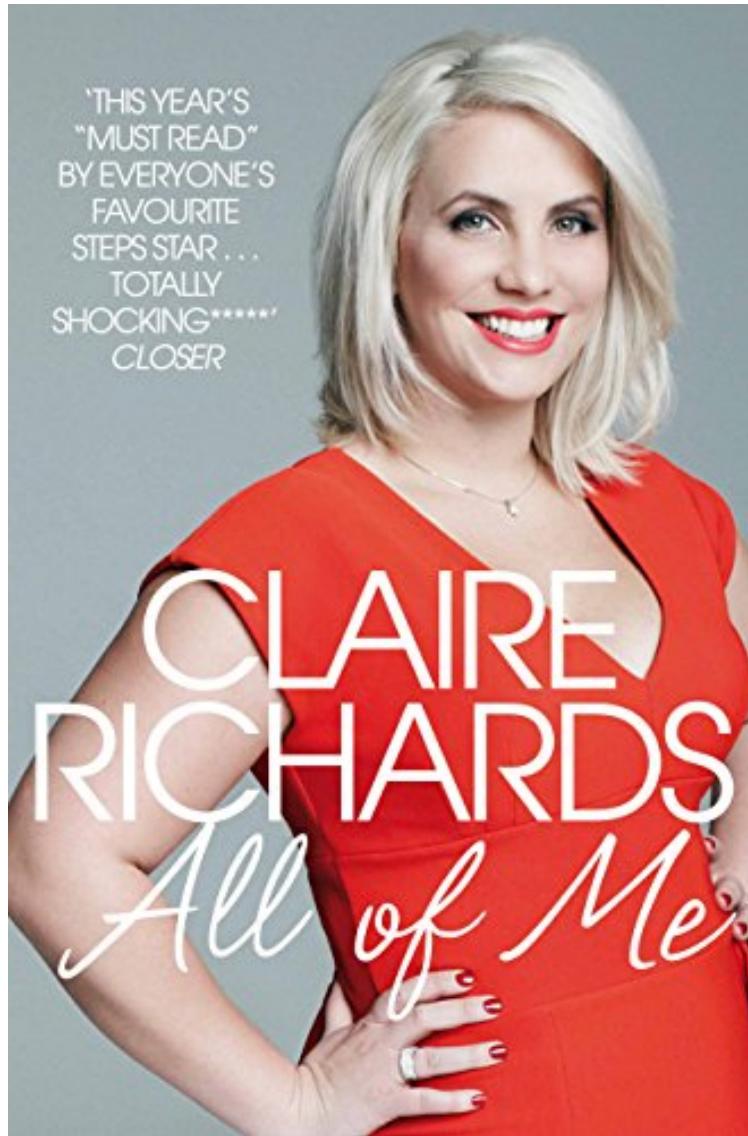


All Of Me: My Story

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Claire Richards : All Of Me: My Story before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised All Of Me: My Story:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Lightweight-....By PandoraspoocksBut a MUST READ if you are/were a STEPS or Claire Richards Fan. Described in detail how the group fell apart-who walked first-and how they put aside their differences to make their recent comeback. Also chronicles the pain of separation and divorce-but ultimately triumphing to become a better person, wife, mother, talented artist than ever before! It's a chick-flick-but in the form of a book. Read it in 2 hours and greatly enjoyed it.Note-the kindle edition of the book has a range of colour photos at the end of the text/book. Enjoy!3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Through thin times and fat

timesBy MeeshaClaire was never my favourite member of Steps, although she was definitely up there. But she's always the person I imagine to be when I sing along to the songs. I sing all of her lines. So I was shocked to read her biography and discover how ostracised she felt from the rest of the band at times.I adored Steps, and no, I'm not ashamed to admit it. There was a time I had all their posters on my wall. The posters have now long gone, but I still have their music on my mp3 player. And I managed to do part of the dance to "5,6,7,8" in the pub, admittedly after a few drinks. OK, you caught me out, there is still one poster on my wall, but I'm not saying of who!!! I was shocked when they split up, as many people were, they were at the peak of their fame, doing really well, and bang it was all over.Claire lifts the lid briefly on the problems which made her leave the band and some of the infighting, which led to the acrimonious split. I have a feeling she could have gone a lot deeper with some of the details - altogether, the book is very short, only 250 pages, so at times, it does feel incredibly rushed and certain parts glossed over. My attitude towards certain members of Steps have now changed, but I'd still like to read their side of things. A bit like the biographies of Alison Arngrim, Melissa Anderson and Melissa Gilbert. Three different sides of one TV show. (Little House On The Prairie for the people not in the know!)Again, it's a very quick read. I read it in two days, and probably could have read it faster if it hadn't been for the dreaded WORK. I admire Claire for coming out and admitting some of her problems with her weight and her insecurity, I just wish there had been more. She has such a frank way of talking and it was a very enjoyable read. I just feel like it went too fast.

Claire Richards is loved by women everywhere for her warm and genuine personality. Now she writes honestly about her life, taking us from the bullied schoolgirl who dreamed of performing at Wembley to finding stardom with Steps. She reveals the secrets of the music industry and what it's really like to be in a band at the top of their career, from the unhealthy pressure to stay thin to the backstage rows. She describes how the stress of her affair caused her to starve herself, and explains why she and fellow bandmate H controversially resigned. Claire also opens us about why her first marriage to Steps dancer Mark didn't last, her dramatic weight gain and years of yo-yo dieting as she battled low self-esteem, and how she found happiness with second husband Reece and their two children Charlie and Daisy. And she takes us behind the scenes of the Steps reunion tour as old issues rose to the surface. Entertaining, touching and funny, this is sure to appeal to Claire's many fans.

About the AuthorClaire Richards shot to fame in the hugely successful band Steps. She has had her own hit shows on BBC3 and Sky Living, sang her way to the semi-final of ITV1's Popstar to Opera Star, cooked up a storm on Celebrity Masterchef, and recently reformed with Steps for a sell out arena tour and No. 1 greatest hits album.