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Hollywood Babylon: The Legendary Underground Classic Of Hollywood's Darkest And Best Kept Secrets



Synopsis

Originally published in Paris, this is a collection of Hollywood's darkest and best kept secrets from the pen of Kenneth Anger, a former child movie actor who grew up to become one of America's leading underground film-makers.

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Customer Reviews

Kenneth Anger is a former child movie actor who grew up to become one of America's leading underground filmmakers.

I enjoyed this book as a kid and, with the exception of random underlining of words, it remains a fun - but haunting - read.

A good read

This book would have horrified the entire United States had it been published in, say, the 50's. I recall looking at it when it was published and turning up my nose. As far as literature, I'd rank this book as a really fattening and delicious chocolate truffle, not one bit edifying but a wonderfully fun romp through Hollywood scandals of yore, some of which I was not at all familiar with. I read it in a night, and recommend it with your evening tea or cocoa.

Kenneth Anger's films are legendary pieces of art, and they've often featured famous Hollywood types and crazy celebrities such as Anaïs Nin, Mick Jagger and Jimmy Page. Anger's book is a gossip tale that he put together when he badly needed money. Anger decries the hypocrisy of Hollywood, which builds up the stars and at a whim takes them down, harkening back to a time when the world was young and he was a child actor, seemingly appearing in the 1935 adaptation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream". He sings high praise for fallen stars' best work, as they give everything that they have in projects that might bring back their careers - and when they fail in their comebacks and are crushed by cruel Hollywood, anyway, it's nothing - life moves on.

Sadly, it has become pretty badly dated. Most people won't know the majority of the celebrities.

The second chapter to Kenneth Anger's first book of Hollywood Babylon. More stories of Hollywood scandals, more recent in this book. Reading for those cold, winter nights or a rainstorm, this would definitely keep your attention as you read through this book.

If you love movie and Hollywood history, you'll love this book! A must have!

Not enough information. Very sketchy. I did find some interesting stories, but they need more details. For short information, it's ok.

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