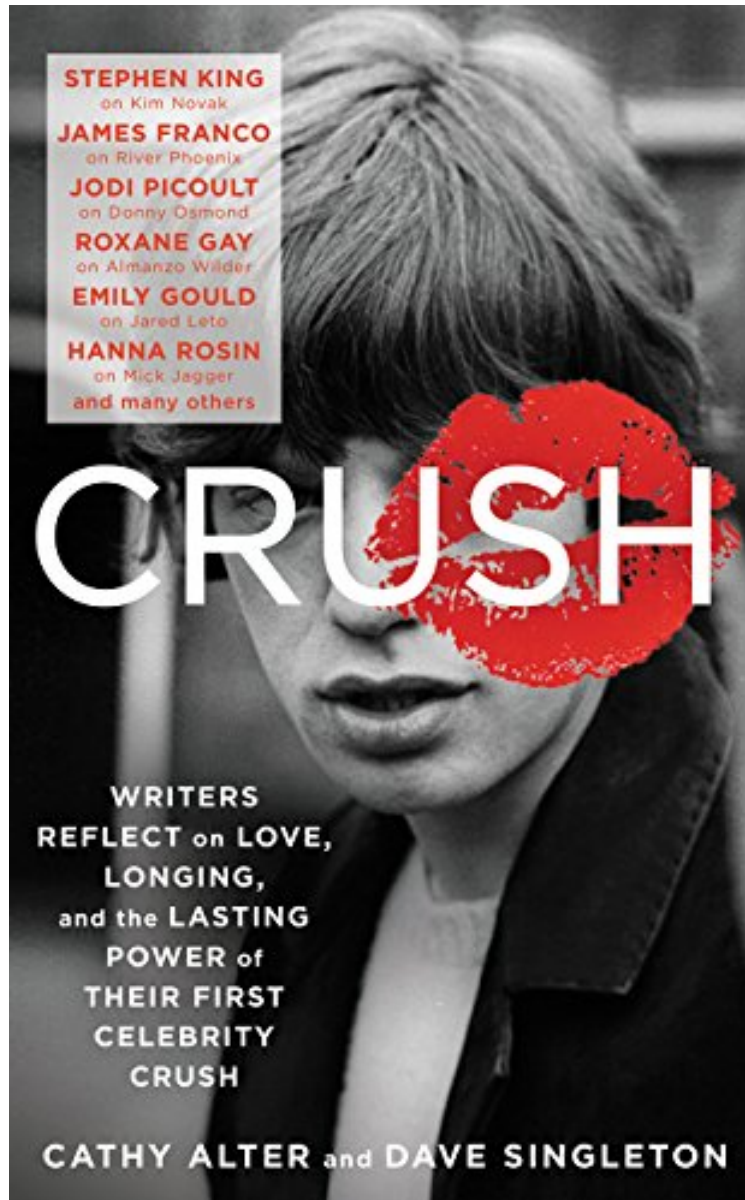


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised CRUSH: Writers Reflect on Love, Longing, and the Lasting Power of Their First Celebrity Crush:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Cute little vignettes By Deborah E. Perfidio This is a cute little book: celebrities (some I've never heard of but ok) tell about their crushes. It's not an in-depth account; it's short and sweet; example James Franco talks about his love of River Phoenix and he throws a poem in there (artistic James Franco) and then Stephen King talks about Kim Novak (all the old heads seem to go for this chick) I like it. I recommend it; only reason I don't give it five stars is because it's good it's not excellent but a fun read. Having had crushes on Shaun Cassidy in the 70s and Duran Duran in the 80s it was a fun look back at those who also had crushes 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not as cheesy as you might think... By Solstice This is a fun book to read about celebrity crushes that people have had. Some of the stories made me cry because they were so poignant. The fact is, celebrities often touch our hearts deeply, either by their personality or by the characters they've portrayed. They become an extension of our world of imagination and entertainment. There are also two pages of crushes described in Sixwords, part of a collaboration with Larry Smith's Sixword Memoir project. Very excellent descriptions. It's amazing how much emotion only six words can convey. I recommend this book as a great stocking stuffer or host/hostess gift for the people you might know who love celebrities. Or for yourself! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. CRUSH crushes it! By B. Graham At once funny and wise, Crush taps into the universal longing that generally accompanies the first rush of hormones, yet in some profound way shapes our adult lives. A fabulous collection that will make you laugh and remember the agony and (mostly imagined) ecstasy of tender young love.

