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In this heartfelt, funny, touching memoir, Tan France, star of Netflix's smash-hit QUEER EYE tells his origin story for the first time. With his trademark wit, humor, and radical compassion, Tan reveals what it was like to grow up gay in a traditional Muslim family, as one of the few people of color in Doncaster, England. He illuminates his winding journey of coming of age, finding his voice (and style!), and how he finally came out to his family at the age of 34, revealing that he was happily married to the love of his life--a Mormon cowboy from Salt Lake City.

In Tan's own words, "The book is meant to spread joy, personal acceptance, and most of all understanding. Each of us is living our own private journey, and the more we know about each other, the healthier and happier the world will be."

## **Naturally Tan Details**

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## From Reader Review Naturally Tan for online ebook

### Kaytea says

I absolutely adore the Fab5 so I was so happy to receive an ARC for this book.

*My resting state is that I'm a dweeb. I don't drink, I don't dance, and no one would ever accuse me of being cool. I get nervous in crowds and just want to skulk off into a corner until I can slip away without anyone noticing I'm gone.*

(That paragraph has got to be one of the most relatable things I have ever read.)

Almost every chapter is titled after an article of clothing or accessory such as tuxedo, leather jacket, cowboy boots and floral shirt. My absolute favorite chapters were Jeans, Sweatpants, and Ode to a One-Piece.

*When it comes to denim, as with anything in life, you have to be willing to compromise.*

I loved all the insight to Tan's life that this book provides. I loved hearing how he started his businesses, how the cast was picked and about his marriage with Rob. This book also touches on issues such as racism that Tan and his family experienced while growing up.

There were some parts in the book I found repetitive so I knocked it down to four stars but I must say I was impressed with this read. I devoured it in one day and that is saying something because I'm not a memoir kind of gal normally.

My feelings about this read summed up in one gif:

**Thank you NetGalley and St. Martin's Press for an early copy of this book that I have reviewed honestly. <3**

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### Kirsten Hankinson says

Don't be pale, get Tan!! Coming to stores in May 2019.

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### Laura T says

Let me start by saying that I LOVE the Netflix reboot of Queer Eye. Tan is a loveable component of that show, but compared to some of his counterparts (looking at you JVN) he definitely comes off as reserved on the show. For that reason, I was very excited to read his memoir and learn more about him.

Tan's book opened a window into his life growing up in South Yorkshire and some of the racism he faced growing up. I found Tan's very-real, very-direct addressing of these topics to be eye-opening while also

showing a vulnerable side of him that we don't often experience on the show. Even some of the remarks that he makes quickly in the book and doesn't elaborate on in great detail (i.e. "brown people cannot run through an airport even if we are late for a flight") left such an imprint on me. As a cis white female this is just one example of something that has never even crossed my mind.

This book shed light on Tan's upbringing, his work ethic, his #GOALS relationship with his husband, and the bizarre sequence of events that led to him being cast on Queer Eye. It is clear that he approached writing this book with the same dry sense of humor and blunt honesty that he uses on the show and it only added to my enjoyment of the book.

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### **Pamela N. says**

A very friendly, cheerful, and easy read that takes us into the personal life of Tan France. I loved the arrangement of the book, each chapter representing a male fashion. The only part I would "fix" is to provide a character arc. Despite this is not a novel, or script, it is still a story, and one has come to expect a character arc in our Western culture. And this could be remedied so very easily in the final chapter, by altering the first sentence, adjusting a few other paragraphs, and then having a satisfying closure that might sum up Tan France's life position/experience/statement. I really missed that, as the book just SUDDENLY stops. I actually looked to see if there was more coming later.

It is not a deep read, but it is fun and entertaining, and kind.

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### **M. says**

It was a good read.

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### **Cara says**

This is a great read. Tan is candid, yet fun and funny at the same time. His voice comes through in every chapter and the anecdotes he includes are well-selected. The reflections on race/ethnicity, fame, marriage, and style are both profound and engaging. I would recommend Naturally Tan to just about anyone, even if you're not familiar with Tan's work or Queer Eye. This book is going to be big!

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### **Tara says**

Tan France is the "fashion guy" on Netflix's Queer Eye. I love watching him on the show and his book made me love him even more. Thanks to Tan, I have embraced the French Tuck. ;) He writes about his childhood, being a business owner, his marriage, how he got the Netflix job, and what life has been like since starting on Queer Eye. I loved him talking about his marriage and how much he loves his husband. I also enjoyed how real he is. He is who he is and wasn't going to change that for anyone. He is very honest in his book about lots of different subjects and even throws in some fashion advice! If you like watching him on Queer Eye, you will definitely enjoy the book.

### **Petra says**

Ah the Fab 5 ( insert heart emoji here) you all make feel warm and fuzzy inside.  
Of course I'm reading this book, can't wait for it to come out

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### **Roxanne says**

This is a Goodreads win review. To be honest I have never heard of Tan France or the show he is on. But he wrote a very joyous book and it is very interesting.

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### **mahana ☆ says**

ST. MARTINS IS OFFICIALLY MY NEW FAVOURITE PUBLISHER

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### **Taylor says**

Tan France is the most lovely human being on the planet so OF COURSE I'm reading his book.

Also...**I LOVE QUEER EYE.**

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### **Michelle Richter says**

A thoughtful memoir that is honest about race and perception and bullying and love and marriage and fashion. A delightful read. If you love him on Queer Eye and love his Instagram, you'll adore this. Check out his interview with Jonathan Van Ness on JVN's Getting Curious podcast; they dovetail nicely.

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### **Stephanie Gillespie says**

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### **Athena Rupas says**

I really loved this book! It was an easy read which takes us into the personal life of Tan France. He's very

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friendly and cheerful, with each chapter representing a male fashion. It's a very thoughtful memoir that is honest about race, perception, bullying, love, marriage, an fashion. I love him on Queer Eye and follow him on Instagram so I found his story delightful. The insights into Tan's life are fabulous. I like reading how he started his businesses, how the cast was picked and about his marriage to Rob.

“I voluntarily read and reviewed an advanced copy of this book. All thoughts and opinions are my own.”

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### **Billie says**

I adore Tan France—or the public face of Tan France, anyway—and this book did nothing to make me feel differently. Mr. France is a private person, though, and that comes through. There isn't a lot of depth or insight here. It is, however, an entertaining read and a very pleasant way to pass a few hours in the depths of winter.

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