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"Maybe I'm too  
masculine. Casting  
directors cast in  
their own, or an  
idealized image.  
Maybe I don't look  
like anybody's

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ideal." - Charles  
Bronson "I look  
like the kind of  
guy who has a  
bottle of beer in  
my hand." -

Charles Bronson  
The leading men  
of the 1940s and  
'50s ably  
represented the  
visual and cultural  
expectations of

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those decades in their iconic films. Some were handsome and glib with quasi-classical dialogue, some could sing, and a few could dance, while others brought an imposing athletic presence to thrillers,

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westerns, and urban crime dramas. However, with the advent of the early 1960s, popular culture entered a heightened age of verismo, a more frank and severe view of societal reality. Motion picture studios on

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both sides of the Atlantic, aware of the changing times, were quick to reflect it. The harsher light of violent new genres required a different sort of male protagonist, a character type who could put his humanity and

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uncertainty aside  
to act as a more  
ruthless hero than  
his predecessors.  
Paralleling real  
concerns over  
crime and an  
increasing  
disrespect for life  
and property, the  
public fell in love  
with the new  
"avenging angel"

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image, and with Charles Bronson, the actor born at the perfect time in which to symbolize it in the grittier new films. By the time Bronson emerged from a series of miniscule, uncredited roles in the mid-1950s,



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the singing cowboy was two generations gone, save vestiges in television serials, such as Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. The dancing romantic lead of the Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire variety would soon

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exhaust itself as a genre in an age increasingly bent on realism and a more severe form of escape.

Bronson possessed none of the gifts common to the heroes of the previous era. Light-heartedness did not become

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him, and by all accounts, he was neither a singer nor dancer. He could not offer the heft of Gary Cooper or John Wayne, although he shared a reserved quality with the former. He did not possess the

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pristine good  
looks of Gregory  
Peck. In fact, one  
good-natured  
description  
making the rounds  
in Bronson's  
heyday likened  
him to "A Clark  
Gable who has  
been left out in  
the sun too long."  
To accompany the

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rough-hewn appearance of Bronson's new class of hero, the typical script gave his remarkably enduring persona, little to say in terms of dialogue that would reveal his inner thoughts. With minimal text, even those he

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attempts to help  
are unsure of his  
intentions, and  
few clues are  
offered by which  
the viewer can  
come to know his  
mind. As the  
grotesqueness of  
his characters'  
violent acts  
increased, so did  
the heinous deeds

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of the criminals he fought, upping the ante to an eager public in search of a simple cure for its social ills. In a career of almost eighty films and a total body of work totaling 160 appearances including television,

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Bronson pushed the envelope of what graphic action the studios were willing to offer, what the censors would accept, and what the sensibilities of movie-goers were able to endure more than anyone in his era. Critics



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almost uniformly  
eviscerated most  
of these films as  
dramatic  
eyesores, and  
invariably equated  
Bronson's level of  
talent to their  
distasteful  
contents and ill  
fortunes at the  
box office. Only in  
recent years, as

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the genre has grown even more extreme, has Bronson's work been reviewed in a more kindly light. Critics aside, however, once established in the U.S. after a series of triumphs in Europe, Bronson never lost the

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adoration of either the international or domestic movie-going public who, he noted, are the ones buying the tickets, and are therefore the only people of importance.

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of Charles

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Bronson examines  
the life and career  
of the iconic actor.

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pictures.

\* Includes some of  
Eastwood's most  
colorful quotes.

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further reading.

"The roles that  
Eastwood has

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played, and the films that he has directed, cannot be disentangled from the nature of the American culture of the last quarter century, its fantasies and its realities." -

Edward Gallafent

A lot of ink has  
been spilled

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of history's most  
influential figures,  
but how much of  
the forest is lost  
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readers can get  
caught up to  
speed on the lives  
of America's most

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important men and women in the time it takes to finish a commute, while learning interesting facts long forgotten or never known.

Today, the name Clint Eastwood conjures up many different and unforgettable

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images. While many will always associate him as the quintessential Western hero in classics like The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, new generations know him as a critically acclaimed director and even an outspoken



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conservative  
firebrand. Even if  
he is no longer the  
most prominent  
star in Hollywood,  
he is assuredly  
the most  
decorated  
octogenarian in  
the industry. In  
addition to his  
acting, two of his  
pictures,

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Unforgiven  
(1992) and Million  
Dollar Baby  
(2004), garnered  
Oscars for Best  
Director and Best  
Picture.

Eastwood's acting  
and directing  
abilities have long  
appealed to both  
high classes and  
mass audiences,

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although it is true that his early works were skewed more toward the popular while the later ones reflect the opposite dynamic. Debuting in the 1950s, Eastwood's career has now spanned over 50 years,

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and he has been involved in over 75 films, not to mention his appearances in television and other media. The sheer volume of films is especially impressive considering that he has also directed a

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significant number of them. As such a prolific figure of Hollywood, it is clear that Eastwood has approached his career with diligence and persistence, working hard through both success and

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failure. This work ethic has lent him an aura of accessibility that is relatively rare among Hollywood stars, as has his willingness to put himself out there on issues beyond the silver screen. Today, Eastwood is just as likely to

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evoke images of his speech at the 2012 Republican National Convention as he is images of the Western vigilante. American

Legends: The Life of Clint Eastwood profiles the life and career of one of Hollywood's

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greatest icons,  
both on and off  
the screen. Along  
with pictures of  
important people,  
places, and  
events, you will  
learn about  
Eastwood like you  
never have  
before, in no time  
at all.

Draws on Red



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Cloud's  
autobiography,  
which was lost for  
nearly a hundred  
years, to present  
the story of the  
great Oglala Sioux  
chief who was the  
only Plains Indian  
to defeat the  
United States  
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Washington and  
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Legends of the  
Great Lakes and  
the Mississippi  
Valley

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*history is full  
of many great  
men and women  
who changed the  
course of the  
United States  
and even the  
world. They are  
rightfully  
considered  
heroes by many  
Americans,  
because of*

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*their contributions.  
This book is  
unique because  
it focuses on  
the personal  
struggles and  
triumphs that  
made each  
individual a  
hero to  
millions of  
Americans. In*

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*The Great Book  
of American  
Heroes, you'll  
learn the  
answers to the  
following  
questions: What  
were some of  
the barriers  
that nearly  
prevented the  
Wright Brothers  
from making*

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*their historic  
first flight? -  
How did Helen  
Keller beat  
incredible odds  
and learn how  
to speak and  
write? - Why was  
Al Capone  
considered a  
hero by so many  
Americans? -  
How was the*

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*"pen mightier  
than the sword"  
for Upton  
Sinclair?— Who  
is America's  
greatest hero  
of the silver  
screen and why?  
— Which  
presidents are  
America's  
greatest  
heroes? — How*



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*did Babe Ruth  
become*

*America's first  
sports hero? -*

*Who were*

*America's*

*greatest*

*explorer*

*heroes?- Why*

*were some of*

*these heroes*

*reluctant to*

*accept their*

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*status? And so  
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fascinating and  
impactful  
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to learn  
more. This book  
also looks at  
the very term  
"hero" in a  
unique way by  
including a

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*fair share of  
rebels, bad  
boys, and anti-  
heroes, who  
were also  
considered  
heroes by  
many. Whether  
you have a  
passing  
interest in  
American  
history, are*

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*distantly  
related to one  
of the heroes,  
or just want  
something  
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*and research*  
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*legend and its*  
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controversies  
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life and  
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pictures of  
Doubleday and  
important*

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people and  
places.

