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Rating details. Sort order. Start your review of Falling Towards England. May 15, Tony rated it it was amazing. Second reading - the first being back in metaphorical ‘short pants’. Enjoyed this a great deal more than the first. More of the development of the character we all know and love, although it does seem to get a little self-indulgent towards the end. Love the man Hope he says hello to DNA for me. View 2 comments. Jan 03, Paul rated it really liked it. This is the first book I’ve read by Clive James. It was enough for me to decide it’s really Clive James you read, not this particular book, and he’s brilliant. He’s also an awesome example of what brilliant really means: not somehow extremely technically intelligent, the way you might describe an Einstein or a Bohr, but rather dazzlingly clever, sparkling, and bright. His story in Falling Towards England is fun, but any couple of pages could be read on their own with enjoyment, and it’s really h This is the first book I’ve read by Clive James.

His story in Falling Towards England is fun, but any couple of pages could be read on their own with enjoyment, and it’s really his wordplay and spontaneous reflection and insights that keep me reading. He also knows just how to describe a mood or a scene so that you recognize and sympathize with it immediately and deeply, usually with a smile. As just one delightful example which I happened to read right before writing this, towards the end of the book James is describing a holiday he took in Italy. Visiting a girlfriend of his who lived there, they scandalized the neighborhood by staying together in a small rented room and earned a crowd of male followers eager to glare at them disapprovingly. ‘Francoise’s good looks, however, though sufficiently startling, were not quite enough to explain the element of potential homicide informing that massed masculine gaze. It was my beard that had tipped them over the edge. They probably didn’t like my shoes, either - a new ox-blood pair with gold buckles at the sides.

The shoes had cost not much more than five pounds, so I don’t suppose the buckles were real gold. But they weren’t superfluous. They were holding down the straps. It was the straps that were superfluous. Jun 27, Jonathan rated it it was amazing Shelves: lives , australia. It was a sad day when Clive James shuffled off his mortal coil last year. For those of us who appreciate his mighty wit and general good spirits we are lucky to have such a large body of work to treat ourselves to almost unending chuckles and outright laughter.

This, his second volume of autobiography, begins with his arrival in England from Australia in the early s and follows his desperate attempts to keep down a job, find somewhere to live and begin his immersion into a life to be mostly spent on the top side of the world. He has said that Clive James would be my ideal dinner party guest, but now from what I have read I think I would probably spend the whole evening in the kitchen preparing anything and everything to keep him fed and watered. But I wouldn’t mind as long as he kept the conversation going.

So I say goodbye as she sings ’Hello’. Aug 11, D rated it really liked it. Outrageously funny sequel of Unreliable Memoirs. May 17, Colin rated it really liked it Shelves: colin-read , colin-read It was one of the funniest books I had ever read, and also one of the most truthful about the universal experience of childhood and early adolescence. Quite why it has taken me so long to read the second book in the series is a mystery. Falling Towards England starts with James arriving at Southampton and covers the next couple of years drifting from job to job and room to room to bedsit to room in London while he waits to take up a place Thirty-something years ago I read Clive James’ Unreliable Memoirs. Falling Towards England starts with James arriving at Southampton and covers the next couple of years drifting from job to job and room to bedsit to room in London while he waits to take up a place at Cambridge. Like its predecessor, it is very funny truly laugh out loud in places , witty and self-aware.

It’s also of course beautifully written and constructed. I loved it, and will read the remaining three volumes of unreliable memoirs in much shorter order that I did the first and second. Feb 08, Greg rated it it was amazing. Clive James is a joy to read. Oct 12, Ian Russell rated it really liked it Shelves: re-read , autobiographical , humour. I read this first about twenty years ago, about the time of the paperback release. In short, it was far, far too good. Luckily, the place where I randomly dipped in at was page 1 and thereafter all dipping randomly was forgotten. One other thing I had seemingly forgotten is that Clive James is the amongst the best of humorous writers. Every paragraph has a comical gift. He knows precisely when to play a running gag and exactly when a gag is spent. His turns of phrases are a real joy, at times quite literally tears of laughter made it impossible to read on. The second in the Unreliable Memoirs set of books sees Clive James newly arrived in post-war England, a Sydney boy trying to make good in the bright lights, high er society and learned sets of English society.

Don't read this, however, if you're expecting the really breezy, cleverly observant, self-deprecating ways of his childhood. Young adult Clive James is a different beast and he’s out of place, out of step and seemingly somewhat out of clues in this world. Moving from self-deprecation clear The second in the Unreliable Memoirs set of books sees Clive James newly arrived in post-war England, a Sydney boy trying to make good in the bright lights, high er society and learned sets of English society. Moving from self-deprecation clearly into a form of almost self-loathing, the Clive James that is trying to find his way in England, leading eventually to University post-grad studies, is struggling, and as you’d expect from Clive James he lays that on the line - wars, failures, drunk debauchery, questionable attitudes to friends and women, financially broke, morally bereft
and simply lost, he's a bit on the whingy side, as well as brutally honest and self-flaggelating.

On the one hand self-reflective, on the other utterly self-destructive. Inward looking, scared and timid whilst also being a time of great scientific and societal advancement. In the middle of all of that sat an Australian man with no idea what he's doing or where he's heading, with a desperate need for acceptance, love and to be in on the act. Sprinkled, as usual, with great observations, some positively cringeworthy moments, and a heap of stuff that everybody has ever wondered what the hell they are doing with their lives could find well worth reading. Sep 15, Susan rated it really liked it. Like reading an early day, more erudite if more pompous and alcoholic, David Sedaris. The early 60's are James post university Sydney pre-graduate Cambridge years. He spends them in London mostly broke, mostly drunk, and mostly not getting much if looking a lot Just as I began to tire of the whining a real humanity would shine through.

I wanted to shout at him the read some science: geology, biology, engineering anything but this his muddle of music, poetry, art and politicks would have b Like reading an early day, more erudite if more pompous and alcoholic, David Sedaris. I wanted to shout at him the read some science: geology, biology, engineering anything but this his muddle of music, poetry, art and politicks would have brought him some perspective; after all this is when the DNA molecule was being unravelled right next door, well maybe a few years earlier. But that is not what the sixties were all about. Jame's oblique takes on racism and the gaping wound of 20th century genocide which continue to afflict every bright, bushy tailed artist is cogent. Aug 29, Kay rated it really liked it Shelves: biogr-memoir, humor-whimsy, nonfiction. I picked this book up when we lived in Cambridge, England after seeing him on the Beeb.

For some reason I've always considered him to be the Australian equivalent of Calvin Trillin -- which is fair to neither Trillin or James, but they're both witty men of a certain age, prone to droll one-liners. I read his hilarious prequel - Unreliable Memoirs, some years ago and loved it especially the bit about the 'dunny man'. This picks up the story of Clive's emigration to England in search of a literary career, and all the trials and tribulations he encounters with accommodation, interviews and girls - not to mention the 'Singapore Suit! Oct 02, Marianne Broadgate rated it liked it. Very funny and particularly interesting read about life in London in the sixties. May 02, J Simpson rated it really liked it Shelves: writing, memoirs, england, psychogeography, sense-of-place, writers. Clive James' memoir about being a young, struggling writer who moves to London on a whim in search of literary greatness is everything that's wonderful about Clive James.

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