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#### Review

“This book is a wonderful combination of the very funny and the very poignant.” (**Matt Lauer**)

“Very entertaining, lovely new memoir. I read it and wished I had read it again. It is nothing but delightful.” (**David Letterman**)

“I read it back to front and was surprised by its shocking beginning.” (**Steve Martin**)

“I love this book...If you love comedy, you have to read this book. I don't want it to end...every chapter is so fun and interesting and great.” (**Jimmy Fallon**)

“Martin Short is a comedy superhero and this book is a peek inside his Fortress of Solitude.” (**Amy Poehler**)

“As long as I've known him I've tried to figure out what makes Marty tick. Now I have to read this book to find out? What a rotten Canadian trick!” (**Tom Hanks**)

“What a wonderful book! If only it was about someone else.” (**Larry David**)

“This book, like Marty's life, is a nutty-mahvelous affair.” (**Paul Shaffer**)

“A true vaudevillian, Short is always on as he delivers funny anecdotes from a diffuse and storied career.” (**Kirkus Reviews**)

“Short's memoir is filled with all sorts of lovely anecdotes about...eccentric and endlessly interesting people.” (**New York Magazine**)

“A self-deprecating book filled with funny anecdotes about his family and famous friends... Short is by turns philosophical and endearingly goofy.” (**USA Today**)

“I loved the book. I loved everything in it.” (**Rosie O'Donnell**)

“An engaging, often quite funny, story of a man's life, with all of its highs and lows.” (**Booklist**)

“Short's endearing memoir is, of course, funny, but it's also a rare thing: the tale of a genuine human being who's thrived on planet Hollywood.” (**Washington Post**)

“Short's delightful memoir more than proves that he is a very funny comedian.” (**Publishers Weekly**)

#### From the Back Cover

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#### About the Author

Martin Short is an Emmy- and Tony Award-winning Canadian-born actor and comic, adored for his work on *SCTV* and *Saturday Night Live*, as well as in such acclaimed movies as *Three Amigos!*, *Father of the Bride*, and *Inherent Vice*, not to mention dozens of memorable talk-show, prime-time, and theatrical appearances, from TV's *Damages* to his one-man Broadway hit *Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me*. He lives in Pacific Palisades, California.

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