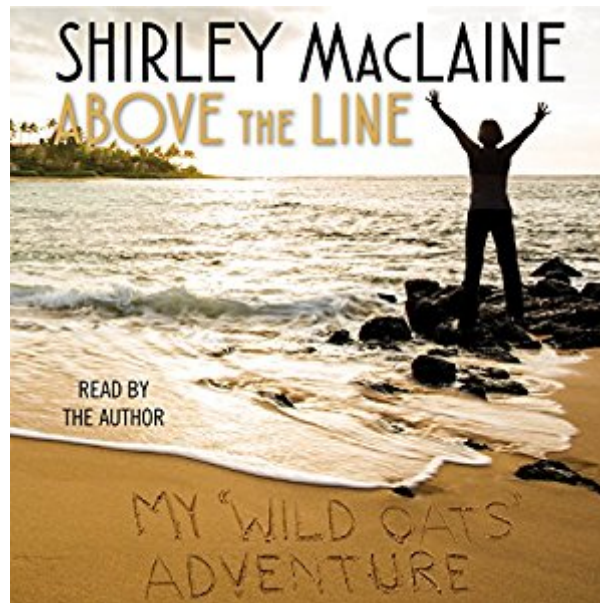




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Above The Line: My Wild Oats Adventure



Synopsis

Read by New York Times best-selling author and Academy Award winner Shirley MacLaine, a funny, fierce, imaginative memoir chronicling her remarkable experiences filming *Wild Oats* in the Canary Islands and the extraordinary memories her time there brought forth of a past life on the lost continent of Atlantis. Her agent told her not to get on the plane. The male leads weren't even cast. The financing was shaky at best. The script had been rewritten countless times. And yet something about *Wild Oats* lured Shirley MacLaine to the film's location shoot in the far-off Canary Islands - and straight to the center of one of the most thrilling and paradigm-shifting adventures of her life. The making of the film feels like a screwball comedy, as the cast and crew face unpredictable daily obstacles with ingenuity, grit, and personal sacrifice. Yet the chaos leads Shirley to a revelatory new understanding of the demise of one of history's most elusive yet endlessly intriguing places. Scholars have long theorized that Spain's Canary Islands are the remnants of the mighty lost continent of Atlantis. As the movie set descends into pandemonium, Shirley finds fascinating corollaries between the island's cataclysmic fate and our own dangerous trajectory. Can we learn the lessons the citizens of Atlantis failed to comprehend? The answer is borne out of recovered memories from Shirley's past life on Atlantis and through a series of meditations that reveal the necessity of unfettered imagination when looking for bold new truths, rendering this evocative memoir essential for anyone seeking a broader understanding of what it means to be human - both where we came from and where we are going.

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Customer Reviews

I really like her conversational writing style and this book is no different in that respect. A story of her experience making the movie "Wild Oats". Lots of insider info about the challenges of making a movie along with interesting info about the Canary Islands and some of her own metaphysical experiences. As luck would have it, (or was it pre-ordained?!) I took the book with me to read on a flight, turns out "Wild Oats" was one of the movie options on the flight.

Descriptions of ancient worlds and psychic phenomena was interesting. I found it fascinating learning about the reality of movie making, egos, fundraising and personalities. I liked the authors integrity with matters told her that should not 'leave the room'.

I love Shirley MacLaine's honesty and straight forward writing style. Her voice reads clear and strong in every part of this book as it has in the others preceding it. Interesting parallels with Atlantis and her present day challenges "above the line." She's a wise strong woman and a very readable author.

If you're expecting a real spiritual journey like MacLaine's exceptional books "Out on a Limb" or "The Camino;" "Above the Line" will be a disappointment. But if you're interested in the behind the scenes on a film set, it might be appealing. Sadly, the back-biting, broken promises and how special actors are wasn't what I was interested in. I bought it with the promise of insight into Atlantis and an exploration of the Canary Islands. Neither really happened. In fairness, MacLaine is in her 80s and probably isn't the fearless explorer she once was. No shame in that. We're all lucky if we make it to the Third Age. Had this book been represented honestly by the publisher as a memoir from a movie set I would have passed. What I really wanted was more connection to Atlantis on the Canary Islands. Some believe that Atlantis existed where the Greek island of Santorini is now, so perhaps it was just the wrong location for the wisdom I was looking for. If only the last portion about her injury and subsequent treatment had been left out: Thud! What did it have to do with the movie shoot? It's a whole other story. And memories of life on Atlantis are suddenly pouring forth? I would have enjoyed reading these intermixed with revelations on the Canary Islands. MacLaine has a lot to offer and I hope her next book is more astute and less aggrandizing. For more reviews go to Parallel Universe at Large (dot) com.

We are long time fans of Shirley MacLaine. An amusing story and film.

must admit tho...she is a good writer.....like her....

Love this Woman! She is truly a free spirit with a way of helping put so many things into a new perspective.

Good little story about making her last movie. Regular Shirley, nothing different.

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