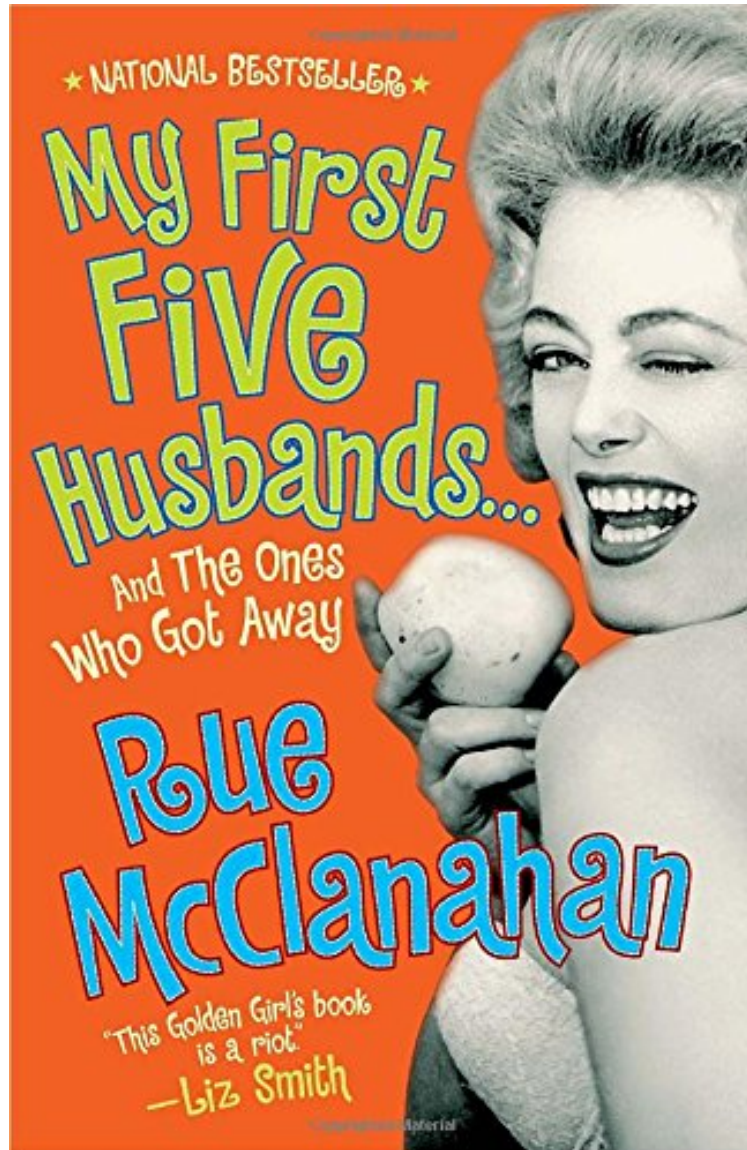


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**Rue McClanahan : My First Five Husbands...And the Ones Who Got Away** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My First Five Husbands...And the Ones Who Got Away:

14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. More Bronze than Golden, but interesting and enjoyable.By LorraineThis was an enjoyable read for a long plane flight. I was surprised to learn that Rue McClanahan had such an extensive stage career and classical training in dance and acting. She has a playful and humorous writing style, and is

