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**Frank Cipolla : "It Shocked Even Us!"** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised "It Shocked Even Us!":

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Shockingly Real and Funny!!! By Edgar F. Beers Jr. This book is a must-read for anyone in the NY/NJ area who either listened to Frank Cipolla on radio and/or watched him on television. This book tells a lot of behind the scenes tales of what it is like in the radio and television news business. There are many funny stories that will make you laugh out loud. It takes the reader from Frank's earliest days in radio to around 2011. I purchased the book primarily for chapters 5 and 6. They told of Frank's times at a small New Jersey

radio station named WCRV in Washington, Warren County. I was a WCRV listener since I can remember until right before it went off the air in the late 1980's. It was our local station for news, weather, and information. The DJs got to be household names for us locals. Frank tells of his first impressions of a young guy coming from Queens to our then-rural area. It was probably quite a culture shock but I think Frank maybe exaggerated a little bit. For instance, there are no wooden bridges on state highway 31. Route 31 was and still is a very busy main highway between Trenton and Oxford. It connected drivers between I-95 and I-78 and I-80. In fact, when Frank was doing news at WCRV it had a much higher volume of truck traffic then it does now. He mentions something about big rigs rolling by the studio in one tale. Frank's impression of living at the St. Cloud Hotel is spot-on. When we were young teens we'd hang out at the Washington Library, which was right next to the St. Cloud. You'd see bums hanging out smoking cigarettes and mumbling incoherently. Some were like celebrities in our town. We had a wino we called Wolfman for his unshaven face. Admiral Nit Wit was a guy who dressed up as a Navy admiral and walked all over town saluting people and getting mad if they didn't return a salute. Then there was Walkie Talkie. He was a guy who walked all over town talking to imaginary people in extraordinary adventures. We heard him talking about going to Normandy for D Day one time and another he was talking to Reggie Jackson about his World Series home runs. I'm getting off track here but these were the type of "neighbors" Frank lived with. Ironically, both the house that housed WCRV and the St. Cloud Hotel both burned to the ground. The station sat empty and decaying for many years. One night it was mysteriously destroyed by fire around 2003. A paving business occupies the old WCRV space. The St. Cloud burnt down around 2007 or 2008. It was an all wooden structure, as Frank described in the book. The space is an empty lot now, but plans are underway to build modular apartments there. I'm sure Frank saw these when he visited Washington for his book signing. It was probably really sad. The story about the gas line fire Frank risked his life to get, I remember well. I was at my grandmother's about 2 miles away and we heard that "jet roar". Next thing we knew the State Police were evacuating us. Contrary to what Frank's boss, Nick DiRienzo, said we did not get bacon and eggs. LOL The rest of the book follows Frank to Elizabeth, where he talks about Lloyd Lindsay Young, the weatherman. Lloyd was legendary on WOR 9 TV news in the early '90's. He was so wacky you tuned in just to see Lloyd. Frank gives a great detailed impression of Lloyd in the book. There are other great stories about Frank's stint in Elizabeth. Frank moved on to WNBC radio with legends Don Imus, Howard Stern, and Soupy Sales. The stories behind the scenes are unbelievable. They had me laughing out loud. The Imus corn flake story was the best. I can remember somewhat of that time period where all the jocks ganged up on Soupy, who (IMHO) acted like a prima-donna. Stern used to play the piano sagas on his best-of segments. Classic radio moments. Frank went on to Staten Island Cable tv and then NJ12 television where he became very well known. From there Frank moved up to WOR 9 TV news and WCBS radio news. Along the way Frank tells what it was like at each point in his career and what he thought about some of the people he worked with and interviewed. It is a great book that is hard to put down once you start reading it. I bought it specifically for the WCRV days but the rest of the book just gets better and better. A bonus I received is that Frank actually signed and personalized the book for me. Thanks Frank!!!

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Take a ride with Cipolla  
By Florida Whizzer  
Not every autobiography expresses or conveys personal emotions to a reader yet Frank Cipolla achieves that quality. As Cipolla relates his experiences and affection for friends and family, as well as those playing a major role in his life, he passes these emotions and experiences to the reader as if they were the one involved. This is a book to be savored and not one to be rushed through or read in a single day or sitting. It is to be enjoyed by reading a little each day in order to absorb the characters, situations and humor, the telling of which come easy to Cipolla. Cipolla tells of his experiences from the time he was old enough to know his ambitions through the hard work, sacrifice and including necessary adjustments made to accommodate and survive industry changes and cost cutting measures. Frank seems to have an ability to make things happen and quickly pick up on events before they take place, an aid to advancing his career. All roadblocks and disappointments are here from the most personal and private to those on-air and public experiences and on to those with large communication corporation and as a political publicist. Cipolla leaves no stone unturned, dirt and warts are all exposed as Cipolla describes exactly what it was like from day one and how it is today. I'm wondering what Cipolla's next literary venture will be but whatever it is, will be looking forward to it.

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By PATRICK J. POWERS  
For those of us who are in broadcast media, Frank Cipolla's "It Shocked Even Us" is a must read! It's full of non stop humor on what happens on and off the air as told in detail by the author himself. This book also tells the funny side of some of New York's radio and television people. A great gift to those who enjoy radio and television!

Frank Cipolla is the author of "It Shocked Even Us!" - A look behind the scenes at all the funny stories from his 30-years of covering news in the New York Metropolitan area and working with TV and radio personalities Don Imus, Howard Stern, Alan Colmes, Rolland Smith, Doctor Frank Field and many more.