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This is the only book that I have read on Christa McAuliffe but I can’t imagine that there is a better book on her life and the events that lead up to that tragic day on January 28, 1986 than this book.The book almost literally puts you in Christa’s back pocket from the time she overheard President Reagan’s speech on the radio that he wanted to put a teacher in space, to the time we all gasped in horror and disbelief as we watched on television what we never thought would or might happen. It was written by a journalist from Harford, CT where Christa was from, and who followed her and interviewed her during her months of training for the Challenger mission she would never complete.I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in knowing more about the extrordinary and genuine person that was Christa McAuliffe, as well as more about the Challenger tragedy that you may not know. A great combination is to watch the fantastic documentary, "Christa McAuliffe - Reach For The Stars" which is narrated by Susan Surandon, and then afterwards read this book!Christa McAuliffe - One of America’s sweethearts and true American Heroes.

I read it 15 years ago and cried my eyes out. Read it again last month and still cried my eyes out again. Just like reading journal entries that everybody keeps. Nothing pretentious or overly dramatical The real story is so dramatic that it doesn’t need anything else. Heartbreaking to read the last chapter written by her husband. I’ll never forget the day I saw the Challenger explode after take-off. A must read for anyone who remembers where they were the day the Challenger fell out of the sky.

I read this book years ago when it first came out and I’m still inspired by her outlook on life. I loaned my copy to a friend who didn’t return it. With recent news from the space program I ordered the book to re-read.

Bought this for my granddaughter ! A great piece of history about a New Hampshire hero. - Highly recommended for all ages.

In the book" I Touch the Future..The Story of Christa McAuliffe"we the readers get to have a closer look at the Challenger tragedy and see just what a tragedy it truly was. Anyone who saw the disaster as it happened probably already had developed an interest in Christa McAuliffe because she was an ordinairy person doing something most of us will never do,and mourned her death.But

for those of us who are to young to remember the explosion and the loss of the Challenger crew,(I was only about three years old when it happened) we have to rely on books and old news segments to tell us about this tragedy, and I would have to recommend this book to anyone who is interested in Challenger and Christa McAuliffe. Robert T. Hohler shows the reader all about Christa's training ,homelife and also a clearer view about what her crewmates were like, something we know almost nothing about. I only wish the author could've wrote the biographies of all of Challenger's passengers as well.Read this book so you won't be like me: Not knowing anything about such an important part of history until it's victims had been dead for a decade.

this book was excellent. informing readers of the tragedy of that cold day in January in 1986 when Space Shuttle Challenger exploded killing all 7 on board. for me, it taught me a lot about the disaster and the months leading up to it. i was born in 1986, 9 months after the explosion and until recently, i had no knowledge of it. then i heard that the first teacher to go into orbit was on that flight and she had 2 kids and a husband, it prompted me to read this book. at first glance, i thought, ok, they're going to tell me that she won a contest, she did some training, and she went up in the shuttle. but the author went in depth so much more and explained the hardships the children faced, after learning their mother would be gone for months at a time. and he explained the exhausting life Christa McAuliffe lived prior to lift-off. I reccommend this book to anyone who enjoys a good and fact-filled book now and then. and for those of you who witnessed the explosion 14 years ago, that should make this book all the more important to you. email me comments or suggestions: rogcha_22@hotmail.com

This book is one of many that have touched the hearts of millions with the life of a historical role model. From the day of her birth to the day of the fatal teacher-in-space flight, this book shows the climaxes and downfalls of Christa McAuliffe's wonderful life. We find that through tough childhoods, even the most ordinary person can turn into the most respected role model in the nation. I suggest reading this book if you were at all inspired or touched by the 1986 space shuttle tragedy. You will always remember her touching moments as a child, her fantasitic teaching career for the future of many kids, and her sad ending of her young life. Please read this book as a motion of kindness and rememberance for this wonderful role model for thousands.

This book by Robert Hohler is a well-written, very personal look at the life of a very special woman whom most of us only had a chance to know from a distance. From her childhood to the last few

days of her life, Christa McAuliffe was constantly giving gifts of love, insight, advice, friendship and understanding to her family, friends, and students, and the last few months of her life to the rest of the world as well. I Touch The Future gives us all a chance to realize what a huge loss we were dealt on January 28, 1996. If only someone would write equally good biographies of the rest of the Challenger astronauts, we could all realize the full extent of this tragedy.

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