

## Old Hollywood

### **DB80002**

Title: Olivier

Author: Philip Ziegler

Author of Man of Letters (DB 63163) chronicles the life of English actor and director Laurence Olivier (1907-1989). Describes his childhood as the son of minor gentry, his career in the theater, the rocky time he had when first starting in Hollywood, and his personal and professional relationships. 2013.

### **DB33913**

Title: Me: Stories of My Life

Author: Katherine Hepburn

Hepburn, who says she wrote this book to "discover the real reason back of all the fluff," admits it does not follow any path. She does, however, roughly portray her life from her birth in 1907 to her withdrawal into private life. Along the way she offers vignettes of her family; her only husband, Luddy; her career; her affair with Howard Hughes; and finally her special life with Spencer Tracy. Bestseller.

### **DB64903**

Title: True Grace: The Life and Death of an American Princess

Author: Wendy Leigh

Biography of Hollywood star Grace Kelly (1929-1982), who married Prince Rainier of Monaco. Through numerous interviews with friends and associates, the author reveals Kelly's series of love affairs, problems with her children, her husband's infidelities, and the demise of her acting career. 2007.

### **DB74543**

Title: Barbara Stanwyck: The Miracle Woman

Author: Dan Callahan

Biography of legendary actress Barbara Stanwyck (1907-1990) chronicles her rise from a chorus girl in the 1920s to a Hollywood star in the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. Discusses her work with prominent directors such as John Ford and Frank Capra and her later career in television. 2012.

**DB65377**

Title: Considering Doris Day

Author: Tom Santopietro

Assessment of the career of big-band singer and post-World War II actress Doris Day (born 1924). Highlights her professional achievements that comprised thirty-nine films and more than six hundred songs. Relates Day's personal life including her stage mother, unsuccessful marriages, adherence to Christian Science religion, and animal rights activism. 2007.

**DB60049**

Title: Carey Grant: A Biography

Author: Marc Eliot

Highlights the thirty-four-year film career of one of Hollywood's mid-twentieth-century leading male actors. Traces Grant's (1904-1986) family life and sexual ambivalence, evaluates his career including a monumental break with the studio system, and describes lengthy psychotherapy that included LSD treatments. Some strong language. 2004.

**DB71729**

Title: Fifth Avenue, 5 A.M.: Audrey Hepburn, Breakfast at Tiffany's, and the Dawn of the Modern Woman

Author: Sam Wasson

Discusses the filming of the 1961 movie Breakfast at Tiffany's, based on Truman Capote's novel featuring Manhattan party girl Holly Golightly. Details how director Blake Edwards changed the script to pass Hollywood's morality code while still showing a sexually liberated woman living alone and having fun. Bestseller. 2010.

**DB79379**

Title: The Little Girl Who Fought the Great Depression: Shirley Temple and 1930s America

Author: John Kasson

Historian examines the Great Depression in America in the 1930s and how it led to the development of Shirley Temple as one of the most famous people in the country. Discusses the impact of her movies on the economy of the day, race relations, and marketing. 2014.

**DB17336**

Title: Fonda, My Life, as told to Howard Teichmann

Author: Henry Fonda; Howard Teichmann

Relates the triumphs and tragedies of the actor's life and celebrated career. Tells of his five wives and his well-known friends, many of them superstars of Hollywood, Broadway, or Washington. These include Jimmy Stewart, Lucille Ball, and the Kennedys. Some strong language. Bestseller 1981.

**DB66539**

Title: Home: A Memoir of My Early Years

Author: Julie Andrews

British actress describes growing up a child star with her vaudevillian mother and stepfather. By book's end she has given a royal command performance, acted in Broadway's Camelot and My Fair Lady, is married with a child, and is heading to Hollywood in 1963 to film Mary Poppins. Bestseller. 2008

**DB88127**

Title: We'll Always Have Casablanca: The Life, Legend, and Afterlife of Hollywood's Most Beloved Movie

Author: Noah Isenberg

A film historian looks at the 1942 film Casablanca, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. In addition to a detailed account of the challenges faced in making the film and profiles of the cast and crew, the author discusses the film's lasting popularity and influence. 2017.

