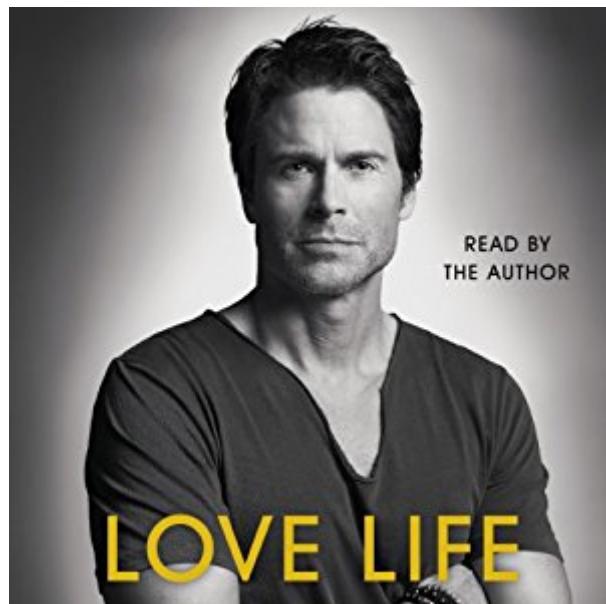


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Love Life



Synopsis

Actor, producer, and New York Times best-selling author Rob Lowe offers up a collection of personal stories in an honest and celebratory memoir about men and women, art and commerce, fathers and sons, addiction and recovery, and sex and love. Actor Rob Lowe is an entertaining raconteur whose best-selling first audiobook, *Stories I Only Tell My Friends: An Autobiography*, was hailed as "self-deprecatingly funny" (The New York Times) and "thoroughly entertaining" (Time) and earned the author the cover of *Vanity Fair*. *Love Life* serves up another delicious selection of intimate stories and observations from Lowe's life, told with humor, warmth, and brutal honesty. After writing his acclaimed debut effort, Lowe felt he had more stories to share and many more friends to introduce. The result is a touching memoir about the business and craft of acting, the pitfalls of success, family, love, and much more. Among the many adventures Lowe describes in *Love Life* are what it's like in the trenches as both the star and producer of a flop TV show; how a visit, as a 20-year-old, to Hugh Hefner's Playboy Mansion led to a surprise in the hot tub; how an actor prepares for a role, as well as the practical, boots-on-the-ground details no drama or film school would ever teach you. You'll delight at the hilarious account of the time a major movie star stole his girlfriend, and of coaching a kid's basketball team dominated by omnipresent helicopter parents. The story of coming to terms with his son's departure to college for the education his father never got will touch anyone with a family. Building on *Stories I Only Tell My Friends*, *Love Life* is the literary equivalent of returning to a favorite restaurant to savor a completely different, delicious new dish. If you love life, you'll love this audiobook.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed Rob Lowe's first book very much so expected his second to be almost as good and thankfully I was not disappointed. It is apparent in both books that Rob is a bit of a narcissist with a little histrionic thrown in but this is all ok with me because I still like him. He comes across as self-serving and somewhat of a know-it-all but still likeable, loving, insightful, intelligent, funny, kind and interesting. Best of all though is the fact that he doesn't mind dishing on Hollywood. He makes his memoirs interesting and doesn't mind name-dropping even when he doesn't actually use a name but you know the name just the same. His life is a little too perfectly tidy at times though and I found myself resenting him just a little for his obvious satisfaction with himself and all his acquired wisdom. He seems to want to portray himself as this enlightened individual who has achieved such happiness and understanding of which you can tell he is very proud. This is fine- I know I am just jealous of someone who seems to have it all. I don't begrudge him, I just found myself wondering at times: DOES HE S---? And how about his even-more-perfect-than-he-is wife- does she??? I am straying from the "review" here, I know...This book is definitely interesting and a fun read if you are into Hollywood memoirs. Like I said before, he does a lot of name-dropping and interesting story telling about such topics as Vegas, Washington DC politics and presidents, the Playboy mansion, the Revolutionary War, Madonna, Bigfoot and so on and so forth. He talks a lot about his family and rehab and sobriety. A lot about his tv shows and characters as well as his experience with others on set. He seems to have gained a lot of insight through deep introspection and the transformative love of his wife and empowering relationships with his sons. One thing he could probably learn more of though is humility. Just a thought. He just seems to brag a lot. He comes across at times a little snobby and stuck up but at other times is rather insincerely self-depracating. I found this book entertaining but it is a little confusing that he seems to go out of order- I couldn't tell much of the time what year he was discussing. Also, he uses the word "clearly" a little too much- his narratives could've possibly benefitted from some editing here. As in "Clearly, Rob Lowe needs a thesaurus so maybe he could make use of words such as 'apparently' or 'obviously' instead during some of these times." He also seems a little cynical over the way Hollywood and the world have changed. I can understand and appreciate that- maybe not Hollywood since I don't work in that industry but as someone who has watched how movies and television have been changed (not always for the better) by advancing technology and social media and the internet and all that stuff...This book is a