As seen in Cosmopolitan, Elle, O the Oprah Magazine, Redbook, InTouch, People, BUST, on Vogue.com and Harper's Bazaar Online. An Amazon Best Book of the Month in Humor Entertainment A star-studded collection of essays from acclaimed and bestselling authors and celebrities that illuminates the lasting power of desire and longing, and celebrates our initiation into the euphoria, pain, and mystery that is our first celebrity crush. You never forget your first crush. . . CRUSH brings together stories of heartbreak, humiliation, and hilarity from a roster of popular luminaries, including James Franco, Stephen King, Roxane Gay, Jodi Picoult, Emily Gould, and Hanna Rosin, who share intimate memories of that first intense taste of love. Here are funny, whimsical, sometimes cringe-worthy tales of falling head over heels for River Phoenix, Mary Tyler Moore, Howard Cosell, Jared Leto, and a host of other pop culture icons. A few contributors channeled their devotion into obsessively writing embarrassing fan letters. Some taped pics in school lockers. Others decorated their bedroom walls with posters. For tweenaged Karin Tanabe, it was discovering bad boy Andy Garcia playing the gun-loving mobster Vincent Corleone in The Godfather III. Barbara Graham unsuccessfully staked out an apartment on Park Avenue for a glimpse of her blue-eyed soulmate, Paul Newman. There was only one puppy for six-year-old Jodi Picoult Donny Osmond while Jamie Brisick's pre-teen addiction was Speed Racer. Swoon-worthy and unforgettable, the essays in CRUSH will leave you laughing, make you cry, and keep you enthralled just like your first celebrity crush.

This solid, legitimate anthology that reflects on a compelling and universal phenomenon will put readers back in touch with their younger selves. (Library Journal) There's a lot to enjoy in these... pieces. (Washington Post) Entertaining... Some stories are funny... others are inspiring... Reading these short, angst-packed essays about starting at movie screens and listening to transistor radios is like reminiscing with old friends... [A] reminder that first loves are always worth recalling. (Booklist) [A] charming collection. (Entertainment Weekly) The seemingly lightweight premise of an anthology built around celebrity crushes yields an outstanding selection of poignant and thought-provoking stories. (Kirkus (starred review)) Charming... The authors do a remarkable job collecting different types of crushes while keeping the reminiscences short and sweet... A book that balances heartbreak and relief, blind love and terror. (Publishers Weekly) From the Back Cover A star-studded collection of original essays that illuminates the lasting power of desire and longing, and celebrates our initiation into the agony and ecstasy that is our first celebrity crush. You never forget your first crush. . . CRUSH brings together stories of heartbreak, humiliation, and hilarity from a roster of popular luminaries. Whether it manifests in writing vaguely inappropriate fan letters, obsessively chronicling their wardrobe choices, buying a Star Map in order to drive by their house, or simply purchasing every magazine with their face on the cover, we've all had a one-sided love affair with a person too famous to know we exist. In some ways more powerful than the up-close, in-person grade-school crush, the celebrity crush is as much defined by its mystery and allure as by its fervor and ferocity. Swoon-worthy and unforgettable, the essays in CRUSH are poignant and compulsively readable, and each begs the question: Who is your celebrity crush? Contributors include: Amin Ahmad Cathy Alter Jessica Anya Blau Michelle Brafman Anna Breslaw Jamie Brisick Yesha Callahan Jason Diamond Shulem Deen Larry Doyle James Franco Roxane Gay Emily Gould Barbara Graham Shane Harris David Housley Jill Kargman David Keplinger Caroline Kepnes Stephen King Richard McCann Andrew McCarthy Kermit Moyer Kimberly Dawn Neumann Carolyn Parkhurst Jodi Picoult Julia Pierpont Joanna Rakoff Hanna Rosin Janice Shapiro David Shields Dave Singleton Larry Smith Karin Tanabe Tony Tulathimutte Sam

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