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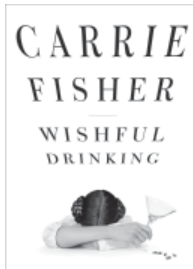
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Wishful Drinking

By *Carrie Fisher*

Simon & Schuster, \$21.00, 163 pages

Who knew that Carrie Fisher has led such a colorful life? Well, maybe people who follow celebrity news, but I certainly didn't, which is what made this book so fun and informative to read. *Wishful Drinking* is a collection of anecdotes about Carrie Fisher's life, written by her, told in mostly chronological order. It includes stories about her family and what it was like being the child of two famous parents, her marriage to Paul Simon, her struggles with drug and alcohol use, undergoing electroshock therapy, her mental illness, and, of course, her role as Princess Leia.



This book was so much fun. Not because of the subject matter, which was generally rather depressing, but because of how it is written. Fisher writes how many people talks, and since I know her voice (somewhat, although I'd imagine it's changed since Star Wars), it felt to me like I could hear her talking as I read. The chapters are fairly short which, combined with the writing style, made it quick to read. The book is based on her show of the same name, which I'd now really like to go see. Fisher has struggled with a lot over the years,

but she has an upbeat outlook on life; you can tell she really takes it to heart when she says "If my life wasn't funny it would just be true, and that is unacceptable."

Reviewed by Holly Scudero