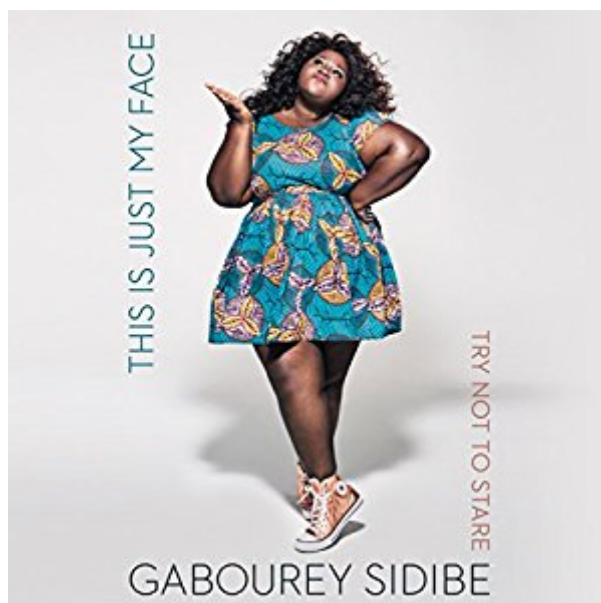


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# This Is Just My Face: Try Not To Stare



## Synopsis

The Oscar-nominated Precious star and Empire actress delivers a much-awaited memoir - wise, complex, smart, funny - a version of the American experience different from anything we've heard. Gabourey Sidibe - "Gabby" to her legion of fans - skyrocketed to international fame in 2009 when she played the leading role in Lee Daniels' acclaimed movie Precious. In *This Is Just My Face*, she shares a one-of-a-kind life story in a voice as fresh and challenging as many of the unique characters she's played onscreen. With full-throttle honesty, Sidibe paints her Bed-Stuy/Harlem family life with a polygamous father and a gifted mother who supports her two children by singing in the subway. Sidibe tells the engrossing, inspiring story of her first job as a phone sex "talker". And she shares her unconventional (of course!) rise to fame as a movie star alongside "a superstar cast of rich people who lived in mansions and had their own private islands and amazing careers while I lived in my mom's apartment." Sidibe's memoir hits hard with self-knowing dispatches on friendship, depression, celebrity, haters, fashion, race, and weight ("If I could just get the world to see me the way I see myself," she writes, "would my body still be a thing you walked away thinking about?"). Irreverent, hilarious, and untraditional, *This Is Just My Face* will resonate with anyone who has ever felt different and with anyone who has ever felt inspired to make a dream come true.

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## Customer Reviews

I am a 72 yr old white lady. I loved Gabourey story. She keeps it real. She helped me deal with some of my own issues. A good read. Would love to see her in alot more movies. She's an excellent actress. She's real pretty, too.

3 days. That's how long it took me to finish Gabourey Sidibe's book THIS IS JUST MY FACE, and I have to say that it is so much more than I could have hoped for. For those who are looking for a lot about the PRECIOUS and EMPIRE Sidibe you will get that--but there is a bigger story that she shares in the book that I believe will be equally as engaging. She takes us through the making of who she is, how she was able to now discuss her journey with some humor and soul-searching, but also how she got comfortable in the skin she was in. We are able to learn more about the family that she came from, and through that how the pursuing of dreams was nothing new for her mother but something that had to become more tangible for Gabourey because of the situation her family was in at the time. This is more than a rags to riches story. It is a story of a woman not just growing into the spotlight but into her own value and worth. Through the eating disorder and the family health scare to being able to get in front of the camera and see her gift recognized, even before she could fully see it. THIS IS JUST MY FACE is a look at living life in a world that is not always kind, but is a book that reminds us all of the light inside we can't allow anyone or anything to snuff out. Gabourey is living proof that you can have the last laugh and love yourself along the way.

This is one of the best biographies that I have ever read! Gabourey knocked it out of the park with her honesty and passion. This is a young woman to keep on your radar for whatever she does. I'm waiting for another book. It's been a long time since I've been so positively engaged. Whatever it is that you need to sell something, she has it!

Gabourey Sidibe tells her story in an open and honest way, highlighting how she had to come to terms with her body and with the comments people made about her size. Thank you Gabourey for giving courage to others in the same situation.

Great story, told really well! I felt like I was having a conversation with Gabourey!

I didn't really consider myself a superfan, but I liked Gabby's work enough and found her a fun talk show guest. Turns out, she's smart, self-aware and hilarious. It's an easy, illuminating, fun read.

Loved it. I feel like I actually know Gabourey after reading her story.

This book gave me LIFE!!!! I am sooooo happy Gabourey chose to write this book! It's insightful,

funny, some parts were kind of sad, but more than anything, her STRENGTH EMERGED through each story!!!

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