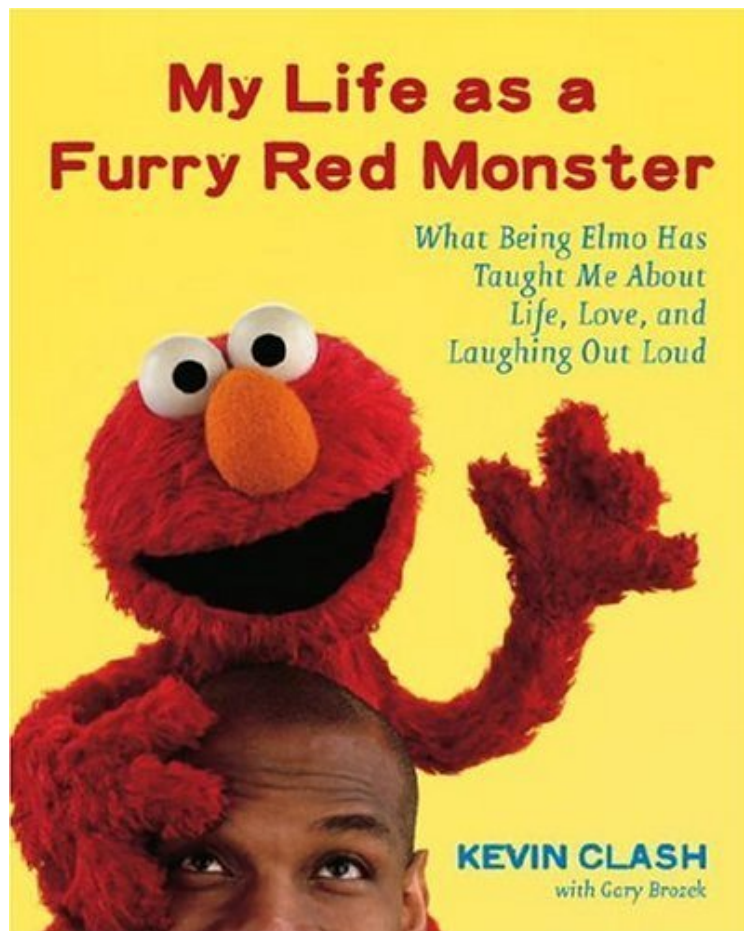


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. FantasticBy K. ColeAs the mother of an Elmo-crazy toddler, I became intrigued with the little red guy and started looking on You-Tube for interviews with his puppeteer. I found him to be hysterically funny and never willing to compromise Elmo's status as a "3 and a half year old" to get laughs on any adult talk shows, like some performers might. I bought this book and now I am a true fan. Kevin Clash is smart, funny, and devoted to children. You'll laugh, you'll cry (if you get through the story about him singing "Sing" to a young terminally ill girl without tears running down your face, then you're a Vulcan), you'll love Elmo just as much as your kids do! Very refreshing to have a role model like this. Thanks for the outstanding work, Kevin. Now, how can my kid meet you and Elmo???

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been given this book as a gift my puppy chewed it up. I was happy to replace it I received the product in a couple days it was in excellent shape. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Easy Read, full of good feelings By Ismene Potakis Great book. basically just stories from Kevin Clash's life, before Elmo and with Elmo. Simple and a fast read, full of the innocence of childhood that we should bring back into our lives. a real uplifter. I'm in PA school with barely any time to do anything but study, so this is a great book to pick up when I have the time, to escape my hectic studying life and enjoy a good read, even if it's only for 5 minutes.

Hello, Everybody! The furry red monster known as Elmo has charmed his way into hearts and homes throughout the world with his unmistakable laugh, over-the-top enthusiasm, and boundless love. Elmo's appeal is nothing short of magical. Kids adore him, and parents find him irresistible. What is it about this little monster? Meet Kevin Clash, the man behind the Muppet and the unassuming heart and soul of Elmo. At last, the puppeteer who has performed Elmo for nearly twenty years comes out from behind the stage to share his story. Weaving together his memories of growing up with the life lessons gained from his furry red alter ego, Kevin reveals himself to be as caring, and as eager to grow and learn and love, as the very special character he brings to life. You will discover how young Kevin honed his talent entertaining the kids in his mother's home day care with puppets he made from slippers and coat liners; how, as a struggling young artist, he realized his dream to meet and then work for his idol, Muppet creator Jim Henson; and how each and every day of performing Elmo reinforces for him what is most important in life. As Kevin has been inspired by Elmo, now we can all learn from his furry red ways. Kevin's (and Elmo's) thoughts on love, creativity, friendship, and optimism remind us of life's simple truths and ultimately encourage us all to be a little bit more like Elmo: to live with joy, to love more easily, and to laugh more often.

From Publishers Weekly It's hard to believe, but it's been more than 20 years since beloved preschooler icon Elmo made his debut on Sesame Street. In fact, Clash wasn't even the first puppeteer to try his hand at bringing the "baby monster" to life. It was Clash, though, who gave the character the high-pitched voice and distinctive laugh that quickly endeared him to young viewers and eventually led to his own spinoff series. When he writes about Elmo, in fact, he verges on describing the Muppet as if it possesses its own personality. Clash's working relationship with Elmo is used as a starting point to discuss basic themes like love, tolerance and courage, but it's the story of his life before meeting his furry partner that often holds the most interest. He talks with obvious affection about his childhood growing up in an African-American suburb of Baltimore, encouraged from an early age to follow his talent for designing and performing with puppets. Though generally upbeat, this is no sugar-coated tale; Clash describes his initial struggles to make a name for himself on other children's shows, and speaks frankly about the toll performing on Sesame Street took on his marriage. (Sept. 25) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Praise for *My Life as a Furry Red Monster*: It should come as no surprise that the man behind America's most beloved red furball is as wise, warm, witty, and wonderful as Elmo himself. *My Life as a Furry Red Monster* is an entertaining sneak peek at the life and times of one of the most endearing and enduring characters ever created. Katie Couric I love Elmo and I love this book. What a cutie-patootie. Thanks, Kevin! Rosie O'Donnell This delightful book illuminates a man's journey from child to parent, student to teacher, puppeteer to Muppeteer, and reveals to us who our favorite red furry monster really is: a gifted, humane, empathetic entertainer named Kevin Clash. His book is a meditation on the things that really matter to Elmo and to all of us. Julianne Moore In lively and wonderfully written prose, Kevin tells the story of how he came to be the most popular educator and entertainer of children in the country. His riveting tale weaves together the adventures, idealism, love, and optimism that Kevin has experienced both as himself and as a furry red monster. Joan Ganz Cooney, cofounder of Sesame Workshop and creator of Sesame Street Kevin has given life and breath to one of the most beloved characters in contemporary pop culture. His heart and soul radiate not only through Elmo, but up and down Sesame Street, through this book, and around the world. Not only is Kevin a brilliant artist, but he's a fabulous human being as well. Vanessa Williams About the Author Kevin Clash has been with Sesame Street for twenty-six years and is coexecutive producer of *Elmo's World*. He has won three Emmy Awards for Outstanding Performer in a Children's Series and six for his work as coexecutive producer of an Outstanding Pre-School Children's Series. He has a daughter, Shannon, and lives in New York City.