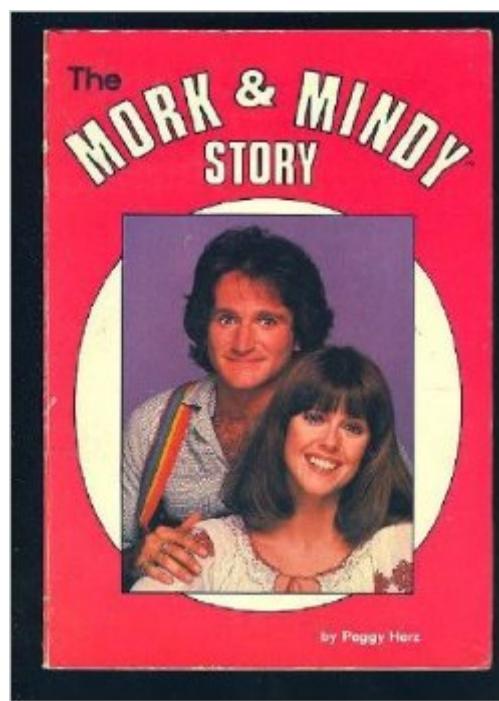


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# The Mork And Mindy Story



## **Synopsis**

Back cover text: Eggs-tra! Eggs-tra! Read all about it! Mork from Ork lands on Earth in a big white egg - and a fantastic new TV show is hatched. Here is everything you wanted to know about Mork and Mindy - the hilarious hit comedy show that everyone is talking about! It's a real behind-the-scenes look at the show and its talented stars. You'll meet: Robin Williams - He plays Mork, that zany alien from far-outer space. Read all about his fabulous success. Pam Dawber - The rising young star who plays Mork's good friend, Mindy. Conrad Janis - Actor of TV, stage, and movies! He plays Mindy's dad, the only father to find an alien in his daughter's attic! So get ready for a real, star-studded treat - and find out why Mork and Mindy in the brightest new show on TV! Tons of photos, too!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Something would be amiss for me if I didn't acknowledge the passing of a childhood favorite of mine in my last review for this year, knowing how much he meant to my young life. The summer before I purchased a copy of Peggy Herz's upbeat, black-and-white photo laden portrayal of one of the most popular comedies of the late '70s and early '80s at a school book fair, I had read an article featured in "Tiger Beat" magazine called "Kindhearted Robin", which, as the second season of "Mork & Mindy" began, turned me into an overly rabid fan of Robin Williams. The article stated something that remained true throughout his life--that he would never turn down an opportunity to support a charitable cause, especially where children were concerned--an aspect of his life and career that has been touted quite frequently since the colossally tragic news of August 11, 2014. As the world

mourned what has been considered the most devastating celebrity loss of the year, I've had warm memories of learning about the cast and crew of "Mork & Mindy" , and the heartwarming episodes that have since become classics when I've thought of this book. We learn about the lives of Robin--portrayed as kind, gentle, funny, and talented, born to privilege as the son of a wealthy Ford Motor Company executive, who recalled being bullied in his youth where his elfin features resulted in labels such as "dwarf" and "leprechaun", but who proved to be athletic and scholarly before discovering acting in college and attending Julliard, even working as a mime before his big break, and who initially and impishly mislead people to believe he was born in Edinburgh, Scotland rather than Chicago, of his co-star, Pam Dawber, a Michigan native who worked as a model and who was still grieving the loss of her younger sister, Leslie to heart trouble, the talented veteran actor, Conrad Janis, who played Mindy's father, the actress, Elizabeth Kerr, who played Mindy's grandmother, Tom Poston, who played Mindy's cynical neighbor, Mr. Bickley, and young Jeffery Jacquet, who played Eugene, a young boy who unknowingly helps a space alien adjust to life on Earth. We learn that the inspiration for the show came when "Happy Days" producer Garry Marshall's son, Scotty, a big "Star Wars" fan, told his father he wanted to see a show about a space alien. We learn of Williams' offbeat audition in which he won the role of Mork the alien when Marshall asked him to sit like an alien, and Williams sat on his head. The show's first episodes are duly recounted, from Mork and Mindy's first meeting to the heartwarming Christmas episode featuring guest star, Morgan Fairchild. We read about Robin's lively off-the-cuff antics in between takes on the set that made him look so endearing, and Herz's sanitized version of her time on the set leaves her and the young audience for whom the book was intended satisfied that she had spent time with "group of very special people", which indeed she had. Auld lang syne indeed...For old times sake, I refer to the memories of initially reading this book as a 10-year-old. It was, as is said in the song, "Bookends", "a time of innocence; a time of confidences..." Before I had to grow up and see certain realities for what they were , before my initially strong desire to one day meet Robin, which will now never materialize, would begin to wax and wane, before the darker side of the beloved comedian was revealed, there was this simple book, which among the other "Mork & Mindy" merchandise I acquired during the years the show was on the air, stands out as a highly age-appropriate read and evokes wonderful memories of a delightful, sweet, offbeat show, a very special time in my life, and of the incomparable and unforgettable Robin Williams.

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