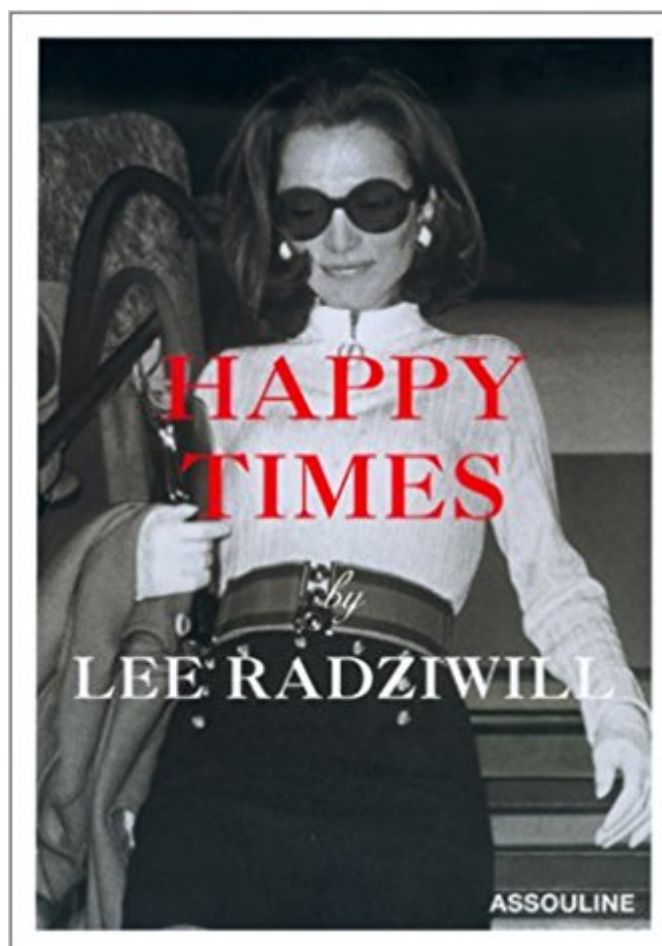


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Happy Times



Synopsis

Happy Times is the credo of a woman who, having witnessed historical moments and shared the lives of individuals struck by fate, has made the deliberate choice to remember only what's beautiful. Lee Radziwill offers a unique perspective of happy times -- from the Bouvier sisters' first trip to Europe to fond memories of Christmas in Palm Beach with President Kennedy, from her years in London to summer days in Conca, Lee Radziwill has enjoyed a very colorful and successful life. With anecdotes, pictures, notes, and drawings, Happy Times is a very personal look at a highly publicized life.

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Customer Reviews

Andy Warhol would have approved of close friend Lee Radziwill's autobiographical picture book, Happy Times. A sort of postmodern photographic journal crossed with a lovey Hello! spread, Radziwill's book offers a visually lush, mildly gossipy, somewhat surreal document--solely in photographs and brief reminiscences--of the younger Bouvier sister's unique brand of celebrity. As Radziwill explains in her introduction, friends had urged her to write a biography for years, but she felt doing so would "involve me in too many other lives." So she opted for a biography that focuses only on her "happy times" (hence the book title), and these, she says, happened mostly in the 1960s. The resulting slim volume is essentially a collection of gorgeous photographs, scattered haphazardly like a scrapbook, interspersed with Radziwill's selective memories and little handwritten comments. With a somewhat unconvincing naivet  ("memories should be of happy times"),

each chapter is devoted to a particular "happy time" but in no special order. We have summers in Montauk with Mick and Bianca, Christmas with the young Kennedy family, a tour of India with her sister Jackie, whole chapters devoted to each of Radziwill's many exotic homes. Assuming the reader knows most of the big events of her life, Radziwill offers little in the way of context of these happy times, and it's this element that ultimately gives the project a surreal, celebrity-by-association feel. You wonder why you're reading this random assemblage of country-house photos and memories of Truman Capote; or, considering so much of the book is taken up by photos of the Kennedys, why you should especially care about Lee Radziwill. But it isn't without its charm, and as you flip through the book, Radziwill's breathless gratitude for her own good fortune becomes contagious. The book's final chapter, hand-drawn by Lee and sister Jackie in 1951, documents a summer trip to Europe. An odd inclusion but ultimately fascinating, it's the essence of Happy Times: you're not exactly sure what you're looking at, or why--but isn't it lovely? --Marisa Lencioni, .co.uk

Lee Radziwill is the younger sister of the late Jacqueline Onassis. They both attended Miss Porter's School, and after Lee graduated, the two girls traveled in Europe together. When Jackie became First Lady, her most trusted confidante was her sister, and they traveled together on both state visits and private vacations. Lee's second husband was the Polish prince Stanislaw Radziwill, with whom she had two children, Anthony and Anna Christina. Radziwill has been an interior design consultant and a public relations executive for Giorgio Armani, and she received the Légion d'Honneur from the French government in 2008. Radziwill leads a quiet life, dividing her time between Paris and New York City. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I cannot find the words to properly express my most heart felt thanks to Lee Radziwill for sharing much of fantastic private life with us!!! She has so wisely used many, many wonderful, private, candid, and just plain fascinating photographs of her homes, penthouses, parties, famous friends, and just the sophistication of her unique and I think important life. At times I almost felt voyeuristic in reading her comments and seeing certain photos -- but at the same time, I felt special in seeing those things and events -- just as though I had been there along with her, her family, friends, and very famous acquaintances. She shared with us in such a way that we can almost feel a hint of what a truly important and fabulous life can actually be. I truly love this book !!

STUPID...HAVE NO IDEA WHY I BOUGHT IT

I order from lots of company and Nobody is as slow as !!!The book - eh - fluff and happy times - just what it says.I wouldnt buy it again.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. We have heard so much about her famous sister (Jacqueline Kennedy) it was refreshing to read about Lee Radziwill. She is quite the charmer, and is very interesting in her own right. This book takes Ms. Radziwill out of the shadows and helps the reader understand what it is like to live in someone's shadow.

I love this gorgeous book. The photos and stories of the glamorous Lee and Jackie are truly enchanting. I gave this book to my sister because it reminded me of the many happy times we have had celebrating holidays and traveling together.

This is a wonderful recollection by Ms. Radziwill. Her charming drawings, her ease with communicating makes one feel that she is speaking directly to you. It is a thoughtful insight into her and Jackie Onassis' life. I was transported.

My Mother loved the book.

I would not have been having "Happy Times" in Lee's shoes. Sibling rivalry to the extreme, a horrible mother, a poor excuse for a father, loved for her looks and societal position rather than who she was; who could live like that and remain unscathed? This is one strong lady. Buy the book. It's beyond interesting!

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