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Description:

No TV news blond has more steel than *60 Minutes'* Lesley Stahl, whose *Reporting Live* is one impressively substantive celebrity memoir. As a rookie in the CBS Washington, D.C., bureau in 1972, she got an assignment too grubby and unpromising for the big reporters: Watergate. She didn't just date , she vied with him for scoops. For a quarter century, workaholic Stahl saw more of presidents and fellow bulldog newshound Sam Donaldson than her own daughter and husband, *Urban Cowboy* writer Aaron Latham.

Stahl's book belongs on any political-history shelf. Besides a briskly readable account of epochal events witnessed up close, she offers canny insights into what broke Nixon, backs up Tom Shales's opinion of Carter as "a combination Mr. Rogers and John the Baptist," assesses Reagan's mysteriously fogbank-like mind, and paints a startlingly warm portrait of George Bush (though not Barbara). Not only can Stahl fire fierce questions at world leaders against hair-raising deadlines, she

can analyze trends with cool detachment, sometimes busting her profession or herself as guilty parties. She laments the "moral McCarthyism" of our times and compares her profession to a pack of wild dogs she'd encountered on an African safari.

What did it mean to be a woman in a man's world? Menachem Begin sexually harassed her, but her experience with teenage girls proved useful in understanding Reagan's bitchy, backstabbing male staff. Stahl sketches her personal life (and Latham's near-fatal depression), but her stuff on media and politics is the real news here. --*Tim Appelo* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

From Publishers Weekly By the start of this gripping newswoman's autobiography, the needle has already dropped. On the cusp of turning 30 in the early 1970s, Stahl is broadcasting for Channel 5 in Boston and is stuck in a terrible relationship. The problem is solved when CBS News hires her as a cub reporter in its Washington Bureau. Stahl is in the thick of it by page 18, covering Watergate and building herself into a real "kick down the doors reporter" (though how she kicks down those doors while wearing high heels and a blonde bouffant is anyone's guess). In her personal life, she is mired in a love-hate relationship with her mother; she dates Bob Dole and Bob Woodward and eventually marries writer Aaron Latham. All the while she steadily moves up the ladder at CBS, even though the industry has yet to give women broadcast journalists equal treatment. Stahl relates history as it unfolds, allowing readers to judge whether Carter's natural gifts served him ill or well; whether Reagan was fully in charge of the country; and whether Bush really helped end the Cold War or tried to keep it alive by supporting communist strongmen. While Stahl offers both an unstinting behind-the-scenes look at the nation's one-time premier news organization and a wealth of personal anecdotes, she never quite explains what drives her to contend with the sexism, the network politics and the strain on her family life that the job demands. Still, she assesses herself as unflinchingly as the political figures she's covered (admitting, for instance, that she was too slow to attend, or react, to her husband's crippling depression). For better or worse, the Stahl readers meet in this fast-paced autobiography isn't too far from the one they see on TV. Perhaps that's what the reporter intended. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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