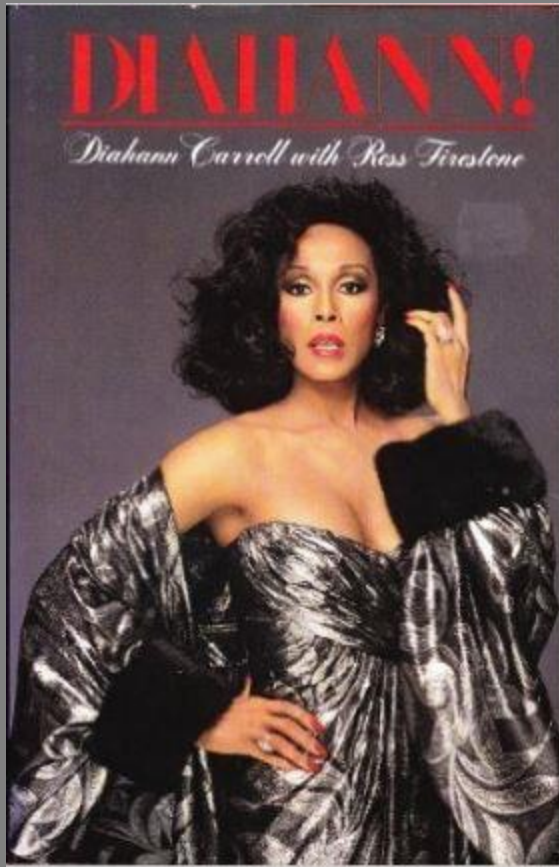


In 1986, Diahann Carroll published her memoirs, simply entitled "Diahann!". Published as it was during her Dynasty hey-days, it



sported a glamorous cover shot taken by famed celebrity photographer Harry Langdon. But underneath the glamorous cover was a life story that held both depth and courage. Ms. Carroll tells open-heartedly about her ups and downs: her early days as a kid, her life as married (several times over), her long and destructive relationship with married actor Sidney Poitier, her breakdown during Julia, her relationship with an abusive man, her comeback in Dynasty... She writes about her parents and her daughter, about how she

sometimes didn't realize how much her daughter really needed her. There is pain and there is humor, but ultimately the book is about a winner - a woman who will always survive, and who by 1986 finally starts to understand who she really is. It's a very touching and moving story, blessedly free from self-pity and nostalgia, although it sometimes concentrates a little bit too much on her various relationships. It is still highly recommended reading!