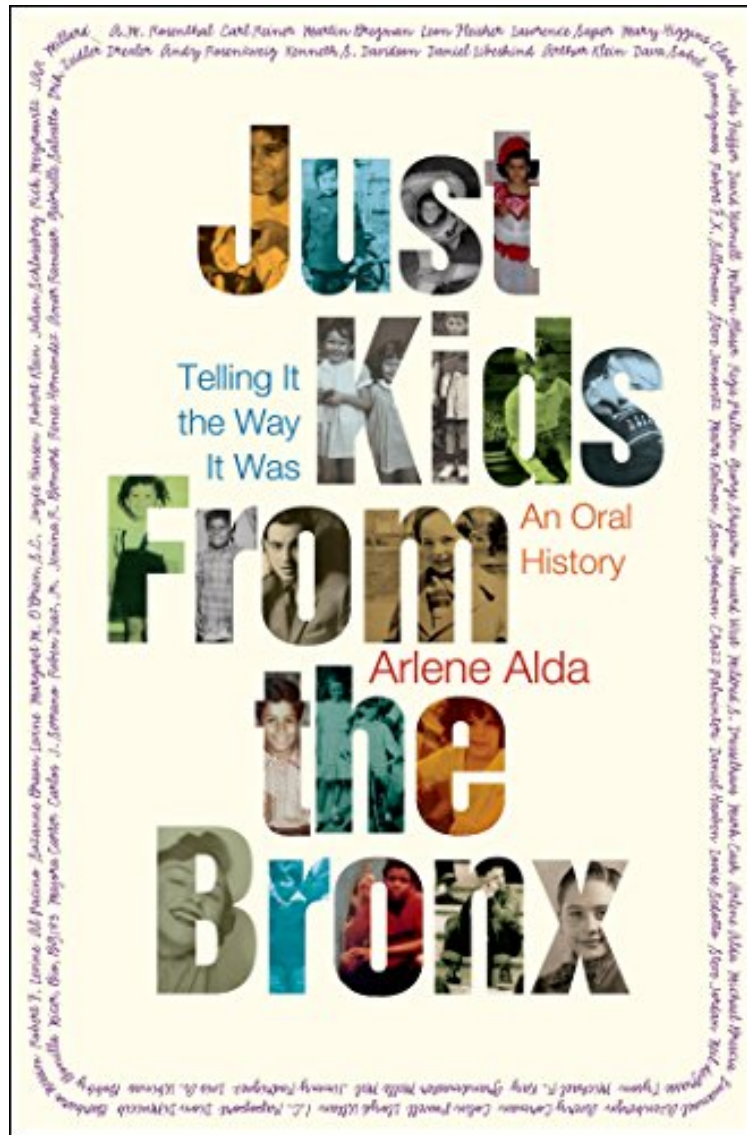


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A tribute to The BronxVon Helpful AdviceJust Kids from the Bronx written by Arlene Alda is a nicely compiled collection of

authors memories about growing up in The Bronx, a book that shows how special place this borough of New York is, where many famous persons from each profession you can think of were born and raised, a real tribute to The Bronx. Alda gave us a possibility to travel with her back in time, to experience with her eyes everything that was happening in The Bronx during those years of her youth the good and bad things, just like life is. And it's not necessary to be from The Bronx, NY or even from US at all, authors uncompromising love for neighborhood of her childhood, her unconditional love for The Bronx is obvious from each and every line of her work. Similar like I wrote yesterday in review for Home by Carson Ellis, with this book Arlene Alda shows what home means from people that live and events that happen around us, from the familiar sounds and even known smells that remind us to that special place, there is only one place on Earth that can be called home. And for Arlene Alda The Bronx is home. There are many known figures from past and present connected to The Bronx, the world of literature, movies, sports, politics and science have been marked by people who made first steps in The Bronx, who learned to survive in that special environment that eventually lead them to the top. For all those reasons, for all known and unknown people who were born and grown there, for all hard working members of The Bronx community that inspired author in writing this book, Just Kids from the Bronx is valuable document about past and inspiration for future, a book you'll be happy to spend time with.

