

# My Extraordinary Ordinary Life - Sissy Spacek

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In her delightful and moving memoir, Sissy Spacek writes about her idyllic, barefoot childhood in a small East Texas town, with the clarity and wisdom that comes from never losing sight of her roots. Descended from industrious Czech immigrants and threadbare southern gentility, she grew up a tomboy, tagging along with two older brothers and absorbing grace and grit from her remarkable parents, who taught her that she could do anything. She also learned fearlessness in the wake of a family tragedy, the grief propelling her "like rocket fuel" to follow her dreams of becoming a performer. With a keen sense of humor and a big-hearted voice, she describes how she arrived in New York City one star-struck summer as a seventeen-year-old carrying a suitcase and two guitars; and how she built a career that has spanned four decades with films such as *Carrie*, *Coal Miners Daughter*, *3 Women*, and *The Help*. She details working with some of the great directors of our time, including Terrence Malick, Robert Altman, David Lynch, and Brian De Palma who thought of her as a no-talent set decorator until he cast her as the lead in *Carrie*. She also reveals why, at the height of her fame, she and her family moved away from Los Angeles to a farm in rural Virginia. Whether she's describing the terrors and joys of raising two talented, independent daughters, taking readers behind the scenes on Oscar night, or meditating on the thrill of watching a pair of otters frolicking in her pond, Sissy Spacek's memoir is poignant and laugh-out-loud funny, plainspoken and utterly honest. *My Extraordinary Ordinary Life* is about what matters most: the exquisite worth of ordinary things, the simple pleasures of home and family, and the honest job of being right with the world. "If I get hit by a truck tomorrow," she writes, "I want to know I've returned my neighbors cake pan." Praise for *My Extraordinary Ordinary Life*: "My Extraordinary Ordinary Life is the book version of Sissy: warm, heartfelt, and very real. Perhaps most remarkable is that Sissy's life from the ordinary experiences of growing up in and raising a close-knit family to the extraordinary thrills of starring in some of the most iconic roles in Hollywood unfolds as gracefully on the page as it does on the big screen and, as all of her readers will soon learn, in everyday life." Kathryn Stockett, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Help* "My Extraordinary Ordinary Life describes a remarkable woman's journey from a baton-twirling East Texas gal to an Academy-Award winning star. Sissy Spacek tells her story with

warmth and grace, never straying far from the small-town roots that shaped her." Jeannette Walls, bestselling author of *The Glass Castle* and *Half Broke Horses* "[A] warm narrative Like a folk song, Spacek's storytelling is tender and unhurried." Publishers Weekly, starred review "Sissy Spacek writes with the same bright animation and verve as she has lived her, indeed, extraordinary life." Sally Mann, artist and writer

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