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reading. "Gen.  
Doubleday was  
not a man of  
'personal  
magnetism' nor  
what is called  
a dashing  
officer.' He*

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*was an earnest  
and  
conscientious  
man and a safe  
and steady sold  
ier-precise,  
methodical, and  
to be depended  
on in any  
emergency." -  
General Don  
Carlos Buell A  
lot of ink has*

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*been spilled  
covering the  
lives of  
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figures, but  
how much of the  
forest is lost  
for the trees?  
In Charles  
River Editors'  
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readers can get  
caught up to  
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America's most  
important men  
and women in  
the time it  
takes to finish  
a commute,  
while learning  
interesting  
facts long



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*forgotten or  
never known.*

*Abner Doubleday  
(1819-1893) had  
one of the  
lengthiest  
Civil War  
resumes and an  
influence that  
made him worthy  
of national  
recognition.*

*Doubleday is*

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*credited with firing the first shot in defense of Fort Sumter, the opening fight of the war, and he played a pivotal role on the first day of the Battle of Gettysburg, taking command*

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*of the I Corps  
early on the  
morning of July  
1, 1863 after  
General John  
Reynolds was  
killed.*

*Doubleday also  
led a division  
at South  
Mountain and  
then at  
Antietam, where*

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*he was injured during deadly fighting in the Cornfield and the West Woods. One colonel described him as a "gallant officer . . . remarkably cool and at the very front of battle," and*

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*his personal  
character was  
so admired  
among the rank-  
and-file that  
one of his men  
humorously  
asserted, "He  
is deficient  
considerably in  
the requisites  
of a commander.  
He does not*

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*drink  
whiskey...stays  
with his  
command and  
seems anxious  
to do his duty  
and fight  
Rebels....He  
also allows his  
wife to stay  
with him when  
he ought to  
keep a*

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*mistress."*

*Despite his  
Civil War  
service, few  
people remember  
Abner Doubleday  
for his  
military career  
today, and it  
has basically  
been relegated  
to the status  
of historical*

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*footnote.*

*Instead,*

*Doubleday has*

*become the*

*inadvertent*

*beneficiary of*

*the myth that*

*he invented*

*baseball, and*

*he is almost*

*universally*

*remembered for*

*that claim. In*



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*conjunction,  
the widespread  
belief that  
Doubleday  
invented  
baseball  
resulted in his  
hometown of  
Cooperstown,  
New York  
becoming home  
of Major League  
Baseball's Hall*

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*of Fame. This  
is all in spite  
of the fact  
that Doubleday  
never claimed  
to have  
invented the  
game much less  
said anything  
of note about  
it, which  
should come as  
no surprise*

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since baseball  
was so  
commonplace by  
then that it  
was a popular  
game played in  
army camps  
among Civil War  
soldiers on  
both sides.

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Legends: The  
Life of Abner

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*Doubleday profiles the life of the Civil War general, examines his military career, and explains the origins of the myth that he invented baseball. Along*

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*with pictures,  
you will learn  
about Doubleday  
like you never  
have before, in  
no time at all.  
David Crockett  
was an  
adventurer, a  
pioneer, and a  
media-savvy  
national  
celebrity. In*

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*his short-but-distinguished lifetime, this charismatic frontiersman won three terms as a U.S. congressman and a presidential nomination. His 1834 memoir enjoyed frenzied sales*

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and prompted  
the first-ever  
“official” book  
tour for its  
enormously  
popular author.  
Down-to-earth,  
heroic and  
independent to  
a fault, the  
real Crockett  
became lost in  
his own hype,

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*and he's been  
overshadowed by  
a larger-than-  
life, pop-  
culture  
character in a  
coonskin cap.  
Now, American  
Legend debunks  
the tall tales  
to reveal the  
fascinating  
truth of*



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*Crockett's  
hardscrabble  
childhood, his  
near-death  
experiences,  
his unlikely  
rise to  
Congress, and  
the  
controversial  
last stand at  
the Alamo that  
mythologized*

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*him beyond  
recognition. In  
this  
beautifully  
written  
narrative,  
Crockett  
emerges as  
never before: a  
rugged  
individual, a  
true American  
original, and*

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*an enduring  
symbol of the  
Western  
frontier. "A  
great myth-  
busting story  
[that] presents  
Davy Crockett  
as a man of  
genius and  
folly, which  
has the  
unlikely effect*

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*of making him  
all the more  
heroic.”—Martin  
Dugard, author  
of The Last  
Voyage of  
Columbus and  
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Adventures of  
Stanley and  
Livingstone “As  
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and dramatic as  
any novel and  
as compelling  
as any reportag  
e."—Peter  
Hoffer,  
Distinguished  
Research  
Professor of  
History, The  
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pictures.

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Day's quotes  
about her life  
and career.

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for further  
Of Mel Brooks  
reading. "I've  
been through  
everything. I  
always said I  
was like those  
round-bottomed  
circus dolls –  
you know,  
those dolls  
you could push  
down and



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they'd come  
back up? I've  
always been  
like that.  
I've always  
said, 'No  
matter what  
happens, if I  
get pushed  
down, I'm  
going to come  
right back

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up." – Doris  
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and women in  
the time it  
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finish a  
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learning  
interesting  
facts long  
forgotten or  
never known.  
It goes  
without saying

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that few  
Of Mel Brooks  
people have a  
career  
spanning 8  
decades, yet  
that claim to  
fame is  
occupied by  
the legendary  
Doris Day, who  
got her start  
in show

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business as a  
Of Mel Brooks  
singer in a  
big band in  
1939 and has  
not let up  
since. From  
there, Day  
went on to  
record dozens  
of albums and  
hundreds of  
songs, winning

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a countless  
number of  
awards on the  
way to being  
one of the  
20th century's  
most popular  
singers. One  
of those  
recognitions  
came just a  
few years ago

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in 2011, when  
Day, by that  
time nearing  
90 years old,  
released a new  
album that  
charted 9th in  
the UK Top 40  
Albums, making  
her the oldest  
singer ever  
with that



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distinction.  
Her musical  
career  
would've been  
impressive  
enough, but  
Doris Day is  
just as well  
known today  
for her film  
career, which  
wasn't so bad

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itself. Though  
her time in  
Hollywood was  
much shorter  
in comparison  
to her music  
career, she  
nevertheless  
managed to  
reach the top  
in that  
industry as

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well. As one  
Of Mel Brooks  
of the most  
popular  
actresses of  
the '60s, Day  
was the  
biggest box  
office draw in  
Hollywood in  
the early half  
of that  
decade, and

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the only woman  
among the Top  
10. In the  
process of  
making nearly  
40 movies, Day  
would  
eventually be  
recognized as  
the highest  
grossing  
actress in

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history, and  
at the same  
time she was  
good enough at  
her craft to  
be nominated  
for an Oscar  
for Best  
Actress.

Amazingly,  
despite her  
incredible

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success in  
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both music and  
film, Day  
eventually  
found herself  
bankrupt due  
to the  
mismanagement  
of her money  
by her  
husband,  
compelling her

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to reinvent  
Of Mel Brooks  
herself as the  
host of a  
popular  
television  
sitcom.

