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For readers of John O'Hurley's *It's Okay to Miss the Bed on the First Jump* and Chelsea Handler's *Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea*, Daytime Emmy-winner Tom Bergeron—host of ABC's *Dancing with the Stars* and *America's Funniest Home Videos*—offers a series of humorous and inspirational stories on surviving Hollywood, including behind-the-camera stories with A-list celebrities.

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Christi says

I should probably disclose that I attended a wedding about 15 years ago and Tom Bergeron was seated at my table. I found him to be witty, down to earth and very likeable. His book is much the same. His quick off the cuff quips are what makes Dancing with the Stars so fun. Terrific to read about a "celebrity" who isn't in rehab, on wife #6 or disfigured by plastic surgery.

Nancy says

This was such a great read and Tom writes with such a sense of humor.

Koren says

Boring, boring, boring. This was first I did this and then I did that. The humor does not translate well to the printed page. I was looking forward to reading behind the scenes at Hollywood Squares and Dancing With The Stars but there isn't really anything interesting here.

Patricia K. Del Vacchio says

Fast and witty

I enjoyed the writing, learning about the man, and had plenty of chuckles to the end. It was fun to read.

Lil Old Bookworm says

Tom Bergeron is one of those people who I love to watch on TV. Sweet, engaging, and an excellent TV host, he is able to embrace the silliness and cheesiness of some of the shows he is on (cough cough dancing with the stars cough), and yet he's witty, thinks fast on his feet, and always emotionally present for the contestants when they need him to be. So I was looking forward to reading this memoir, and I was not disappointed. It had all the charm and laughs that Tom brings to his shows, plus some interesting revelations into his character, and some life lessons along the way. I wish he had talked about his childhood, his parents, and his wife and children a bit more, as this memoir was more focused on his career and how he got to be where he is now.

Dennis Koers says

Not the person he appears to be.

Very enjoyable book. The anecdotes were great. Never knew much about but a multi faceted entertainer. I guess staying sane in Hollywood means not living there....

Martha Fiorentini says

This was a fun read since I live in Tom Bergeron's hometown and have met him several times. I learned a lot about the steps in his career and also the power of meditation.

Beverly Hollandbeck says

You might call reading this celebrity bio a guilty pleasure; OK, but change it to guilty delight. Who doesn't love Tom Bergeron? And it is great to learn that he is a family man with a long marriage who tells comedy writers up front that he absolutely will not do jokes that make fun of his wife or children. In his writing, he comes across as the witty, self-deprecating man that he presents to the public in his hosting duties--just a nice person.

Sandi says

If you like Tom Bergeron, you'll like this read. Next to Cat Deely, he's my favorite host. I watch Dancing With the Stars just because he hosts it. If he didn't, I probably wouldn't bother with the show. Humorous read.

Jenni V. says

I wondered if a biography from 2009 would hold up when it's about somebody still alive and active but it was funny and still interesting even though some of the information was outdated.

Best out-of-context line: "So, not being crazy, I instead went off by myself to study mime in a converted barn in the Maine woods."

Quote from the Book

"Live television, like life itself, gives you only one shot. It's a good idea to pay attention."

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Kristine says

I'm Hosting as Fast as I Can!: Zen and the Art of Staying Sane in Hollywood by Tom Bergeron - purchased as a Kindle book on March 13, begun and finished on March 18th.

Being a huge fan of America's Funniest Home Videos and (pausing to recollect the existence of and then remember it extra super fondly at the time that it was on before school) fx's Breakfast Time with Bob the Puppet, this was a very easy purchase to make and book to settle into on an otherwise miserable sick day. Tom Bergeron takes the reader's hand and ambles into the narration of his life which includes radio DJ'ing, love and marriage and parenthood, live and recorded tv, mime school, Emmy hosting, and, unexpectedly, seated meditation. No wonder he seems so adjusted and comfortable!

Lucy says

Still pretty popcorny (it's what I need right now) but really interesting (Tom's had a weird life even for a TV host) and with some good solid advice on surviving life at the heart of it.

Lisa says

Tom Bergeron seems like a decent, kind, clever man, and a great ad libber, as host of *Dancing with the Stars*, and this biography confirms the impression. It also reveals the secret of Bergeron's abilities as a host--meditation. (Who would have thunk it?) If you like Bergeron, DWTS, or his other hosting gigs, inside stories, or just good showbiz bios, this book will entertain you.

Leslie Fuller says

Unassuming funny man.

Tom Bergeron comes across as someone of humor who is semi-amazed at his own successes over the years. Great insight into how a desire to be on the radio as a young teen turned into a life of varied jobs in the entertainment industry. His self depreciation style of humor is fun to read.

David says

Breezy, funny recap of his career as an actor, radio DJ, local TV talk show host, Hollywood Squares host, America's Funniest Home Videos host, and Dancing with the Stars host. Funny guy and seemingly nice. Devoted to his wife and two daughters--includes cute anecdotes about things like drawing cartoons for the girls starring them when they were little.

To the extent that you can say a chatty book like this has themes, a couple would be:

(a) role of serendipity in career development -- if I hadn't met so-and-so I wouldn't have gotten opportunity X, and if I hadn't agreed to jump in a big vat of orange juice, then.....

(b) effect of his long-term practice of transcendental meditation in helping him tame an anger management problem and become focused enough to thrive on spontaneity of live TV.

If you don't watch any of his shows, it's doubtful you'd get much out of reading the book. But if you do, and like his TV persona, the book is fun in terms of filling in some of the biographical back story.
