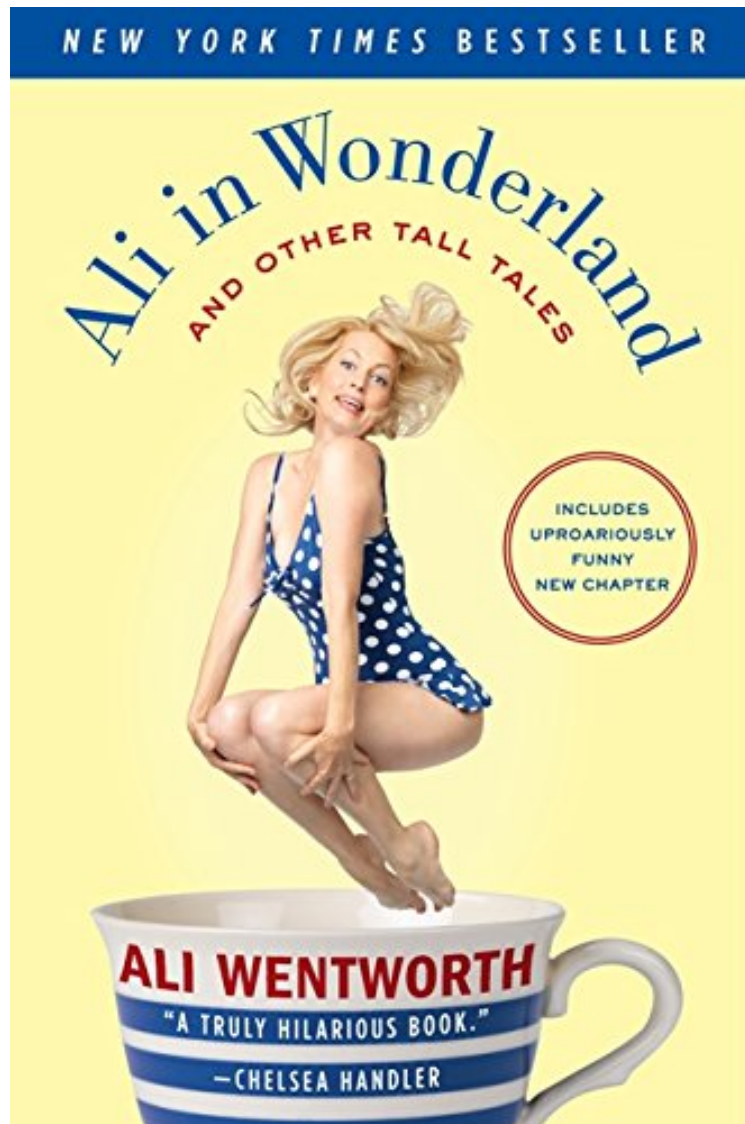


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Ali Wentworth : Ali in Wonderland: And Other Tall Tales before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ali in Wonderland: And Other Tall Tales:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. AliBy GinneeI love her second book, that made me life out loud. This one was all over the place. I would of enjoyed more stories about her and George. Other wise Ali is so funny and likable. Maybe if I would of read this one first and the second one next. I wouldn't of been so disappointed.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Skating on the surface...By SWoodAli does have a way with words on occasion, and I did chuckle out loud several times, but this book felt a little stilted - as if she was wanting to feel

comfortable about the things she was writing about, but in her core she really wasn't. Relate-ability is also challenging here - she grew up in a very affluent family with access to people and places and experiences that most people cannot relate to which would be fine if the tone were different. What I did find relatable were the human aspects - the fear, the near-gang rape story, the emotionally abusive relationships she entered into, the slow realization that her parents weren't perfect and that they formed her, and that after finding several horrible therapists she found a good one. But all of this also felt like we were just skating on the surface. Disappointing overall. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Love her on "The View" - Expected more. By plccp When Ali has been a guest host on The View, I have thought she was the best guest co-host. When they announced that Joy Behar was leaving in August, 2013, I was hoping they would replace her with Ali. My 4 sisters and I had our "annual sisters weekend" and were talking about this and how much we loved Ali, so I ordered copies for all of us and sent them to everyone after our weekend. When I read the book, I thought it was a little slow at first but was sure that it would get better. It did, but it wasn't the "laugh out loud" book that I was expecting based on how funny she is on The View. Perhaps if I had gotten a narrated book by her that would have made the difference in hearing her telling the stories. She is amazing and candid about her life and the book is very well written. On The View, she cracks me up with her quick wit, snappy one-liners and funny expressions. I guess I was expecting that same thing in the book, but a book doesn't lend itself to that in the same way. I still hope that she gets "the nod" to come on The View!

Mix 1 oz. Chelsea Handler, 1.5 oz. Nora Ephron, finish with a twist of Tina Fey, and you get Ali in Wonderland, the uproarious, revealing, and heartfelt memoir from acclaimed actress and comedian Ali Wentworth. Whether spilling secrets about her quintessentially WASPy upbringing (and her delicious rebellion against it), reminiscing about her Seinfeld "Schmoopie" days and her appearances on The Oprah Winfrey Show, The View, and The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, or baring the details of starting a family alongside husband George Stephanopoulos, one thing is for sure—Ali has the unsurpassable humor and warmth of a born storyteller with a story to tell: the quirky, flavorful, surprising, and sometimes scandalous Ali in Wonderland. "Ali Wentworth is funny and warm and crazy all at once. Like Barbara Eden. But on something. Like crystal meth." —Alec Baldwin

