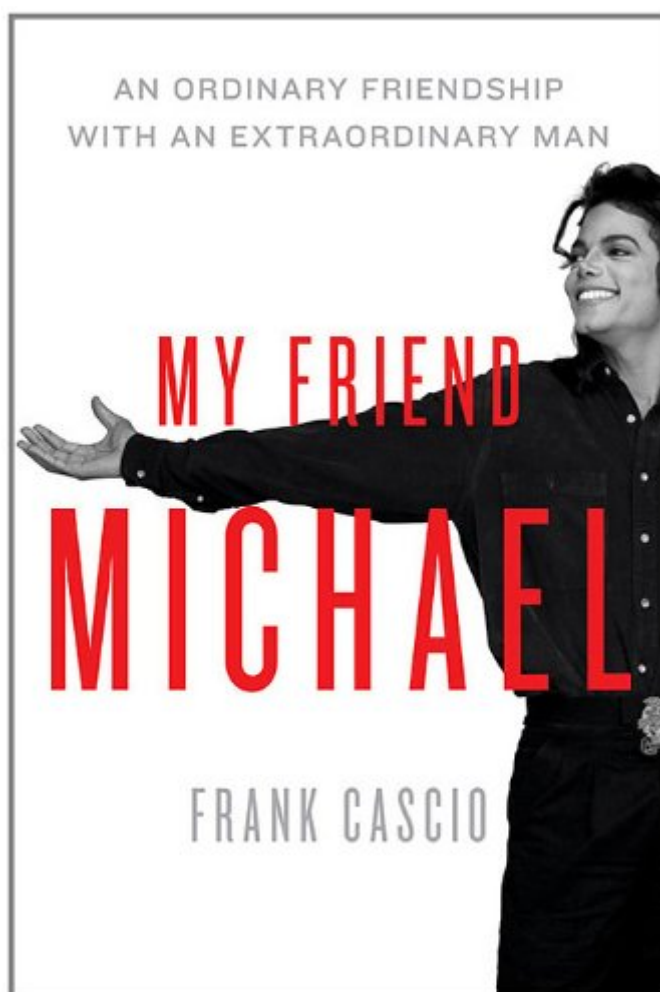




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# My Friend Michael: An Ordinary Friendship With An Extraordinary Man



## Synopsis

Frank Cascio was a close friend of tragic superstar Michael Jackson for more than twenty-five years. In *My Friend Michael*, Cascio offers a deeply personal, behind-the-scenes look at the Michael Jackson he knew. Filled with never-before-told stories and intimate details, *My Friend Michael* is the most candid, moving, and provocative portrait of the “King of Pop” to date—a fair and loving portrait of a true American pop music icon and of a remarkable friendship that endured through triumph and struggle, scandal and controversy.

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## Customer Reviews

I just read the book and I was kind of disappointed in Frank but at the same time I loved other stuff that he shared about MJ. This book seemed more about Frank at times (not sure that he understood MJ well either as an adult). I also think that he gave feedback on things he simply did not understand because of Frank's age when it happened. Such as Lisa Marie and MJ's actual relationship (Frank being 13 at the time, he could not truly understand

it). He also seemed to put MJ in a negative light regarding his pain management at times, constant pain makes people do desperate things. I think that more compassion could have been shown to MJ. Perhaps Frank is still hurt and maybe a little ashamed that he did not always put MJ first as he claims over and over that he did. He should have shown more support for MJ during the trial and afterwards vs listening to ignorant lawyers--I do appreciate that he has defended MJ though and stayed TRUE. Anyone that KNOWS MJ would also KNOW that he loved women but was one to flaunt it out of respect. The book at times made me uncomfortable and I felt an unfair portrayal of Michael sometimes. I know that you love him Frank which means in even death some things are best left unsaid.

