out. It's a really good memoir. She's always been one of my favorite actresses. I got to know Mr. Vance through the book. I had no idea she dated Charles S. Dutton, also a great actor and humanitarian. Courtney and Angela make such a good couple that now, I don't think of one without the other.

Deb says

Bassett and Vance tell their life stories, the book switches from one to the other at each chapter. Then after they meet and are married their narratives are combined. Their love story was interesting, as was the story of how they became parents (through a surrogate mother). Sometimes I felt like they were glossing over certain things and not going very deep (but of course that is their choice in how much of their personal stuff they want to share). It reads very conversationally and towards the end they share how their faith has helped ground them. It was an enjoyable read.
