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Days Of Our Lives: A Complete History Of The Long-Running Soap Opera





Synopsis

On November 8, 1965, Days of Our Lives debuted on NBC. The show overcame a rocky beginning to become one of the best-loved and longest running soap operas on daytime television. For 30 years, the story of the show's Horton family has been closely followed by a dedicated audience. Through extensive research, including the first-ever examination of the show's archives, and interviews with cast members, writers, producers and production personnel, the show's history is told here. This reference work provides a complete cast list from the show's debut through 1994, as well as the most comprehensive storyline of the show ever available. Also included are family trees of the show's characters, tracing the often confusing relationships involved in thirty years of developing roles.

Book Information

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I liked how this book was divided into about 6 chapters. The book explanins about how the show was first started, how the fans have always supported it, and the whole storyline. I have only been watching Days for about 2 years, so when I read the storyline, it was really confusing, but I am trying to follow it. It doesn't have any color pictures, and the pictures it does have are mostly of the older families on Days. This book does, however, give you a good background, and it doesn't really leave anything out dealing with information. It also has family trees in the back so you can be sure about the Days generations. You can learn some real trivia from this book. If you want history, and trivia, get this book. It will soon become one of your most treasured posesions. This book should be well worth your money when you begin reading it.

Thought this would be an updated version of the book, but it is simply a reprint of the 1995 edition with a different cover that was designed this year. VERY disappointed.

This book is a must have for all you newer Days fans who want to know what happened up to 1995. Also it has family trees and history of the making of the show. It helps explain Patch's history in the story line and so much more on dozens of other people. Makes you feel like an expert on the whole show. It starts at the very beginning and had to end at 1995, but maybe some one will write part 2 for the years 1996 to 2007, I hope.

The book seemed very pedestrian & boring. I appreciated the author's research. But too much detail about how a set is constructed and locales created can get mundane and drag the book down. I would have liked more insight into the casting, contracts, and story arcs as well. For me, people & characters are always more interesting than things.

I have wanted this book for a long time, it seams like it will be very interesting, I can catch up on how it all started, this is the best soap opera I have ever seen. I am so hooked on it. I know the book will be great.

On the posted listing a date of 2010 was given inferring that this book is recent and up to date, when in actuality it was published in 1995 and only gives history until 1995. This is somewhat misleading, though the book is very good.

I watched "Days of Our Lives" at age 6 with my Grandmother: I was hooked. I watched it when I was home sick and of course every summer all the way through college. When VCR's finally came into existance I could finally get my daily fix. Then life got too busy and I'd skip through the episodes or sometimes just give up and record over them. Of course I missed a lot of continuity during both the early and mid-life "hit and miss" years , and this book does a remarkable job of filling in the blanks. It is well written, in a very entertaining manner, so you never get as bored as if you were just reading summaries or time-lines. Now I need someone to write a book beginning where this one leaves off.

Since I am a charter member, having watched Days of Our Lives since the first day it was on, I found this book such an interesting read. There is so much information on the soap that new

comers to the show could read and catch up on who's who. Reading all the behind the scenes information ws very interesting.

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