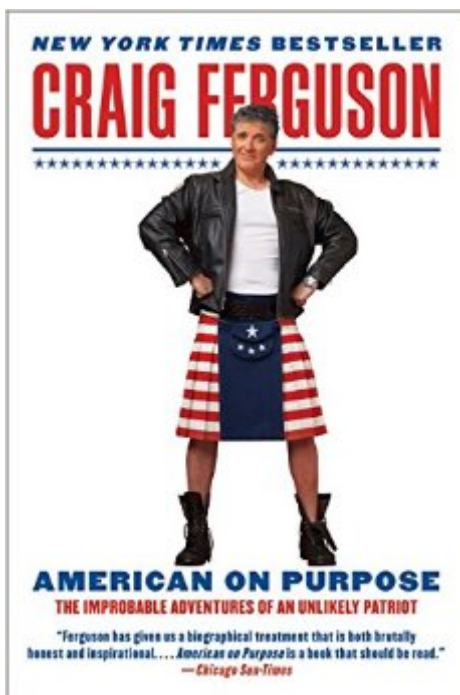


The book was found

# American On Purpose: The Improbable Adventures Of An Unlikely Patriot



## Synopsis

In *American on Purpose*, Craig Ferguson delivers a moving and achingly funny memoir of living the American dream as he journeys from the mean streets of Glasgow, Scotland, to the comedic promised land of Hollywood. Along the way he stumbles through several attempts to make his mark—as a punk rock musician, a construction worker, a bouncer, and, tragically, a modern dancer. To numb the pain of failure, Ferguson found comfort in drugs and alcohol, addictions that eventually led to an aborted suicide attempt. (He forgot to do it when someone offered him a glass of sherry.) But his story has a happy ending: success on the hit sitcom *The Drew Carey Show*, and later as the host of CBS's *Late Late Show*. By far Ferguson's greatest triumph was his decision to become a U.S. citizen, a milestone he achieved in early 2008. In *American on Purpose*, Craig Ferguson talks a red, white, and blue streak about everything our Founding Fathers feared.

## Book Information

Paperback: 288 pages

Publisher: Harper Perennial; 1 edition (May 11, 2010)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0061998494

ISBN-13: 978-0061998492

Product Dimensions: 5.3 x 0.6 x 8 inches

Shipping Weight: 6.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (544 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #161,315 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #145 in [Books > Humor & Entertainment > Humor > Political](#) #452 in [Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Arts & Literature > Television Performers](#) #1583 in [Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Arts & Literature > Actors & Entertainers](#)

## Customer Reviews

What really came across for me from this book were several aspects. For a man with so many downs dogging his early child and adult years, he has an admirable lack of self-pity. Perhaps it's because he has conquered so much by the time he writes this memoir. I was conscious, however, of his sadness of how his problems affected his relationships, especially his great female loves. I teared up when he had to sell the perfect little seaside cottage he had shared with his second wife when they finally split up - the act being a symbol of the loss simultaneously of hope, dreams, love. I am amazed at how he, and I suppose many males in general, accepts fighting fist to fist. As a

female, I can't imagine willingly enduring/participating in and even looking forward to a great fight as Craig does during his years growing up in Scotland. Maybe the blows don't hurt as much when you are young or when the senses are dulled by drunkenness...This is not to be interpreted as acts of an aggressive self-nature, self-hatred or self-punishment but was endemic to the immediate culture. This is a well written and serious memoir from a comedian told with frankness; not sparing the reader the darker moments fueled from the loss of great loves, very serious alcoholism, active drug use, career sputters, etc. What I really admire about him now is that he doesn't keep hitting you over the head currently on his talk show with these details. Unlike Carrie Fisher, for example, his current humor is not dependent on constantly referring to the past difficulties. He concentrates now on the positives and I suspect that's what keeps him on safer and happier ground.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

American on Purpose: The Improbable Adventures of an Unlikely Patriot American History: The People & Events that Changed American History (People's History, American, United States of America, American Revolution, Patriot, United States History Book 1) Patriot of Persia: Muhammad Mossadegh and a Tragic Anglo-American Coup The Other War of 1812: The Patriot War and the American Invasion of Spanish East Florida The Improbable Conquest: Sixteenth-Century Letters from the Río de la Plata (Latin American Originals) Flawed Patriot: The Rise and Fall of CIA Legend Bill Harvey The Journal Of Jean Laffite: The Privateer-Patriot's Own Story Der Patriot: Ein-Mann-Stück (German Edition) The Last Patriot: A Thriller (Scot Harvath Book 7) War Hero: The Unlikely Story of A Stray Dog, An American Soldier and the Battle of Their Lives (Kindle Single) The Philadelphia Chromosome: A Genetic Mystery, a Lethal Cancer, and the Improbable Invention of a Lifesaving Treatment Problem Child - The View From The Principal's Office: Improbable Tales From A Hyperactive Childhood (Volume 1) This Is Improbable: Cheese String Theory, Magnetic Chickens, and Other WTF Research This is Improbable Too: Synchronized Cows, Speedy Brain Extractors and More WTF Research The Ig Nobel Prizes: The Annals of Improbable Research El cisne negro. Nueva edición ampliada y revisada: El impacto de lo altamente improbable (Spanish Edition) An Improbable Friendship: The Remarkable Lives of Israeli Ruth Dayan and Palestinian Raymonda Tawil and Their Forty-Year Peace Mission Improbable Libraries: A Visual Journey to the World's Most Unusual Libraries Climbing Mount Improbable Cows Save the Planet: And Other Improbable Ways of Restoring Soil to Heal the Earth

[Dmca](#)