.com A QA with Ali Wentworth and her mother, Muffie Cabot Ali: Were you nervous when I first gave you the book to read? Muffie: YES! I was! Because everyone has a view of their childhood that is very different from the parent's view of their childhood and I didn't know what to expect... Ali: Anything you would change? Muffie: Not a thing (clears her throat), but I believe in the old Japanese tale of Rashomon, in which everyone's view of an incident is different. Ali: Not sure what you're talking about, but okay. Muffie: It's an old, wise, Japanese... Ali: (interrupting) Anything surprised you? Muffie: Well yes, quite a bit. Of course, everything is laced with humor. I don't remember things the way you do. Ali: No? Like what? Muffie: I didn't know about some of the babysitter's behavior. Ali: Like the one who sold heroin out of our house? Muffie: Yes, like that one. Ali: Or the one who stole your only son's virginity? Muffie: Is this what we're talking about today? Ali: You're right. Let's move on. Mom, your favorite part? Muffie: There's so much I love. Ali: Mom, go ahead, you can be honest. Muffie: I love all the chapters about when you were a little girl. Before you went off to boarding school. Ali: You mean when you shipped me off to boarding school? Muffie: Not against your will... Ali: The guy who assembled the straight jacket would beg to differ. Muffie: Don't print that; people will think it's true. Ali: I want them to. Muffie: You learned a lot in boarding school. Ali: It was women's prison and I barely made it out alive. Muffie: (Silence) Ali: What other parts did you like? Muffie: Well, I wasn't around as much when you were older... Ali: And tried drugs? Muffie: (Silence) Ali: Just once, Mom. (Muffie is clearly uncomfortable) Ali: Did the book seem accurate to you? Muffie: Yes, but you're a writer and you make events come to life that are your reality. Ali: Meaning... it's all BS? Muffie: Just YOUR reality! Ali: You had some comments after you read it? Muffie: Yes, I did. I thought you needed to tone down the pee and fart references. Ali: But that's just human nature and happened during certain points in my life. Muffie: Well... Ali: I get your point. Less is more. Muffie: I also was protective of you and wanted you to make the ex-boyfriends less identifiable. Ali: So they wouldn't kill me? Muffie: Well, that would be unfortunate. Ali: Want me to write another book? Muffie: Do you have to? Ali: If I did, any ideas? Muffie: When the muse strikes you! Ali: I don't understand that either. Do you think my siblings will like the book? Muffie: They will laugh. Roll their eyes. Recognize you on every page. Ali: Of your four kids, who's your favorite? Muffie: Do you actually think I'm going to answer that? Ali: Do you want a percentage of sales, or not? From Booklist There is a moment in every woman's life in which she becomes completely unzipped, demented, whacked, non compos mentis begins actress and comedienne Wentworth's lively, laugh-out-loud memoir. Wentworth, perhaps best known for her role as Schmoopie in Seinfeld's infamous Soup Nazi episode, has spent her life surrounded by characters so over-the-top she couldn't possibly have made them up. Headlining the eccentric entourage is her drop-dead hilarious WASP mother, Muffie, who once served as President Reagan's White House social secretary. (No-nonsense and seemingly free of neuroses, Muffie deals with any stressful situation by booking a room at the Four Seasons.) Wentworth, who is married to esteemed journalist George Stephanopoulos, may have been born inside the Beltway, but there's no spinning in her candid commentary on psychotic roommates, persnickety

bosses, and the well-fed family that hosted her during a summer in Spain. The clan's patriarch, she writes, looked like Javier Bardem if Javier Bardem had swallowed Penelope Cruz. Fans of Amy Sedaris and Merrill Markoe will enjoy Wentworth's warped weltanschauung and wicked wit. --Allison Block "Hilarious." (Marie Claire)"Everything that comes out of Ali Wentworth's mouth is funny!" (Jerry Seinfeld)"Ali Wentworth's book is like Chicken Soup for the Vagina. Gays and straight men, I'm not leaving you out here! Ali is truly one of the quickest, funniest girls I've ever met. Enjoy!" (Kathy Griffin)"Ali has written a truly hilarious book . . . and she's also a good kisser!" (Chelsea Handler)"Wentworth is amusing and frank, often frenetic, with sharp intelligence underneath the sassy wackiness; passages about her struggle with depression, falling in love with her husband, and her daughter's baptism have funny moments, but they're thoughtful and touching, too. . . . Highly entertaining memoir." (Publishers Weekly)"Ali Wentworth is funny and warm and crazy all at once. Like Barbara Eden. But on something. Like crystal meth." (Alec Baldwin)"I would tone down the pee and fart references." (Muffie Cabot (Ali's mother))"[A] lively, laugh-out-loud memoir. . . . Fans of Amy Sedaris and Merrill Markoe will enjoy Wentworth's warped Weltanschauung and wicket wit." (Book)"Ali Wentworth tumbles comically through Ali in Wonderland." (Vanity Fair)"[H]ilarious. . ." (Food Wine)"Unanimous applause greeted this actress-comedian's tour of her fabulous life. . . all recounted in a manner that had one reader wondering if Wentworth is 'a long-lost sister of the Sedaris clan.'" (Elle, Readers' Prize February 2012)"[A] satirical dissection of class and privilege. . . . A smart, often-funny memoir." (Kirkus s)"A breezily amusing memoir. . ." (New York Post)"One of the most hilarious reads I've enjoyed in a long time." (Gwyneth Paltrow, goop)"With candor and humor, [Wentworth] writes about her life, her marriage and growing up in the elite world of her illustrious mother. . ." (Julie Hinds, Detroit Free Press)