Perhaps not  
surprisingly,  
Day excelled  
in this field  
as well,  
making The

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Doris Day Show  
one of the  
most popular  
shows on  
television for  
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at the end of  
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Day examines



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important  
people,  
places, and  
events in his

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takes to  
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learning

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facts long

forgotten or

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During the

middle of the

20th century,

the United

States

completed its

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transformation  
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into one of  
the world's  
superpowers,  
and few were  
as  
instrumental  
in this  
development as  
Dwight D.  
Eisenhower  
(1890-1969),

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renowned for  
being the  
nation's  
principal  
commanding  
general during  
World War II  
and the  
president who  
served during  
the early,  
tumultuous



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Cold War  
years. A

career

military man,

Ike was too

young to serve

in combat

during World

War I, but he

began a long

and productive

career

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collaborating  
with future  
military  
legends George  
Patton and  
Douglas  
MacArthur  
while serving  
some of the  
nation's other  
famous  
generals,

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including  
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George

Marshall and  
John J.  
Pershing.  
Amazingly, he  
had never  
served in  
anything but  
administrative  
positions  
before World

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War II.  
Of Mel Brooks  
Eisenhower

remained mired  
in middle  
management  
positions  
until George  
Marshall,  
Chief of Staff  
of the Army,  
took notice of  
his skills and

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began promoting him.

By 1942,  
Eisenhower was  
given the role  
of appointed  
Supreme  
Commander  
Allied (Expedi-  
tionary) Force  
in North  
Africa, and

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after his  
success there,  
Eisenhower  
oversaw the  
invasion of  
Sicily in  
1943, which at  
the time had  
been the  
largest  
amphibious  
invasion in

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history. With  
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successes,  
President  
Roosevelt  
picked  
Eisenhower to  
be the Supreme  
Allied  
Commander of  
the Allied  
Expeditionary

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Force, leaving  
him in charge  
of Operation  
Overlord and  
the defining  
moment of his  
military  
career, D-Day.  
Like many  
before him,  
his successes  
in the war



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made him a  
natural  
candidate for  
President, and  
he was offered  
plum political  
spots by both  
parties before  
winning the  
presidency as  
a Republican  
in 1952.

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Despite being  
one of

America's

oldest

presidents,

Eisenhower

redefined the

public

relations

nature of the

office, in

addition to

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positioning  
America during  
the Cold War  
standoff with  
the Soviet  
Union. But  
Eisenhower's  
most lasting  
contribution  
as president  
was the  
construction

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of the  
interstate  
highway  
system, and it  
was in the  
final year of  
his presidency  
that his  
administration  
planned and  
implemented  
the Apollo

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space program  
that would

land men on

the Moon in

1969. By the

time he died

in 1969,

President

Nixon aptly

described

Eisenhower as

"the world's

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most admired  
and respected  
man, truly the  
first citizen  
of the world."

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Eisenhower  
details Ike's  
life and  
career in the

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military and  
Of Mel Brooks  
politics,  
while also  
analyzing his  
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of important  
people,  
places, and  
events in his  
life, you will

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pictures of  
Red Cloud and  
other  
important  
people in his



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\*Includes some  
of Red Cloud's  
quotes and an  
explanation of  
the  
publication  
purported to  
be his  
autobiography.

\*Discusses Red  
Cloud's

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relationships  
with other  
Indian leaders  
like Crazy  
Horse. "Look  
at me - I am  
poor and  
naked, but I  
am the chief  
of the nation.  
We do not want  
riches, but we

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want to train  
our children  
right. Riches  
will do us no  
good. We could  
not take them  
with us to the  
other world.  
We do not want  
riches. We  
want peace and  
love." - Red

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Among the  
Oglala Lakota,  
one of the

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most famous  
bands of the  
Native  
American Tribe  
known as the  
Sioux, the  
longest and  
most effective  
leader was  
Makhpiyaluta,  
better known  
as Red Cloud.

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Of Meï Brooks  
Though he has  
not been  
remembered as  
vividly as  
another member  
of the Oglala  
Lakota, Crazy  
Horse, Red  
Cloud led the  
group for 40  
years, in war,  
in peace, and



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on a reservation,  
becoming so  
esteemed and  
influential  
that Americans  
began to  
mistakenly  
take him for  
the leader of  
the entire  
Sioux tribe.

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In the 1860s,  
Red Cloud was  
at the  
forefront of  
skirmishing  
among whites  
and Native  
Americans  
along the  
frontier in  
Wyoming and  
Montana, which

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came to be  
known as Red  
Cloud's War.  
After that,  
however, Red  
Cloud  
continued to  
lead his  
people to  
reservations  
first near the  
Black Hills

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and later  
westward after  
the Battle of  
the Little  
Bighorn.

Though he was  
respected as a  
war chief, it  
was his  
political  
functions as a  
spokesman of

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the Oglala  
that truly  
allowed Red  
Cloud to leave  
his mark over  
the last  
several  
decades of his  
life. Whereas  
Sitting Bull  
and Crazy  
Horse suffered

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premature  
deaths, Red  
Cloud outlived  
the other  
important  
leaders of the  
Sioux until  
dying in 1909  
at 87 years  
old. Near the  
end of his  
life, he

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reportedly  
Of Mel Brooks  
said, "They  
made us many  
promises, more  
than I can  
remember. But  
they kept but  
one -- they  
promised to  
take our  
land...and  
they took it."

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Though Red  
Cloud was  
forever  
embittered by  
what he and  
his people had  
lost, his long  
leadership and  
his help in  
transitioning  
his people  
onto



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reservations  
Of Mel Brooks  
has ironically  
turned him  
into somewhat  
of a symbol of  
conciliation  
and  
reconciliation  
between Native  
Americans and  
whites, as  
opposed to

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Native  
Of Mel Brooks  
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Horse.

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Life of Red  
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chronicles the  
amazing life  
of the Sioux  
leader, from  
the origins of  
his name to  
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Of Mel Brooks  
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quotes about  
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career

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reading "What  
I like is to  
play a  
character like

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me. I don't  
care for it  
too much when  
I have to get  
away from  
myself." -  
Andy Griffith  
"I wanted to  
prove that I  
could play  
something  
else, but

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there were 249  
episodes out  
there of  
'Mayberry,'  
and it was  
aired every  
day. It was  
hard to  
escape." -

Andy Griffith  
A lot of ink  
has been

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In 1957,  
little known  
comedian and  
actor Andy  
Griffith won

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acclaim for  
Of Mel Brooks  
his portrayal  
as a country  
drifter who  
uses his  
powers of  
persuasion to  
become a  
television  
host in A Face  
in the Crowd,  
so it was only

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fitting that  
the role  
helped propel  
him to become  
the face of  
one of  
America's most  
beloved  
sitcoms. The  
Andy Griffith  
Show starred  
Griffith and a

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motley crew of  
eccentric

characters,  
most notably  
his sidekick  
Barney Fife  
(played by Don  
Knotts), and  
it managed to  
be one of the  
most popular  
shows in

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history during  
its run from  
1960-1968,  
despite having  
a nostalgic  
feel that  
Griffith once  
described:

"Well, though  
we never said  
it, and though  
it was shot in

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the 1960s, it had a feeling of the 1930s. It was when we were doing it, of a time gone by." The show obviously catapulted its namesake to fame, but it also made

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starts out of  
Don Knotts and  
a young Ron  
Howard, who  
went on to  
become one of  
Hollywood's  
best  
directors. It  
also spawned  
several spin-  
off shows, a



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perfect ending  
for a show  
that was  
itself partly  
a spin-off out  
of an episode  
of The Danny  
Thomas Show  
Griffith  
proceeded to  
appear on  
television in

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various roles,  
both in shows  
and movies,  
but his most  
memorable role  
was as the  
eponymous  
lawyer in  
Matlock, which  
was on air for  
nearly a  
decade. The

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series was  
Of Mel Brooks  
much like

Perry Mason,  
and with its  
dramatic  
courtroom  
scenes, it  
helped  
popularize  
subsequent  
shows that  
banked on

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chronicles the  
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career of one  
of America's  
favorite  
television

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Northwest

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Hawthorne

The American  
People

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of the legends  
and  
controversies  
surrounding  
Bowie's life,  
including the  
origins of the  
Bowie knife and  
Bowie's fate at  
the Alamo.

