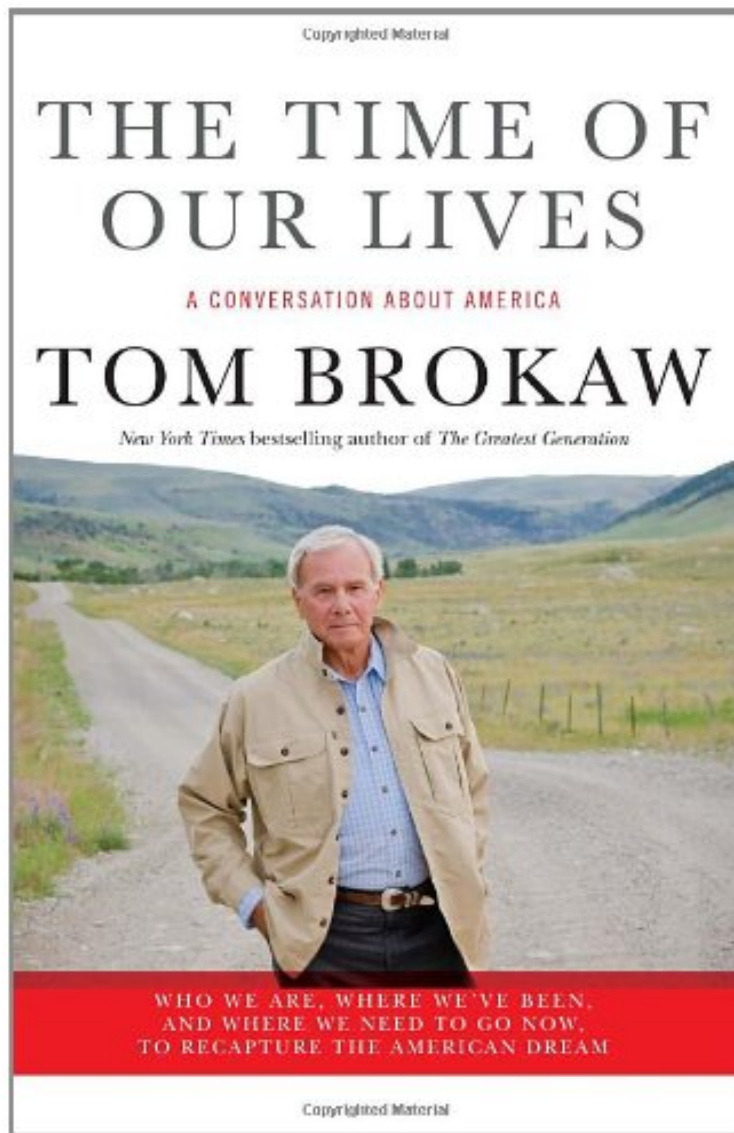


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A book of remarkably mixed value
By billpz
This book is a mix of personal autobiography, family biography and a look at present issues from these well-disclosed perspectives. These are the book's strengths. The book's best use would be for someone of modest education, most of whose information comes from media news, as an introduction to longer-term perspectives and history. There is some self-satisfaction -- well-deserved -- at the family level. And interesting examples of addressing some public issues through community involvement and private philanthropy. Nonetheless. Many expositions are journalistically shallow. Analysis of causes and effects is mostly missing. This seems to flow from Mr. Brokaw's candidly admitted lack of educational background; it appears that he flunked out of college. More than a little wishy-washy in discussion of public issues. Also unhelpful is his carping at the baby-boom generation and its supposed over-consumption. His imagery here reads as shallow and unfeeling -- as well as unappreciative of the predicament of many baby-boomers, many of whom share the dilemma that both the beginning and end of their careers were or have been mired in recession. He might better appreciate the luck of timing of his own adulthood. I would have liked to see him better address the downside of the Reagan revolution -- regressive taxes and taking away investment from infrastructure, education, and scientific research -- more forcefully and clearly. Overall, disappointing and a bit pallid. He has learned a lot from his career, but if the book is an indication, perhaps not quite enough.

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Essential history lessons
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This refreshing voice from our recent personal and national past is uttered in the reading like it is an after dinner conversation. Crises, victories, heroism and homespun basic values of our times uttered in the companionable voice that lends veracity and assurance to our history. It is history imbedded in the life of his family and our families who shaped our values in times as turbulent as our own. In today's force-fed virtual media rapid fire news and opinion which we swallow as fact today and forget tomorrow in the next opinion war, books are a gift to us from voices that have invested in thoughtful remembrance of truths from their years on "supertime" evening news. Brokaw, Cronkite, Rather, and others who keep "evening news" alive must honor us with books, our after dinner conversations and "fireside chats".
2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A great perspective on our country and how we should all focus on fundamentals again.
By JimboMacDaddy
I had the opportunity to host an event with Tom Brokaw for Stamford Dollars for Scholars on January 10, 2012 and was able to meet and speak with Mr. Brokaw and hear him share many of the thoughts and anecdotes in this book. He said that "We need to listen more and shout less.". Simple, but true. This was an entertaining read that left me with hope and a renewed sense of pride in America and a renewed obligation to make sure that we remain the greatest country in the world.

Tom Brokaw, known and beloved for his landmark work in American journalism and for the New York Times bestsellers *The Greatest Generation* and *Boom!*, now turns his attention to the challenges that face America in the new millennium, to offer reflections on how we can restore America's greatness. What happened to the America I thought I knew? Brokaw writes. Have we simply wandered off course, but only temporarily? Or have we allowed ourselves to be so divided that we were easy prey for hijackers who could steer us onto a path to a crash landing? . . . I do have some thoughts, original and inspired by others, for our journey into the heart of a new century. Rooted in the values, lessons, and verities of generations past and of his South Dakota upbringing, Brokaw weaves together inspiring stories of Americans who are making a difference and personal stories from his own family history, to engage us in a conversation about our country and to offer ideas for how we can revitalize the promise of the American Dream. Inviting us to foster a rebirth of family, community, and civic engagement as profound as the one that won World War II, built our postwar prosperity, and ushered in the Civil Rights era, Brokaw traces the exciting, unnerving changes in modern life in values, education, public service, housing, the Internet, and more that have transformed our society in the decades since the age of thrift in which he was raised. Offering ideas from Americans who are change agents in their communities, in *The Time of Our Lives*, Brokaw gives us, a wise, honest, and wide-ranging book, a nourishing vision of hopefulness in an age of diminished expectations.

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