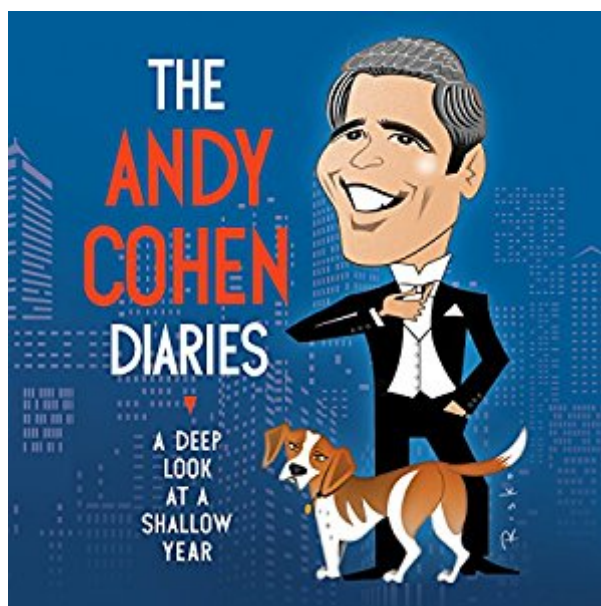


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The Andy Cohen Diaries: A Deep Look At A Shallow Year



Synopsis

A year in the whirlwind life of the beloved pop icon Andy Cohen, in his own cheeky, candid, and irreverent words. As a TV producer and host of the smash late-night show *Watch What Happens Live*, Andy Cohen has a front row seat to an exciting world not many get to see. In this dishy, detailed diary of one year in his life, Andy goes out on the town, drops names, hosts a ton of shows, becomes codependent with *Real Housewives*, makes trouble, calls his mom, drops some more names, and, while searching for love, finds it with a dog. We learn everything from which celebrity peed in her WWHL dressing room to which Housewives are causing trouble and how. Nothing is off limits - including dating. We see Andy at home and with close friends and family (including his beloved and unforgettable mom). Throughout, Andy tells us not only what goes down, but exactly what he thinks about it. Inspired by the diaries of another celebrity-obsessed Andy (Warhol), this honest, irreverent, and laugh-out-loud funny book is a one-of-a-kind account of the whos and whats of pop culture in the 21st century.

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Customer Reviews

This is tough for me because I adore this guy on TV BUT I did not like this book at all. 1) I blame myself for not reading the title, it really is shallow 2) He hints on his show that there are insights into the celebrities that he interviews but the book is filled with abbreviations he uses for names that I guess I was supposed to recognize, innuendos about the Bravo stars that I was suppose to decipher and a lack of any interesting backstage stories other than the one about Barbara

Walters. Andy is gay, lonely and interested in recreational and tongue in cheek humor, albeit somewhat less than high brow television. I can relate. I am not gay but I am lonely and get a kick out of his Bravo shows. However, now that I have read the book and realize that I am following the career of a guy who thinks I have nothing better to do than read abbreviations, innuendos and a detailed description of his dogs "pooping" schedule, I realize he has no respect for me as a fan and I wish I had not read the book.

The book claims to have lots of behind the scenes dirt about the housewives, but the juicy stuff had no names. I'm not really interested if there are no names. Beyond stories with no names, it's a lot of talk about walking his dog (tracking the poos), dinners and trips with friends, and his weight. I liked his first book, but this was a miss for me.

I liked *Most Talkative*, this one not so much. It gives great insight into Andy's everyday life as a television host and executive. He works and parties, not much else to his life, it kind of made me sad for him. He lives a full life running from party to party, but it's clear that he lacks companionship. I hope he finds it in the form of a husband. I was not really interested in reading about him meeting celebrities, or his ridiculous obsession with losing weight, it was boring. I wanted more behind the scenes info about his dealings with the housewives, he gave some but it was limited--I guess he didn't want to piss too many of them off. At the end of the day if you would be interested in watching a reality show starring Andy, then you will likely find this book interesting, because that is exactly what this book is only its in print. He wakes up takes his dog on a walk, then he has breakfast out with a friend, goes to the gym, has lunch with a friend. He goes to work, does his show, dishes on what the celebs don't want him to ask them, then he goes out to dinner or a party, comes home at 2am, walks the dog and goes to bed. Literally this happens almost every day for a year, with the exception of when he takes a vacation, then he parties, hangs out with SJP, KR, JF, & AC in any number of places around the globe. In the mist of all the partying he name drops big time, he says so in the foreword and he's not joking. I feel like this book was a throw away, something he had to do because he signed a multiple book deal, he didn't want to do it, but he had to sort of thing, and it shows. He said he modeled it off of the *Andy Warhol Diaries*. I think it's the concept he probably pitched to the publisher in order to get the book deal, but it was something he didn't have the time or the desire to flush out completely. If I were going to pick between his two books, I'd go with *Most Talkative*, he put the time and effort into that one, and it's much more sincere.

365 days of: walked and love my dog, did a WWHL show with a housewife & went to a party. I've literally just written the cliff notes of this book for you. I was hoping to read a little depth about the people Andy interviews and parties with. But unfortunately it was page after page of the same sentences with different celebrity names tossed in.

This book is a waste of money and time. Unless you want to know how much his dog poops, how much and where Andy eats (constantly), and where he's looking for love (?) don't bother.

Read through the whole thing over the last few days. I have always liked Andy. His irreverence and sense of fun has been a breath of fresh air. I looked forward to the dish in his diaries and there is a little bit of that...However, most of the book is him drinking, eating, traveling, and hanging out with a number of first name celebs and moneyed people. You are assaulted with constant references to dining here, traveling there, lunching at the Hamptons with first name, first name, first name. It got exhausting and boring for me. On the one hand, he is a successful, bright, often funny man who travels everywhere in style. On the other, he is insufferably self conscious. I can imagine him with his cadre of 'kids' (staff) obsessing over the tone of the diaries. "Did I mention the charity stuff enough?" "Does it show how much I enjoy 'regular' people?" His need to be likable starts to suffocate the reader. As he embarks on his break from Bravo, one of his first bids is to create a show, "I Slept with a Celebrity." Once the media gets wind of it with harsh critique, the reaction seems to surprise him. Is nothing too base or salacious for this guy? Does Andy really think we'll watch anything? Is such a show possible without the exploiting everyone involved except the guy cashing the paychecks? I started the book really liking him and ended it worn out by the frenetic pace of his 'fabulous' life. I suspect the most revealing look at Andy will be found in the testimonials of all the assistants, housewives, Tinder dates, and 'fab' people who weren't able to keep up. Now, that's something I would read.

I expected that Mr. Cohen's " diaries" would take readers on a fun trip and give us not only an inside look at his adventures but like most journals, they would include his inside thoughts, feelings, and reactions to his experiences. The Andy Cohen Diaries read like a very hectic social calendar with a few quips sprinkled in.... Yawn!

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