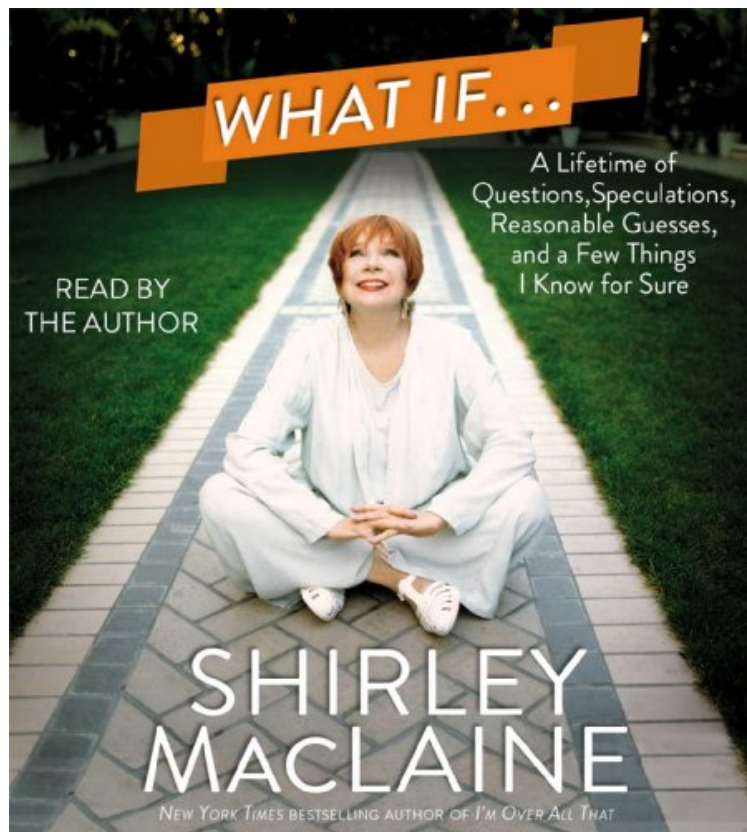


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interesting, witty and deep in the popular style that is MacLaine! The audiobook feels like she's sitting in the room with you and telling you Hollywood stories while making you think about very very deep controversial studies. She even touches on subjects you think she would dodge, but she takes it head on! She's had such an amazing life ALL over the earth that she even has names for different E.T. species and their home in the universe. She's a VERY interesting person and her writing is so well done. She's an amazing writer! Let your mind open, don't judge and get this and have fun with the one and only Shirley MacLaine! If you're too close minded, don't bother. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. No One Like Shirley By Paula Lucio Dent I am halfway through the Kindle edition of this collection of mystical musings, wherein Ms. MacLaine recounts the story of the time she was on safari in Africa. The party spotted a mother black panther and her two cubs up in a tree. This was royal game...off limits, but one member of the safari was going to shoot them. Shirley grabbed her rifle and threatened to kill this hunter if he shot these animals. She saved their lives, but she left the party and waited for the next small plane to fly her out of there. Funny, Shirley related the same narrative in her 2011 book titled I'm Over All That. Except the cats were leopards and not panthers. She needs to keep her stories straight. Of course it is possible she had the misfortune of traveling with amoral human hunters both times. Or was she repeating the first story and couldn't recall if the animals were leopards or panthers? The author's insights in the books I've read are thoughtful and entertaining, however. I highly recommend them.

Beloved actress and bestselling author Shirley MacLaine contemplates a wealth of subjects from the mundane to the esoteric in this all-new collection of musings that begin with two simple words: What if...What if hope is the most dangerous emotion? What if a frog had wings? (Answer: He wouldn't bump his ass so much.) What if our political leaders actually led? What if Downton Abbey was full of Americans? What if, for some reason, I couldn't be creative and work? These are just a few of the "what ifs" that Shirley MacLaine considers in her new book written in the style of her beloved and laugh-out-loud memoir I'm Over All That. In What If..., she speculates on a wide range of matters both spiritual and secular, humorous and profound, earth-bound and high-flying, personal and universal. This is Shirley MacLaine at her most funny, acerbic, imaginative, and irresistible.

From Booklist Almost 80, MacLaine has earned the right to do this book in a bit of shorthand. The title question leads off every topic and sometimes is just one line on a page for the reader to answer: What if we were as aware of our spiritual condition as our physical nutrition? These shorter questions run the gamut from thoughts about the Constitution to wondering if dogs reincarnate. But there are much longer answers to queries, too. What if getting a Lifetime Achievement Award turned out to be like going to your own funeral? That gives MacLaine 20 pages to riff about her American Film Institute award, who was there, what was said, and whether it was smart to wear a wig. Her take on Downton Abbey is also lots of fun. And does she mention her favorite topics—karma, reincarnation, and spacemen? Why, yes, she does! She's heard every joke and endured the scoffing for decades now, but she hasn't budged on her firmly held New Age beliefs. Fun and thoughtful by turns and told in MacLaine's feisty, funny voice, this should appeal to fans and doubters alike. --Ilene Cooper "Fun and thoughtful by turns and told in MacLaine's feisty, funny voice, this should appeal to fans and doubters alike." (Booklist) "The legendary MacLaine will leave you laughing out loud while scratching your head with questions." (BeliefNet) About the Author Shirley MacLaine has appeared in more than fifty films, has been nominated for an Academy Award six times, and received the Oscar for Best Actress in 1984 for Terms of Endearment. She also recently starred in the hit TV show Downton Abbey. A longtime outspoken advocate for civil rights and liberties, she is the author of ten international bestsellers. She lives in Malibu, California, and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Shirley MacLaine has appeared in more than fifty films, has been nominated for an Academy Award six times, and received the Oscar for Best Actress in 1984 for Terms of Endearment. She also recently starred in the hit TV show Downton Abbey. A longtime outspoken advocate for civil rights and liberties, she is the author of ten international bestsellers. She lives in Malibu, California, and Santa Fe, New Mexico.