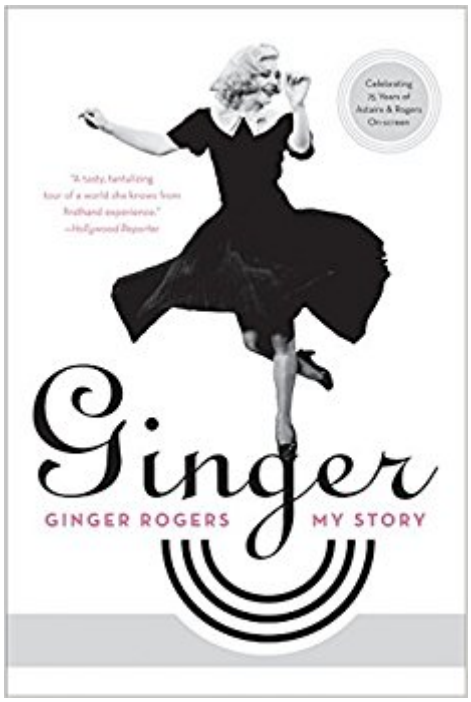
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Ginger: My Story



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Synopsis

She was born Virginia Katherine McMath, but the world would come to know herÃ¢â ¬â •and love herÃ¢â ¬â •as Ginger Rogers: Broadway star, Academy Award-winning actress, and the ultimate on-screen dancing partner of the inimitable Fred Astaire. In Ginger: My Story, the legendary entertainer shares the triumphs of a remarkable career that began when she won a Texas dancing contest at age fourteen; the joys and heartbreaks of her five marriages; her relationships with some of Hollywood's major leading men, including Cary Grant, Jimmy Stewart, and damaged daredevil billionaire Howard Hughes; and the strength of her religious convictions that got her through thick and thin.Lavishly illustrated with rare photographs from the author's personal collection, Ginger is an enthralling, behind-the-scenes tour of Hollywood life during the Golden Age of movies by one of its most enduring stars.

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Winning a dance contest in Texas launched the 14-year-old Virginia Katherine McMath on her acting career and eventful personal life, episodes, emotions and dialogue from which she recreates here in exhaustive detail. Now 79, this devout Christian Scientist recalls her early vaudeville days in a determinedly upbeat tone, as well as her stage and film hits, including the 10 musicals-- Top Hat , Swing Time , etc.--in which she and Fred Astaire co-starred. Also discussed is Rogers's Oscar-winning Kitty Foyle and acclaimed roles in Hello Dolly and Mame . The author brightens an uninspired narrative style with backstage and Hollywood anecdotes and names, and tells of her five

husbands--and of her romances with the likes of Cary Grant, Jimmy Stewart and Howard Hughes. She also encountered political figures--from U.S. presidents to the shah of Iran and Juan Peron. Recommended for fans who cherish every scrap of trivia about their idol. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Rogers is a consummate storyteller in addition to being an entertainment legend. In this autobiography, she chronicles her rise to stardom and describes her various dramatic and musical film roles. She also reviews her five marriages and various romances, while charmingly setting the record straight on her partnership with Fred Astaire. Although candid in her revelations, she respects the people and events that touched her--there is no tabloid gossip here. The positive influence of her mother, Lela, and open testimony to a deep religious faith figure strongly in her life's story, which is rich in detail and humor. Rogers shines through as a vivacious, talented, and self-confident individual with an earthy response to her amazing career. This delightful chronicle of 50 years in entertainment is refined, well-written fun. Recommended for circulating libraries. Previewed in Prepub Alert, LJ 6/15/91.- Carol J. Binkowski, Bloomfield, N.J.Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book starts out very interesting. The part about her parents and how her mother raised her was really interesting. It's stays interesting for quite a while, but after about half way through, it gets boring. It's really too much detail about every movie she's been in. I'm struggling to finish it. I am glad I read the first part. The writing is very good.

Enjoyed reading about Ginger Rogers! She had a fascinating life both professionally and personally. This book is well written and follows her life in a wonderful and exciting way. A book to read for anyone who just wants to have a fun read!

I really enjoyed this biography. You get a good sense of who Ginger is, how she feels and what she believes. Very interesting.

It's very enjoyable to read. I only knew her from the old "Fred & Ginger" movies. I had know idea she mad so many films and was an Academy Award winner.

Still reading, great so farThank You

Fascinating read! Love the behind the scenes in Gingers own words.

Interesting read and really detailed. Amazing how she could remember so many details from her childhood.

Great read on one of my favorite stars

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