brutally open about her ego and relationship and mothering fails. Don't expect this to just be about her time with the Golden Girls. Her interactions with them are only part of this memoir -- and though she speaks of her admiration for them and claims that she will not reveal anything disparaging about them, there is a hint of catty and resentment in stories she relates about them that seems to be rooted in the fact that Bea Arthur and Betty White made more money than her. She lays herself bare in a way that shows how much she has at long last learned from hard times, nefarious characters, and how much she appreciates the good.<sup>5</sup> of 5 people found the following review helpful. True RueBy Kindle CustomerI wish that Rue was still alive so that I could write her a fan letter. I always loved her acting and now I love her writing. Her life was spicy, and sad. It was beautiful and a dream fulfilled for her. She made mistakes and admits them. She raised a loving son in a world that doesn't always allow that to happen. There were good men and bad men in her life and she didn't always make the right choices, but she survived. She finally ended up with the true love of her life. He didn't get away.<sup>1</sup> of 1 people found the following review helpful. Madcap RueBy RosalieRue is a determined actress who struggles on the fringe of stardom for many years. She is a warm and loving lady who unfortunately picks the wrong men to marry, and some she does not marry. She and her Mom manage to raise her son until she finally hits the big time. Not one to wallow in self pity, she manages to find humor in most situations. She is a witty lady; who else would rate her lovers techniques from A+ to F! Entertaining and funny.

Rue McClanahan, best known for her portrayal of Blanche Devereaux on the Emmy-award winning series *The Golden Girls* reveals her life in and out of the spotlight in a laugh-out-loud funny memoir about love, marriage, men, and getting older that is every bit as colorful as the characters she played. Raised in small-town Oklahoma in a house "thirteen telephone poles past the standpipe north of town," Rue developed her two great passions— theater and men—at an early age. She arrived in New York City in 1957 with two-weeks worth of money in her pocket, hustled her way into a class with the legendary Uta Hagen, and began working her way up in the acting world against the vibrant, free-spirited backdrop of the sixties. That's when she met and married Husband #1—a handsome rogue of an aspiring actor who quickly left her with a young son. Still, she was determined to make it on the stage and screen—and in the years that followed, rose to the top of the entertainment world with a host of adventures (and husbands) along the way. From her roles on Broadway opposite Dustin Hoffman and Brad Davis, to her first television appearances on *Maude* and *All in the Family*, to the *Golden Girls* era and beyond, *My First Five Husbands* is the irresistible story of one woman's quest to find herself. Rue is proof that many things can and do get better with age—and that, if she keeps her wits about her, even a small-town girl can make it big. People always ask me if I'm like Blanche. And I say, "Well, Blanche was an oversexed, self-involved, man-crazy, vain Southern Belle from Atlanta -- and I'm not from Atlanta!" -- Rue McClanahan

From *Publishers Weekly* The youngest *Golden Girls* star offers a chatty, thoughtful and effervescent tour of her surprisingly turbulent professional and private life. Like her TV alter ego Blanche Devereaux, McClanahan charts her experiences through the men in her life (and isn't shy about assigning ratings to the life in her men—she gives enthusiastic "A"s to Benson's Robert Guillaume and Brad Davis, who at the time was nine years older than her son). Days after giving birth, she was abandoned by her first husband and pushed into a second marriage (before her divorce was final). She remembers a photo taken of the event: "We looked happy. Much like smiling travelers waving from the deck of the departing Titanic." Both men continued to play large roles in her life as she navigated through numerous affairs and six marriages. After much stage work, she found success in her late 30s on TV's *Maude*. Later, "languishing in Love Boat limbo," she was rescued by *The Golden Girls*, which brought her an Emmy and financial security. Fans will relish her sweet and tart memories of friendships and tensions filming that show. A breast cancer survivor, she ends the book happily celebrating an active career and a decade with husband number six. Photos. (Apr. 10) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "McClanahan's unpretentious candor and wit reveal an irrepressible personality full of vitality and determination." —BookPage "Fans will relish her sweet and tart memories" —*Publishers Weekly* "Like a night out with the *Golden Girls*." —*Library Journal* About the Author Rue McClanahan was born in Healdton, Oklahoma, and graduated cum laude in theater from the University of Tulsa. Most noted for her role as Blanche on *The Golden Girls*, McClanahan has had a number of well-known starring roles in television and on Broadway. In addition to her work as an actress, McClanahan spoke regularly for breast cancer awareness and prevention of cruelty toward animals. She lived in New York City with her husband, Morrow Wilson, and her cat, Bianca, until her death in 2010.