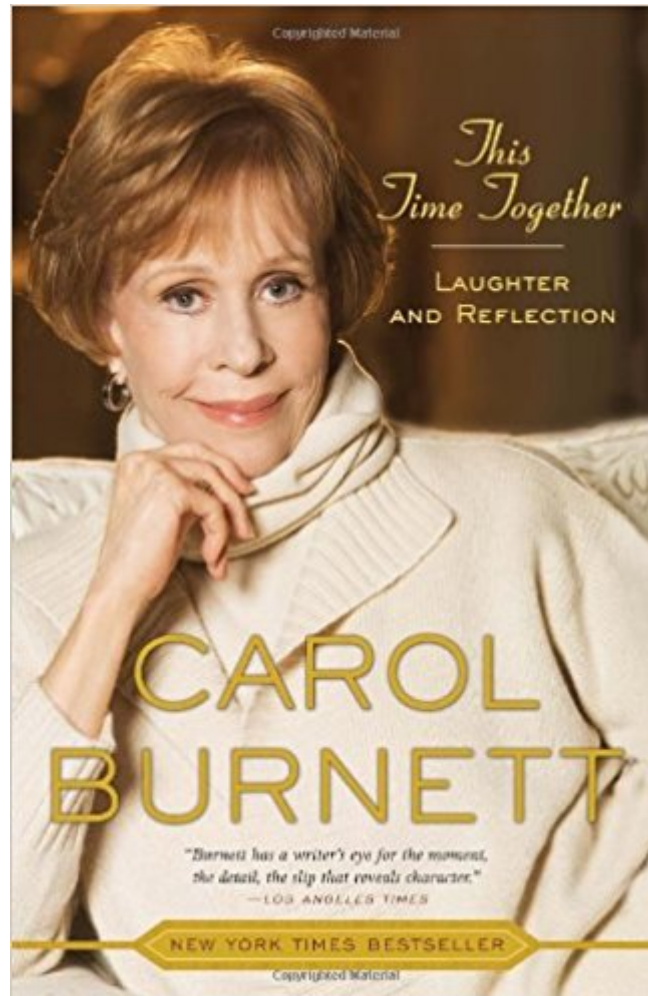




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# This Time Together: Laughter And Reflection



## Synopsis

This touching and hilarious memoir is 100 percent Carol Burnett -- funny, irreverent, and irresistible. Carol Burnett is one of the most beloved and revered actresses and performers in America. The Carol Burnett Show was seen each week by millions of adoring fans and won twenty-five Emmys in its remarkable eleven-year run. Now, in *This Time Together*, Carol really lets her hair down and tells one funny or touching or memorable story after another--reading it feels like sitting down with an old friend who has wonderful tales to tell. In engaging anecdotes, Carol discusses her remarkable friendships with stars such as Jimmy Stewart, Lucille Ball, Cary Grant, and Julie Andrews; the background behind famous scenes, like the moment she swept down the stairs in her curtain-rod dress in the legendary "Went With the Wind" skit; and things that would happen only to Carol--the prank with Julie Andrews that went wrong in front of the First Lady; the famous Tarzan Yell that saved her during a mugging; and the time she faked a wooden leg to get served in a famous ice cream emporium. This poignant look back allows us to cry with the actress during her sorrows, rejoice in her successes, and finally, always, to laugh.

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## Customer Reviews

In her second book, comedy legend Burnett looks back fondly on her long and successful career in short, easily digestible chapters that part the curtain on her private life. Told in a chatty, intimate way, the stories encompass the star's childhood; early days as an actress doing bit parts in New York City, appearing on game shows and various variety shows; her 11 years hosting *The*

Carol Burnett Show; and life after the show ended its run. Readers will enjoy the comical reminiscences included, such as how she once used her famous Tarzan yell to disarm a mugger, funny interactions with fans who recognize her on the street, and the origin of famous scenes from the show, such as Scarlett O'Hara in a curtain-rod dress. Burnett doesn't shy away from sad subjects and occasionally touches on personal losses. She also dishes about her famous costars and friends, including Jimmy Stewart, Lucille Ball, Cary Grant, Julie Andrews, and, of course, Carol Burnett Show regulars Harvey Korman, Tim Conway, Vicki Lawrence, and Lyle Waggoner. Fans of both the show and the actress will enjoy this mostly lighthearted though sometimes poignant look back at Burnett's career. --Kathleen Hughes --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

