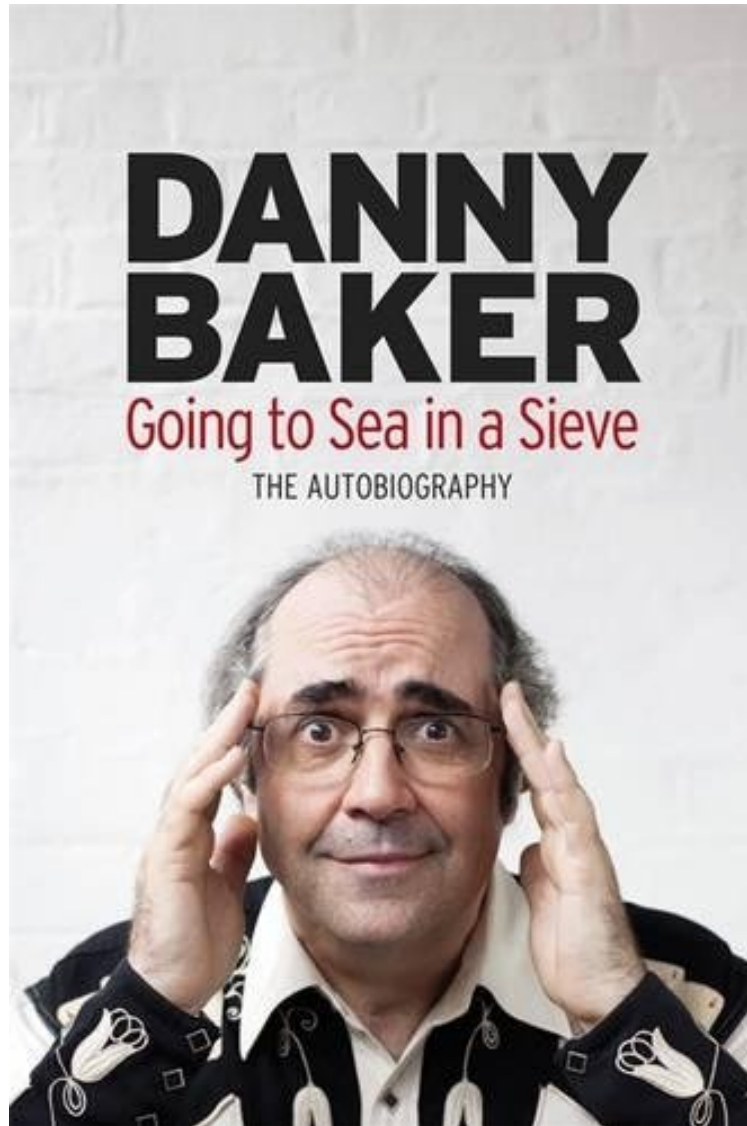


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Blue-collar Sophistication, Clever Humor, Punctuated by Unusual Positivity By artbuilders I first discovered Danny Baker on the radio while traveling overseas in 2002. I appreciated his blue-collar sophistication punctuated by an unusual positivity. His anecdotes were funny and he was equally quick with a clever turn of phrase. 14 years later I stumbled upon this autobiography completely by chance. Was it the same Danny Baker who wrote for the NME, was at ground zero during the explosion of punk and alternative music in the

UK, and heard on the radio at the BBC those many years ago? Much to my delight, it was, and fame hadn't changed him one bit. Going to Sea in a Sieve details his early years growing up in a rough part of town along with his first taste of fame. The highlight is arguably Baker's now infamous interview with Michael Jackson in which the world got its first preview of "Wacko Jacko." My only regret... I wish I would've ordered Volume 2, Danny Baker Going Off Alarming at the same time to avoid having to wait to learn what happens next.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Real DealBy Carole HHaving enjoyed "Cradle to the Grave" so much I was thrilled with the first half of the book, but found the last part somewhat disappointing. Only because there was less about the family and more about the music scene. It was still a good read and lots of fun. But, like all celebrity autobiographies it descended into name dropping territory, but not too much, and never on a boot-licking level. This was the 60's and 70's as it really was.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Danny's lived the life we all want to live.By beetrootFrom his humble(ish) beginnings in South London to his rather bizarre rise to fame Danny Baker's outlook on life is a lesson to us all. He has such a sunny disposition that people gravitate towards him and therefore want to employ him. I l reveled in the stories about the various Pop Stars that bumbled into his shop in Soho and the blas way he dealt with the people on the phone as the receptionist at the NME. The music business was clearly a lot more fun in those days and more creative for it.Great book - can't wait to read the next installment,

Danny Baker was born in Deptford, South East London in June 1957, and from an early age was involved in magazine journalism, with the founding of fanzine Sniffin' Glue alongside friend Mark Perry. From there he moved to documentary series for LWT and over the years worked on a variety of quiz shows (Win, Lose or Draw, Pets Win Prizes, TV Heroes), as well two television commercials which made him a household nameDaz and Mars Bars. With a number of guest appearances on comedy shows such as Have I Got News For You, Shooting Stars, and Room 101, Danny has also presented on BBC Radio since 1989. Most recently he presents a weekday show on BBC London 94.9 and a weekly show on BBC Radio 5 Live. This book charts Danny's showbiz career, the highs and lows, and everything in between, including the accusation that he killed Bob Marley.

Joie de vivre, this Teflon spirit, is the engine that drives this memoir....Indeed, throughout this tome, Baker doesn't so much drop famous names as fire them at you with a cannon for seemingly no other reason than to amuse and entertain with top-notch anecdotes... This book is a hoot, buzzing with Baker's impressive recall and nuclear-strength warmth and humour. Going to Sea in a Sieve emerges not only as a portrait of Baker the individual, but also as a hymn to bygone times that is as affectionate as it is brutally unsentimental and hilarious. The perfect read for anyone interested in music, football, media, British cultural history, or indeed just having a really good laugh.THE OBSERVERAn instant ray of sunshine in these dank days of winter.METROA beautifully written memoirTHE INDEPENDENTWitty, sharp and hilarious, it's like you're chatting with a mate in the pub.METROThese memoirs, which cover his childhood and early career burst with warmth and encounters with the famous, from Marc Bolan to Kate Bush.BELFAST TELEGRAPHRollicking first instalment of the life story of the broadcaster, covering his childhood in southeast London's Deptford and working as a pop critic and a 'yoof-for-hire' on TV.SAGABaker writes as he speaks, with honesty and infectious joie de vivre.SUNDAY EXPRESSReading Baker's memoirs feels a bit like flying transatlantic with an irrepressibly garrulous stranger....the alacrity and invention of his mind is obvious.MojoLike its author, Baker's book is garrulous, preening, self-mocking and funny. It's as rattling to read as it evidently was to write. In the proud Baker tradition, it's a bit of a knockout.NEW STATESMANAbout the AuthorDanny Baker is an English comedy writer, journalist, radio DJ, and screenwriter. He currently presents daily on BBC London 94.9 and a weekly show on BBC Radio 5 Live.