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Marilyn Encyclopedia



Synopsis

Marilyn Monroe's status as the greatest icon of the twentieth century is rarely disputed, but the real Marilyn in many ways has remained a mystery. Her life has been pondered by everyone from film scholars and historians to novelists and pop culture mavens, creating endless pages of biography, analysis, adoration, invective, and speculation ever since her mysterious death in August 1962. With Adam Victor's astute research and crisp writing, as well as hundreds of photographs (including shots by top photographers Eve Arnold, Henri Cartier-Bresson, and Milton Greene, among others), the facts of Marilyn's amazing life are represented in full and, of course, there is complete information on Marilyn's lovers, songs, and films, including credit listings. The Marilyn Encyclopedia is the second-to-none resource on Marilyn Monroe.

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Customer Reviews

The Marilyn Encyclopedia is, according to its jacket notes, "the most comprehensive book about [Marilyn Monroe's] extraordinary life and legacy ever published." This may easily be true--it is incredibly, insanely detailed. Author Adam Victor has taken every conceivable source of Marilyn information--admittedly including Internet rumors and Hollywood gossip among the more well-documented tidbits--distilled them down to alphabetical entries, and cross-referenced them to within an inch of their lives. While the casual fan can check out Marilyn's Look covers or a list of the screenwriters she worked with, hardcore devotees can look up such vital information as the name of the first restaurant she and Joe DiMaggio ate at on their honeymoon (a controversy--was it the restaurant at the Hot Springs Hotel or at the Clifton Inn?) or the name of Marilyn's poodle (Maf

Honey). The meticulous cross-referencing makes *The Marilyn Encyclopedia* an extremely enjoyable browser's read, allowing the reader to hop from Marilyn's disdain for underwear to her working relationship with John Huston to the fact that she never had much trouble with gambling--all with the flip of a page. This encyclopedia of course contains a rich assortment of photos: posed studio portraits, pinups, and candid shots vie for space throughout the tome. Despite his obvious devotion as a fan, Victor is remarkably evenhanded in his choice of the quotes and anecdotes sprinkled throughout the book. The reader cannot help but be left with the impression that, for all her magical appeal, Monroe may well have been a trying person to deal with on a day-to-day basis. This is the perfect book for the dedicated fan who wants to know everything--no, really, everything--about Marilyn Monroe. --Ali Davis --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

From artichokes to hair color, it seems nothing has been left out of this comprehensive encyclopedia of Hollywood's premier starlet, a woman who continues to fascinate nearly four decades after her death. Combining gorgeous color photographs with articles on everything related to or influenced by Marilyn Monroe, Victor, a freelance writer and translator, has composed the definitive question-and-answer book for fans and scholars. Entries range from a few lines to several pages, but all whet the appetite for more. Rather than take sides, Victor simply presents the fact and the folklore that make up the Marilyn mystique, including gossip, anecdote, and conspiracy theories. The photos alone make this a worthy purchase, but its exhaustive scope and impartial presentation make it highly recommended for public libraries and necessary for film collections.-Kelli N. Perkins, Herrick P.L., Holland, MI Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

After reading the glowing reviews for this book, I just had to get it and see what the fuss was about. I was cynical though, and thought it was probably overrated. How wrong I was! When I went to the mail there was this huge package for me, and I wondered, what did i order that big? When I opened it I was astonished and delighted that "The Marilyn Encyclopedia" was so big. I thought, "a Marilyn book this big?! Boy, this has to have a lot of info and pics!" I was right! I've never seen a MM book like this or a celebrity book like this actually. I praise Mr. Victor for all his hard, hard work. To compile this must have been an an excruciating task (he said this book took 3 yrs to create and he had a lot of help) There's 334 pages of just info (and pics). And you might as well think if it as more than 334 pages; because if this was an average sized book it would have been 600 pages! That's why they had to make the pages so long and the book is so big. Mr. Victor did the impossible. From

A-Z you will find how someone, something, or someplace relates to Marilyn Monroe!! For instance, there's "Elizabeth Taylor", "Biography", "Beauty", "Body", e.t.c, e.t.c. Basically you will get all the scoop you can possibly get on MM! With my collection of MM books, I THOUGHT I knew everything, heard all the quotes she said, all the quotes people said about her. But there's SO much more-and you can only find them in this book. If you are a MM fan/book enthusiast you really don't have a collection until you have this!! The ONLY thing that I didn't like a little was there were some great pics and a lot were small. I was like, "oooh that pic should have been bigger." But that couldn't bring me to give this book 4 stars; it's just too good for that! To sum up this book, Victor even has MM's phone number and social security number under "Numbers"! (Too bad it's of no use now) Get this book now! It is the best Marilyn Monroe book!

This is the ultimate in Marilyn information!

The contents of the book are amazing. Was disappointed in the condition of the book itself, though. It was supposed to be brand new but it looked used. The dust jacket was worn & scratched in several areas.

The Marilyn Encyclopedia is perhaps the most thorough look at Marilyn Monroe's life available. Every detail imaginable from A-Z is here: where she lived, what her marriages were like, what her favorites were, and almost anything else you could want to know. It also offers an in-depth look at each of her movies, including plot synopsis, reviews, & background. This book is a complete must have for any fan. There are tons of pictures, rare facts, and quotes. Completely worth the price in my opinion.

I gave this as a birthday gift for my mom, she loved it! Nice photos, great stories and details! thanks for the quick service as well!

great book

My idol and this is just one of many books that tell so very much!!

As a Marilyn Monroe fan this book was a must to buy, and I never regret it. I love all the pictures of Marilyn in this book also. No doubt, I would recommend it to every Marilyn Monroe friend.

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