quick read- someone could probably read it in one sitting. It could have used some more pictures. I always like seeing pictures. His little stories are amusing, especially when they involve other celebrities. I heard recently on the director's cut of the "MASK" dvd that Rob Lowe was seriously considered for the role of Rocky Dennis but lost to Eric Stoltz. I wondered why Rob Lowe didn't mention that in one of his memoirs? Maybe he's saving it for his third book which I will certainly buy. CLEARLY I love me some Rob Lowe despite all I've said here! Forgive me Rob for anything I've said which may come across as rude and offensive- I do love you!!!!If you find the price of this book a little high then you'd be just as well off waiting for it to come out in paperback. Used. In whatever condition is cheapest on . (Acceptable?) Rob's first book was worth paying the hard-cover price but this book can wait. That being said, I do think Rob is a great writer/storyteller. He is fun to read and I don't think there was ever a dull moment. Except when he gushes about how wonderful his wife and kids are. (VOMIT!) They come across as perfect and boring and not real- you almost want something evil to happen, if not to them then maybe at their hands... Again, my apologies, Rob, to you and your perfect family.

I have been a fan of Rob Lowe since his career took off with his role in The Outsiders and I absolutely loved his first book. When I read he was releasing a second book, I preordered it right away. The title, Love Life, made me think (hope?) this book would focus a little more on his romantic relationships over the years, but I really should have known Rob wouldn't write something that was mainly juicy tell-all. This book, much like his first, is written as a series of essays, randomly put together and touching on different events or times in Lowe's life that he looks back on with obvious fondness. While I didn't find it as enjoyable as I did the first, I can't say anything Lowe has written has ever disappointed me and I do hope he continues to write more. He is certainly talented in that area and the format is nicer than just a regular biography. It truly feels like he is sharing memories with you. I sometimes wish more biographical books were written this way. It feels more casual and friendly. Now I can see that "Love Life" is more of a suggestion to the reader than an actual topic of the book and I most certainly agree.

Just like the subject line says, the book was surprisingly pleasant and fun to read. I had been drawn to this book at least 3 times and chose not to get it. When I did buy the book, I felt ridiculous. Since St Elmo, I prejudged Lowe and had made a conscious decision TO AVOID watching anything he was in as it certainly must be a vapid one dimensional self promotion of an era I choose to forget (or not remember). Low expectations (pun NOT intended) usually make something that is OK seem

good. This book is great on its own and is a great read and worthy of your (my) time. Lowe expectations are now pretty high. I have some TV and movies to catch up on. Expect it to read like a conversation with a parent from your workplace or neighborhood except for supercharged with heavyweights from the past. Accounting for life lessons, incredible luck, disappointment, heart break, naivete, dealing with grown-ups, and being a grown up. After incredible amounts of self absorption, Rob (somehow) realizes he is on the highway to hell (pulls his head out of his ass) and eventually with introspection, listening to his inner voice and those around him, take his life back. Lessons in people, observation, self discipline, and perserverance make this a valuable return on your time.

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