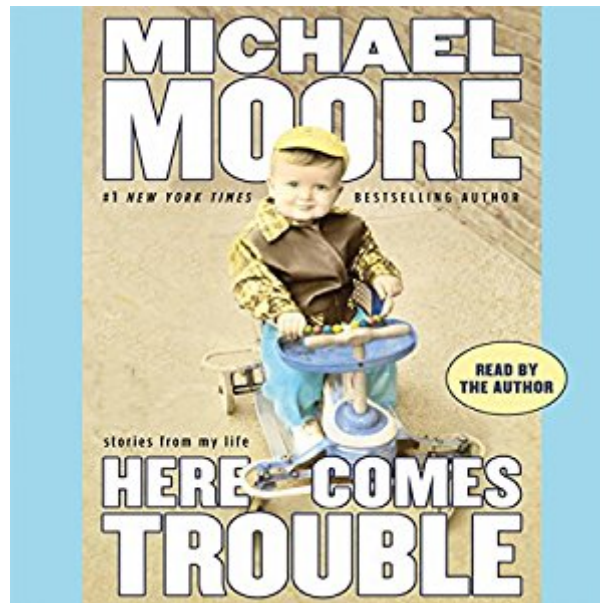




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# Here Comes Trouble: Stories From My Life



## Synopsis

This book is Moore's most personal to date - and will be irresistible to fans and foes alike. A sort of anti-memoir, Moore breaks the autobiographical mode while he hilariously presents 20 far-ranging, irreverent vignettes from his own life. Moore is his own meta-Forrest Gump, as one moment he's an 11-year old boy stuck on a Senate elevator with Bobby Kennedy and the next moment he's inside the Bitburg cemetery with a dazed and confused Ronald Reagan. Changing planes in Vienna, he escapes death at the hands of the terrorist Abu Nidal (others weren't so lucky). In search for a bag of Ruffles potato chips one day, he ends up eliminating racial discrimination at private clubs all across America. He founded his first underground newspaper in fourth grade. He refused to be on the CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite at 16 ("There's not enough Clearasil in the world for that to happen"). And he became the youngest elected official in the country at age 18 by enlisting an "army of local stoners" who had no idea what they were doing as his campaign staff. And none of that even comes close to the night the friendly priest at the seminary decided to show him how to perform his own exorcism. All of this is the stuff that makes for great fiction - but every one of these stories is true and from the life of one Michael Moore, a son of Flint, Michigan, who became an iconic voice for American progressives everywhere. But before that Michael Moore became the Oscar-winning filmmaker and all-round rabble rouser and thorn-in-the-side of corporate and right-wing America, there was the guy who had an uncanny knack of just showing up where history was being made. Like the night he was passing through Berlin and some crazies started chiseling on a very large wall. The next thing he knew he was on top of that wall, taunting soldiers who apparently thought he wasn't worth wasting a bullet on. This book is a wild, revealing, take-no-prisoners ride through the early life of Michael Moore. Alternately funny, eye-opening, and moving, this is a book Michael Moore has been writing - and living - for a very long time.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

For me, Michael Moore burst onto the scene with "Roger and Me", his documentary of the Detroit auto industry. Brilliant. But nothing in comparison to what he accomplished in his later movies, especially "Bowling for Columbine," "Fahrenheit 911," and "Sicko." If you like Michael Moore, you will love this book. If you think you don't like Michael Moore, but have never actually seen any of his work, then read this book and watch his movies. You may find yourself surprised. This autobiography/memoir tells the story of his accepting the Oscar, his speech, and subsequent ostracization by the film industry. What I didn't know was how bad it got for him - his life threatened to the extent that he had to hire trained body guards to surround him whenever he went out; that his life and that of his family were under constant threat. Moore takes us back to his beginnings as a social activist, writer, and ultimately, film-maker, filling in all those years I knew nothing about. His is a true hero's journey. I loved this book. Thank you Michael Moore, for your courage. I am proud to be sharing the planet with you.

This is one of the best books I read this year. The opening chapter of the book simply sent chills down my spine. Really, what Moore endured after "that" academy award speech is mind-boggling. I couldn't get over how a few words of honesty spoken under the guise of "freedom of speech" turned Moore into a target for everything from verbal to physical threats to the point he had to hire professional security. Insane. The rest of the book includes anecdotes that give the reader a real insight into what played important roles in shaping his mind-set and sense of what is important in and for our country. I enjoyed it immensely and think it's his best book so far.

Being a conservative, I was curious about this feather ruffler, Michael Moore, so I bought his book. How easy it was to read, how personal. I laughed, cried, went a little crazy, too. Michael Moore is a precious, beautiful, soul. I love him. I am glad I read his book. Grandma was right about him.

I think this was my favorite book of 2011! Most likely because he does so much narration in his movies, I found I was "hearing" this in Moore's voice. The book jumps around chronologically from chapter to chapter, and I liked piecing things together bit by bit. I don't think it would have been as

interesting if he had just told us the story of his life start to finish. Some stories were poignant, some were scary, some were hilarious, some were surprising, some heartbreaking (I cried during the chapter *Piet* )...but what they all do is give you a complete answer to exactly what created Michael Moore as he is today. From the time he was born to the time the book was published, he includes events that show exactly how he came to be who he is, and really, how he always WAS that person. The book is more about him than it is about politics, but there are some politics in there of course. It's incredible and beautiful and powerful and it makes me realize that with as much as I've felt I've stood for in my life, it really just isn't enough. Hard to put down, but the great thing is, with the book written out of order, each chapter is essentially it's own story, so you can treat it as a book of short stories if you are intimidated by longer books.

It is unbelievable how many important events in modern history Michael Moore has either been witness to or directly involved in. I liked that each chapter was a separate vignette and Michael Moore's family history and his childhood recollections are every bit as interesting as the larger scale historical events. The opening explanation of the dark days after *Bowling for Columbine*'s release and subsequent Academy Award win when Mr. Moore was booed for speaking the truth left me feeling guilty for my ignorance of the level of backlash Mr. Moore received for standing up for what was right. I was introduced to his movies by a high school theology teacher and have been a fan ever since. I wish I had reached out and let him know that there were people on his side. It may be too little too late, but I want him to know that the opening of his book has inspired me to let people know the difference they've made in my life, much as his inaction as a high school student/school board member inspired him to stand up for what is right. (If you don't know what I'm talking about, order this book now!). I loved it so much I bought the audiobook for my father for Christmas and we listened to the entire thing on a long drive over the holidays. Hearing the stories in his own voice made it that much more interesting!

A most enjoyable and inspirational read. i needed this pump-me-up to energize my battery in the direction of doing something to help others in need. Amazing the fires one person can start! Right now mine is making calls to try to change the integris medical system's phone answering debacle. You get an automated system, can wait for over an hour on hold never getting an answer, and you can't leave a voicemail! This book should put some fuel in your tank for your own causes. Enjoy!!!

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