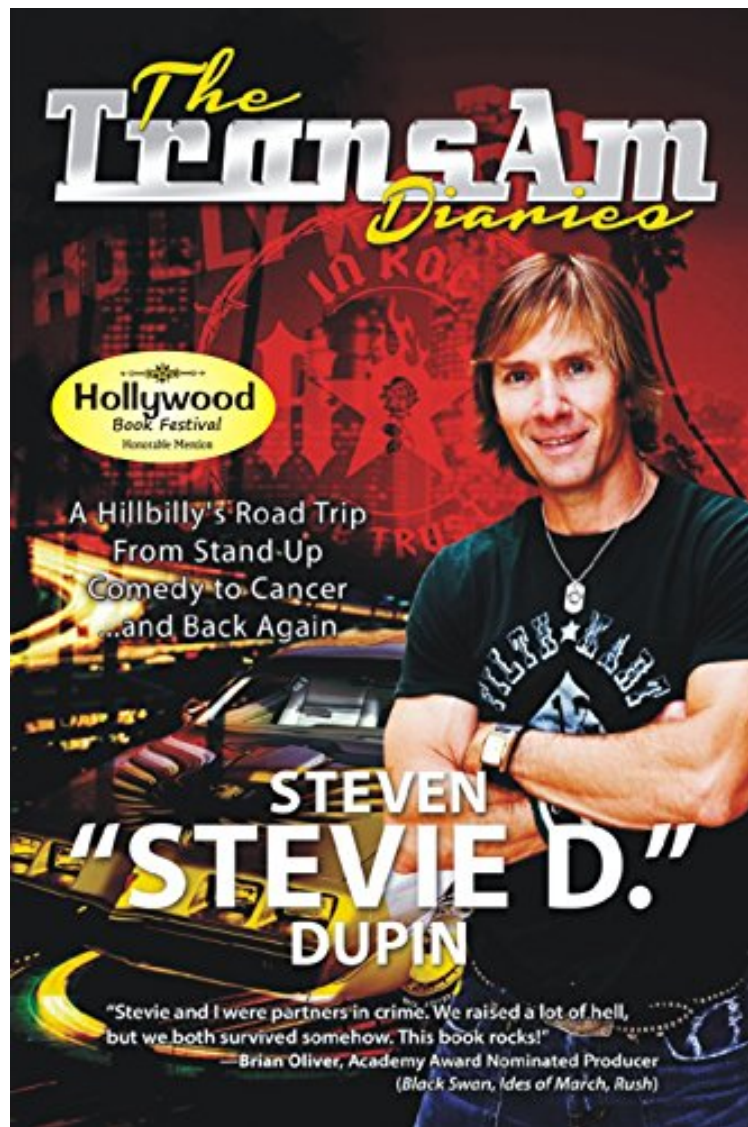


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A few days later the books arrived and a good thing I ordered 2 copies as my wife and ...By JimNLinVI kept seeing mentions of the book on my FB feed from various friends and

relatives. The most recent mention was on Mar 17th, the 5 year anniversary of Stevie going under the knife. I decided that in honor of that and him, I would order the book. I went to and only 2 copies in stock, so I ordered both copies, figuring I could share one. A few days later the books arrived and a good thing I ordered 2 copies as my wife and I took one each and started reading and believe me when I say, I read a lot, but not a lot of actual books. Neither of us could put the book down,. It was that good and interesting. It was funny, emotional, sad, happy times, representative of a really lucky family man. He did endure a lot, but was and is still able to laugh and joke about the hard times and good times. I always heard that attitude is 90% of the battle and I think his attitude proved that. I do have to admit that I too grew up in the same hometown as Stevie and he is sort of for lack of a better choice a cousin. His Mom Nelda Faye is my cousin and her parents are my aunt and uncle. Nelda's Dad is my Mom's brother and Nelda's mother is my Dad's sister. Yes they married brother and sister BUT NOT their own brother and sister, so it is not incest or anything like that. I actually to my knowledge, never met StevieD unless maybe when he was very, very young. Even though we grew up in Owensboro, I was born in Calhoun, one of the 12 population. I left the area in 1968 to join the Army, that lasted 20 years, then a career at the Post Office etc and eventually moved to Vegas in 2001. I still go back each year to visit family and friends, a lot of which are mentioned in the book. It is one big family of Deno's and Vanover's. But back to the book, please consider buying, borrowing, stealing, download on Kindle this Trans Am Diaries and reading it. You will be glad you did and it will be hard to put down. Even after reading the entire book, you will keep going back and re-reading portions of it and in my case sharing passages with family. A real good read, a lot of thought and some great stories from one brave, talented and funny man that has been through a lot. A lot that some of us probably could not endure or would just give up. Hang in there Stevie, hopefully one day we will catch a show in CA or you just might catch a gig closer to Vegas. Thanks for the memories and the stories.6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A must read!!!By dwbhappyIt is really something to read a book were you are familiar with some of the characters in it. So far I am going on chapter 12 and I have from chapter to chapter bawled my eyes out, then laughed my butt off...then cried again... then laughed so hard I almost wet my pants then cried again. Never had so much emotion in one book all rolled into one. It is a must read!!!4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Candid, Funny and InspirationalBy Kathleen BallThe Author's "the glass is half full" approach to life grabbed me from the first page. It's hard to write about your own life but Stevie Dupin makes it seem so easy. His mix of disbelief tempered with humor is truly inspirational. My husband and I went through something similar and I instantly connected with his story. I love the scenes of his childhood, how he went to Hollywood and beyond. The writing is amazing and very smooth. This is the type of book you will read, put on your shelf and take it back down to read again.

Hollywood Book Festival Honorable Mention Stevie D. thought he had made it. After leaving his small-town Kentucky home for the bright lights of Hollywood, this self-described "white trash hillbilly" rose through the stand-up comedy ranks to become a star on the Sunset Strip. Since the release of his successful concert-film DVD, *Rockstars of Comedy*, Stevie began developing projects with rock legend Tommy Lee, UFC Champion Rich Franklin, Hot Rod Builder of the Year Troy Ladd and other celebrities. With a beautiful wife, he was also enjoying the greatest adventure of his life -fatherhood. Then, Stevie received the stunning news that his life might actually be nearing an end when he was diagnosed with prostate cancer at the young age of 42. A powerful story of survival, *The Trans Am Diaries* is a "stream of consciousness" direct from Stevie D.'s pen and is also full of laugh-out-loud stories about the entertainment industry and the colorful characters Stevie has met along the way including golfing with Eddie Van Halen and opening for Chris Rock on 60 Minutes.

This book is a must-have for anyone who is being tested. I call Stevie a machine gun of ideas, all of them good, all of them funny. --Arleen Sorkin, Actress (*Days of Our Lives*, *The New Batman Adventures*)hilarious, entertaining, uplifting and inspirational! --Troy Ladd, Hollywood Hot RodsStevie and I were partners in crime. We raised a lot of hell, but we both survived somehow. This book rocks! --Brian Oliver, Academy Award Nominated Producer (*Black Swan*, *Ides of March*, *Rush*)About the AuthorSteven DuPin (a.k.a. Stevie D.) is a Kentucky-born comedian, writer and producer. After spending years performing in some of the best-known comedy clubs in Hollywood, he executive produced and starred in *Rockstars of Comedy*, a live concert DVD featuring some of the most recognizable comics in the industry, including Whitney Cummings of NBC's *Whitney* and Steve Burns, star of TBS' *Sullivan Son*. Stevie is president of his own production company, Blue Moon Media, which develops reality television series and other projects. He resides in Los Angeles with his wife and two children.