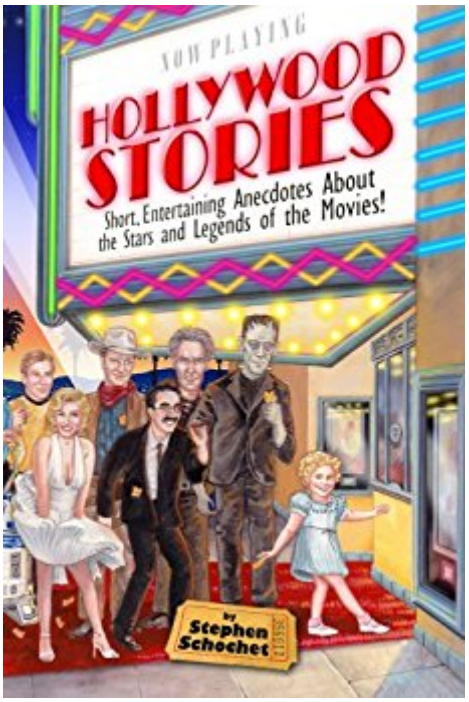
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Synopsis

2012 Global Ebook Award Winner - Entertainment and Performing Arts Non-FictionÃ¢â ¬Å“A WILD, FUN RIDE THROUGH TINSEL TOWN, PAST AND PRESENT!Ã¢â ¬Â• -- Jan Wahl, KCBS AM/FM & KRON-TVAt high noon on a cold November day in 1974, sixty-seven-year-old John Wayne faced off with the staff of the Harvard Lampoon on the famous campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The students had issued their challenge by calling the beloved American icon a fraud. Wayne, who had his new movie McQ to promote, responded by saying he would be happy to show his film in the pseudo-intellectual swamps of Harvard Square. After the screening, without writers, the former USC footballer delivered a classic performance. When one smart young man asked where he got his phony toupee, Wayne insisted the hair was real. It wasn't his, but it was real. The appreciative underclassmen loved him and after the Q and A session, they all sat down to dinner. Later Wayne, who was suffering greatly from both gout and the after effects of lung cancer (sadly the Duke only had five years to live), said that day at Harvard was the best time he ever had.Just when you thought you've heard everything about Hollywood comes a totally original new book -- a special blend of biography, history and lore.Hollywood Stories is packed with wild, wonderful short tales about famous stars, movies, directors and many others who have been a part of the world's most fascinating, unpredictable industry!What makes the book unique is that the reader can go to any page and find a completely engaging and illuminating yarn. Sometimes people won't realize that they are reading about The Three Stooges or Popeye the Sailor until they come to the end of the story. The Midwest Book Review says Hollywood Stories is, "packed from cover to cover with fascinating tales." A professional tour guide in Hollywood, Stephen Schochet has researched and told thousands of entertaining anecdotes for over twenty years. He is also the author and narrator of two audiobooks Tales of Hollywood and Fascinating Walt Disney. Tim Sika, host of the radio show Celluloid Dreams on KSJS in San Jose has called Stephen," The best storyteller about Hollywood we have ever heard."Full of funny moments and twist endings, Hollywood Stories features an amazing, all-star cast of legendary characters and icons and will keep you totally entertained! If you are interested in stories about Hollywood Celebrities, Movie Stars, Movie Gossip, Directors, Famous People, and Movie History, this book is for you!

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Customer Reviews

I’m a sucker for "bathroom book" collections, but they’re a lot harder to do well than you might suspect. This one turned out to be very entertaining, mainly because the author didn’t try to muscle his way into the stories and the tales were about stars with whom I am familiar. I’m not sure if younger readers would recognize most of these performers, but I could be wrong there.In any event, the beauty of this sort of project is that if some bit, paragraph, snippet or short tale doesn’t grab you, then another is coming right down the line after it. For what it’s worth I had a real potato chip experience with this, and kept saying "Just one more" as I tried to move on. High praise indeed.

This is great look behind-the-scenes of making movies in Hollywood. It is full of crazy stories, fun facts, and lots and lots of characters of all kinds actors, actresses, directors, studio heads, animals. This book is full of funny things they said and did, superstitions, habits, it tells what it took to make movies. It tells about relationships behind the camera between actors, actresses, directors, and animals. There are a lot of laugh out loud moments. If you like getting the inside scoop on Hollywood then this book is for you. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. I hope this author writes more of this type of book. More Please.Papa Place

Since I was very young, I have had a fascination with Hollywood--especially old Hollywood. I used to

watch old movies and check out biographies of various actors and actresses I liked. This was before the days of the internet, and the library files were on paper and in pull-out files. I had to go through the difficult process of requesting books about these actors/actresses. I read several books on Judy Garland, Bing Crosby, and Danny Kaye. I also read about Lana Turner, Joan Crawford, Doris Day, Frank Sinatra, and so much more. Granted, I often didn't understand everything that I was reading, but little facts stuck with me here and there. I loved being able to watch these old movies with a keen understanding of "behind the scenes" insider knowledge.When I was offered the chance to review this book, there was no doubt that I wanted to read it. This book has a massive amount information about Hollywood from various eras (but mostly old Hollywood). It is organized in chapters/sections that make sense, and each story is no more than a page or two long. It is quick reading, and I am sure I will go back and review various sections.I honestly have no criticisms for this book. The only "profanity" was so extremely mild, and anything that was more than what is acceptable on television was not even written. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate that. It was nice to read about some of these people that I only knew by name, and it was definitely a fun read. I also appreciate the fact that the author was/is a Hollywood tour guide, and he listed a long list of sources he consulted. This makes me feel that he researched his topics, and his only purpose is telling stories about Hollywood. He is not trying to "smear" anyone or hurt them. He told is as it was, and he did it an easy-to-read style. For the Hollywood movie buff, this is a definite must-read!I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. I was not financially compensated, and all opinions are 100 percent mine.

Michael Caine's autobiography is so well done, without mudslinging at other people he met along the way. From his first big movie Zulu to the present day, Caine has not a malicious bone in his body. A pleasure to read his well-written anecdotes.

Just what I hoped for. interesting and humanizing vignettes of Hollywood stars old and new. I enjoyed the tales of Marilyn and Lana Turner. Natalie Wood showed character. It is abundantly clear, many of the greats, Fairfield, Pickford, Wayne, Tracy, Flynn, Grant, Wood, Monroe, Pitt, Penn, and Damon, to name a few, knew how to party, I doubt most of them could have excelled in any other setting. This is a mini celebration of their uniqueness. A fun read.

I thought since it had somewhat mixed reviews when I got it it wasn't going to be that good, but I throughly enjoyed it!I'm at the age, currently 55, that most of the names and some of the stories

have places in my memory, but never knowing the complete story as it’s presented, and with more information when available too.I think it was a very interesting and enjoyable read and I would highly recommend it!! Much, much better than similar books I’ve gotten on ’old Hollywood’ to read about those days.

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