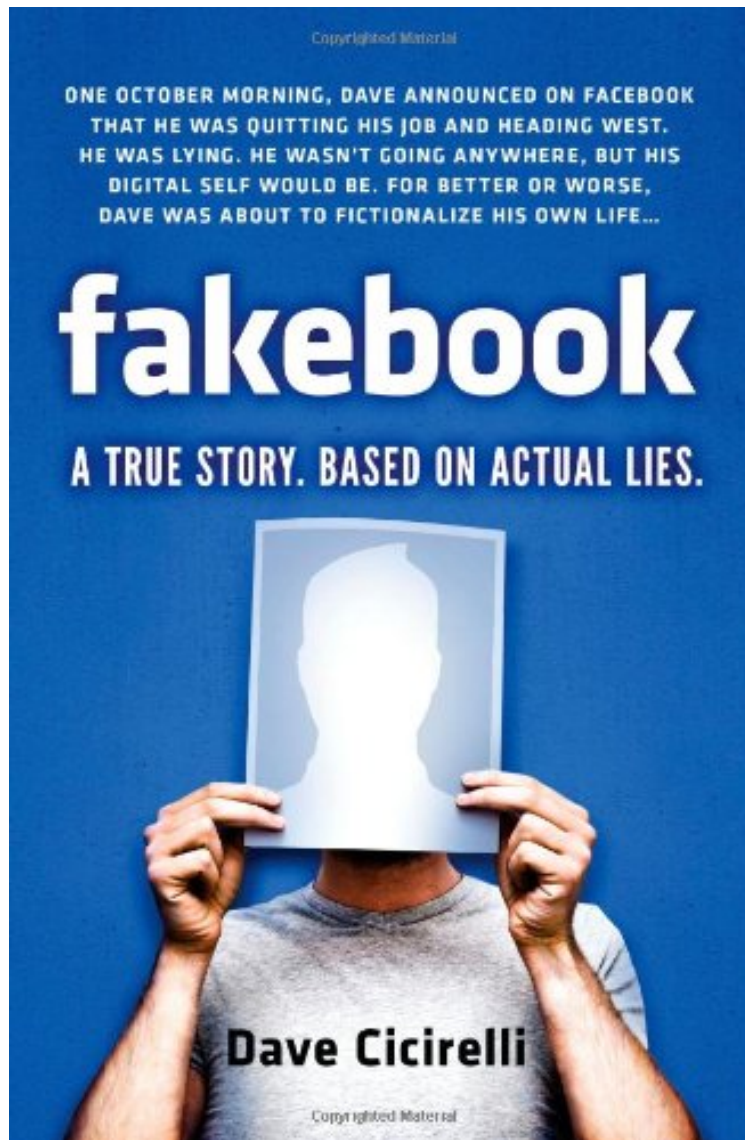


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**Dave Cicirelli : Fakebook: A True Story. Based on Actual Lies** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fakebook: A True Story. Based on Actual Lies:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not Certain I would Forgive HimBy Frances CristinaI bought this book because I often wonder how much of what people put on their statuses is true. I also wonder at how gullible we are. Would we believe what the status says even as we question whether or not it could possibly be true? This book dives into that with an experiment. I enjoyed the posts and responses in the book. They were what is best about this

book. Even some of Dave's musing were interesting. More often though I was bored by his musings. Maybe because I had my own going on and just wanted to know the facts. So while I give it only three stars if you are a Facebook user, I would probably tell you to read it but be prepared for some parts to bore you. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fakebook True LiesBy JOANNE CATHERINEI enjoyed Fakebook. Dave Cicirelli is a very good writer and I found the book hard to put down. You need to know that I am 54 years old and social media is not important OR interesting to me. I read the book (on my Kindle, actually) because the premise sounded interesting. And like I said, I really enjoyed reading it. I think it's a compliment to any writer (slash artistic creator) when the person experiencing the work takes time out to think about it outside of the time spent experiencing it. As a 54 year old, I didn't have to be told that Fakebook was, well, fake. As an old fogey, I've seen enough to know when the wool is being pulled over my eyes. Now, having said this, when I was in my 20s, I went out a few times with a guy who told me he and a friend had stolen a small plane and taken it for a joy ride. I was sort of incredulous but, still...maybe...? When he blew off a date with me and I finally saw him a few days later, he said that his cat had stolen his wallet and he lost track of time looking for it. Hmm...really? Your CAT? Maybe if it had been his dog...So, I think Fakebook worked for the audience it was addressed to, since they are still nave and still want to believe in magic. Santa doesn't exist, but Dave Cicirelli does...0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Humorous and Thought Provoking - Highly RecommendBy RealistIf you post on Facebook you will appreciate the context of this book. Far more than a humorous memoir of a virtual life posted on Facebook, Fakebook is a thought provoking and insightful look at social media and its affect on our relationships. Fake Dave will make you laugh but the Real Dave will make you think. Publishers Weekly said it best, "Cicirelli's comic online fever-dream is told with style and is a knockout."

