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Hollywood Warts 'N' All, Volume 1





Synopsis

The ultimate collection of scandals, on-set feuds and affairs, humorous anecdotes, behind the scenes tragedies, studio cover-ups and casting couch activity in the first hundred years of Hollywood.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Although the author claims that all relationships mentioned in the book are verifiable, I have some doubts. Royle makes a mystifying mistake in his discussion of Gone With The Wind, one of my favorite movies. He states that actor Leslie Howard, who played Ashley Wilkes, won best supporting actor posthumously after being run over by a tractor on his farm after being nominated. He later states that Howard was killed in 1943 in a plane crash, which is correct. I'm not sure who he was referring to in the first instance. He later criticizes John Wayne for being angry when, at the end of the movie High Noon, Gary Cooper throws his Marshall's badge in the dirt before riding away, saying it showed disrespect for the law. The author states that he doesn't know why Wayne was angry since the scene never happened. The author is wrong and I can't imagine anyone writing a book on Hollywood would not know of this iconic scene. I saw the movie myself just a few weeks

ago, and Cooper certainly does throw the badge in the dirt. While interesting, the books claims that just about every major actor in Hollywood was either gay or bisexual is a little difficult to believe. I'm sure that many were, but he names just about everyone I've ever heard of. Still, true or not, it's entertaining.

It was interesting, but although I am sure there are plenty of gay, lesbian an bisexual people in Hollywood, the author goes overboard by claiming almost everyone fell into those categories, so to speak. Thus, it's difficult if you are reading fiction or non-fiction.

When you find facts that you know are wrong on one part of the book you have to wonder if any of it is true. i.e. Tracy Reiner got work in films due to her mother Penny Masrshall and her father? Garry Marshall. They are brother and sister not spouses. How much other untrue statements of fact are there in the book!

This was an enlightening read. I never realized how horny all these stars were in real life. A lot of the info was new to me. Some typos, but I attribute that from the transcriber to Kindle format which is common. Next, I'd like to see stories of television history and the stars. How about it Mr. Royle? That would be great reading.

This book is refreshing in its approach to the Hollywood "life".. Mr. Royle includes more than just the subject of who's having affairs with whom. Under the heading of each motion picture (they are listed in alphabetical order) he may include such information as to how the movie was made, problems in production and how they were solved, where the movie was made or why, how a movie got its name, who won an Oscar and possibly why, salaries, accidents, deaths and much more. There's info about producers, directors, actors, stuntmen, cameramen, among others. There's heroics, good deeds, humility, humor, dislikes, grudges, tidbits about people's families and so on --- besides other less than stellar parts of their lives. Mr Royle's also rates some movies according to his personal tastes and adds some comments that convey his fine sense of humor. Need I say I enjoyed this book immensely?

This book would be a lot better if the movies discussed were in some kind of order. The book covers the lives of Hollywood stars and their private lives and relationships from the early days to modern times skipping, for instance, a movie in the 1940's then one in the 1980's then back to the 1930's.

Assuming everything is on the up and up the book is very revealing. Have not read volume II yet.

I loved this book! By going by movie titles to let you know a little bit about each actor I fell in love with the entire thing. I read it in one night! The only time I got annoyed was when he would go on a personal rant about someone or a movie. I want to hear the juicy stuff not your opinion. But otherwise top notch.

I sincerely loved the book and recommend it highly to anyone who loves the Hollywood gossip of yesteryear. I read the author's first book on Hollywood debauchery and even though this book repeated some of the wild escapades of screen legends from the previous book, it was still good reading....Loved it...Loved it....

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