Thank you awesome book! I felt like I was right there when reading this book it made me laugh, cry and want more. I truly believe MJ was a caring, loving , gentle man that no one would leave him alone. The things people have said about him are just awful and who the hell do they all think they are to judge him they didn't even know him and they listened to the tabloids well shame on all of them!!! We lost an amazing man and it's very sad to know how alone he felt awful

It was a great read in more than one way. I believe Frank had a mission with this book to open himself and tell the world the other side of the story which has been buried by sensationalized media around this great artist. For the first time you get the sense that Frank is really honest about his friendship which started at a very young age thru out all his entire life. He probably never open himself to this level until now and it probably took him a lot of strength and courage to do so. It is great to see Michael's complexity and his imperfections but also certain simplicity that he had as well. There are a lot of lessons and insights thru out the book that will surprise you here and there if you know what you look for, that is. On another note ,Frank really comes across very sincere and I Thank him for sharing this to the fans of this legendary artist, but I Thank him most for sharing his humanity and his willingness to tell his story of this amazing friendship.

**\*READ THIS BOOK BEFORE YOU GO BASHING IT\***I finished reading "My Friend Michael" by Frank Cascio and was finally happy to get a great insight into Michael's thought processes during some of his most important years. I have had a lot of questions about Michael and how he made certain decisions and what drove him. I found a lot of those answers in Cascio's book. A wonderful walk into Michael Jackson's life with the Cascio Family through Frank's eyes. I was not disappointed at all. Some parts of the book will be difficult to read but you really get to understand Michael

Jackson as a person a heck of a lot better. Most books are a glossed over look into Michael but this one really turns like one of those rides at Neverland. You can see the honesty on pages. You can really visualize the very complicated but strong bond Michael had with this family and Frank especially. It begs the question why this family? This is a very historic situation. When Michael Jackson's history is written the Cascio family should be a very integral part of it. Some really important moments: When the Cascios stood by Michael in 1993 during the first allegations is just outstanding. How many friends do that? With all the ups and downs Michael had they continued to support one another. That's amazing friendship. Think about it. Why would a celebrity of Michael Jackson stature even care about a family from New Jersey? Why would he even go back to their home even after he and Frank had their ups and downs? He wasn't forced to. There must have been something special in this relationship. It's almost as though Michael and this family couldn't be separated. Spending all his holidays and birthdays with this family. WoW. Imagine spending Christmas with Michael Jackson. He must have really loved them. I also found the showdown between Michael and Frank in the Cascio home to be riveting. I know I wouldn't have been so tough with Michael (lol) but that really showed the depth of their relationship. The comfort level. The bare honesty. There's just so much in this book. Great details. It doesn't feel like the stab in the back that some in the media have made it out to seem. I decided to open my heart and read this book and came away pleasantly surprised. There are times I wanted to smack Frank (lol) when it came to Michael and drugs but that's only because a lot of us thought of Michael as the perfect idol. I walk away from this book thinking Michael was even more perfect because he was human. He was a hero with flaws. A great friend. ã ã My Friend Michael: An Ordinary Friendship with an Extraordinary Man

I bought cause of all the good reviews. We get glimpse at Micheal's life thru frank's eyes. Unfortunaly its written in the view of a child's eye. I feel like a 11 year old is telling me this story.

I personally feel this is a very sincere and honest depiction of Frank Cascios friendship with Michael Jackson with all its ups and downs. He really tries to give the reader his perspective of Michael from his first meeting as a child and through adulthood. There are funny and tender moments as well as sad ones. He writes about both of the allegations, gives you a sense of how traumatized Michael was, and the truth behind these 2 families. Its ashame that the media in their coverage of this book, does not bring up these observations and facts, rather than focus on Michaels problems with prescription medicine. Much has been written about how Michael was a lonely man, however I didn't

get that sense from this book. He chose to form a friendship with the Cascio family that lasted for 25 years or so, they celebrated holidays, accompanied him on tours and trips, and were a significant part of his life, as well as his children. Quite simply, I am glad that he had this family in his life.

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