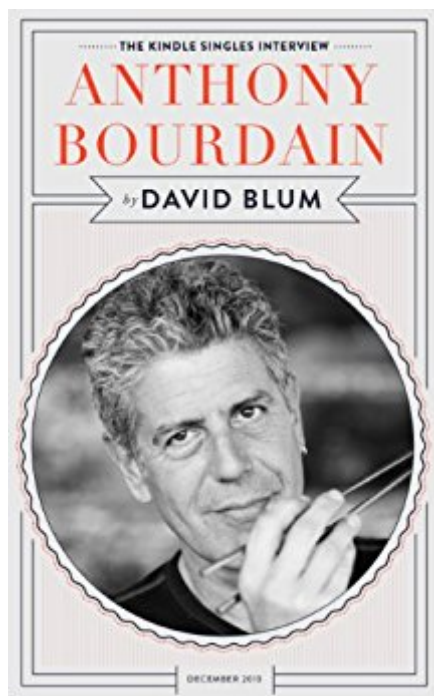


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Anthony Bourdain: The Kindle Singles Interview (Kindle Single)



Synopsis

From his drug-addled youth (“I wanted to be a heroin addict long before I could get my hands on any heroin”) to the crowd-sourcing of food criticism (“the chickens have gnawed their way through the chicken wire”), author-chef-television host Anthony Bourdain lets loose on himself and the food world in a wide-ranging and provocative Kindle Singles Interview. In between jet-setting expeditions for new episodes of his hit CNN series, “Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown,” the bad-boy chef sat down recently for lunch at a New York bistro and served up an extended conversation, medium rare, covering all aspects of Bourdain’s extraordinary life. The interview was conducted by David Blum, who works for as the editor of Kindle Singles. Blum began his career as a staff reporter for The Wall Street Journal, and has been the editor-in-chief of The Village Voice, the New York Press and 02138 Magazine. He was previously a writer and editor at The New York Times Magazine, and a contributing editor at New York and Esquire magazines. He has written two books: “Flash in the Pan: The Life and Death of an American Restaurant” (1992), and “Tick...Tick...Tick...: The Long Life & Turbulent Times of 60 Minutes” (2004). Cover design by Adil Dara Kim

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If you don't want to be some semblance of Anthony Bourdain you must live under a rock. Travel, food, artistic license and no B.S., who wouldn't want to? David Blum asks the right questions you might have wondered about if you are a fan, and gets candid answers. Bourdain obviously, and wisely, thinks about all these kind of questions beforehand, even so it has some of the no nonsense off the cuff remarks he is famous for. A few shameless plugs(why not?), he admits as much in the interview although not in the same breath. The best recommendation I can give, I will pass this on to my(adult) kids. Worth reading.

A great, quick read. Nothing new here though. Perfect follow-up/bookend if your only real experience with Bourdain was "Kitchen Confidential." Wish it had been longer or more in depth, but that's really not what the Kindle Singles program is for, right?

Love Anthony Bourdain, so this was a great interview. Some things I already knew; others, I didn't. I enjoyed getting to know him a bit better. David Blum's questions were pointed and relevant. Well done.

I read this and clearly heard his voice in it. He is exactly what you expect him to be in all the best ways. He is true to life and I loved it. It's a short, fast read but highly enjoyable. I can't say that I learned anything but that wasn't the point.

Delightful person...totally upfront and "out there"prompted me to read his book "Kitchen Confidential"...which I am totally enjoying. What an interesting writer. He performed at my local performing arts theatre and the most interesting part of his show was when he took the questions from the audience. He could hear them from all over the huge theatre...repeated them on mike...and answered each one openly and colorfully!! Love his tv shows too! I'm a FAN!!!

Anthony Bourdain's book is a "no holds barred" expose of what happens in the kitchen without the customers' knowledge. He has written several books on this topic and in this interview he once again does some soul searching about himself, his career and his competitors. Great read of a snapshot of where he is right now in his career. Anthony is now middle aged and he tempers some

of the exposes with hindsight. Less of the bad boy chef and more insight into his life, it appears he has done it all. Starting with a seafood joint and now host of a popular television show, we learn how he got where he is. Not a bad gig!!! And the most interesting part is that he now knows how lucky he has been!

It may be a bit ironic to write a review about this interview considering its content, but the restaurant world - the world in general - would be a better place if more people listened to Anthony Bourdain. So, in just a few words, this is Bourdain at his usual best. This is worth reading once and keeping on your kindle for future reference.

Short and sweet. He comes across just as you would expect. We love his shows and this book doesn't disappoint.

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