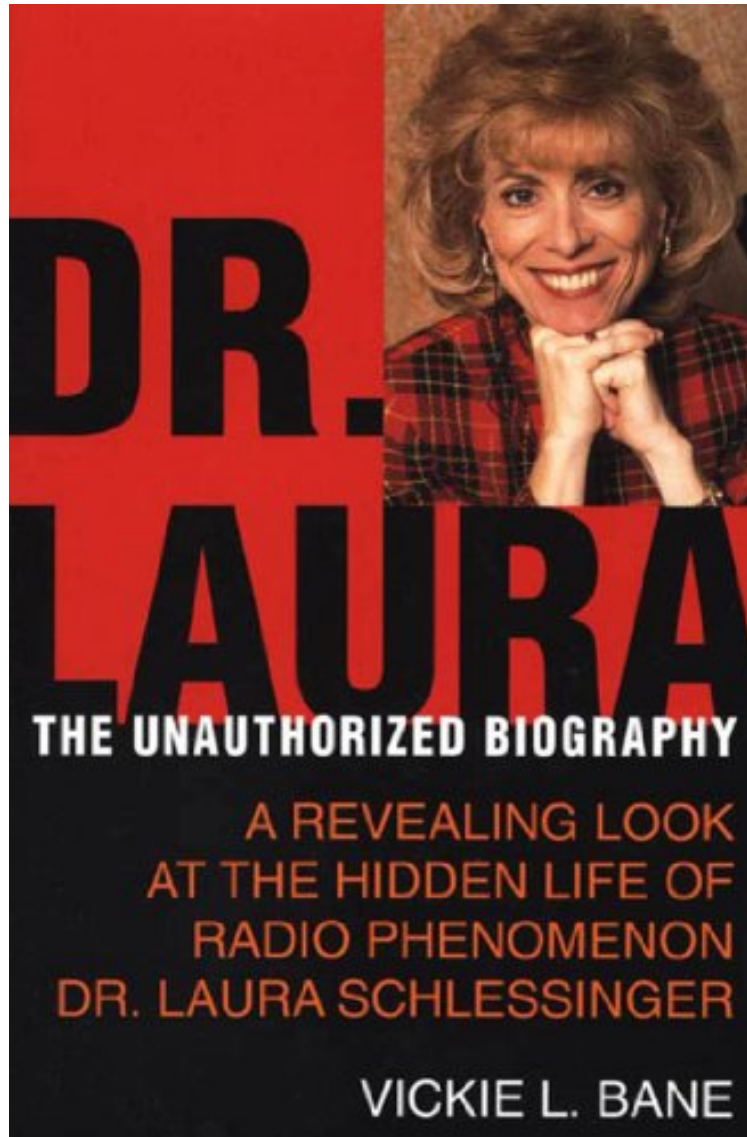


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An Iconoclastic yet Pedestrian bookVon Kindle CustomerThe author has done a great public service exposing one of the most prominent public moralists of our time as a hypocrite. Leaving aside "Dr." Schlessinger's admission of youthful indiscretions, the author convincingly compiles incident after incident of ethical violations so egregious that it should

forever disqualify her from standing in judgment of anyone. That she has managed to profit so well by being a public moralist is as galling as anything imaginable. Sadly, this book will not make much of a dent upon "Dr." Laura's slavish followers because the book will be dismissed as the product of a moral and ethical relativist. The author, Vickie L. Bane, does not come across that way at all. Indeed, what first attracted me to Laura Schlessinger's radio program was her high moral and ethical message so badly needed in our relative, post-modernist times. What the book so clearly details is that Laura Schlessinger has repeatedly failed to follow her own best advice. There is a word for that best describes this sort of behavior: hypocrite. My only disappointment in the book was the rather dull writing...then again, perhaps the writing was merely a reflection of the subject. Otherwise, the book is a quick read that hopefully will free up some folks to seek moral and ethical advice from those truly qualified to give it. "Dr." Laura is not such an individual.

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Von Ein Kunde
This book connects the dots and shouldn't come as a surprise to people who have followed her radio show. Whatever else one wants to say about Dr. Laura the truth is she's passionate and manichean (only recognizes shades of black and white). Now we know why. Every time she berates a caller it seems she's harping on some aspect of her past life which, she feels in hindsight, was unworthy. In this she resembles most authors who write popular self-help books (eg. Barbara DeAngelis, John Grey, it's quite striking). Emile Zola once wrote how every autobiographer, from Saint Augustine down, is at least somewhat intrigued by his or her sins. I suspect we're not going to get a memoir from Doctor Laura, who is too ashamed of her past. This book could have been written better but the author captures her subject. Those who think such books are "unfair" would have a point if Dr. Laura hadn't turned the Disneyland version of her life into a cottage industry. While I think Dr. Laura's advice, stripped of meanness and sanctimony, is still generally on the mark (with a few glaring exceptions), what the sum of her life shows, ironically, is that a woman who does the ten stupid things she wrote about in a previous book isn't destined to ruin. Some become quite successful. Some even get nationally syndicated radio programs.

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Von Ein Kunde
This book is so horribly written that I couldn't get past page 145. The style is very choppy, and difficult to keep up with, not to mention downright BORING! The author displays a thinly veiled dislike of Ms. Schlessinger (perhaps because she rebuffed her interview requests?). Ms. Bane attempts to imply that the subject has mental disorders and that there are "sinister" meanings behind what is simply rude, albeit (unfortunately) common behaviour. Dr. Laura is not a particular heroine of mine, however, I think that how she articulates and presents herself in public corresponds with her "private" persona, and thus the the authoress was forced to conjure sensationalistic intimations from thin air. I found this book to be poorly written and disorganized. The author swings wildly about from subject to subject and time frame to time frame. She uses direct quotations replete with grammatical errors which require mental translation from "spoken English" to "written English". Additionally, she has the bad habit of using a full name only once per chapter, and from then on, only last names. Thus "Kristy" (Norton Kristy) was a male, and "Herman" (Shelly Herman) is female. This was very disconcerting, not to mention difficult to keep track of. If you are interested in Ms. Schlessinger, I suggest you read the books that SHE has authored. I found her books to be amusing, informative, and rather enjoyable, AND you will find out much more about Dr. Laura's background than this book offers!

Kurzbeschreibung
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"A telling biography of the radio talk-show host. Bane, a staff reporter for People, portrays a life lived hypocritically and in perpetual self-inflicted loss".-- Library Journal

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