**DB69558**

Title: The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe

Author: Randy Taraborrelli

Biographer Taraborrelli, author of Elizabeth (RC 63718), uses records and interviews with family and friends to reconstruct the life of actress Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962). Examines Monroe's relationships with the women who raised her and later with the Kennedy clan. Discusses her mother Gladys Baker's mental illness and Monroe's suicide. 2009

**DB89274**

Title: Warner Bros: The Making of an American Movie Studio

Author: David Thomson

A history of the film studio, founded in the early 1920s by four Jewish immigrant brothers. Covers the contributions and rivalries of the siblings,

which culminated in Jack taking control of the studio. Also recounts stories of the studio's notable movies and movie stars. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2017.

**DB60081**

Title: *By Myself and Then Some*

Author: Lauren Bacall

Award-winning actress recaps her early years, Hollywood career, marriage to Humphrey Bogart, and widowhood first explored in *Lauren Bacall by Myself* (DB 13275). Summarizes the later part of her life including her marriage to Jason Robards and reminisces about lifelong friends and her work in the theater. Bestseller. 2005.

**DB77608**

Title: *On My Way: The Untold Story of Rouben Mamoulian, George Gershwin, and Porgy and Bess*

Author: Joseph Horowitz

Music critic for the *New York Times* examines the development of the seminal American opera *Porgy and Bess*. Traces the ways director Rouben Mamoulian transformed DuBose Heyward's novella *Porgy* and George Gershwin's music to create a stage hit. 2013.

**DB60817**

Title: *The Leading Men of MGM*

Author: Jane Ellen Wayne

In this companion to *The Golden Girls of MGM* (DB 56320), the author writes about legendary actors who were under contract to Louis B. Mayer's Hollywood studio. Reveals personal information regarding the affairs and vices of Clark Gable, Peter Lawford, Robert Taylor, and others. Includes filmographies. Strong language. 2004.

**DB71424**

Title: *Furious Love: Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, and the Marriage of the Century*

Author: Sam Kashner and Nancy Schoenberger

Uses Richard Burton's love letters and interviews with Elizabeth Taylor to construct dual biographies of the Welsh Shakespearian actor and the Hollywood star. Traces their volatile relationship from the 1962 movie set of *Cleopatra*, where they began an adulterous affair, through their two marriages and divorces. Strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

**DB77054**

Title: Ava Gardner: The Secret Conversations

Author: Peter Evans

Legendary screen star's alcohol-fueled, late-night conversations with British journalist, published thirteen years after her death, provide candid details about Gardner's movies, career, marriages, and lovers and Hollywood highlife in the forties and fifties. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

**DB77447**

Title: My Lunches with Orson: Conversations between Henry Jaglom and Orson Welles

Edited and with an introduction by Peter Biskind

For two years before his death, legendary filmmaker Orson Welles (1915-1985) allowed his friend, writer/director Henry Jaglom, to record their conversations at Welles's favorite Hollywood restaurant. Welles candidly reminisced about his career, lovers, and friends and dismissed rivals, stars, directors, and politics. Strong language. Bestseller. 2013.

**DB78568**

Title: You Must Remember This: Life and Style in Hollywood's Golden Age

Author: Robert Wagner

Movie star and author of *Pieces of My Heart* (DB 67757) reflects on life in Hollywood in the 1930s to 1950s. Reminisces about big-name stars, including Jimmy Stewart and Frank Sinatra, and the style and nightlife enjoyed by movie-industry insiders. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2014.

**DB78778**

Title: John Wayne: The Life and Legend

Author: Scott Eyeman

Author of *Mary Pickford, America's Sweetheart* (DB 31374) and *Lion of Hollywood* (DB 61573) chronicles the life of screen legend John Wayne. Details Wayne's early years in Iowa and California, his life in Hollywood, and his personal relationships. Examines the mystique that grew up around him. Bestseller. 2014.

**DB81674**

Title: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow: My Life: Sophia Loren

Author: Sophia Loren

The legendary movie actress grew up in Rome, Italy, during WWII, the child of a single mother. Her beauty won her roles in Italian films, which soon led to Hollywood stardom. Loren shares her personal story as well as anecdotes of famous co-stars. Originally published in Italian as Ieri, Oggi, Domani. 2014.