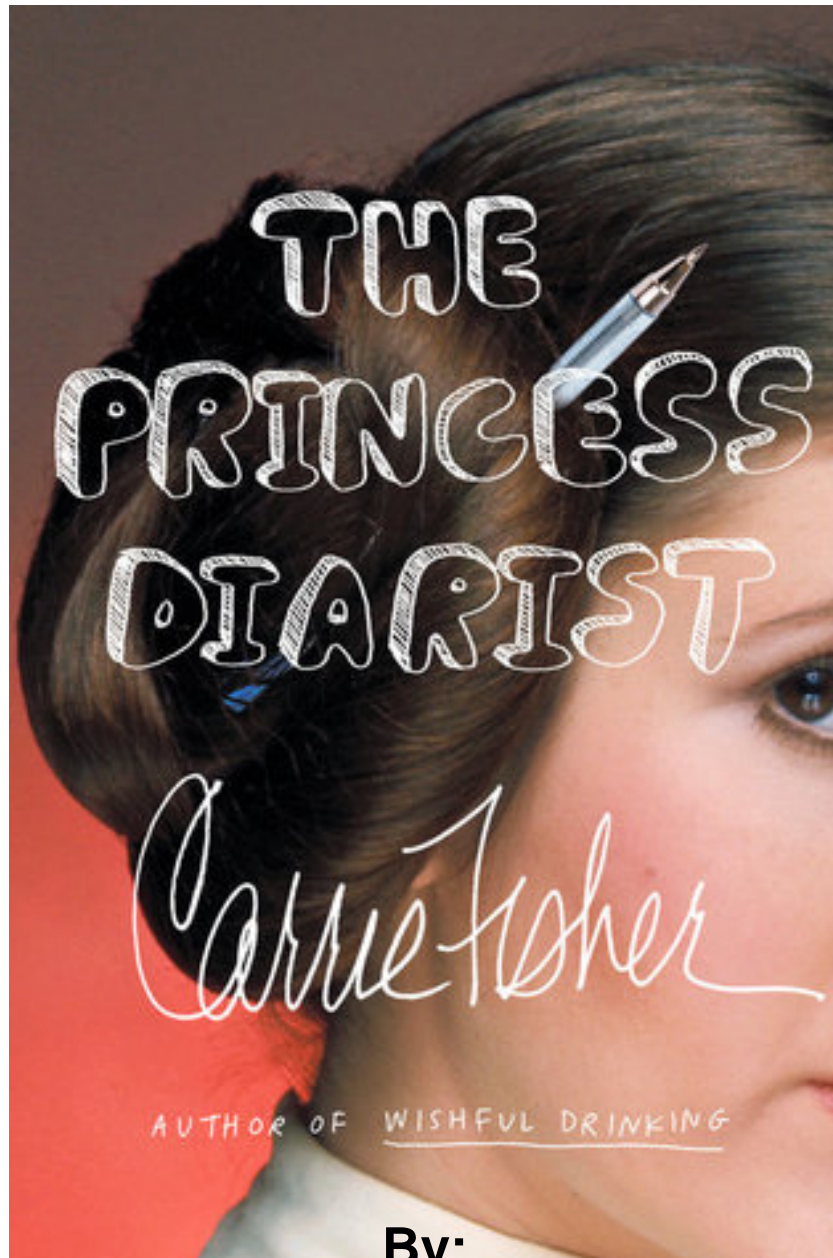


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in 1975, to auditioning for the role of Princess Leia in

, to the effect that part has had on her entire life. But more than that, this book reveals (although it wasn't a secret once she started doing publicity for the book) information about her affair with Harrison Ford, her older, married costar, while filming

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awakening and its re-burgeoning popularity, coupled with Fisher's untimely passing, this book beckons to be read. But it promises to give something other than what it actually delivers.

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Despite being the child of a famous actress and singer, Carrie Fisher was never interested in becoming an actress herself. She witnessed firsthand how her father left the family when she was only eighteen months old, and decided that the acting life was not for her. Yet, Fisher's upbringing was anything but normal, and by age seventeen, she had dropped out of high school and starred in her first movie, Shampoo. Two years later, after attending classes at the Central Acting Agency in London, Fisher received her first break when asked to read for the part of a princess in a new sci-fi movie directed by George Lucas. Even though Fisher still was not convinced that the acting life was what she desired, she went through with the interview, and the rest is, as we shall say, history.

Going behind the scenes of the filming of A New Hope, Fisher answers the burning question that fans have been asking for forty years, and then some. Included in this section is a diary that she had wrote while working on the movie, which she admits was three months of being secluded from all else besides the cast and crew of the film. I found the prose and poems of diary raw and revealing as to what a nineteen year old Fisher experienced emotionally while becoming Princess Leia. For a would be actress who did not fully complete high school, I thought the poetry she penned was above average and nearly left me in tears, while reading it. Through the reading of the diary, I found out what it was to be Carrie, rather than Leia, and how she at a relatively young age was able to separate the two personas.

What I found the most introspective in this book was not her relationship with other actors or the poems, but of life after Star Wars. After the film moved from movie to iconic status, the stars were given the royal treatment and rarely out of the public eye. Fanatics waited in line for hours to meet her for less than one minute to receive an autograph or photograph opportunity. While this may be the moment of a lifetime for a fan, for a celebrity this must be exhausting. Carrie practically ceased to become herself to the public, who know her only as Princess Leia. Even though actors and actresses choose this life for themselves, I still find it upsetting that they rarely appear to have moments to just be themselves.

The Princess Diarist may not receive literary awards, but I found it written better than the average celebrity memoir. Poems always tug at my emotions, and I find it courageous of Fisher to include the poetry along with her forty year old diary in this memoir. Reading this book gave me the finality that Princess Leia will no longer be acting in future Star Wars movies. I enjoyed this look back at Carrie Fisher's life, and found The Princess Diarist to be easy reading for a relaxing morning at home, which I rate 3.5 bright stars.

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I think this puts Fisher's wonderful legacy best:

It's one of talent, humor, integrity and love.

RIP Carrie Fisher. May the force be with you

Alejandro

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