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This Is Me

Michelle Collins

Description

Michelle Collins has played iconic roles in the two most watched soap operas on British television. In the 1990s she played the backstabbing blonde, Cindy Beale, in *EastEnders*, and in 2011 she joined the cast of *Coronation Street* and now plays much-loved Rovers Return landlady, Stella Price.

But what about the rest? Much of Michelle's remarkable story has never been told before. From growing up on the wrong side of the tracks in North London with her sister and their young single mother to Michelle's quest for success as she fought her way through some difficult and painful times. In her book Michelle reveals her battle with anorexia and bulimia; running away to Los Angeles and her first AA meeting there; her first foray into the music business; her tempestuous relationships and the truth behind the tabloid stories; why she missed her own wedding, and her relationship with daughter Maia's Italian-born father.

Through it all, Michelle's book is ultimately a celebration of her talent, resilience, and so much more. It is the open, frank, funny, and sometimes shocking story of a proud, working single mum, who has led an extraordinary life and who has never been afraid of fighting for what she wants.

Sales Points

- The first autobiography by TV acting legend, Michelle Collins
- Michelle Collins has played iconic roles in the two most-watched soap operas on British television. First, as Cindy Beale in *EastEnders* for 8 years, and currently as Stella Price in *Coronation Street*
- Michelle's autobiography gives new insight into her life and career including stories that have never been told before, such as her struggles to enter the acting industry, her battles with anorexia and bulimia and her tumultuous love life
- Published to coincide with the dramatic end of Michelle's run in *Coronation Street* in June

Reviews

- 'Explosive' - *Daily Mirror*
- 'Searingly honest' - *Sunday Mirror*
- 'Candidly lifts the lid not only on her childhood and teenage years growing up in North London, but also on three roller coaster decades in showbusiness' - *HELLO!*
- 'Searing honesty about the highs and lows of her life and career' - *Manchester Evening News*

Author Biography

Michelle Collins is an actress and singer who has starred in both *EastEnders* and *Coronation Street*, as well as *Sunburn* and *Two Thousand Acres of Sky* for BBC Television, and many other film, TV and theatre roles, including *The Illustrated Mum*, *Real Women* and *Daddy Cool*. She lives in London with her daughter, Maia.

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