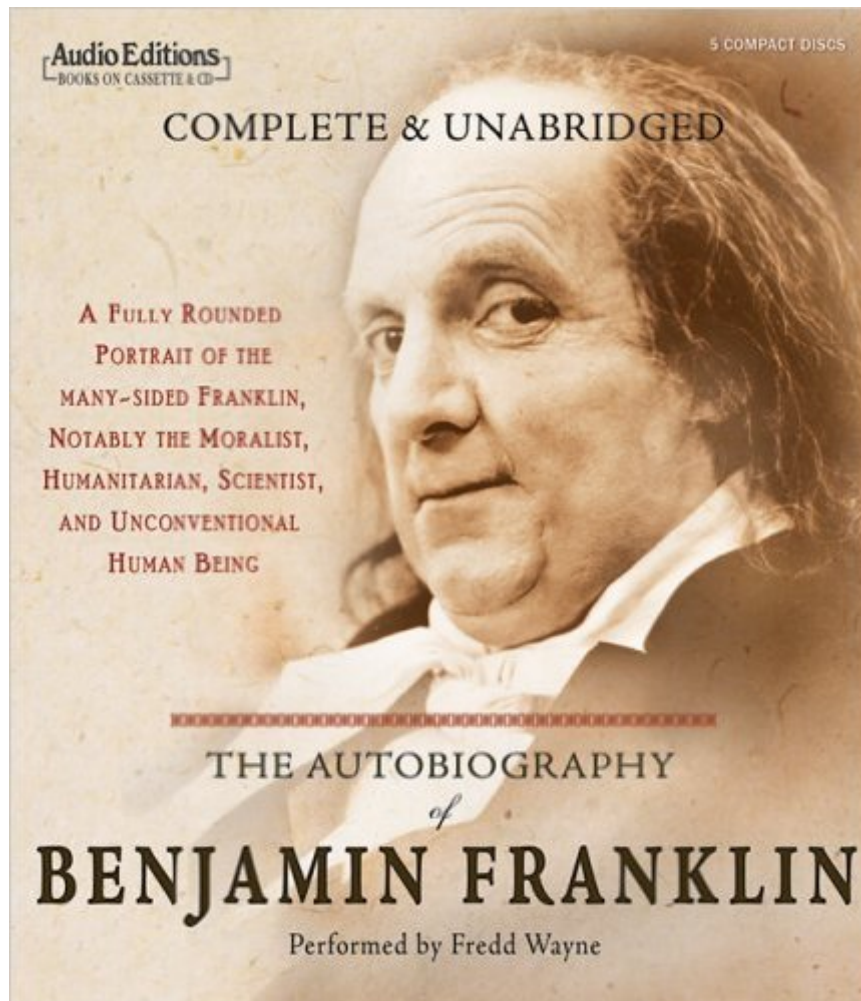


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

This was a good, but not great, autobiography and I say that because it did not hold my attention as well as I had hoped, and as well as other CD's do. Nevertheless, I would recommend it because he did go into his early life and his indiscretions as a young man, and then the struggles he had with his father and brother over what his career would be. His father tried to "indenture" him into soap-making about the age of 12. Yes, Benjamin was both intelligent and strong-willed enough to move past the expectations of others and carve out his own place in history. He gives some background into both the family in which he grew up as well as into the woman he married. He does discuss the national scene as well. He was, and is, an interesting person in history.

The book's material deals almost exclusively with the period of Franklin's life when he was still a loyal British subject, and does not cover the most interesting time of his personal history. It did contain some interesting background material. BF repeatedly implies that he wrestles with the

tendency to self-aggrandize, but he is not much of a wrestler; he yields every time. His self assessments are painted in modesty, but it is a thin coat of paint. Clearly Mr. Franklin's most ardent admirer is Ben himself. He might have titled the book: "My Apotheosis". This book would be most useful to a Franklin student who has already read one or two comprehensive biographies of the man, and wants to supplement their understanding with an inside view.

It is always great to hear a successful person's own words. I have enjoyed many autobiographies but this is the first one that is as old as this. I was very glad to hear some of the exploits of Ben Franklin's youth. It is amazing how much history chooses to skip, the things churches and teachers leave out of real people's lives. Grab this one for some insight. I had expected to hear more about the signing of the constitution, but I believe that Franklin completed this work before that period in his life.

bought as a gift for my husband for a long road trip. He loved it, especially since the book was on his shelf waiting to be read. packaged well & delivered promptly

He was one of the most extraordinary human beings the world has ever known. Born into the family of a Boston candle maker, Benjamin Franklin became the most famous American of his time. He helped found a new nation and defined the American character. Writer, inventor, diplomat, businessman, musician, scientist, humorist, civic leader, international celebrity . . . genius. Explore the life of a remarkable man.

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