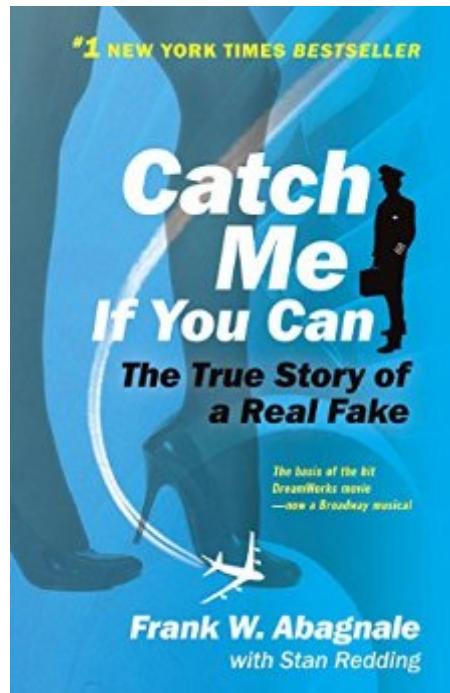




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Catch Me If You Can: The True Story Of A Real Fake



Synopsis

The uproarious, bestselling true story of the world's—most sought-after con man, immortalized by Leonardo DiCaprio in— DreamWorks' feature film of the same name. Frank W. Abagnale, alias Frank Williams, Robert Conrad, Frank Adams, and Robert Monjo, was one of the most daring con men, forgers, imposters, and escape artists in history. In his brief but notorious criminal career, Abagnale donned a pilot's uniform and copiloted a Pan Am jet, masqueraded as the supervising resident of a hospital, practiced law without a license, passed himself off as a college sociology professor, and cashed over \$2.5 million in forged checks, all before he was twenty-one. Known by the police of twenty-six foreign countries and all fifty states as "The Skywayman," Abagnale lived a sumptuous life on the lam--until the law caught up with him. Now recognized as the nation's leading authority on financial foul play, Abagnale is a charming rogue whose hilarious, stranger-than-fiction international escapades, and ingenious escapes—including one from an airplane—make *Catch Me If You Can* an irresistible tale of deceit.

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Customer Reviews

Catch Me If You Can is an interesting story documenting a five year crime stint like no other. He was the ultimate con man with balls of steel and he impersonated a pilot, a doctor, a teacher - while bilking banks out of millions of dollars. Having seen the movie, the book is quite different...as is often the case. However, it kept me engaged and was a very worthwhile read.

This was hard to rate. It was an interesting read and I liked parts of it, but I was VERY disappointed in the amount of made up stuff in this book. It is supposedly a "True Story", but about 1/2 way through the book I began to realize there is no way some of this stuff happened and I found outright errors (e.g. the U.S. won't extradict any US citizen? Wrong!) By the end I was wondering which parts were true, and that really reduced my enjoyment overall. I Feel Like I was Conned Too. I did some googling and found that Mr. Abagnate even states/admits that many things were exaggerated by the co-writer and he wished that were not done. I believe that there are a lot of things that really happened in this book, but also a lot of things that are totally made up. (And some obvious sections where the co-author had go back and write a supplimental paragraph because a logical error was found in the draft. Not a smooth cover job.) Anyway, it would have been great without the made up stuff. Then I wouldn't wondered how much I had been suckered.

The book was hard to put down. I found myself wondering how he figured out his cons and admiring him for his boldness. Then I empathized with his loneliness. We have one thing in common, we both come from a broken home and I felt his pain. Truly a great read. I would like to meet Mr Abignale.

I felt alternately that this book was written in a slightly boring style, but was a very interesting story. What a bold, fearless young man. I immediately watched the movie after finishing the book. I thought the book was better.

Easy to read. Good suspense and adventure. Has the ring of reality and ultimate remorse. Sort of a morality play on steroids. I sincerely hope the author has found peace in this age of deceit. God bless him and his family.

It was in perfect condition when it arrived. It was also an interesting read. Surely some parts ARE fictional, but that is how it goes about grabbing your attention. It is a mixture of a biography and fiction as well as comedy.

Very good story. True or not, some on the "things" this guy did, AND with Frank being so young, I almost want to believe this to be true???

I don't condone what Frank did, yet he lived a life time and more in those teenage years then most people do in their life time.

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