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pictures of  
Bowie and other  
important people

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and places in  
his life.

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"I'll wage they  
found no bullets  
in his back." -

Jim Bowie's  
mother after  
hearing of his  
death at the  
Alamo. A lot of  
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never known. Jim  
Bowie is one of  
19th century

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America's most famous names, even if what's known about the man is more legend than fact. Like Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett, Bowie has come to represent the pioneering spirit of the frontier, along

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with the  
masculinity,  
machismo and  
swagger that  
earned him a  
reputation for  
fighting. And  
like any good  
legend, he is  
perhaps best  
remembered for  
his death at the  
Alamo than for  
any aspect of

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his life.

Bowie's death  
and the  
defenders'  
defeat at the  
Alamo did not  
have a decisive  
impact on Texas'  
War for  
Independence,  
but it became a  
poignant  
rallying cry in  
the immediate

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aftermath of the  
battle, and to  
this day  
Americans  
associate it  
with patriotism,  
bravery and  
determination.

“Remember the  
Alamo” is still  
a widely used  
part of the  
English lexicon  
today, and the

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Alamo is a cherished piece of Americana. Much of Bowie's participation in the Alamo is still controversial, and fittingly he was known across America before that for another controversy. In what became

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known as the  
notorious  
Sandbar Fight of  
1827, a duel  
between two men  
turned into a  
large fight that  
included Bowie,  
who was shot and  
stabbed during  
the melee but  
still managed to  
stab to death  
the sheriff of



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Rapides Parish  
in Louisiana  
with a large  
knife that has  
since become  
universally  
known as the  
Bowie knife.  
Between that  
fight and his  
death, Bowie  
became one of  
the Western  
frontier's most

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celebrated folk  
heroes. American  
Legends: The  
Life of Jim  
Bowie chronicles  
the life, myths  
and legends of  
the frontier  
folk hero,  
examining the  
known and  
unknown in an  
attempt to  
separate fact

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from fiction.  
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important people  
and places, you  
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of LBJ's most  
colorful quotes,  
his inaugural

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address, and his  
statement

announcing he  
would not seek  
reelection in  
1968. \*Includes  
pictures of  
Johnson and  
important  
people, places,  
and events in  
his life.

\*Discusses LBJ's  
personality and

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relationships with his most important contemporaries, including John and Bobby Kennedy. "The presidency has made every man who occupied it, no matter how small, bigger than he was; and no matter how

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big, not big  
enough for its  
demands." -

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all the  
politicians who  
have left their  
mark on American  
history, few  
have had a  
political career  
or list of  
accomplishments  
and accolades



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that can even  
come close to  
rivaling Lyndon  
B. Johnson.

Johnson is one  
of only 4  
Americans to  
serve as a House  
Rep, U.S.

Senator, Vice  
President and  
President, and  
he made the most  
out of each

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experience. The hard-nosed Texas Democrat became one of the legendary strongmen in the Senate, mastering that political body from 1949-1961 and spending six years as Senate Majority Leader, two as Senate

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Minority Leader,  
and two as  
Senate Majority  
Whip. A fateful  
chain of events  
propelled then  
propelled  
Johnson from  
Capitol Hill to  
the White House.  
After Johnson's  
failed run for  
the Democratic  
nomination in

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1960, winner  
John F. Kennedy  
chose Johnson as  
his running mate  
over his brother  
Bobby's  
objections.  
Kennedy figured  
Johnson's Texas  
roots would help  
balance  
Kennedy's  
decidedly  
Northeastern

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appeal, as well as adding a sense of age, experience and gravitas to the younger Kennedy's campaign. While this was all true and did indeed help Kennedy win the election in 1960, his

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assassination  
ultimately  
brought Johnson  
to the  
presidency.  
Kennedy has been  
nostalgically  
and fondly  
remembered for  
his youth, vigor  
and sense of  
unfinished  
potential, but  
it would be

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President  
Johnson who  
would bring much  
of the agenda to  
fruition. To the  
surprise of  
many, the  
Southern  
Democrat relied  
on his wealth of  
Senate  
experience and  
dogged  
determination to

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help push  
through an  
ambitious and  
progressive  
social agenda  
that formed the  
backbone of  
modern American  
society. Known  
as the Great  
Society,  
President  
Johnson's  
legislation



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included the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, as well as the establishment of Medicare, Medicaid, environmental protection, and the "War on Poverty."

Everything from  
the National

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Endowment for  
the Arts to the  
Environmental  
Protection  
Agency has its  
roots in  
Johnson's  
presidency. Had  
Johnson's  
presidency  
included just  
his domestic  
agenda, he would  
have

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unquestionably  
been one of  
America's  
greatest  
presidents.  
Unfortunately,  
as he was  
engineering a  
new social  
contract at  
home, he was  
ramping up  
American  
military

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participation in  
a tiny country  
thousands of  
miles away in  
Southeast Asia.  
For a man who  
accomplished so  
much at home,  
it's ironic and  
tragic that his  
presidency and  
legacy were  
permanently  
marred by his

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escalation in  
the costly and  
contentious  
Vietnam War, a  
military  
quagmire and  
public relations  
disaster that  
compelled  
Johnson not to  
run for  
reelection in  
1968. American  
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chronicles the  
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accomplishments,  
and analyzes the  
controversial  
Vietnam War and  
Johnson's mixed  
legacy. Along

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people, places,  
and events, you  
will learn about  
LBJ like you  
never have  
before, in no  
time at all.

Legend is the  
much-anticipated  
dystopian  
thriller debut  
from US author,

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Marie Lu. THE  
must-read  
dystopian  
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for all teen  
fans of The  
Hunger Games by  
Suzanne Collins  
and Divergent by  
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brilliant re-  
imagining of Les  
Miserables, the  
series is set to



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be a global film sensation as CBS films have acquired rights to the trilogy. The Twilight Saga producers, Marty Bowen and Wyck Godfrey, will produce. Los Angeles, California Republic of America He is

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Day. The boy who  
walks in the  
light. She is  
June. The girl  
who seeks her  
brother's  
killer. On the  
run and  
undercover, they  
meet by chance.  
Irresistably  
drawn together,  
neither knows  
the other's

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past. But Day murdered June's brother. And she has sworn to avenge his death. Dystopian fiction at its very best in this thrilling instalment in the Legend trilogy. Praise for Legend: 'If you loved The

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Hunger Games,  
you'll love  
this.' - Sarah  
Rees-Brennan,  
author of The  
Demon's Lexicon  
'A fine example  
of commercial  
fiction with  
razor-sharp  
plotting, depth  
of character and  
emotional arc,  
'Legend' doesn't

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merely survive  
the hype, it  
deserves it.' -  
New York Times  
'Marie Lu's  
dystopian novel  
is a 'Legend' in  
the making.' -  
USA Today  
'Legend is  
impossible to  
put down and  
even harder to  
forget.' - Kami

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Garcia, author  
of New York

Times

bestselling

author of film

sensation,

Beautiful

Creatures

Burt Lancaster

is perhaps most

widely

remembered as

the tough, iron-

jawed star of

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films such as  
Gunfight at the  
OK Corral and  
Airport. But as  
this superbly  
readable and  
insightful  
biography  
demonstrates, he  
was an actor  
with much  
broader  
ambitions -  
brilliantly

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realised in  
Visconti's *The  
Leopard* - as  
well as the  
founder of the  
first actor-led  
production  
company in  
Hollywood.  
Lancaster's  
liberal  
political views  
led not only to  
frequent clashes



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with the House  
Un-American  
Activities  
Committee and a  
voluminous FBI  
file, but also a  
private life  
that was  
colourful even  
by Hollywood  
standards.

