

Florence Henderson

Life Is Not a Stage

For millions of people around the world, Carol Brady is synonymous with motherhood, but growing up as the youngest of ten children in rural Indiana in the aftermath of the Great Depression, Florence Henderson lived a life quite different from that of the quintessential TV mom she later played on television.

Florence's father was a dirt-poor tobacco tenant farmer who was nearly fifty years old when he married Florence's twenty-five-year-old mother, and was nearly seventy when Florence was born. Florence's childhood was full of deprivation and abandonment. Her father was an alcoholic at a time when there was no rehab or help for the disease. Their home rarely had electricity or running water. When she was twelve, Florence's mother left the family to work in Cleveland and never returned.

Florence opens up about her childhood, as well as the challenges she's faced as an adult, including stage fright, postpartum depression, her extramarital affairs, divorce, her hearing loss, and heart problems. She speaks with honesty and wisdom of how her faith and ability to survive has brought her through rough times to a life of profound joy and purpose.

Florence Henderson is most well-known for her role as Carol Brady on TV's *The Brady Bunch*, but she started her career on the stage, in musicals such as *Oklahoma!* and *South Pacific*. She starred on Broadway in the long-running musical *Fanny*, and in 1962, she became the first woman to guest host *The Tonight Show*. Her talent for skit comedy also allowed her to make frequent appearances on Dean Martin's variety show.

Joel Brokaw coauthored Tyler Perry's #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Don't Make a Black Woman Take Off Her Earrings* and assisted Florence in writing her life story from beginning to end.



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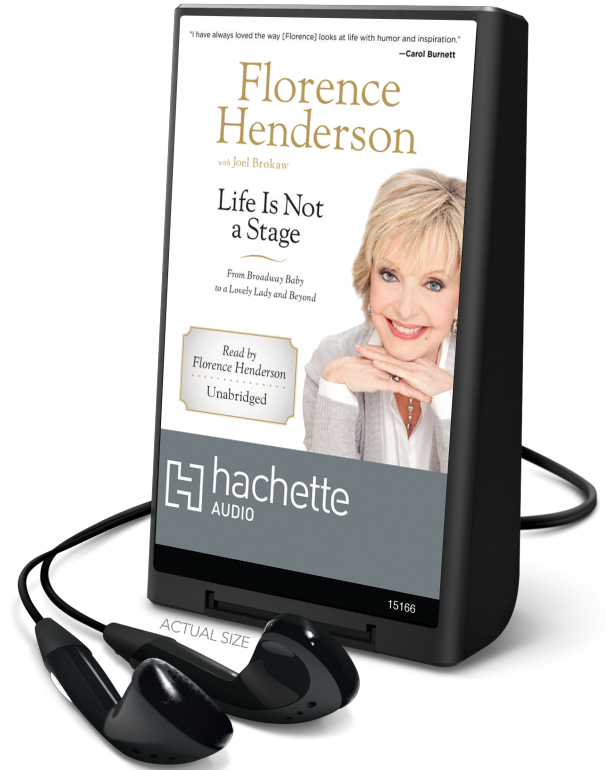
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