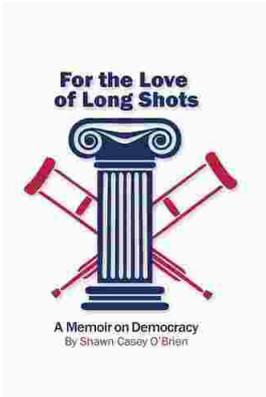


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Powerfully written By Summy I am a TAB (Temporarily Able-Bodied) person, who knew Shawn back in the early 80s when he was recording at a studio in L.A. He was a very kind, confident, articulate, fair and outspoken man. So, it is not surprising that, when it comes to the rights of disabled citizens, he is a force to be reckoned with. I am not, personally, particularly interested in, nor enthusiastic about, politics. So, when I saw the subtitle, A Memoir on Democracy, I was a bit hesitant to buy the book. But, from the first page, I quickly realized that it was much more than a memoir; it was an engaging, important and insightful story of human nature: from the cruelty and injustice that can be so casually inflicted from one person onto another, to the compassion and courage that others readily demonstrate. And, the book is brilliantly written, I might add. This is not dry journalistic reporting. This book is a breathless adventure told with candor and integrity. It makes you want to rally, and sometimes jump up and cheer, as Shawn maneuvers his way around and through every political hurdle with great aplomb, after he suffers an injustice so indecent and appalling that I found myself having to put the book down just to pace around and helplessly sputter expletives. Its not a text book, but it is so educational that it should be required reading for anyone working towards a degree in Disabilities Studies, and should be mandatory reading for any able-bodied person who is caught parking in a handicapped space. As Shawn points out, most of us who are able-bodied, are likely this way only temporarily, as time, an accident, mental or physical illness, ends up disabling us as well. He educates us as to why all people should support and defend disabled rights, as a vote today may seriously impact you, a family member, or friend, tomorrow. And, in true Shawn Casey OBrien nature, there is also a healthy dose of laugh out loud humor. If youre wavering about buying this book, dont. It will change your life and the way that you look at the world, and (if youre a TAB like me) the disabled, forever.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. For the Love of Smooth Talker's Boots By Chris Morrisette I have been a fan and a friend of Shawn Casey O'Brien since 1976 when we met in Venice Beach California. For the better part of the next ten years we shared a love for the culture of the times, a veritable pastiche of Sex, Drugs and most importantly Rock n Roll. Shawn and I became songwriting collaborators as well as fast friends, spending many days working towards individual and shared goals to make our respective artistic ways in the