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## **Description:**

**From** Josephine Premice, a beautiful and talented performer who never achieved the fame of contemporaries Diahann Carroll and Lena Horne, was equally dazzling as a wife and mother. Fales-Hill recalls the eclectic and effervescent family life spawned by her glamorous Haitian-born mother and a seafaring WASP father, circulating from Italy to New York's Upper West Side to Harlem to a wealthy Connecticut estate, with side trips to Broadway and Hollywood. Premice's career suffered as a result of the thin prospects for entertainers considered too black for the 1950s and not black enough for the opportunities that came later. Fales-Hill, a television producer, had her own struggles with stereotypical images of the black experience, which didn't include her privileged background or personal insecurities about her mixed racial heritage. She idealized her parents' marriage, overlooking her mother's profligacy and her father's philandering. But she fully

appreciates the great joy and glamour of her mother--always outfitted in high heels and false eyelashes--as well as other black divas and their gift for living an exuberant life. *Vanessa Bush* Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

**Review** "Moving and beautifully rendered." (Town & Country)

"A distinguished memoir as well as an important contribution to black cultural history." (Kirkus Reviews (Starred))

"At last, at last a memoir by a daughter who appreciates and loves her mother, at last." (Bill Cosby)

"[An] extraordinary story." (Essence)

"A daughter's ode to her mother who showed her 'infinity instead of . . . limitations.' This is no Mommie Dearest." (Andre Leon Talley, Vogue)

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"This love-filled, uplifting book will gladden your heart, moisten your eyes, and leave you smiling at the end." (Malachy McCourt, author of *A Monk Swimming: A Memoir*)

"A moving tribute from a daughter to a mother [and] a book about the undefeatable spirit of black women everywhere." (E. Lynn Harris)

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