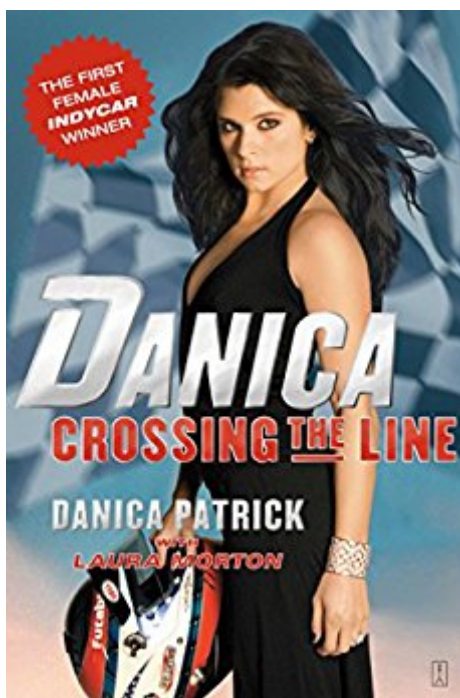


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# Danica: Crossing The Line



## Synopsis

Sharing secrets and stories, tales from the track, and insights into her personal life, Danica reflects on her extraordinary rise from a ten-year-old go-kart champion to the most successful woman in the history of American racing. Danica Patrick's life moves at 220 mph. She drives every race and lives every day like she has something to prove—and she does. As a 5-foot 2-inch, 100-pound woman, she had to qualify a little quicker and race a little faster than the boys just to earn the respect she would otherwise be given if she weren't the "girl on the track, driving the princess mobile." But you don't get to be an IndyCar driver without talent and determination. Danica is living proof that if you work hard and aim high, you can do whatever you set your mind to, that you can rise to any challenge, and that what makes you different is what makes you great. An inspiration to all, *Crossing the Line* offers Danica's unique perspective on how to compete in life, how to stand out, and how to get the respect and attention you deserve.

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## Customer Reviews

This book would be great if it were intended for a younger, largely female audience of go-karting

enthusiasts aspiring to progress in the sport of racing. As a book intended for an adult audience, it leaves much to be desired. Better to be inspired by the established greats of the sport, of which there are many, whose racing records speak for themselves.

My 9yr niece loves Danica Patrick decided to a report on her for a school project. She specifically asked me to buy her this book so she can do a little research on Danica. Obviously, it's above her reading level so my sister read it to her and helped her gather info....but then she decided it was just too big in content. I stepped into help the following weekend. I was thoroughly bored! I wasn't entertained and the Twilight books were better than this.

I thought this was an amazing book. It is extremely positive with a great message. You really learn some personal information about Danica. If there was one thing that could be better, is that it was a little redundant in some areas. But over all, a great read!

This book isn't about being good, bad or indifferent. It's about Danica Patrick! Either you're her fan or you're not. If you're not a Danica Patrick fan, you might become one if you read this book and see what her life has been like and what she has accomplished! If you are a Danica Patrick fan, duh, you've probably already read this book as it is required reading for all her fans! Either way, I highly recommend this book. IT IS NO LITERARY MASTERPIECE. What it is, is a very interesting autobiography about a very gutsy lady who isn't afraid to go after what she wants. I think you'll like this book. Go Daddy...err...Danica!

Supposed to be new. Seams are split. Pages are unattached to the binding. Can't really open the pages due to the fact that the pages will fall out! Awful, awful, and awful..... Guess you get what you pay for. Learned my lesson...

The actual book is fine, but was not received as described. There were 2 sticky residue marks on the front and back covers, where there most likely had been a "sale" sticker. Can't get it off!! There were also a few pages that were bent/folded on the inside.

A fun and fast read, this book gives the reader a glimpse into the early years of Danica Patrick's racing career. I was fascinated by all the intricate factors that can affect each race. Watching the races, be it Formula 1 (covered in this book) or Nascar, it always looks easy - hey, they just drive

around an oval track with some curves and turns here and there; how hard can that be? Very hard! Not only do drivers have to take in the weather issues (wind, rain, etc.), rises in the track (like the slants on the turns), debris such as oil on the track, but they also have to think about how physically fit they are to drive the car (mega-G force resistance when trying to hold onto that steering wheel), and the fact that they can only see what's directly in front of the car, so they have to rely on someone else to tell them when to move over and when to pass; it's such a technical sport. A race car driver also has to listen to their crew advise them on their fuel mix ratio, which effects how long their fuel will last. I remember watching one race where Danica was told to slow down her speed to conserve fuel and she lost the race. I think people have been extremely critical and unfairly critical of Danica and I do believe it is because she is a woman. At least 50% of the men racing Formula 1 and Nascar will never be as good a driver as Danica. In fact, Danica just finished her 2016 season ranked at number 24 out of 62 racers; ahead of greats like Paul Menard (ranked #25), Clint Bower (ranked at #27), and Dale Earnhardt (ranked at #32). However, the men do not get criticized to the level that Danica does, even when she out-races them. Hopefully, this book will enlighten people to how hard racing really is and inspire others to get involved rather than just sit on the sidelines and criticize.

Unfortunately, Danica only succeeds in reinforcing the cliches she vows to avoid. Although she gives some insights into the rigours of IRL racing, she spends too many pages on her personal life, family and emotions, and not enough on the racing and its challenges. Can't really recommend this one I'm afraid.

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