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Editorial Review

Review

“A fine writer, witty, reflective, and candid.... Ferguson is a kinetic cutup teeming with foolishness, brilliance, defiance, and heart. All this is captured in his book as an entertaining connect-the-dots journey.” (Associated Press)

“Hilariously vivid.” (People)

“Funny and poignant and inspirational and brilliant. Nowhere in his story of emigration and redemption does Craig Ferguson realize that as lucky as he thinks he is to be ‘American on Purpose,’ we are luckier still to have him.” (Keith Olbermann)

“With *American on Purpose*, Craig Ferguson somehow manages to avoid the pitfalls of self-indulgence and self-importance that plague most (okay, all) Hollywood autobiographies. He has, instead, written a book that is hilarious and irrepressibly daft, yet also kind, poignant, and undeniably wise. It was a joy to read.” (Dennis Lehane, author of *The Given Day*)

“A great read . . . almost as good as my memoir.” (Carrie Fisher, author of *Wishful Drinking*)

“Ferguson has given us a biographical treatment that is both brutally honest and inspirational...*American on Purpose* is a book that should be read.” (Chicago Sun-Times)

“Hilarious and revealing...witty and emotional.” (The Daily Beast)

From the Back Cover

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About the Author

Craig Ferguson is the host of *The Late Late Show*. He is the author of the novel *Between the Bridge and the River* and lives in Los Angeles, California.

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