"These short memories, of the people Burnett met and interviewed over the years, on- and off-camera, bring it back to the golden age of variety shows....Burnett has a writer's eye for the moment, the detail, the slip that reveals character. She's never mean and always grateful." --Los Angeles Times "Carol was a huge star on television because she was funny, daring, and always genuine. We loved Carol because we felt we knew her. With this book, we do. She trusts us with her personal anecdotes, happy, sad, hilarious and poignant. Thank you Carol." --Billy Crystal "I read This Time Together in one sitting and when I finished I felt like Carol had been sitting beside me telling me these wonderful stories of her life. It's funny, it's endearing and very moving. I cannot recommend it highly enough." --Julie Andrews "I grew up watching Carol Burnett. She's an amazing actress, talented writer and legendary comedienne. She inspired me to do what I'm doing today. And believe me, if I knew how to read, I would definitely read this book." --Ellen DeGeneres "I love this book because it's written the way she talks--nothing stilted, nothing distanced. You'll read it in one gulp (I did) and then you'll read it again. She's an excellent writer--so spot-on intelligent and hilarious." --Hal Prince "Reading Carol Burnett's book, THIS TIME TOGETHER, makes me realize that every American family prays that they can have someone as lovely as Carol as their next door neighbor." --Tony Bennett

I think this is an utterly delightful memoir. In this book, Ms. Burnett revisits some of her favorite stories based on audience Q & A from her variety show and other public appearances. She also adds some stories that are meaningful to her. I listened to this as an audiobook, read by the author. I think that made it all the more enjoyable. It was like sitting down with Ms. Burnett for a cup of tea

and a chat. The recollections cover her childhood, her early acting years in NYC, her variety show, later life projects, her family, and other actors. I grew up watching the Carol Burnett Show. My mom and I would watch together on Saturday nights. That was hands down the best night of television on CBS. I have always loved and admired Ms. Burnett both for her many talents and her humility. The main criticism of this book seems to be that it lacks salacious gossip. I'm sure Ms. Burnett has had experiences with people behaving badly. Instead, she prefers to focus on the joy and goodness of others. And in October 2016, I think that is a good thing! While we can't fully know the people we see on TV, I have always had the impression that Ms. Burnett is a genuinely good person. This book is written by a woman who worked hard to succeed and does not take her success for granted. She has a true fan's awe regarding other actors and that is fun to hear. I think this book is as warm and funny as the author.

I just finished reading *This Time Together: Laughter and Reflection* by Carol Burnett. There is just something about hearing her name that automatically puts a smile on your face. Could it be her infectious smile? Perhaps it is the familiar warmth she exudes when we see on onscreen or onstage. Still, it could be just bringing laughter into our lives. Whatever it is, I know that for me, Carol Burnett has brought great joy to my life over the years. I have such fond memories of Carol growing up. My family and I would watch her weekly variety show...it was almost like a tradition! The cast, guest stars, fabulous costumes and great skits were so worth the wait. It's a shame that variety shows are no longer a part of today's television viewing options. Reading *This Time Together: Laughter and Reflection*, allowed me a chance to reminisce about my childhood and the reasons why I love Ms. Burnett so much. With every word, I could hear her voice and found myself smiling as she told her stories of her humble beginnings, and ultimately how she made it to television. The behind the scenes look into her career and family life were inspiring. Carol Burnett is the epitome of class. I don't think there is anything that could tarnish her image. She represents what we should all aspire to be, whether celebrity or not. *This Time Together: Laughter and Reflection* by Carol Burnett is a heartwarming collection of stories from one of the most beloved actresses of our time. It is also a reminder of when life was much simpler, and all we had to worry about was where we were going to sit when we turned on her show. In my house, there were no bad seats! I loved reading this book and now hope to read the others she has written. If you're looking for some lighthearted reading, and want to put a smile on your face, then pick up a copy of *This Time Together: Laughter and Reflection*!

I laughed out loud at quite a few things she shared. Some favorites: the two times she did her Tarzan yell at full volume (once to stop a mugging and once in a store to prove who she was so she could make a purchase). Burnett shares stories about spending time as a friend of Cary Grant and how she embarrassed herself when they met. She was also overwhelmed when she met Jimmy Stewart on the set where he was filming the FBI Story, and she promptly stepped off the set into a bucket of whitewash. She walked away with the bucket stuck on her foot, and refused to look back. They later became friends too. Each chapter is short so you can read it in a few minutes, but if you are like me, you will read just one more and one more, etc. A little bit of genuine heart break is included, but most of the book is fun fun funny.

No matter what kind of day I went through--usually a rough one--knowing that I could laugh at the end of it helped me to face another day. Am an RN and saw too much suffering at work--personal problems, medical traumas that enhanced those problems, etc. Knowing I could watch Carol, Harvey, Tim, and Vicki do their magic on TV helped so much in those days. I enjoyed her vignettes in her book, and laughed out loud so many times. My favorites were the take-off on "Gone with the Wind" and the skit between Harvey and Tim at the dentist's office<sup>1</sup> I knew Tim was making it up as he went, because Harvey could barely keep from laughing. Such talent you all had! Thank you for sharing it.

Some time ago, having had a very bad time in my life, I needed a cure of laughter and eagerly bought this books, because laughter was loudly promised. Perhaps I was too hurt to discover this, or perhaps it just was not there. After a while I gave up reading. but had a bitter taste left in my mouth -- apparently when one is already famous it is possible to enter the well guarded gates to literature, even if the book 's content has not more literary value then a shopping list..

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