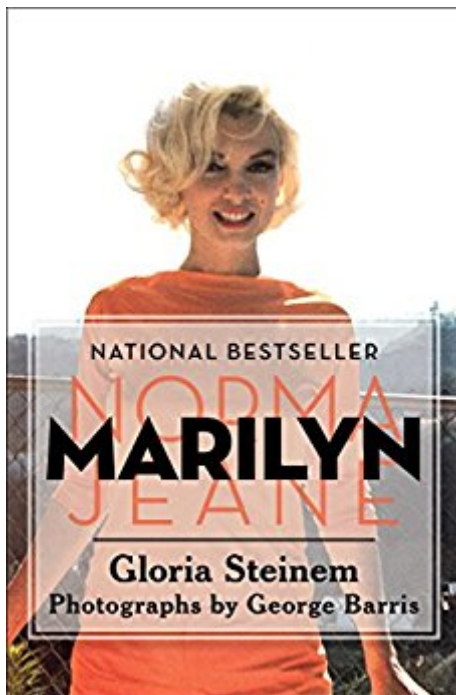


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Marilyn: Norma Jeane



Synopsis

Gloria Steinem's insightful and uniquely sensitive account of Hollywood's brightest star from the Golden Age. Few books have altered the perception of a celebrity as much as Marilyn. Gloria Steinem reveals that behind the familiar sex symbol lay a tortured spirit with powerful charisma, intelligence, and complexity. The book delves into a topic many other writers have ignored—that of Norma Jeane, the young girl who grew up with an unstable mother, constant shuffling between foster homes, and abuse. Steinem evocatively recreates that world, connecting it to the fragile adult persona of Marilyn Monroe. Her compelling text draws on a long, private interview Monroe gave to photographer George Barris, part of an intended joint project begun during Monroe's last summer. Steinem's Marilyn also includes Barris's extraordinary portraits of Monroe, taken just weeks before the star's death.

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Customer Reviews

My daughter is interested in the life and death of Marilyn. The book is for her and she loves it.

Of all the beautiful actresses (actors) that graced the silver screen in my day (I'm 71 years old) Marilyn is the only one I wish I could have met and spent time with. If you read her book "Marilyn, Her Life in Her Own Words", also available here on Amazon, and research some of the vast amount of material surrounding her life and rise to fame and then her tragic death (not a suicide), you'll understand why I make that statement perhaps. Keep this in mind, she was one of only two actors that attended the acclaimed "Actors Studio" who were considered by its renowned founders/educators (Elia Kazan, Cheryl Crawford, Robert Lewis and Lee Strasberg) to be the most capable, talented, intelligent and dedicated film artists...the other was Marlon Brando!

Really who doesn't love Marilyn, she is a legend!! So sad she had a tough childhood and then ended up with abusive jerks.. so sad for her, too bad she didn't have more time to live life, learn how to love herself and be loved by a gentleman that would treat her like she deserved.

She was smarter than many realized and more intellectual. Very needy emotionally, but that can be explained by her having a mother that was institutionalized a good part of her childhood which caused her to be in an orphan's asylum for a few years. Sadly, she never recovered from those insecurities.

Received the book on time with no problems.. Contained lots of beautiful photographs of the gorgeous Marilyn Monroe both displaying her skill as a "photographers model" and her true beauty. There is this "candid" and playful feel to some of the images..I was so pleased by the "voice" of this book, the author really seemed to have a wonderful, true friendship with his subject. They shared a kinship and fondness for one another.. No wonder Marilyn felt so comfortable with him... You definitely get that feel in this book. You get an intimate, inside view into the human being behind the ICON.. A must have for any true Marilyn fan!

It has been done too many times already.

As an avid Marilyn Monroe fan I was pleasantly surprised by this little gem. The images that are contained in this book are absolutely fantastic and show Marilyn as Marilyn not as the MMMM Girl that we are all accustomed to. Marilyn was and still remains the most beautiful woman in the world

and this book just highlights that fact even more. Stripped of the glamour and elegance of a Hollywood movie set, Marilyn glows sans make-up. Her natural beauty may, in fact, be even more captivating than her glamorous persona. Much of the background story provided by the author may at times sound as if he has been talking about his fantasy but underneath it all he seems to try to respect Marilyn. That is more than I can say for some of the other books that have been published which all aim to portray her as nothing more than a drug-addled wannabe actress. Reading her own words makes one realise that Marilyn was an extremely intelligent woman who was never really understood in life. All in all this book is definitely worth a look if only for the glorious images of Ms. Monroe.

This was a pretty good book on Marilyn. The pictures of Marilyn were not the best since most of the photos were taken just before she died and she suffered from a hard life. So many bad things have been written about Marilyn and Gloria tried to give her the benefit of the doubt as to why she may have done some of the things she did. Remember she was young when she passed away and who can say that they didn't have some wild times when they were younger. Marilyn was truly a "candle in the wind"! She was shunned by jealous women and demonized by scorned men who lusted after her. I think so much of what has been written about her was truly unfair. Given her terrible life it is no wonder she suffered from depression and turned (she was actually fed drugs by studio execs) to drugs for comfort and to allow her to sleep since she suffered from insomnia. Gloria Steinem's book is a gentle portrayal of Marilyn as I believe it should have been.

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