Although a  
devoted father  
and husband (to

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three wives),  
the actor took  
numerous lovers  
- of both sexes.  
In his sexual  
tastes as in his  
choice of roles,  
he defied  
classification.  
Kate Buford's  
definitive  
biography offers  
a full, frank,  
sensitive and

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compelling  
portrait of the  
star of Atlantic  
City, From Here  
to Eternity and  
Elmer Gantry  
(for which he  
won a Best Actor  
Oscar) .

Lancaster  
emerges as a man  
of restless  
energy,  
relentless

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curiosity and  
continual  
development as  
an actor: a star  
every bit as  
interesting  
offscreen as on.  
As one American  
reviewer put it:  
'Not many film  
stars receive  
first-class  
biographies;  
Burt Lancaster

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not only  
deserved one, he  
got one.'

Acclaimed  
biographer Kate  
Buford has been  
a regular  
commentator on  
National Public  
Radio in the  
United States  
since 1994.

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Legends: the

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Ross

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**"Aging is an**

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*inevitable  
process. I  
surely  
wouldn't want  
to grow  
younger. The  
older you  
become, the  
more you know;  
your bank  
account of  
knowledge is*



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*much richer."*  
- Holden The  
*fantasy world  
of Hollywood  
of the 1940s  
that continued  
to fascinate  
the American  
public through  
the following  
two decades  
typified the*

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*golden age of  
old-style*

*American  
machismo. The  
movies were  
filled with  
rugged,  
intimidating  
men who had a  
rough style  
adored by  
female screen*

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*characters and  
moviegoers*

*alike. Unlike  
their European  
counterparts,  
the evolving  
subgenres of  
the American  
leading man  
began to  
include  
individuals*

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*with iconic  
quirks in  
general  
appearance,  
voice and  
humor, as an  
alternative to  
the rugged,  
understated,  
and sometimes  
reluctant "man  
of the*

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people."

Actors such as  
Cary Grant,  
Tony Curtis,  
and Dean  
Martin ably  
represented  
the new, more  
suave male,  
while John  
Wayne covered  
the spectrum

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Of Mel Brooks  
of the rural  
hero, and  
Anthony Quinn  
lent a broad  
ethnicity to  
his  
characters.  
However, it  
was William  
Holden who  
became  
America's

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*first choice  
among films  
requiring a  
shy, cynical,  
and sexually  
potent "broken  
hero" on the  
screen, less  
thoughtful,  
perhaps, than  
Gregory Peck,  
and less rigid*

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*than Gary  
Cooper. Once  
finding his  
niche in the  
early '40s,  
the actor with  
no discernible  
quirks to rely  
on for identif  
ication,  
unlike his  
counterparts,*



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Of Mel Brooks  
*sauntered onto  
the screen*

*with an "easy  
masculine  
manner."*

*Perhaps  
Holden's many  
unwilling  
heroes filmed  
over a 40 year  
career were  
aided by the*

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*reality that  
Holden was  
much like  
them, an actor  
who was  
uncomfortable  
on the set and  
terrified of  
screen  
intimacy, on  
certain  
occasions*

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*requiring  
lengthy  
alcoholic  
binges to get  
through some  
of the  
steamier love  
scenes and  
sexualized  
dances with co-  
stars such as  
Kim Novak,*

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**Audrey  
Hepburn, and  
Grace Kelly.**

**In a career  
during which  
Holden sought  
out roles that  
could only be  
played by more  
seasoned,  
facially-lined  
men, his**

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*destructive  
off-screen  
behavior  
eventually  
granted his  
wish, and he  
prematurely  
entered a  
second career  
as a premature  
ly-aged  
character*

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*actor after a  
decade or more  
as America's  
adored  
heartthrob in  
a long line of  
less than  
substantial  
film  
offerings. In  
Holden's era,  
the studio was*

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*king, and  
owned the  
artists  
outright,  
leaving  
precious  
little wiggle  
room for  
creative  
development.  
As  
corporations*

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*they could  
hoard artists,  
or share  
contracts with  
other studios,  
as in Holden's  
case. They  
could refuse  
to loan any  
artist for  
individual  
projects, and*



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*could force  
whatever type  
of role they  
wished upon an  
actor, who  
could do  
little to  
break out or  
expand. If he  
or she refused  
too many  
roles, it*

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*could result  
in punishment  
by being  
lowered to the  
bottom of the  
list for  
future  
consideration.  
As with other  
artists of the  
time, Holden,  
therefore, was*

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*cast in a  
myriad of inco  
nsequential  
parts with  
mediocre,  
forgettable  
screenplays.  
He referred,  
not so affecti  
onately, to  
many of his  
early*

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*appearances as*

*"Smiling Jim"*

*roles, but was  
able to make  
his mark in*

*works such as  
The Bridge on  
the River*

*Kwai, Picnic,  
Sunset*

*Boulevard, and  
Stalag 17,*

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*which would  
eventually  
find its way  
onto  
television as  
the farcical  
Hogan's  
Heroes.  
Holden's  
interests grew  
to become  
international*

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Of Mel Brooks  
*in scope, and  
he entertained  
enduring  
fascinations  
with sites  
such as Hong  
Kong and much  
of the African  
continent,  
where he came  
to establish a  
wildlife game*

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*preserve. A collector of fine Asian art, he held a lifelong love for that part of the world. Colleagues and audiences made note of his decreased passion for*

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*acting as time  
went on, and  
only a subject  
of particular  
social  
importance, or  
an enticing  
piece of  
geography,  
could pique  
his interest  
in his later*



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*days. And yet,  
he is*

*remembered by  
fellow actors  
as possessing  
a sense of  
personal good  
will and  
amiability,  
despite his  
shyness.  
Holden 's*

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passing was a  
Of Mel Brooks  
shock to his  
film audience,  
and in no way  
fit his screen  
persona.

