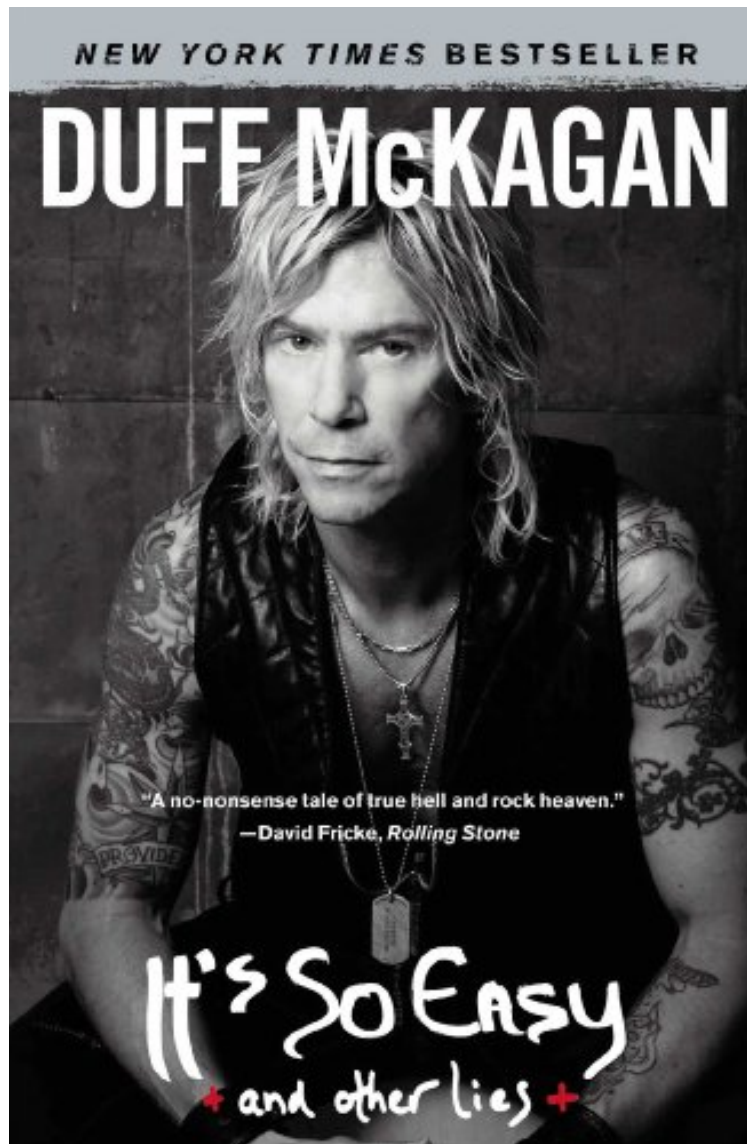


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**Duff McKagan : It's So Easy: and other lies** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised It's So Easy: and other lies:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good book on being part of a famous rock band By Kindle Customer The author is gifted in many ways, his music, his obvious high intelligence, and he is also an alcoholic and previous heavy drug user. The book details how a modern rock band operates from the start to years later, when band members stop talking to each other and friends start dying from drug overdoses. It is not an easy read and, yet, the

author comes out of the hell he was living to get sober. He marries a beautiful woman, has a beautiful family, gets a formal education, and appears to be living life on life's terms. I am glad I read his book and have no desire to read anything else on GNR's, this is enough for me. I wish him well on his sobriety and hope he finds a "group" to remind him how perilous it can be to do it alone. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It's so easy...to love this book! By Matthew Ortiz Told through the eyes of Guns n' Roses bassist, Duff McKagan, is a story revolving not only his tenure with the band, but his experiences enduring all facets of challenges such as the music industry, drugs, illness, friendship and family life. The most intriguing part of this book was Duff's ability to immerse readers into his own personal experiences by expressing himself with clarity and in a concise manner sans the elaborate details that may clutter effective storytelling. I was quite impressed with Duff's ability to write such a well written book; an obvious notion reflecting his intelligence and vivid expressiveness. Whether or not you're a Guns n' Roses fan, 'It's So Easy: and Other Lies' is a book anyone can enjoy. Duff's story chronicles his journey through the music industry and what it took for him to understand his financial situation and how to control it. His marriage to Susan McKagan inspiring a change in priorities for not only himself, but those around him as well. The battles with drug addiction leading to a near death experience revealing the struggle was not only his own, but his family's as well. This is a great book and I highly recommend it for those fans and non-fans alike! Enjoy! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Anonymous

A founding member of Guns N Roses and Velvet Revolver and Rock Roll Hall of Fame inductee shares the story of his rise to the pinnacle of fame and fortune, his struggles with alcoholism and drug addiction, his personal crash and burn, and his phoenix-like transformation. In 1984, at the age of twenty, Duff McKagan left his native Seattle partly to pursue music but mainly to get away from a host of heroin overdoses then decimating his closest group of friends in the local punk scene. In L.A. only a few weeks and still living in his car, he answered a want ad for a bass player placed by someone who identified himself only as Slash. Soon after, the most dangerous band in the world was born. Guns N Roses went on to sell more than 100 million albums worldwide. In *It's So Easy*, Duff recounts Guns' unlikely trajectory to a string of multiplatinum albums, sold-out stadium concerts, and global acclaim. But that kind of glory can take its toll, and it did ultimately on Duff, as well as on the band itself. As Guns began to splinter, Duff felt that he himself was done, too. But his near death as a direct result of alcoholism proved to be his watershed, the turning point that sent him on a unique path to sobriety and the unexpected choices he has made for himself since. In a voice that is as honest as it is indelibly his own, Duff one of rock's smartest and most articulate personalities takes readers on a harrowing journey through the dark heart of one of the most notorious bands in rock-and-roll history and out the other side.

"You'll read this memoir from the former Guns N Roses bass player for the sex, drugs, and rock and roll, but you'll remember it for what comes after recovery, family, and fulfillment. (Los Angeles Magazine) In a book that mourns friendships and talent lost to drugs, his transformation is a relief and an inspiration. McKagan writes with honesty and even humility, seemingly refreshingly devoid of rock star egomania. (Shelf Awareness) Honest, well-written McKagan is surprisingly self-aware and candid, and he doesn't let himself off the hook easily. (Publishers Weekly) In his solid debut, the author proves himself to be a legit writer. McKagan has a nice eye for details and a surprisingly good memory. He's proudly raw and harsh, refusing to hold back in terms of language and content fans will be thrilled by this honest, detailed memoir." (Kirkus) Fans will love the descriptions of the struggles and early triumphs of GNR, but McKagan's descriptions of his equally driven efforts at self-transformation are just as compelling (particularly his meditation on the redemptive power of reading and the satisfaction he receives in his intellectual as well as physical revitalization). Verdict: Rock fans and would-be rockers will find much to savor here. McKagan has packed a lot into his life and a lot of his life into this book. Readers will enjoy the ride. (Library Journal) McKagan recounts his (tale) with flamboyance and an engaging wit. (Booklist) About the Author Duff McKagan played bass for Guns N Roses for twelve years and co-wrote many of their most iconic songs. The band was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2012. Duff formed Velvet Revolver with his former band mate Slash and fronts his own band, Loaded. He writes weekly columns for [Seattleweekly.com](http://Seattleweekly.com) and [ESPN.com](http://ESPN.com). McKagan lives in Seattle with his wife, supermodel Susan Holmes McKagan, and their two daughters. Visit [Duff-ItsSoEasy.com](http://Duff-ItsSoEasy.com).