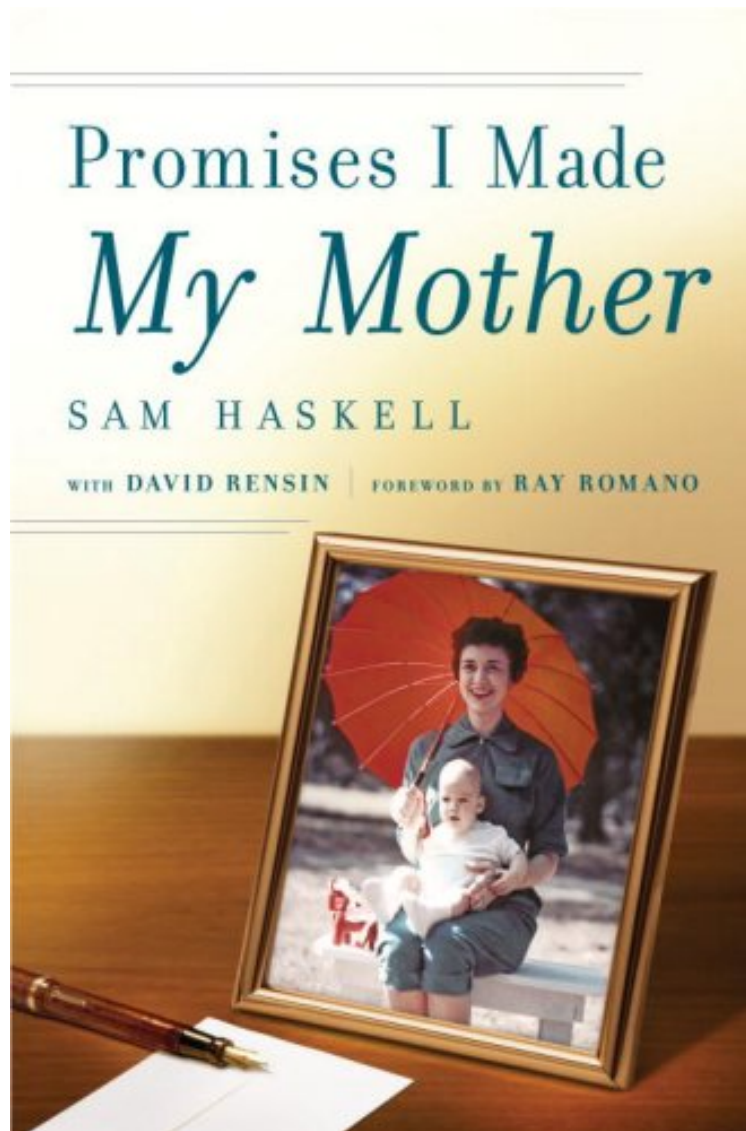


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years AND attended a "Stars Over Mississippi" event I would not believe that Sam Haskell was real. I would have never believed that a guy from a small town in the middle-of-nowhere Mississippi could have made it so big and remain so true to his virtues "Promises I made my Mother" is a refreshing take as a motivational book. It has the ability to inspire with its humor and genuine take on life. Sam blends the experiences he learned from his mother while growing up in a small southern town to the Tensile Town and how he dealt with many of the world's most famous celebrities.... people like Kathie Lee Gifford, Dolly Parton, George Clooney, Ray Ramano, Kristie Alley to name a few. Not only did Sam have the ability to represent these celebrities in the Uber competitive world of Hollywood but he was able to build sincere friendships. Many of the stories that Sam shares are classics - such as making a sign for the "Cheer Man" to come to his house or how he worked his way up from working in the mailroom to become one of the most powerful men in television. While I have never met Sam Haskell I can say that I know a lot of people who know him (again I lived in Amory for 7 years) and he is universally respected. I applaud "Promises I Made My Mother" on a few levels, One - It is an outstanding read full of inspiring tidbits of advice on life. Many of the stories and examples are gems. Two - Here is a man who did not forget his roots and how they made him the man that he is. He is as proud of his family and Amory, Ms as they are of him. Final verdict - "Promises I Made My Mother" may not be a best seller - but it should be. 5 stars 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The World Needs More Books Like This... By atomictiki I found Sam Haskell's "Promises I Made My Mother" just flat out wonderful! Written with grace and skill, it is a joy to read, highly inspirational and makes you feel great/re-assured that people like Mr. Haskell still exist in the world. I don't normally read these kinds of books because they oftentimes come off preachy or saccharine, but Sam Haskell has a great knack for distilling his mother's simple-yet-sage wisdom and relating how living in her image has brought him professional and personal happiness. The book also reads like a love story to not only his mother, but his family, friends and faith and is a real page-turner with so many amazing stories and anecdotes from his extraordinary life. I think this book will really resonate with people and provide a wonderful inspirational support mechanism and blueprint for living a principled life. Thank you Sam Haskell (and mom Mary Kirkpatrick Haskell) for sharing your wonderful vision with the world. It proves that the good guy can win in the end!

What would my mother say? How would she want me to handle this situation? How can I make this tough decision and stay true to myself? What would my mother say? Sam Haskell still asks himself these questions every day. When Haskell was young, his devoted mother, Mary, instilled in her son the values of character, faith, and honor by setting an example and asking him to promise to live his life according to her lessons. He did, and those promises have served Haskell consistently from his Mississippi boyhood to his long career at the venerable William Morris Agency in Beverly Hills. In this inspiring memoir full of touching stories and amusing anecdotes, Haskell reveals how he kept his pledge to his mother to live a decent life; even in the shark-infested waters of Hollywood, where he handled the hottest stars and packaged the highest-rated shows; by refusing to become the cliché; of an amoral agent. Here is Haskell as a child in Amory, Mississippi (pop. 7,000), discovering the power of hope as he waits for an unlikely visit from the "Cheer Man" (a representative of the detergent company who gave ten dollars to anyone using the brand), learning humility after pursuing an eighth-grade "Good Citizenship" award he cockily assumed he'd win, confronting the complications of human character when a near-fatal car crash exposed his judgmental father's true nature. Years later, in Hollywood, Haskell would rely on his mother's teachings; honesty, self-reliance, and belief in God; as he swiftly rose from the William Morris mailroom to eventually become the company's Worldwide Head of Television. His capacity for friendship and his insistence on living his version of the Golden Rule (being "thoughtfully political") allowed him to handle various client crises and the tense negotiations that nearly scuttled the last years of Everybody Loves Raymond and the entire existence of The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. Haskell has achieved success through self-respect, and from his story we learn how we, too, can maintain our dignity when faced with life's challenges. This stirring memoir is a testament to mothers everywhere who instill in their sons the lasting values they need to become good men and devoted fathers. From the Hardcover edition.