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pictures of  
Dean and  
important  
people and  
places in his*

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*life.*

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of Dean's most  
famous quotes,  
and quotes  
about Dean  
made by  
friends and co-  
stars.*

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Bibliography  
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*reading.*

*"Dream as if  
you'll live  
forever. Live  
as if you'll  
die today." -  
James Dean A  
lot of ink has  
been spilled  
covering the  
lives of  
history's most*

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*influential  
figures, but  
how much of  
the forest is  
lost for the  
trees? In  
Charles River  
Editors'  
American  
Legends  
series,  
readers can*

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*get caught up  
to speed on  
the lives of  
America's most  
important men  
and women in  
the time it  
takes to  
finish a  
commute, while  
learning  
interesting*

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*facts long  
forgotten or  
never known.*

*It would be no  
exaggeration  
to say that  
James Dean has  
been more  
mythologized  
than any other  
actor in  
history, a*

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*development  
due more to  
his off-screen  
personality  
and conduct  
than the films  
he actually  
starred in.  
Much of Dean's  
appeal derives  
from his  
humble and*



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*ordinary origins, and audiences are drawn to the romance of the Indiana farm boy who catapulted to the top of the motion picture industry in a single year -*

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the same year  
that would see  
him die. Of  
course, James  
Dean remains  
well-known for  
being anything  
but humble and  
ordinary. As  
famous as his  
films are,  
Dean's story

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*is*  
Of Mel Brooks

*inextricably  
tied to his  
love for  
racing cars  
and his death  
in a high  
speed car  
crash. And  
though Dean  
was already  
wildly famous*

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at the time of  
his death,  
there is no  
question that  
his death only  
enhanced his  
fame. One  
study found  
evidence of a  
"James Dean  
effect," which  
concluded that

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*a star's  
popularity*

*benefits if  
the star dies  
young instead  
of living  
longer and  
losing luster.*

*By dying  
young, Dean  
actually  
ensured that*

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*his name would  
remain famous,  
and his appeal  
has*

*transcended  
generations.*

*For better or  
worse, the  
mythology  
surrounding  
him*

*complicates*

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Of Mel Brooks  
any attempt to  
accurately  
depict his  
life, and it  
remains extrao  
rdinarily  
difficult to  
arrive at any  
cohesive  
understanding  
of many of the  
details of

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*Dean's life.  
While Dean's  
fame will  
continue to  
live on, it is  
important to  
acknowledge  
that his star  
persona was  
formed in  
response to  
the era in*



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*which he came  
up. His film  
career  
illuminates  
1950s  
Hollywood, a  
period that  
was rife with  
tension and  
change within  
the industry.  
Although Dean*

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*remains an  
American icon  
and culturally  
relevant, his  
popularity was  
also greatly  
tied to his  
own cultural  
epoch. At the  
same time,  
many cultural  
groups and*

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*fanzines have appropriated Dean as their own, making it that much harder to find the "true" details of Dean's life.*

*American  
Legends: The  
Life of James*

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*Dean profiles  
the life and  
legacy of the  
famous actor  
and rebel  
without a  
cause. Along  
with pictures  
of important  
people,  
places, and  
events, you*

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*will learn  
about James*

*Dean like you  
never have  
before, in no  
time at all.*

*“Beautifully  
wrought and  
impossible to  
put down,  
Daniel*

*Sharfstein’s*

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*Thunder in the  
Mountains*

*chronicles  
with*

*compassion and  
grace that  
resonant past  
we should  
never forget."*

*—Brenda  
Wineapple,  
author of*

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*Ecstatic  
Nation:*

*Confidence,  
Crisis, and  
Compromise,  
1848-1877  
After the  
Civil War and  
Reconstruction  
, a new  
struggle raged  
in the*

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**Northern  
Rockies. In  
the summer of  
1877, General  
Oliver Otis  
Howard, a  
champion of  
African  
American civil  
rights,  
ruthlessly  
pursued**



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**hundreds of  
Nez Perce**

**families who  
resisted  
moving onto a  
reservation.  
Standing in  
his way was  
Chief Joseph,  
a young leader  
who never  
stopped**

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*advocating for*  
Of Mel Brooks  
*Native*

*American  
sovereignty  
and equal  
rights.*

*Thunder in the  
Mountains is  
the  
spellbinding  
story of two  
legendary*

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*figures and  
their epic  
clash of ideas  
about the  
meaning of  
freedom and  
the role of  
government in  
American life.  
\*Discusses the  
legend of  
Betsy Ross and*

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*the Flag,*  
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*and against*  
*Betsy Ross*  
*being the*  
*first designer*  
*of the*  
*American Flag.*  
*\*Includes*  
*pictures.*  
*\*Includes a*

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reading. "A  
nation  
thrills, a  
nation bleeds,  
A nation  
follows where  
it leads, And  
every man is  
proud to yield  
His life upon*

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*a crimson  
field For*

*Betsy's battle  
flag." - Minna  
Irving,*

*"Betsy's  
Battle Flag" A  
lot of ink has  
been spilled  
covering the  
lives of  
history's most*

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takes to  
finish a  
commute, while  
learning  
interesting*



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*facts long  
forgotten or  
never known.*

*Betsy Ross is  
one of the few  
women in  
American  
history whose  
name is known  
to every  
American, but  
that is not*

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*the only  
reason she's  
such a unique  
figure.*

*Indeed, Betsy  
Ross is a true  
rarity in that  
she has been  
turned into a  
mythological  
heroine. Every  
country has*

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*legends, and  
tales that  
grow out of  
its founding,  
but given that  
the United  
States is a  
relatively  
young country,  
there is ample  
historical  
information on*

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*the lives and  
exploits of  
its Founders.*

*Though there  
are apocryphal  
myths attached  
to men like  
George  
Washington,  
who did not  
chop down the  
cherry tree,*

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**American legends are usually famous for what they actually did. This is not the case with Betsy Ross, who remains best known for creating the first American**

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*flag at  
Washington's  
behest. But  
that story is  
based entirely  
on legend and  
rumor, and as  
such, her life  
is interesting  
more as a  
symbol than as  
an individual*

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*life.*  
Of Mel Brooks  
Historian

*Marla Miller,*  
*author of the*  
*definitive*  
*biography of*  
*Ross, explains*  
*this dilemma:*  
*"From start to*  
*finish, Betsy*  
*Ross remained*  
*elusive to me*

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*as an*  
Of Mel Brooks  
*individual.*

*What I could  
see far more  
clearly was  
the several  
generations of  
a Pennsylvania  
family whose  
fortunes  
fluctuated  
over time and*



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*space, for  
whom the*

*Revolution was  
arguably more  
bane than  
boon, their  
patriotic  
family  
storytelling n  
otwithstanding  
. " Given that  
nothing else*

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*about her life  
is remembered  
like the  
legend of the  
first flag,  
Betsy Ross  
remains an  
elusive  
historical  
figure, even  
though she  
lived a long*

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*life that saw  
the  
conception,  
birth and  
childhood of  
her country.  
Had she lived  
in Georgia or  
Vermont, no  
one would have  
ever heard of  
her, but she*

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*lived in  
Philadelphia,  
the center of  
the action in  
the late 18th  
century. Ross  
was a witness  
to many of the  
events that  
have since  
become  
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legacy were  
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pictures, you  
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Ross like you  
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**wide and time-long  
than I was when  
nobody but yourself  
had faith in me. The  
only sensible ends of  
literature are, first,  
the pleasurable toil  
of writing; second,  
the gratification of  
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**doing a little dirt,  
Sinatra's rap sheet  
and relationship with  
the mob are  
practically a  
celebrated part of his  
life. Given his almost  
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easy to forget that  
Sinatra did not  
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***living less than  
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Jean Harlow was  
on the screen for  
less than 10  
years, but in that  
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***became the most  
popular actress  
of the 1930s,  
eclipsing  
superstars like  
Joan Crawford  
and Norma  
Shearer along the  
way. In fact, the  
platinum blonde  
accomplished  
that feat as a***



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***leading lady for  
just 5 years  
before her  
premature death  
of renal failure at  
just 26 years old.  
Although Harlow  
is remembered  
today more for  
her tragic fate  
than her career,  
she was***

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***influential well  
beyond the  
1930s. Despite  
being so young,  
she managed to  
craft a persona  
as a seductive  
femme fatale that  
would critically  
shape how  
subsequent  
actresses***

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***approached  
similar roles, and  
of course, her  
platinum blonde  
hair served as a  
template for  
future blonde  
bombshells like  
Marilyn Monroe,  
who actually  
watched Harlow's  
movies and***