Kurzbeschreibung "A down-to-earth, inspiring book about the American promise fulfilled." President Bill Clinton "Fascinating . . . Made me wish I had been born in the Bronx." Barbara Walters A touching and provocative collection of memories that evoke the history of one of America's most influential boroughs the Bronx through some of its many success stories The vivid oral histories in Arlene Alda's Just Kids from the Bronx reveal what it was like to grow up in the place that bred the influencers in just about every field of endeavor today. The Bronx is where Michael Kay, the New York Yankees' play-by-play broadcaster, first experienced baseball, where J. Crew's CEO Millard (Mickey) Drexler found his ambition, where Neil deGrasse Tyson and Dava Sobel fell in love with science early on and where music-making inspired hip hop's Grandmaster Melle Mel to change the world of music forever. The parks, the pick-up games, the tough and tender mothers, the politics, the gangs, the food for people who grew up in the Bronx, childhood recollections are fresh. Arlene Alda's own Bronx memories were a jumping-off point from which to reminisce with a nun, a police officer, an urban planner, and with Al Pacino, Mary Higgins Clark, Carl Reiner, Colin Powell, Maira Kalman, Bobby Bonilla, and many other leading artists, athletes, scientists and entrepreneur experiences spanning six decades of Bronx living. Alda then arranged these pieces of the past, from looking for violets along the banks of the Bronx River to the wake-up calls from teachers who recognized potential, into one great collective story, a film-like portrait of the Bronx from the early twentieth century until today. Pressestimmen I was mesmerized reading about the childhoods of celebrities and leaders in fields from art to science, revealing the roots that launched their journeys from humble beginnings in the Bronx to extraordinary success. An eye-opener into what drives the creation of remarkable lives. I will long remember this wonderful book. Walter Mischel, author of The Marshmallow Test: Mastering Self-Control, Professor of Psychology, Columbia University Among the wonders of Arlene Alda's wondrous book is the stunning quality of the storytelling. Just Kids from the Bronx is a Bronx tale, to be sure--a collective picture of a place characterized by citizen yearnings to be elsewhere and the glorious discoveries and self-discoveries that come with staying put. But the parts that go into this whole are equally rich as pieces of literature. Nearly every one of these offerings, including the author's own, is a little work of art, each contributor foraging for the meaning and the music of a life. The result is America in a borough--at once hopeful, dangerous, regenerative, tough, joyous, and in the end, beautiful. Roger Rosenblatt, New York Times bestselling author of Making Toast and of The Boy Detective: A New York Childhood Kurzbeschreibung "A down-to-earth, inspiring book about the American promise fulfilled." President Bill Clinton "Fascinating . . . Made me wish I had been born in the Bronx." Barbara Walters A touching and provocative collection of memories that evoke the history of one of America's most influential boroughs the Bronx through some of its many success stories The vivid oral histories in Arlene Alda's Just Kids from the Bronx reveal what it was like to grow up in the place that bred the influencers in just about every field of endeavor today. The Bronx is where Michael Kay, the New York Yankees' play-by-play broadcaster, first experienced baseball, where J. Crew's CEO Millard (Mickey) Drexler found his ambition, where Neil deGrasse Tyson and Dava Sobel fell in love with science early on and where music-making inspired hip hop's Grandmaster Melle Mel to change the world of music forever. The parks, the pick-up games, the tough and tender mothers, the politics, the gangs, the food for people who grew up in the Bronx, childhood recollections are fresh. Arlene Alda's own Bronx memories were a jumping-off point from which to reminisce with a nun, a police officer, an urban planner, and with Al Pacino, Mary Higgins Clark, Carl Reiner, Colin Powell, Maira Kalman, Bobby Bonilla, and many other leading artists, athletes, scientists and entrepreneur experiences spanning six decades of Bronx living. Alda then arranged these pieces of the past, from looking for violets along the banks of the Bronx River to the wake-up calls from teachers who recognized potential,

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