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# So That Happened: A Memoir



## Synopsis

If it can happen in show business, it's happened to Jon Cryer. Now he's opening up for the first time and sharing his behind-the-scenes stories in a warmly endearing, sharply observed, and frankly funny look at life in Hollywood. In 1986 Jon Cryer won over America as Molly Ringwald's loyal and lovable best friend, Duckie, in the cult classic *Pretty in Pink*, in a role that set the tone for his three-decade-long career in Hollywood. He went on to establish himself as one of the most talented comedic actors in the business, ultimately culminating in his current turn as Alan Harper on the massively popular sitcom *Two and a Half Men*. With the instincts of a natural storyteller, Cryer charts his extraordinary journey in show business, illuminating his many triumphs and some missteps along the way. Filled with exclusive behind-the-scenes anecdotes, Cryer offers his own endearing perspective on Hollywood, the business at large, and the art of acting. Cryer has worked with some of the biggest and most provocative names in the business, and here, for the first time, he details his experiences with Charlie Sheen, John Hughes, Robert Altman, Molly Ringwald, Demi Moore, Judd Nelson, and Christopher Reeve, among many others. He shares the intimate details of his friendships and relationships, pays tribute to his mentors, and explores the peculiar combination of heart, talent, and wisdom it takes to survive not just the bad times in a notoriously fickle industry but even the good times. In this revealing, humorous, and introspective memoir, Cryer offers listeners a front-row seat as he reminisces about his life and experiences in showbiz over the past 30 years.

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## Customer Reviews

A good, funny, fast read, that is great for anybody hoping to learn about this fascinating actor's upbringing, his family, his stage experience and start in show business, and, most notably, the whole debacle surrounding Charlie Sheen's 'meltdown', and subsequent exit from the "Two And A Half Men" CBS tv show. In fact, I enjoyed it so much, I ended up tearing through it in just a matter of days, MUCH quicker than the amount of time it normally takes me to get through a good book. HOWEVER, to anyone interested, think twice about purchasing it if you are hoping for an in-depth look, or tons of detailed information regarding his "Two And A Half Men" tv show (outside of Sheen's messy exit, which is covered EXTREMELY well), or the major film that first brought Jon Cryer to most people's attention, "Pretty In Pink" (as Phil "Duckie" Dale). As enjoyable as this book was, that is the one MAJOR drawback.....the fact that Jon Cryer expends almost NO effort at all giving his readers any significant background or depth on these two, very notable projects of his ("TAAHM" and "Pretty In Pink"). For instance, regarding "Pretty In Pink", we learn that he got along very well with the film's director (Howard Deutch), his co-stars James Spader and Harry Dean Stanton, but, surprisingly, did NOT have a great relationship with either Molly Ringwald, or Andrew McCarthy.

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