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performances to  
model her own  
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**as a singer,  
songwriter and  
guitarist,  
despite  
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alcohol and  
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His trademark  
bass-baritone  
voice is  
instantly**

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***identifiable to  
listeners today,  
and his  
"parlando" style  
(combining an  
unaffected  
singing tone  
with a speech-  
like rhythm and  
pacing) has  
been taken up  
by the***

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***generation  
following his  
death in the  
early 21st  
century. Like  
Elvis Presley  
and other  
renowned  
artists who  
would later  
gather at Sun  
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the 1950s,  
Johnny Cash  
emerged from  
the South and  
its blues and  
gospel  
traditions, and  
although his  
path to  
discovery took a  
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***route, he came  
to join the  
biggest stars of  
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on the industry  
and on  
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culture in the  
process. By the  
end of his life,  
Cash and his***

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***legendary voice  
of "emotional  
authority" had  
been inducted  
into the Country  
Music Hall of  
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the Nashville***



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*Songwriters Hall  
of Fame, and  
the Rockabilly  
Hall of Fame, in  
addition to  
numerous other  
honors. Cash  
accomplished all  
of this despite  
holding a life-  
long "distaste  
for the Nashville*

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***mainstream,"  
which he  
believed was  
heading the  
wrong direction  
into ultra-  
commercialism.  
Nevertheless,  
over the span of  
a nearly 50 year  
career, Johnny  
Cash sold over***

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***50 million  
albums and  
toured most of  
the world. While  
Cash's career  
spanned half a  
century and  
produced a  
voluminous  
amount of  
music, later  
generations***

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**have come to  
know Johnny  
Cash more for  
his rebellious  
attitude and his  
unrepentant  
way of life. Even  
as he was  
producing hits,  
he was burning  
himself up,  
admitting he**

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***"tried every drug there was to try", and on numerous occasions his alcohol and drug addictions nearly killed him. While his image as an outlaw helped burnish his***

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**reputation  
among  
listeners, it also  
led to Cash  
being in poor  
health  
throughout his  
60s, something  
reflected in  
some of the  
covers he  
performed in**

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***the last years of  
his life before  
he died at the  
age of 71.***

***Aware of that  
fact, he  
mentioned in an  
interview  
shortly before  
his death,  
"People say,  
Well, he wore***

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***that body out.  
Well, maybe I  
did. But it was  
to a good  
purpose. They  
should be  
thankful that I  
wore it out to  
the purpose I  
wore it out and  
that was writing  
and recording***



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***most famous  
events. "People  
always say that  
I didn't give up  
my seat  
because I was  
tired, but that  
isn't true. I was  
not tired  
physically, or no  
more tired than  
I usually was at***

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***the end of a  
working day. I  
was not old,  
although some  
people have an  
image of me as  
being old then. I  
was forty-two.  
No, the only  
tired I was, was  
tired of giving  
in." - Rosa Parks***

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lives of  
America's most  
important men  
and women in  
the time it takes  
to finish a  
commute, while  
learning***

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***interesting facts  
long forgotten  
or never known.  
Rosa Parks is  
one of the most  
famous women  
in American  
history, and an  
instantly  
recognizable  
name among  
Americans of all***



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**age, thanks to  
the events of  
December 1,  
1955. That  
afternoon, on  
her way home  
from work,  
Parks refused to  
give up her bus  
seat to a white  
person in  
defiance of**

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**Montgomery's  
segregated bus  
policies. Within  
days of her  
arrest,  
Montgomery's  
civil rights  
activists had  
organized a  
wide-scale  
boycott of  
Montgomery's**

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***buses by blacks.  
To lead the  
boycott,  
organizers  
formed the  
Montgomery  
Improvement  
Association,  
electing a  
young, 26 year  
old pastor  
president of the***

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***new group. His name was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In many histories, the narrative of Rosa Parks' life ends there. While she was celebrated and hailed as a civil rights activist***

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***for the next 50  
years until her  
death in 2005,  
few details of  
her life aside  
from her  
determined act  
and arrest are  
remembered.  
The context of  
the time and  
place are also***

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***largely overlooked, most notably the fact that she was not the first black woman who was arrested for refusing to give up her seat in 1955. All of that is largely unfair,***

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***considering the fact that Rosa Parks suffered further abuse and stigma living in the South during the Civil Rights Movement. And instead of cashing in on her fame, she***

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***gave much of  
the money she  
made to civil  
rights groups  
and  
organizations.  
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Legends: The  
Life of Rosa  
Parks profiles  
the life and  
legacy of one of***



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***America's most famous women and one of its greatest Civil Rights icons. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about Rosa Parks and***

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**her story like  
never before.**

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The Life of Andy  
Griffith  
32 True Tales  
From American  
History That  
Made Them**

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**Legends  
The Untold  
Story of Red  
Cloud, An  
American  
Legend**

*\*Includes  
pictures*

*\*Includes  
Fawcett's quotes  
about her life  
and career*

*\*Includes a  
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*bibliography for  
further reading*

*"I became famous  
almost before I  
had a craft." -  
Farrah Fawcett*

*"TV had much  
more impact back  
in the '70s than  
it does today.*

*Charlie's Angels  
got huge numbers  
every week -  
nothing really*

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*dominates the  
television  
landscape like  
that today.  
Maybe American  
Idol comes  
close, but now  
there are so  
many channels  
and so many more  
shows it's hard  
for anything to  
get the  
audience, or*

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amount of  
attention, that  
Charlie's Angels  
got. Farrah was  
a major TV star  
when the medium  
was clearly  
dominant." -

Larry King A lot  
of ink has been  
spilled covering  
the lives of  
history's most  
influential

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*figures, but how  
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*can get caught  
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*time it takes to  
finish a  
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learning  
interesting  
facts long  
forgotten or  
never known. The  
sensation that  
Farrah Fawcett  
caused in the  
1970s can be  
confirmed by the  
fact that TIME*



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magazine

designated her  
as the "epitome  
of '70s  
glamour".

Indeed, there  
was no actress  
or supermodel  
that so  
comprehensively  
captured the  
attention of the  
American public  
during that

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decade (Sherrow  
128). Her career  
accomplishments  
are remarkable,  
considering  
Fawcett did not  
emerge into the  
cultural  
spotlight until  
halfway through  
the decade.  
Whereas most  
famous  
celebrities earn

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*a reputation for themselves by their mid-20s, Fawcett did not become a household name until 1977, when she was already 30 years of age. In other words, when Farrah became famous, she defied the odds, and her*

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*continued  
success in  
subsequent  
decades  
demonstrated  
that women could  
stay glamorous  
well into middle  
age. To limit  
the  
accomplishments  
of Farrah  
Fawcett to her  
glamour is to*

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*diminish the  
cultural  
importance of  
her appearance,  
to ignore the  
significant role  
she played with  
regard to the  
representation  
of women in  
popular American  
media. After  
all, in order to  
do justice to*

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*what Farrah  
Fawcett meant to  
people, it is  
necessary to  
look beyond just  
how Farrah  
looked (while  
acknowledging  
the importance  
of how she  
looked) and  
acknowledge what  
Farrah did. It  
is significant*

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*to note that  
Farrah emerged  
in the cultural  
context of  
second-wave  
feminism and in  
the wake of the  
sexual  
revolution—a  
period in which  
women were  
breaking through  
the long-extant  
subordination of*

