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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Alice Walker, a writer who had generally shunned public life, reached a period of great achievement in the early 1980s. Her novel, *The Color Purple*, was awarded both the Pulitzer Prize and the American Book Award. But when Steven Spielberg made a film of the novel, intense controversy erupted. In this provocative and thoughtful collection of essays, Walker takes, as she puts it, a "lingering look backward at a dangerous crossroad in one's life." How does a serious writer engage popular culture? What are the costs? What are the joys? The eloquent Ms. Walker offers insights.

From Publishers Weekly

Walker's latest book finds the Pulitzer Prize-winning author still grappling with criticism of the film version of her novel *The Color Purple*. She continues to defend her depiction of an abusive black man as well as her decision to use Steven Spielberg as director. But now she also recognizes the project as a creative watershed. Walker's memoir pieces together assorted journal entries, magazine clippings, occasional photographs and even her original screenplay to form an intimate scrapbook of the period. We witness one of the seminal gatherings in Hollywood history: the original meeting of Walker, Spielberg and producer/musician Quincy Jones, and we watch their collaboration unfold. Walker discusses the fortuitous casting of Whoopi Goldberg and Oprah Winfrey, who have evolved into two of the few female Hollywood powers. Yet Walker's recollections include few other voices. This makes for a perspective uncomfortably lopsided in parts. Also Walker's preoccupation with her old critics seems unnecessary and somewhat dated. However, the book wonderfully illuminates Walker's "born-again pagan" spirit and her boundless passion for the characters she creates and the audience she serves.

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From Library Journal

It's been ten years since the movie version of Walker's controversial Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Color Purple*, debuted in theaters across the country. At long last Walker (*Possessing the Secret of Joy*, LJ 5/15/92) reveals her innermost thoughts, liner notes, journal entries, and interviews with some of the people involved in the making of that blockbuster. In this insightful memoir, she tells what a painful period this was for her: she was ill with Lyme disease, her mother was sick, her partner unsupportive, and she was reeling from the criticism she received from the black community because of the movie's negative depiction of black men. She includes here letters, commentaries, and articles from supporters as well as detractors. This analysis is long overdue, but it's not likely to generate much interest because of its untimeliness. An optional purchase for public libraries. ?Ann Burns, "Library Journal"

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