This hilarious, irreverent, and profoundly honest memoir explores our cultural obsession with social media and dares to ask: Who is the real "you" and what is the story you tell others? At age 26, Dave Cicirelli found himself at a crossroads. While his friends on Facebook appeared to have lives of nonstop accomplishments, his early adulthood felt disappointingly routine. So one October morning, Dave announced on Facebook that he was dropping everything and heading west. Many thought him brave--or crazy. No one guessed he was lying. "Fake Dave" set off on a wild adventure, toilet-papering an Amish horse and buggy, freight-hopping with a farmer's daughter, and being kidnapped by a religious cult. But the online prank quickly became a social experiment. People began connecting over his journey, and some were inspired to change their own lives. But as Fake Dave's popularity grew, the real Dave became increasingly isolated, struggling with the implications of his secret. Clever, funny, and surprisingly candid, FAKEBOOK is a true memoir of our digital age. It explores what the old ideas of reputation and relationships mean in our new world of constant connection and ultimately asks: How do you draw the line between your virtual self and who you really are? And can you discover yourself on a journey that never took place?

From Publishers WeeklyIn a wacky and bold memoir about identity in this cockeyed social media environment, Cicirelli amuses himself at the expense of his relatives, friends, and Facebook family by concocting a fake virtual self that goes completely bonkers. Cicirellia 26-year-old Walter Mittytype who feels life is passing him by, with all of his Facebook pals achieving undeserved successdecides to shake up his existence, creating a raucous Web version of himself with a mischievous, gonzo sensibility but completely lacking in conscience. He blames the excesses on his hell-raising bloodlines, but says he never thought his Fake Dave online persona would become popular. He describes tapping into a part of me who liked seeing how far I could take it. Those who follow Dave on Facebook react with shock and horror as they watch his electronic double go through various fake life-changing episodes trashing an Amish buggy, and clashing with the faithful and the law before the scam runs out of steam. Cicirelli's comic online fever-dream is told with style and is a knockout. Agent: Stephen Barr, Writers House. (Sept.)From BooklistIn his mid-twenties, Cicirelli had a good job but felt like he was going through the motions. So he decided he would reinvent himself and start living the kind of adventure-filled life he craved. Not for real; just on Facebook. So began the completely fraudulent story of Fake Dave, a guy who shared the authors name and face but who lived a series of completely made-up episodes (bolstered by Photoshopped documentary evidence and accompanied by a fictional girlfriend, Amish Kate). He had to let his coworkers and some of his friends in on the gag, but to most of his Facebook followers, he was on the road, livin the dreamers life. This very entertaining memoir chronicles Fake Daves amazing adventures, and also the real Daves life as he began to feel weirdly jealous of his fictional alter ego. Not to mention the increasing difficulty of keeping his charade going, living a sort of double life, one in the real world and the other in cyberspace. Lots of laughs here but also plenty of serious insights about the inherent unreality of social media. --David Pitt "This very entertaining memoir chronicles Fake Dave's amazing adventures, and also the real Dave's life as he began to feel weirdly jealous of his fictional alter ego.... Lots of laughs here but also plenty of serious insights about the inherent unreality of social media." - Booklist"A fast read by a glib writer, who shares what happens when you need to make your Facebook life more interesting than your real life." - New Jersey Star-Ledger