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women at the hands of men, both in popular media and society more broadly. Farrah remains such an important figure because she had a tremendous impact on many entertainment platforms, from modeling (and



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posters) to television to cinema, particularly in her later years. It is fair to argue over whether Farrah Fawcett maintained the popularity she reached in the 1970s, but it cannot be

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doubted that she  
was able to  
successfully  
cross boundaries  
between cinema  
and television,  
print and  
electronic  
media. Through  
these ventures,  
she played an  
inexorable role  
in affecting not  
only how women

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were represented  
but also how

women viewed  
their bodies;  
she pushed the  
boundaries of  
what women were  
capable of in  
American popular  
culture. Farrah  
Fawcett also is  
such a  
culturally  
noteworthy

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figure because her work is so open to diverse interpretations. While Farrah is effusively regaled for being a feminist icon (however unwittingly), it also has been argued that she was objectified in a manner that

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*was solely designed to satisfy the male gaze. In an effort to do justice to the intricacies of Fawcett's image, this biography explores Farrah's body of work, with attention paid to the distinct*

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*interpretations  
of her oeuvre  
and public  
image. Fawcett's  
personal  
background also  
is discussed, as  
is her bout with  
cancer that  
ultimately took  
her life at the  
premature age of  
62.*

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Rebel,  
bestselling  
author and  
acclaimed film  
historian Marc  
Eliot examines  
the ever-  
exciting, often-  
tumultuous arc  
of Clint  
Eastwood's life  
and career. As a  
Hollywood icon,  
Clint

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*Eastwood--one of  
film's greatest  
living legends--  
represents some  
of the finest  
cinematic  
achievements in  
the history of  
American cinema.  
Eliot writes  
with unflinching  
candor about  
Eastwood's highs  
and lows, his*



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*artistic successes and failures, and the fascinating, complex relationship between his life and his craft. Eliot's prodigious research reveals how a college dropout and unambitious*

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*playboy rose to  
fame as  
Hollywood's  
"sexy rebel,"  
eventually and  
against all odds  
becoming a star  
in the Academy  
pantheon as a  
multiple Oscar  
winner. Spanning  
decades,  
American Rebel  
covers the best*

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*of Eastwood's  
oeuvre, films  
that have fast  
become American  
classics:*

*Fistful of  
Dollars, Dirty  
Harry,  
Unforgiven,  
Mystic River,  
Million Dollar  
Baby, and Gran  
Torino. Filled  
with remarkable*

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*insights into  
Eastwood's  
personal life  
and public work,  
American Rebel  
is highly  
entertaining and  
the most  
complete  
biography of one  
of Hollywood's  
truly respected  
and beloved  
stars--an actor*

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*who, despite  
being the Man  
with No Name,  
has left his  
indelible mark  
on the world of  
motion pictures.*

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pictures.*

*\*Includes  
Hudson's own  
quotes about his  
life and career.*

*\*Includes a*

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*bibliography for  
further reading.*

*"I'm notorious  
for giving a bad  
interview. I'm  
an actor and I  
can't help but  
feel I'm boring  
when I'm on as  
myself." - Rock  
Hudson A lot of  
ink has been  
spilled covering  
the lives of*

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facts long  
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never known. In  
the middle of  
the 20th  
century, there  
was perhaps no



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*leading man as famous and popular as Rock Hudson, who would star in both comedies and dramas on the way to being named one of the Top 10 Stars of the Year for eight years straight (1957-1964) .*

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Whether he was  
starring in a  
comedy with  
Doris Day or in  
a drama opposite  
Elizabeth  
Taylor, the  
tall, impeccably  
dressed actor  
couldn't help  
but make girls  
in the audience  
swoon, and he  
was recognized

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*as one of  
Hollywood's  
biggest  
heartthrobs. The  
success of his  
peak years  
ensured that  
Hudson would  
remain a star  
over the course  
of 4 decades,  
and he appeared  
in about 70  
films during his*

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career. Today,  
however, Rock  
Hudson might be  
better known  
among  
contemporary  
audiences for  
his personal  
life. Acting in  
a more  
conservative  
era, Hudson  
struggled to  
keep his

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homosexuality  
out of the news  
for fear it  
would destroy  
his career, even  
though many of  
his Hollywood  
contemporaries  
were aware of  
it. After Hudson  
died of AIDS in  
1985, perhaps  
the first major  
celebrity to die

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*of the disease,  
details of his  
personal life  
began to be  
publicized,  
sometimes amidst  
messy legal  
battles. It soon  
became clear  
just what kind  
of pains Hudson  
took to keep his  
personal life  
private, and his*

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friendships with men were highly scrutinized, as was his marriage to his agent's secretary, Phyllis Gates. At the same time, his death shined a bigger spotlight on AIDS and helped raise both awareness and

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*funding for  
research into  
battling the  
disease.*

*American*

*Legends: The  
Life of Rock  
Hudson examines  
the life and  
career of one of  
Hollywood's  
biggest stars.*

*Along with  
pictures of*



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*important  
people, places,  
and events, you  
will learn about  
Rock Hudson like  
never before, in  
no time at all.  
Relates of such  
characters as  
Daniel Boone,  
Davy Crockett,  
Calamity Jane,  
Pecos Bill, and  
Jim Bowie*

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*The Life of Jean  
Harlow*

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Adventures of  
David Crockett  
Burt Lancaster*

*The Life of  
Abner Doubleday  
American Rebel*

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quotes about his life  
and career. \*Includes a  
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reading. "I like the challenge of trying different things and wondering whether it's going to work or whether I'm going to fall flat on my face." - Johnny Depp A lot of ink has been spilled covering the lives of history's most influential figures, but how much of the forest is lost for the trees? In

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series, readers can get caught up to speed on the lives of America's most important men and women in the time it takes to finish a commute, while learning interesting facts long forgotten or never known.

Throughout the history of Hollywood, perhaps

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no actor has a reputation as unique as Johnny Depp. Depp began his career in a very traditional manner by being a teen heartthrob on shows like 21 Jump Street, but as he once admitted, "As a teenager I was so insecure. I was the type of guy that never fitted in because he never dared to choose. I was

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convinced I had absolutely no talent at all. For nothing. And that thought took away all my ambition too."

However, that ambition clearly resurfaced over the last 25 years, because Depp has since taken on some of the most unique and eccentric roles in the industry, explaining, "I like the challenge of

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trying different things and wondering whether it's going to work or whether I'm going to fall flat on my face." In addition to being renowned for portrayals of people like John Dillinger and Hunter S. Thompson, Depp has played some of the most memorable fictional characters of the last 30 years,

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including Edward Scissorhands, Captain Jack Sparrow, and Willy Wonka, making his larger-than-life roles pop culture fixtures and helping the movies bank billions of dollars. Of course, his success hasn't been limited to the box office, as he has also won countless awards and been nominated 3



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times for the Oscar for Best Actor. It's no wonder Depp was recently named the highest paid actor in the world. Although Depp has played some of Hollywood's most famous characters, he has also cultivated one of the town's most alluring and mysterious reputations. Depp has matured from being a

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teen idol to People's Sexiest Man of the Year on multiple occasions, but even as he has gained millions of fans across the globe, he has maintained enough distance from the spotlight to leave people wondering what he's truly like, and some of the glimpses suggest he can be just as eccentric as his characters.

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Perhaps not surprisingly, he has approached it with some of his trademark humor, quipping, "I pretty much try to stay in a constant state of confusion just because of the expression it leaves on my face."

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Depp examines the life  
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characters. As little has  
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Boone's western days,  
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